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Dedicated to the memory of our immigrant ancestors,
HUGH and ANN CALKINS and their children, who came to America from
England in 1640 as part of the Welsh Company.

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Our mission: to use the stories of the past to inspire modern people to strive to produce good for the future.

CALKINS FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Searching the Past, Educating the Present, Preserving the Future



America 250 Celebration: Calling all cousins and friends!
Let's meet in Norwich, CT **Saturday Sept. 26, 2026**, for a celebration
of our nation's birth and the recognition of all the Calkins patriots
that served in that effort. RSVP! More details page 2.



Hugh Calkins History Center. Planning a trip to Connecticut?
Stop by 232 West Town Street in Norwich. Walk around Ann's Garden.
Read the historic interpretive signs. Reflect on the people that have gone
before us. Open dawn to dusk.

Next newsletter Deadline Nov. 1, 2026. We're always seeking
articles, stories, photos, and announcements. Email us
news@calkinsworld.org. See page 8 for mailing address.

→ **website** www.calkinsworld.org. Learn what we're all about, find
research tools, discover fun information, read the past newsletter,
and more!



Michigan 2027 Our next triennial reunion will take place in
Michigan in 2027. Judie Schiel and Maggie Calkins are spearheading
the Reunion Committee. Do you live in Michigan or have an interest
in planning the reunion? Contact the team at
hello@calkinsworld.org.

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Get involved with the CFA! Put your time and talents towards the CFA. We are an all-volunteer organization.
Contact us with your great ideas. bod@calkinsworld.org



The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

[America 250 - Calkins Family Association Inc.](http://America250-CalkinsFamilyAssociationInc.com)

Come celebrate America with the Calkins Family Association!

America Birthday Celebration—Norwich, CT. Sept. 26, 2026. Meet your cousins in Connecticut! It will be a patriotic birthday celebration with a mini-reunion vibe. We'll begin the day at 10:00am with a guided tour up West Town Street, stopping at the various homestead places where our ancestors once lived. We'll end at the Hugh Calkins History Center about noon for lunch. Afterward there is the dedication of new signage at the HCHC, the dedication of a park bench in memory of Larry Calkins's parents, and the planting of a Liberty Elm Tree in honor of our ancestors. Rounding out the afternoon about a dozen cousins will give a brief presentation on a Revolutionary War Patriot. **FREE!** RSVP so we know how many to cook for. Our event is sponsored by America 250 | CT Commission, CT Humanities.



Do you want to represent your ancestor? Contact us at news@calkinsworld.org. We can help you with your ancestor's research.

There is plenty to do and see in the area. You might want to plan spending a few days. We have a list of ideas!



The Rosemont Suites Hotel is offering a special rate of \$94/night + tax. 181 West Town St. Norwich, CT. This is a short walking distance to the Hugh Calkins History Center. Call directly for this price. 860-889-2671. The reservation block is under the name "Nanette Armstrong" manager@rosemontnorwich.com

Identifying Revolutionary Patriots in the Calkins Line

CFA is currently working to identify Revolutionary Patriots within the Calkins family using information shared by our members. If you have not yet submitted your line of descent (LOD), we encourage you to participate in this important process. Find the forms online at <https://calkinsworld.org/lof/> or email us at news@calkinsworld.org



Do you have a patriot in your Calkins line that doesn't carry the Calkins name? If you descend from a Calkins female, your patriot wouldn't necessarily have the Calkins name. We want to hear about him. Are you a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), or the Daughters of the Revolution (DAR)? If so, send us an email at news@calkinsworld.org to connect and be part of our database.



The Revolutionary War stretched from 1775 to 1783 between Great Britain and the 13 American Colonies. It was 5 years between the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and the surrender of British General, Cornwallis in Yorktown, VA on October 19, 1781. The War began on April 19, 1775 with the first military fights at the Battles of Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts, and officially ended on September 3, 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, which formally recognized the independence of the United States.

★ Timeline to American Independence ★

1765 – Stamp Act

Great Britain imposed a tax on paper goods throughout the colonies, sparking widespread protests and calls for "no taxation without representation."

1770 – Boston Massacre

British soldiers fired into a crowd of colonists in Boston, killing five men and intensifying anti-British sentiment.

1773 – Boston Tea Party

In protest of British taxation, colonists boarded ships in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 chests of tea into the water.

April 19, 1775 – Battles of Lexington and Concord—Massachusetts

The first military engagements of the American Revolution took place in Massachusetts, marking the beginning of the Revolutionary War and the "shot heard 'round the world."

July 4, 1776 – Declaration of Independence

The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA, formally declaring the thirteen colonies to be free and independent states from Great Britain.

October 19, 1781 – Victory at Yorktown

British General Lord Charles Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington and the allied American and French forces after the Siege of Yorktown, Virginia. This effectively ended major military operations.

September 3, 1783 – Treaty of Paris

The Treaty of Paris was signed at the Hotel d'York in Paris, France, officially ending the Revolutionary War and formally recognizing the independence of the United States.



Query: My great-great-grandfather was **Daniel Calkins**, son of **Samuel Calkins IV** and **Ruth Weldon Calkins**. My Daniel Calkins was born in 1806 in Canada. Some reports list his date of birth as May 31, 1806 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. I have been trying to locate any possible information or document that corroborates my Daniel's place of birth as Montreal, Quebec. I use the term "My Daniel" because there are so many Daniel Calkinses who were born around the same time. If anyone has a diary entry or a Bible entry or some other document that corroborates my Daniel's specific birth place or date of birth, I would so much appreciate receiving a copy! Thank you. I can be reached at Cyndy Calkins Giaque, cydgiaque@gmail.com

Outstanding Cousin!

→ CFA lifetime member **Carol Calkins**, was elected as a trustee to the National Foundation of Pi Beta Phi, Louisiana Beta chapter. (photo right) . Carol Calkins of Dallas, TX is an active member of the Richardson-Plano, TX Alumnae Club. Professionally, she is an accomplished certified public accountant and retired partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Over a career spanning more than 40 years, she established herself as a leader in state and local tax and has remained active in corporate governance and community service. She was also inducted into Louisiana State University's E. J. Ourso College of Business Hall of Distinction and remains involved as an executive board member of the Dean's Advisory Council.



Carol Calkins



The **Slining-Caulkins American Legion Post #267** in New Auburn, Wisconsin, is a cornerstone of the local veteran community. Officially chartered on October 22, 1936, the Post is named after **PVT Clifford M. Caulkins** and PVT Ole Slining, two local men who lost their lives in France during World War 1. The post is highly active in preserving local military history and supporting area veterans. The Post was instrumental in the creation of the New Auburn Area Veterans Memorial.

It hosts local Memorial Day parades and dedication ceremonies at Freedom Community. The Post also proudly supports Freedom Honor Flight, helping veterans visit the memorials built in their honor in Washington, D.C.

Private **Clifford Milton Caulkins** (1898-1918) is the son of Elizabeth May (Mullen) LeMay and **Levi Caulkins** (1875-1901). Clifford died age 19 years, 11 months and 22 days. His tombstone is inscribed: Hdq Co 127 Inf 32nd Div *"Died to Keep the World Free."*

Pokemon Go by Nanette Armstrong

This free-to-play mobile game for cell phones is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The goal is to get you outside and moving to get a little exercise. Your phone's GPS is used to locate, catch, battle, and trade virtual Pokémon characters that appear near you. Real-world landmarks appear in the game and serve as places in the game for you to visit. You connect as 'friends' and trade gifts daily. While at the 2024 CFA



reunion in Seattle, the group visited **Calkins Landing** on Mercer Island. There is a 'Poke-Stop' at that location! (pictured right). Want to be Poke-friends? My friend code: 2020 6821 5324. Want to share your friend code? Email it to me and I'll pass it along to any CFA members that also play.

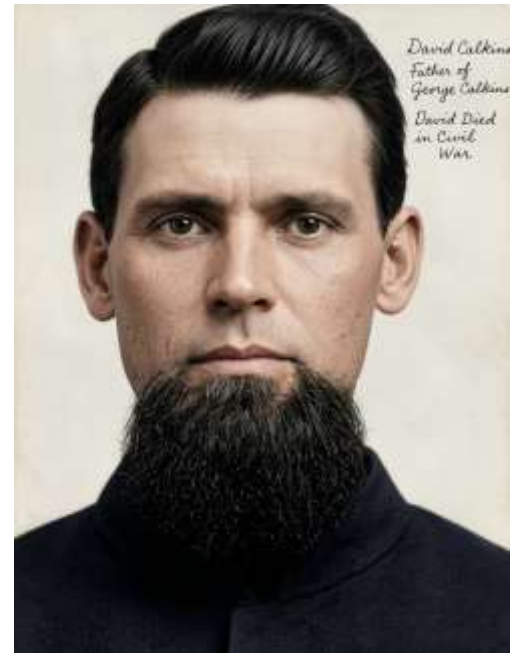
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David Javier Calkins (Ancestry.com)

David Javier Calkins (1834-1864), died at Andersonville Prison during the Civil War. A friend of mine took the available drawing of David's face from family records on Ancestry (left), and used AI to create images of what he would have looked like as a Union soldier (right), both as an infantry foot soldier and a member of the Illinois Calvary (below).



David Javier Calkins, AI enhanced

Private David J. Calkins died at age 30 and missed seeing his children and grandchildren grow up, and he gave the last full measure of devotion for our freedom. It seems to me he deserves to be honored like the other famous Calkins descendants.

My Calkins line of descent: Hugh -> John -> Samuel -> Samuel -> David -> Joel Sylvester -> David Javier Calkins (Died in Civil War) -> Inesa (Ina) (Caulkins) Williams -> Samuel Robert Williams -> Leland Duane Williams -> David Williams (Me)

An artificial intelligence (AI) image with a uniformed body, weapons, and horse, added to **David J. Calkins**. →



Speak like a Colonial-American

Starting in 1643, if you ordered **Adam's ale** at a pub you'd be given a cup of water. "Adam's ale" was a slang reference to Adam from the biblical Garden of Eden, where presumably, water was the only drink available. At the time in the middle of the 17th century, beer was the main beverage the average person drank, including children. Perhaps you'd order an Adams Ale if you were extra thirsty or your pockets were empty?

Slop—baggy trousers worn by sailors. In modern contexts, "slop" is either a pile of mushy food or something you'd feed to pigs. In the 18th century, the term slop referred to the baggy trousers worn by sailors. If you were a slop seller you were known for selling and outfitting sailors with the lower halves of their uniforms. Our early ancestors in America lived along the coastal towns of Gloucester, MA, New London, CT, and Newark, NJ. Even Norwich, CT, being inland a bit, catered to the seafaring crowd. Slop was certainly easy to find. [Source: Colonial American English, compiled by Richard M. Lederer (1985). Sent in by **Christine Bryant**]

My ancestors did what? Never spoke with a British accent.

Our Calkins ancestors came to America from England in 1640. In the Gloucester, MA town records of 1643, **Hugh Calkins** was listed as 'England man' when his daughter Deborah's birth was recorded. Up until the time of the American Revolution in 1776, British-American colonists considered themselves British subjects. But they never had a British accent, they always sounded American. It was the British that changed their accent, not the Americans. Around the time of the American Revolution, upper-class speakers in southern England popularized dropping the "r" sound (non-rhoticity) as a status symbol, which later became standard British Received Pronunciation. Example-- the 'r' in words like card and water. It turns out that Brits in the 1600s, like modern-day Americans, largely pronounced all their Rs. British accents have undergone more change in the last few centuries than American accents have. We can say that our ancestors Hugh and Ann had American accents, even though they were English. [sources: BBC How Americans Preserved British English, Christine Ro 2018. When Did American Lose Their British Accents? Babbel.com. Thomas M. Devlin July 2026]

The Cozy Theater by Cyndy Calkins Giauque cydgiauque@gmail.com

About one hundred sixty miles northwest of the Twin Cities in Minnesota, where Highway 10 and Highway 71 meet, sits Wadena, Minnesota. Wadena is an incorporated city, which, with a population of just over 4,000, maintains a "small town" feel. The city was named after Chief Wadena, an Ojibwe chief in the 1800s in northwestern Minnesota.

This city may be small, but it has many large credentials. It is the county seat for the county of Wadena, and no less than four properties in Wadena are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The people of Wadena are also strong, independent folks. When an EF4 tornado touched down in 2010, causing extensive damage to the city's Community Center, all schools, and a large number of homes, the residents immediately began their efforts to rebuild. The Wadena Tornado was covered extensively on the December 1, 2010 episode of the Discovery Channel series *Storm Chasers*.

According to articles in the Brainerd Dispatch, when the Wisconsin-based group, Freedom From Religion, threatened legal action in 2015 against the city over the display of a city-owned nativity in a city park, the city of Wadena sold the nativity scene to a private buyer, who then prominently displayed it on private property. In addition, the city gave numerous one-day leases to private citizens to use the former site of the city nativity, where private citizens legally displayed nativity scenes. In further support of the city's actions, approximately a quarter of the city's population also displayed nativity scenes on their properties. (cont.)

Wadena is also home to some interesting art. There are more than 100 hand-painted murals in the shapes of puzzle pieces, decorating downtown buildings. The murals depict Minnesota history, cultural events and recreational activities in the area. They are advertised as the “Largest Puzzle in the World,” creating a tourist attraction with group guided tours. AND—Wadena is home to the COZY THEATER, which in addition to showing contemporary movies, reportedly also hosts a film festival.

The Cozy Theater sits on the corner of Jefferson Street and Highway 29 in Wadena. It was built in 1913-1914, at a reported cost of \$10,000, by my grandfather, **Charles Adelbert Calkins**, working with a partner, Alfred Beaudreau. \$10,000 in 1913 would be equal to approximately \$337,300 today.

A poster on the wall of the Cozy states that “...it was billed as the most modern and best little theatre in the northwest. It advertised a seating capacity of 400, indirect lighting and forced air heat. The first movie shown was “The Last Days of Pompeii.”

The theater, with an exterior completely composed of brick, was a massive undertaking for its day. My grandfather was understandably proud of this venture. My father, Charles Colbert Calkins, was born in Wadena in 1914, and under the section on his birth certificate that requested “occupation,” my grandfather listed “theater.” Further, my grandfather had his baby son “help” with the brick... My father always took delight in telling, with a wink and a grin, that he “helped build the Cozy Theater!”

My husband and I traveled through Wadena in 2009, and we were delighted to see the Cozy still standing on the corner, with a welcoming sign! We took photos of the theater at that time.

The Cozy was featured in the Wonder & Wander series of MPR (Minnesota Public Radio), in an August 25, 2025 article, showcasing the Cozy and the family that purchased the theater from my grandfather in 1923. That family, the Quincers, continue to own the theater through several generations. The Cozy now boasts three screens instead of one, and has updated seating and other upgrades. Even more impressive, and a tribute to the current owners, is that it survived the pandemic! **Charles Adelbert Calkins**, together with his partner, built it to last!



Cozy Theater. Completed in 1914



Cozy Theater 1913-14



Cozy Theater 2009

Succotash --a vegetable stew that has its origins in Indigenous cookery. Succotash is an Anglicization of the Narragansett word msickquatash which means "boiled whole kernels of corn". The classic base of succotash is the trio of produce known in as the "Three Sisters": corn, beans, and squash. The dish had two main variations, depending on the season. During spring and summer, succotash was made with fresh corn and lima beans or string beans, while in winter it was made with dried corn and dried white beans. Both versions were cooked with butter or pork fat, and a little milk. All three ingredients grew easily in the northeast where our Colonial-American ancestors lived. Imagine the scene: women planted corn, beans, and squash in the garden behind the house, the children were sent to weed the rows, and the entire family sat down in the evening to a hearty and tasty dish year-round.

Traditional Corn and Bean Succotash Prep time: 10 mins | Cook time: 15 mins | Servings: 4

Corn: 4 handfuls of fresh sweet corn kernels (scraped off the cob) (a cup might be 2 handfuls)

Beans: 4 handfuls of shelled fresh lima beans or cranberry beans

Fat: 2 spoonful of bear fat, lard, or unsalted butter

Liquid: 1/2 cup water or vegetable stock

Seasoning: Salt and black pepper to taste

Melt fat: Heat your butter or fat in a large skillet over medium heat of the fire.

Simmer beans: Add the beans and liquid. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes until slightly tender.

Add corn: Stir in the fresh corn kernels.

Cook down: Cook uncovered for 5 to 7 minutes until the liquid reduces and vegetables are tender.

Season: Finish with salt and pepper to taste. Serve warm

Oral culinary traditions were passed down without written measurements. (source: copilot AI cooking assistant)

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