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Colonel William Caldwell (1758-1820) of Amherstburg was a native of Ireland and immigrated to the southern colonies of America before the revolutionary war. When the colonies rebelled he took the Loyalists side and was appointed an officer in one of the colonial regiments but later transferred to Butler's Rangers in which he held the rank of Captain. He took part in all the battles of this unit and after the war settled in the township of Malden. On the breaking out of the war of 1812 he was appointed Assistant Quartermaster General of the Militia on the Western Frontier. His influence with the Wyandot Indians was such as to secure their aid for the British in the war. In May 1814 he was appointed Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs. He first married a sister of an Indian Chief and a son, Billie, and a daughter were born of this marriage. By a subsequent marriage with Susan Baby, he had five sons, William, James, Francis, Thomas and John. His daughters were: Susan who married Capt. Hunt; Elizabeth who married James Kevill; Theresa who died unmarried; and one that died in infancy.

Four of Col. William Caldwell's sons were officers in the war of 1812. At the outbreak of the war of 1812 Billy was chief of the Pottowatomies, with the Indian name of Sagonosh. He espoused the British cause and later became an officer in the Indian Department. He died near Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1841. Francis Caldwell (1791-1851) participated in many battles of the war of 1812. He became a prominent man in politics, representing the Western District in Parliament, as a Conservative. He spent his years as a collector of customs. He had married Frances Reaume, widow of Francis Baby. His only child was Capt. William D. Caldwell.

Capt. William Caldwell was born in 1832. Before settling on his farm in Malden township, he served as a sailor on the Great Lakes attaining the rank of Captain. In 1882 he was appointed prevention officer of the customs. He retired in 1897. He married Ann Charlotte Cousins. The four children of his marriage are: Mary Ann; Francis; Hilda, wife of Dr. Oscar Teeter and Linda.

The papers consist of some land records of William Caldwell, political and business correspondence of his son Francis Caldwell, M.P.P., and official and personal correspondence of his son Capt. Billy Caldwell of the Indian Department. The most significant portions of the papers cover the years 1814-1818 and 1836-1840, with passing references to the War of 1812 and Rebellion of 1837.

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