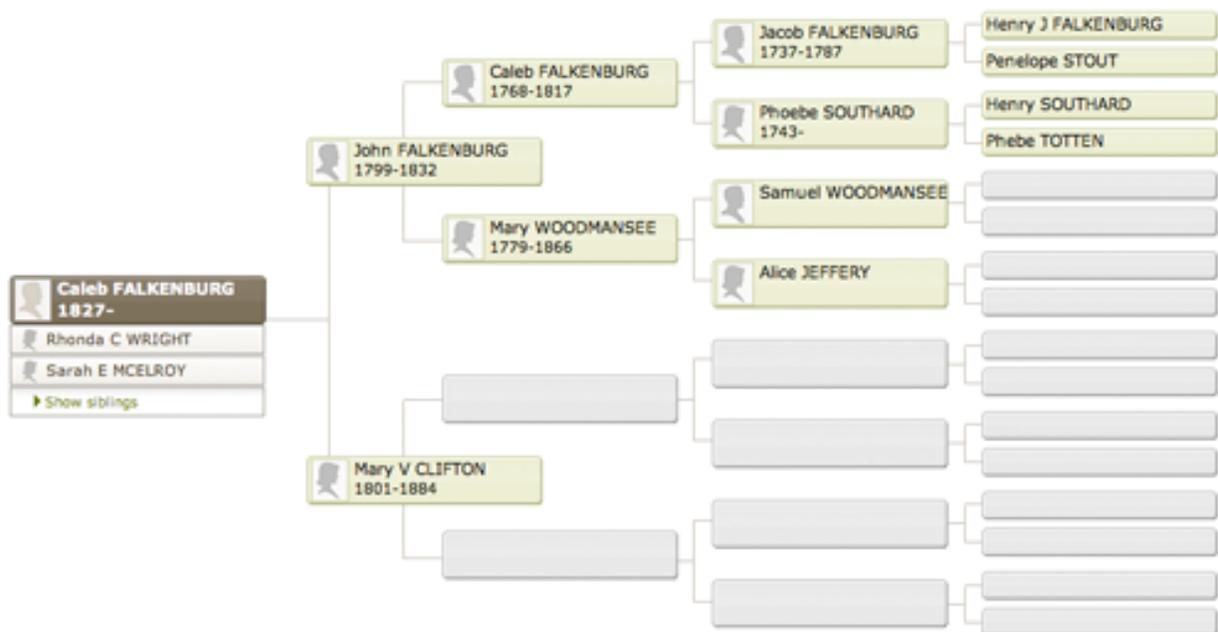


Thanks for the information regarding the diary of John Odell Falkinburg. While there is a difference in the spelling of our names, John O. is a member of our family. There are several spellings of our family name including: Falkinburg, Falkenburg, Falkenberg, Falkinburgh, Falkinburge, and even Falconberry and Fortenbury.

John O. Falkinburg's family line is shown in the following pedigree chart. If my research is correct, Caleb Falkinburg (b. 1827) is John's father. Incidentally, most historians and genealogists use the spelling *Falkinburg* for this branch of the family, so I was surprised to find this chart with the spelling *Falkenburg*.



In the [1850 US Census](#) Caleb's occupation is listed as tailor, and the [1860 US Census](#) his profession is given as clerk. Mrs. S.E. Falkinburg to whom John O. Falkinburg refers is his step mother Sarah E. (McElroy) Falkinburg. These seem to be consistent with the facts stated in your paper. I have found reference to the final resting place for John O. and Caleb Falkinburg in the [Miami Cemetery](#), Corwin (Wayne Twp, Warren county, OH). I cannot confirm that these are the same Caleb and John O., but it is likely they are.

The pedigree chart above starts with Henry Jacobs Falkinburg II and Penelope Stout. Henry's father (Henry Jacobs Falkinburg I) was the first white settler on the New Jersey coast. The earliest record of Henry Jacobs Falkinburg is found in the 1671 Census of the Delaware. The census was taken to assure that the government of the Duke of York was receiving the proper taxes due from the landholders on the Delaware River. Henry Jacobs Falkinburg emigrated from Holstein and was living in New Sweden along the Delaware River. When William Penn established his Quaker colony, Falkinburg was the interpreter between the Quakers and the Leni-Lappe natives. Henry negotiated the purchase of lands for the Quakers and developed a substantial trust relationship with

his Indian colleagues. A brief history of Henry Jacobs Falkinburg can be found on my website

[http://home.comcast.net/~drfalken/families/falkinburg\\_henry1/falkinburg\\_henry1.1.html](http://home.comcast.net/~drfalken/families/falkinburg_henry1/falkinburg_henry1.1.html)

Penelope Stout was the wife of Henry Jacobs Falkinburg II. She has an interesting history. Her grandmother (that would be John O. Falkinburg's 6-greats grandmother) was a woman of great fortitude. The story on the website was passed down as an oral history until it was written down by Benedict in his *"History of the Baptists"*, during the early 1800's. The story is most likely exaggerated, however, the basic facts are probably true.

[http://home.comcast.net/~drfalken/families/falkinburg\\_henry2/falkinburg\\_henry2.1.html](http://home.comcast.net/~drfalken/families/falkinburg_henry2/falkinburg_henry2.1.html)

My own family line branches from the pedigree chart show above at Henry Jacobs Falkinburg II. Henry had six children: John, Jacob, David, Hannah, Mary, and Henry. John Falkinburg (son of Henry II) is my ancestor. In my branch of the family the spelling of the last name changed around the mid to latter part of the 1800's.

My interest in exploring the history of the Falkenburg/Falkinburg family is to uncover the stories. That is why I was so interested in your work. From the middle of the nineteenth century our family was involved in merchant trade on the seas. Captain Samuel Falkinburg II lived in Tuckerton, New Jersey. He and his ten sons were sea captains, some of whom sailed to China, Southeast Asia, and the Sandwich Islands. The tragedy is that all of the sons of this large family (a total of sixteen children) died in pursuit of their careers on the seas. In fact several of Captain Samuel's grandchildren (including my great-grandfather Solomon Falkenburg) met the same fate.

Again, thanks for sending me your interesting article on John O. Falkinburg. This provided me with an introduction of another branch of the family I had not explored. Feel free to share this with Wayne Myers and Jeffrey Sawtelle. They may or may not know the broader history of the family.

Home Page for Falkenburg Family History Pages:

[http://home.comcast.net/~drfalken/families/falkinburg\\_henry2/falkinburg\\_henry2.1.html](http://home.comcast.net/~drfalken/families/falkinburg_henry2/falkinburg_henry2.1.html)