

## CASTO FAMILY

**with Bostic(k), Shamblin, Groves, Barnett(e), Kessel(l), Lane, Bennett, Adkins and Parker Surnames**

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This story of the Casto family, like all good stories, starts out with a mystery. The origin of the Casto name. Some say that it was Casto from the beginning. Others believe that it was changed between 1718 and 1733 (reason unknown) from Casteaux, Castillo, Caustlo, Castro, DeCastro, Casteau, Castau, Castalo, Costello, Cast, Castleto, Castoe, Custo, or Castabow.

It has even been suggested that Casto comes from the Latin word 'castra', meaning camps. One possible reason for the change is that as late as 1850 the majority of the people could not read or write. They tried to spell names as they sounded. Casteaux would translate to Casto in this instance.

Casto is a name that in Italian means chaste or purity. There are several families in Northern Italy with the Casto surname as well as certain sections of Germany. I have been told that Casto in Portugal is as common as Smith or Jones in the US. [Casto, Italy](#) is a town dating as far back as 1208. On the homepage for the city they give this as the Origin of the name: "It could derive from the local last name, that Roman appears on one lapide. "Casticus", but also from the Latin "castenus". Malpaga can derive from "Malus pagus" (bad campaign) or also from satisfied persons "malle", com' they were indicated in ' the 400 fiscal evasori."

I will just state the facts here as I know them and let you draw your own conclusions.

I want to say from the beginning that this record will be a continual work in process. I in no way want to proclaim that every entry is "written in stone". I would appreciate being notified of any errors that you find. In some instances family records may have a date of 1866 but county census, marriage, etc. records will show 1864. In this instance I will defer to the county record. That is not to say that the county records are infallible. In any case I would appreciate your input.

As to the beginnings of the Casto line in America. A favorite family story is that the Castos descend from 2 boy's age 5 and 7 who stowed away on a ship in a French wharf. Their parents had been killed and their home burned. The ship soon set sail to sea. After 3 days of hunger, the boys came out of hiding. They found that they were on the pirate vessel of Captain William Kidd who required them to work for about 10 years, then delivered one in New Jersey and the other in Rode Island giving them funds to start a business. The New Jersey boy changed his name to Casto and the other one said his name was Castalow. Each boy insisted on keeping his own name. (James LeSeuer)

Different versions of this story has been passed down through several Casto lines.

Recently I received information from another Casto line: "There is evidence that one of our Ancestors either jumped ship or was "thrown overboard" off the coast of New Jersey during the 1700's" (Willis Casto)

Also from another line: "Twin boys emigrating to America from Europe, jumped ship at the sight of land and swam ashore to escape the 7 years of indentured servitude" (Jim Casto)

"The two boys were survivors of a pirate raid, supposedly on a merchant ship, and it is believed that the father of the boys was a merchant ship owner or a trader carrying on business with the Old World and the New World. The father was either killed during the engagement with the pirates or was thrown overboard by the pirates after the engagement. The Castos of the United States are descended from the younger of the two boys, who was about five years of age at the time.

The younger boy landed by the pirates on the New Jersey coast and the older boy was landed farther down the coast. The settlers called the younger boy Azariah Casto, which was not his name according to the older brother, who returned to the New Jersey landing after reaching manhood. The older brother claimed that their surname was DeCasto and that they were born in France. The story goes on that some searching and digging was carried on by Azariah and his sons in an attempt to find and recover the pirates cashe that was supposed to have been made in the locality of the New Jersey landing. Supposedly some of the cashe was found but was of little value. The story also relates that the Castos lived on an island but no one knew where." (William Casto of Utah)

"A Spanish merchant or a captain of a Spanish ship had taken his two little boys on a voyage to the New World. Captain Kidd captured the ship and made everyone except the two boys walk the plank'. He put them ashore in Rhode Island where it was reported he buried his gold. The boys afterward were reunited but one claimed his name was Casto, the other Castello. Both were stubborn and each kept the name he thought correct. A William Casto embarrassed his daughter by digging for his ancestors gold all over Rhode Island." (Martha Dorothy Harris)

"At a very early period in the settlement of the colonies, perhaps early in the 15th century, a ship was wrecked on the coast of New Jersey, near Cape May and the crew and passengers rescued were two young lads who claimed the name Casto. These youths spoke the Spanish language and it was supposed the lost ship sailed from some Spanish port. But little more is known of the two boys, but from the neighborhood of Cape May, the entire Casto family who are scattered over many of the states, can be traced." (Joseph Scinton Casto) m "The first Castos came from England in the 16th Century, were French, spelling their name Casteau in France (Casteu), later to Casto, two brothers stolen from their parents in England, brought to America and abandoned in Virginia. Others came later on account of religious persecutions in England." (The Bothwell Family)

"There is a tradition that 2 brothers came to the then colony of Virginia from the south of France. That after a long separation upon meeting again, they found they spelled their names differently. One Casto, the other Castello." (Timothy Casto written 1900)

Captain Kidd was born in 1645 in Greenock Scotland. About 1690 he settled in England. One April 23, 1696 he sailed from Plymouth, England in the Adventure Galley, a ship of 34 guns. The original venture was a private one. He was hired to find French or pirate vessels. Almost from the beginning the voyage was plagued with bad luck. Illness and a leaking ship and a near mutiny by the crew were probably the reason Kidd turned to piracy. In 1699 Kidd arrived in the West Indies. There he discovered that he was charged with piracy. Protesting his innocence, he gave himself up and was sent to England for trial. He was found guilty and on May 23, 1701, he was hanged. Family researchers are trying to find the log book of this voyage. Perhaps mention of the 2 boys in the log could confirm the family "pirate" story.

A certain Gladys Marie Chase of St. Petersburg Florida claims to have found "absolute proof" that the Casto boys were put ashore at Lewes Delaware Mid May 1699. She uses as a reference the "Harley Papers" Vo. 36 F104 (Kidd's own narrative at his trial British Museum, London, England.) I have been unable to find this narrative.

Another theory is that William 1717 was the son of William Caustlo or Costello and Elizabeth Abbott. These people did exist and there are records to that effect in Salem County . But researchers have failed to prove they are William's parents

The first sighting of a Casto in America is Azariah Casto 1696 from Wales, this comes from the charred remains of the Hare Bible. Nothing legible exists since this Bible was burned twice and the interpretations are largely based on memory after the second burning. This Bible was originally owned by Azariah Casto 1750 and handed down through his family until it ended up in the possession of Eleanor Grace Bothwell Hare, who dozed by the fireplace and let the Bible fall into the fire and was very badly burned.

Now if Azariah 1696 did exist and William 1717 was his son, Azariah would have been 21 at the time of William's birth. The oldest boy on Captain Kidds ship would have been 28 and the youngest 21 at the time of William's birth.

Any one of these scenarios could be possible.

Where ever the original Casto's (or Casteaux, Castillo, Caustlo etc.) came from we know that in 1745 there were only two Casto males in America, living 5 miles apart in what is now Cumberland County, N.J. William 1717 and David 1720/1725. Many assume they were brothers, they may have been uncle and nephew.

Considerable confusion exists regarding the descending Casto lines from these two men. One of the reasons for this is that they both had children by the name of John, David, William and Elizabeth. Also according to Ina H Tuft in her tribute to the foremost Casto family researcher, David Leroy Casto "The Castos were so numerous in West Virginia that Castos married Castos and if they weren't Castos, they were children of Casto women who had married someone else."

For the purpose of this report which I am making for my son and my family I am going to list the Castos I consider "our" direct line. They will be highlighted in red. I have listed both William 1717 and David 1720/1725 in red above. Because it is possible we come from either line. But after research I am of the opinion that our line stems from David 1720/1725.

The Coat of Arms of the Casto family according to the "Surname Book and Racial History"

---Scottish and Irish Surnames is described as follows:

ARMS ---- Azure a chevorn or, between three swans' heads erased proper.

CREST ---- A Swan's head erased proper between two ostrich feathers or.

MOTTO ---- Ferro non gladio "Bear not the sword"

Absolutely nothing is known of the parents of David from whom it is said "all" West Virginia Castos descend.

David 1720/1725 died 1770 wife Phebe Gandy born 1736 died 1770 Married at a Baptist Church in the town of Cape May Court House, New Jersey 8-17-1752 by Jr Minister Nathaniel Jenkins. Lived in Turkey Point until 1765 They both died of illness while traveling in 1770 Phebe's Lineage

Children of David and Phebe

1. David Jr.: born 1753 in N. J. died 1800 married Margaret Province David Jr's Lineage
2. Phebe: born 1755 In N.J. died 1855 married James McKown
3. John Jacob SR: born 1757-1761 in N.J. died 1831 married Sarah ? born 1764 in Pennsylvania died September 1850 John Sr's Lineage
4. Catherine: born 1758 in N.J. died 1834 in Ohio married Jonathan Harris Jr She was a Baptist minister.
5. William: born 1760 in South Jersey died 1836 married Hannah Bonnett about 1783 in southwest Pennsylvania? Married Margaret before 1815 in Randolph (Upshur County). (From Casto Cousins: "William Casto Sr died during the Christmas Season and was buried a little south of his Jackson County home in the vicinity of Chase Mill at the base of Salt Hill. The cemetery no longer exists as such.") This cemetery was known as the Windon Cemetery. The West Virginia Arts and Crafts Center today is located between the homesite and burial site of William Casto
6. Elizabeth: born 1765 in N.J. died 3-30-1818 in PA. married Jos. Yard Province born 1764 died 1842 Elizabeth's Lineage
7. Sarah: born 1769 i VA. died 1851 in VA married Benjamin Wright then married William Robinson Sarah's Lineage

William 1760 1st Wife Hannah Bonnett died 1810

children of William 1770 and Hannah

1. James: born 1789 died 12-22-1866 married Sunda "Sidney" Kessell 8-27-1817
2. William: born 1790 died 1884 married Martha "Patsy" Parsons, buried in Sinaiville Cemetery near Statts Mill. There is no permanent marker. [William's Lineage](#)
3. Lucretia: born 1792 died 1846 married Elijah Rollins, buried Skidmore (Carney) Cemetery, Tug Fork [Lucretia's Lineage](#)
4. Mary Ann "Nancy": born 5-27-1793 died 6-28-1835 married Nicholas Ours
5. Jonathan: born 12-30-1794 died 10-31-1851 married Mary Magdelene Wetherholt 6-10-1816, born 6-13-1795 died 1-1886 both buried Casto cemetery, Fairplain, Jackson Co WV 5'10", fair complexion, blue eyes, black hair [Jonathan's Lineage](#) [Jonathan's Tombstone and War of 1812 Marker](#)
6. Benjamin: born 1800 died 1883 married Sarah "Sally" Shinn [Benjamin's Tombstone](#) [Tombstone of Sarah Casto Benjamin's Lineage](#)
7. John G: born 1801 married Nancy Parsons [John G.'s Lineage](#)
8. Rhoda: born 1802 died 1833 married John Pringle [Rhoda's Lineage](#)
9. Absolom: born 1804
10. Levi: born 4-1-1808 died 1-17-1880 married Sarah Wright and Hannah Carney 2-14-1833 [Levi's Tombstone](#) [Levi's Lineage](#)
11. David W married Ann Cutright (possible son of James) Upshur County

James 1789 married Sunda "Sidney" Kessell in Harrison County 8-27-1817 (by John D Mitchell a Methodist Minister) born 1798 died 1883 James was born in southwest PA. He enlisted in the VA Militia in Randolph County VA (Upshur Co) 9-3-1814 and was [discharged](#) 3-17-1815 at Fort Nelson. He served as a private in the 5th Regiment VA. Militia under Captain Jonathan Walmsly Commanded by Lieut. Co. Issac Booth. At the time of his enlistment he was 5'6" of fair complexion, blue eyes and black hair. Sunda received a War of 1812 pension 3-9-1878 of \$8.00 per month (Claim #19944). James and Sunda lived near his sister Rhoda Casto Pringle on eighty acres in the Fairplain "flats". His grant of land, awarded in 1816 was recorded in 1819. James was buried in the Pringle Cemetery near Fairplain .In 1831 James owned 3 horses and paid \$.18 in taxes. [James tombstone](#) and [James War of 1812 Marker](#)

children of James and Sunda (Jackson County West Virginia)

1. Elmore H: born 5-1818 died 8-7-1910. Married Phoebe Cunningham 9-17-1840. Married Louisa Jane (Ranson) Harrison 8-24-1881. Elmore is buried in the Webster Cemetery. He resided on Cox's Fork of Parchment in 1842. [Lineage of Elmore Casto](#)
2. Nathan B.: born 1-24-1822 died 10-16-1885 married Margaret Parsons, lived 18 mile creek Putnam Co. [Nathan's Lineage](#) [Picture of Nathan and Margaret](#)
3. Minerva: born 1825 married Thomas Scott [Lineage of Minerva Casto](#)
4. George W: born 1827 died 1869 married Minerva "Nervy" Sayre 10-25-1849 both buried at Mt Morian Cemetery [Lineage of George Casto](#)

5. William M: born 1828 died 1854 married Jane Davis William served in the Civil War as a 2nd Lt at the age of 27.
6. Mary Ellen: born 1831 died 1-1-1911. Married William Foglesong 8-24-1848. William and Mary are buried in the Fairview Cemetery. [Mary Ellen's Lineage](#)
7. Lorenzo Dow: born 1832
8. John Riley: born 5-4-1834 died 11-5-1906 Married Ruth Bowles 5-5-1853 both buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery on Parchment. At the age of 26 John served in the Civil War n Captain John Riley's Company. He MI 7-20-1863 [John Riley's Lineage](#)
9. Nicholas L.: born 1836 died 1922 Married Margaret Koontz 12-24-1856. Both are buried in the Ephesus Baptist Church Cemetery on Grasslick. [Nicholas's Lineage](#)
10. Charles Carney: born 1838 died 4-2-1906 Roane Co. WV. Married Martha E. Stewart 3-17-1859 and Patsy Parsons 12-24-1898. Martha is buried in Baptist Grove Cemetery in Frozen Camp. [Charles Carney's Lineage](#)
11. Robert Preston "Whit": born 3-4-1840 Given, WV died 10-22-1914 buried Fairview Cemetery in Parchment. [Photo of Fairview Baptist Church](#) Married Ellen Barnett 5-22-1862 born 2-16-1845 Marion Co. died 11-30-1881 near Ripley of a fever. Ellen is buried in the Barnett Cemetery. Married Mary Jane Hill 7-16-1893. Robert lived in Given WV. His mother Sunda was living with him in the 1880 census. At the age of 19 Robert served in the Civil War in Captain John Riley's Company. In the 141st Militia "home guard" He MI 7-20-63. The home guard was organized to assist in the capture of several hundred Confederate soldiers who had escaped across the Ohio River into Jackson County following the Battle of Buffington Island in Meigs County Ohio on July 19, 1863. The Home Guard also operated against various bodies of Confederate guerrillas and bushwhackers in the county known as "Moccasin Rangers." [Ellen's Tombstone](#) [Tombstone of Robert P Casto](#)

(After a brief period of suffering extending over the past two months, Mr. R. P. Casto, well known and most highly esteemed citizen, passed away Thursday, October 22, 1914, at his home in Robinson District. He had been a sufferer with general disability for a short time, but recently his condition became critical and the members of his family were summoned to his bedside and most of them were with him when the end came. Mr. Casto was 73 years of age, having been born March 4, 1841, in Jackson County. Deceased had only been a resident of Mason County for the past seven years, but in that time he had surrounded himself with a large circle of friends who learned of his death with profound sorrow. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, a christian gentleman of the highest character and was upright and square in all his dealings with his fellowmen. He was also a member of the IOOF Lodge in Jackson County, in good standing and the services were under the auspices of that order. Most of his life had been devoted to agricultural pursuits in which he was very successful. Deceased was a direct descendent of one of three brothers who located in Jackson County many years ago. The name then being Castleto, but was changed to Casto later. He was married to Miss Ella Barnett, who bore him ten children, eight sons and two daughters, as follows: Theodore Casto of Given, Dr. O. J. Casto of Hutchinson, Kansas, Preston Casto, Hollie Casto, Winfield Casto, Fannie Casto, Eliza Holland, James Holland (son-in-law), and Samuel Oscar Casto, all of Given, Eldridge Casto of Old Town, WV. Mr. Casto was the youngest of a family of twelve, only one member of which survives him in person of Uncle "Nick" Casto who is now in his 75th year. The remains, in charge of Undertaker Harper, were taken to his former home in Jackson County for interment. The funeral which was held at the Fairview Church under the auspices of the IOOF Lodge, was largely attended. Rev. Crail of this city (Point Pleasant, WV), officiated and paid a kindly tribute to the memory of the deceased. Five sons and one son-in-law acted as pallbearers. (Point Pleasant Register). [from the Mountaineer newspaper, Ripley, WV)

Robert P "Whit": 1840 1st Wife Ellen Barnett

children of Robert and Ellen

1. Elizabeth Florence: born 1863 died 8-1942 married Samuel L Seymour 9-12-80 and Lewis Woomer [Elizabeth Florence's Lineage](#)
2. James Preston "Press" born 3-1864 died 1937. Married Martha Jane Pringle 10-2-1883. Both are buried in the Fairview Cemetery. Married Permelia Inez Casto 12-30-1915.

3. Okey Johnson Dr.: Born 2-18-1866 died 4-14-1921. Married Lily Mae Honaker 4-1-1888. Early in life Okey was a school teacher and later became a Doctor and a participator in the John Morgan trial. Type of practice: Allopath. State/year of licenses: WV, 1891, KS, 1904, CO, 1905. Places/dates of practice: Garden City, KS, 1891, Nutchinson, KS, Aug 2, 1911, Aug 16, 1915, Feb 1 1920, Elizabeth, WV Sept 15, 1913, Parkersburg WV, Jul 20, 1916. Medical School: University of Louisville School Of Medicine, Louisville: Hosp. Med. Coll. of Louisville, 1891. (G) Other education: Common schools Journal of the American Medical Association citation: 76:1362.

4. Theodore Dewitt: born 10-26-1867 died 12-4-1954 buried Fairview Cemetery married Columbia Alice Green 12-21-1895 Jackson County. WV.

#### Theodore DeWitt's Lineage

5. Eldridge Elsworth "Ellie": born 10-16-1870 died 5-18-1948 (Kanawha County Dist No 200 Serial No. 741) married Lucy Jane Shamblin 1-25-1891 (Married by L. M Casder "In the big road opposite R. P Shinns") born 10-1873 died 1954 buried Fairview Cemetery. Eldridge ran the Old Rockcastle store in the early 1900's.

#### Old Rockcastle Store

#### Tombstone of Lucy J and Eldridge E

(Funeral services for E. E. Casto, 79, who died at his home in Dunbar on Monday of last week were held from the funeral chapel there last Wednesday afternoon and the body was brought to the Fairview Cemetery near Fairplain for burial.

Surviving are his widow, Lucy J. Casto, two daughters, Mrs. Albert Bailey of Tyler Mountain and Mrs. Donnelly of Miami, Florida, four sons, Lester and Gay of Tyler Mountain, Guy of Charleston and Eldridge Casto of Dunbar, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Mary J. Holland of Racine, Ohio and three brothers, Theodore and W. S. of Given, and S. O. Casto of Ripley. (Jackson Herald, Friday, 28 May 1948)

6. Holly O: born 6-1874

7. Alzona M: born 10-18-1873 died 1-28-1901 buried Fairview Cemetery

8. Mary Eliza: born 1875 married Charles W Champ 8-15-1897 and James B Holland 8-6-1893 in Mason County.

9. Winfield Scott: born 1-1-1878 died 12-5-58 buried Fairview Cemetery, married Evelyn Etta Rawlings 5-31-1900, born 12-23-1881 died 7-26-1960

10. Samuel Oscar: born 11-20-1879 died 1956 married Hattie M Baker 12-10-1901, born 1884 died 1964

Eldridge Elsworth 1869 married Lucy Jane Shamblin 1-25-1891

children of Eldridge and Lucy

#### Picture of Casto family, early 1900's

1. Leola: born May 1892 died Feb 1979 married Albert Bailey born Jan 1888 died May 1970

2. Lester L: born 6-26-1895 died Sept 1985 married Ivy Wilson He was the Chief of the Tyler Mountain Fire Dept.

3. Freda G: born June-1897 married Donaley Yeager

4. Okey Gay: born June 10 1902 (Jackson Co Book C Pg 156) at Given WV died 10-8-1964 (Kanawha Co. Dist 200 Page 682) Married Minnie Pauline Bostic 5-18-1925 by Earl S Grose. (Kanawha County Book 9 Page 147)

#### Marriage photo Okey and Minnie

#### Photo of Okey Gay Casto

(Okey G Casto a packer for Libbey-Owens Ford died yesterday of a heart attack while at work. He was Okey Gay Casto, 62 of 5265 Big Tyler Road, an employe of the company 31 years. He was a member of Community Chapel Church on Big Tyler Road and was an area resident 25 years. Surviving: wife, Minnie P Casto; son, Robert L Casto of Charleston; daughters Mrs Betty McCormick of Arizona, Mrs Arbydene Graham, Mrs Cheryl Muck and Mrs Linda Summers of Big Tyler Road; brothers Lester of Big Tyler, Guy of Big Chimney, Eldridge Casto of Dunbar; sisters, Mrs Leola Bailey of Rock Fork; Mrs Fredda Yeager of Florida; eight grandchildren. The funeral will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Chapel Church of Tyler Mountain with the Rev. Arch Williams and the Rev. William Layne Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens. The body is at Keller Funeral Home in Dunbar)

5. Arnold Guy: born May 5, 1907 died Dec 1968 married Ethel Huffan

6. Eldridge Robert: Born 9-15-1909 Died 8-12-1993 married Marie Estes

children of Okey Gay and Minnie Pauline Bostic born 2-22-1908

1. Betty Lou: born 7-10-1926

2. Robert Lewis: born 3-28-1928

3. Arbydene: born 5-22-1934

4. Cheryl Ann: born 1-22-1944

5. Linda C.: born 3-17-1947

Children of Robert Lewis and Dora Dean Branham

1. Deborah Sue: born 1-7-1950
2. Connie Lynn: born 10-13-1951

Children of Robert Lewis and Patricia Kay Hudson

1. Michael Allen: born 2-27-1960
2. Becky Lorraine: born 5-17-1961
3. Deanna Lee: born 5-24-1962

KESSELL

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(Family information received from Betty Kessel McIntyre (BETTIKESMC@aol.com) a descendant of George Jr.)

George Kessel Sr. wife Catherine Boyer married 6-9-1773 Shenandoah Co. Virginia

George Sr. is listed in the book "Immigrants to Pennsylvania 1641-1819" edited by Michael Tepper, Baltimore, Maryland, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979, registered of apprenticed out, page 194. "5 Dec 1772 - George Kisler last of Rotterdam (Holland), servant of Ludwig Kuhn of Philadelphia, assigned by him to Charles Shoemaker".

The story handed down from generation to generation was that George Sr. came to America as a young man and was apprenticed out to a shoemaker, but ran away to be with relatives. The relatives probably lived in Hampshire County, (W) Virginia, later becoming Hardy County, West Virginia. There is the town of Hardy County and an old Kessel Cemetery a short distance from the town.

George Kessel is in Mason County, (W) Virginia in the 1820 census with several adult and teenage children. George owned 100 acres of land in Mason County at that time. George Sr. was released from debtors prison in 1822 and his land was sold at auction in 1825. The following was found in Mason County (West) Virginia Court Records.

"This Indenture made the 21st day of March in the year of Christ 1825 between Peter H. Steinbergen late sheriff of Mason County in the state of Virginia of the one part and Adam Wetzel of the same county and the state of the other part whereas a certain George Kessel who (unreadable) lately (unreadable) certain taken by virtue of a c.... ..... satisfied ..... from the clerks office of Mason county in favour of the Commonwealth and being discharged from prison under the authority of the Act of Assembly ..... for the relief of insolvency did deliver up a parcel of his property and on the 24th day of July 1822 did convey to the said Peter Steinbergen then sheriff of Mason county as aforesaid a certain tract of land situated on the main right hand fork of Big Mill Creek in said county of Mason containing one hundred acres of the same being an undivided ..... of a certain tract of two hundred acres which was granted by Commonwealth patent being dated 2nd August 1819 to said George Kessel and James Casto and of which said two hundred the said George Kessel claimed the lower portion and for the ..... and bounds thereof reference can be had in said deed from said George Kessel to Peter H. Steinbergen sheriff as aforesaid, and the said Peter H. Steinbergen sheriff as aforesaid having through his deputy Andrew M. Anderson duly authorized the time and place of the sale of said land did at the courthouse of Mason County and on a court day proceed to proclaim and sell the same when the said Adam Wetzel became the purchaser the tract for the sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents he being the highest bidder. Now this indenture ..... that the said Peter H. Steinbergen late sheriff as aforesaid in ..... of the premises as ..... for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar by said Adam Wetzel to him in hand .... before the unsealing and delivery of the property the receipt where is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold above and released and convey and by those present doth grant bargain sell a lein release and convey unto the said Adam Wetzel ..... and , a..... for ..... all the right title interest and estate which he the ..... Peter H. Steinbergen late sheriff as aforesaid holds as possesses in the said land and p..... by virtue of the conveyance aforesaid from said George Kessel and which had been duly recorded in the clerk's office of Mason County .....p..... liability as responsibility beyond his official duty or act is that neither the said Peter H. Steinbergen or his heirs shall ever challenge or claim any right or hereafter interest in and to said tract of land, but herefrom shall henceforth by forever debarred by virtue of these present. In witness whereas the said Peter H. Steinbergen late sheriff as aforesaid hath unto set his hand and .... his seal this day and date first in this endenture written the figure 11 1824 11" & 11c..... before signing Peter H. Steinbergen (his seal). At a court held for Mason County on 21st day of March 1825. This deed of conveyence from Peter H. Steinbergen late sheriff of Mason County to Adam Wetzel was acknowledged in court by said Peter H. Steinbergen and ordered to be entered. Teste: William Gerritt (cmc)"



children of George and Catherine

1. Sunda "Sidney" born 1798 died 1883 married James Casto 8-27-1817
2. George M. Jr born 1-22-1804 died 7-1886 married Delilah Casto 3-22-1826 (Farmer and Stonemason)
3. Job born 1808 married Frances Bowles 1830
4. Joshua D. died 9-12-1828 buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Parchment Valley

Children of Sunda and James (see under Casto lineage)

BARNETT(E)

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CASTO

It may tend to get a bit confusing here because several of the Barnetts married into the Casto and Kessel families.

(Barnett is a variation of Barnet , an English place name derived from Old English bærnēt = place cleared by burning. There are a number of so-named locations by the name, and the man who emigrated from such a place was referenced at his new home by his place of origin.)

William born 1775 Botetourt-Montgomery Co. Va. married Mary McGuire daughter of John McGuire and Elizabeth Cottle. William died in 1861. William and Mary lived on Three Mile Creek in Mason County.  
Williams Picture

Children of William and Mary

1. Elizabeth
2. Robert B born about 1801 married Elizabeth Rayburn 11-11-1824 (Jackson Co. marriage book #1 Page 10 Robert Barnett and Betsey Rayburn).
3. Mary (Polly?)
4. John
5. William born 2-28-1828 died 2-25-1904
6. Rebecca
7. Nancy
8. James
9. Ann

Robert B. Barnett Born July 15, 1801 in Greenbrier County Va., died January 13, 1882. He came to Mason county in 1806. Wife Elizabeth Rayburn. In 1830 Robert purchased 1400 acres of land in the state of Virginia. They settled near the head waters of Thirteen Mile Creek and Tightqueeze Hollow which is now Rockcastle. They were the first settlers in the Rockcastle area. They married November 11, 1824. They are buried in the Barnett Cemetery at Rockcastle. Picture of Robert Barnett

1. Robert Jr. born 1831 married Elizabeth Casto 5-13-1849
2. N. Allen born 1832 married Elizabeth Kessel
3. Enos born 1834 died 1885 married Lucretia Casto
4. Preston born 1843 married Clara Casto 12-28-1865 in Jackson County
5. Ellen Barnett born 2-16-1845 died 11-30-1881 married Robert P Casto
6. Mary married John Parsons
7. Evaline married Ranusellen Edwards

8. Henry Harrison married Margaret Scantling 1-14-1869 in Mason County
9. William M. born 2-28-1828 died 2-25-1904 married Mary Harrison
10. Elliott married Margaret Hill
11. George Wesley died young
12. Mariah married Daniel Smith
13. Eliza married Erekiel Jividen
14. Emily married John Parsons
15. Sarah Ann
16. Wesley, died young

Children of Robert and Ellen  
(see under Casto lineage)

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Lineage of Minnie Pauline Bostic Casto

From a parchment paper, written at the same time and in the same hand, apparently from memory. The Groves direct Line is written in Teal. The Bosticline will be in Green. I have discovered that Groves is a pure Dutch name and this line may have descended from the "original" Dutch immigrant to Virginia. Another source has it listed as a Scottish name (ref #1). So far I have been unable to trace the Groves back any farther. I have found that "Brattan" is a surname, often a son would be given his mothers maiden name as a middle name. This is a possibility I will be checking into.

Peter Brattan Groves purchased his homestead 1-7-1836 from Madison and Isabella Haynes (the land bordered property owned by a McNutt and a Reed). He married Ellen Taylor 3-22-1842 and died 6-12-1881. Ellen sold the property 3-26-1881 to John Reed (perhaps same Reed as above). Ellen moved in with John O. and Ellen Susan Bostic and died at their home on Second Creek 10-16-1916.

One interesting note I recently discovered: In our Groves line the trait of a crooked little finger, on male and females, on either hand is prevalant. I contacted some other Groves researchers and to their surprise, after contacting family members, they too found this to be true. I would like any Groves researcher who may be reading this to contact me.

Groves:

MOTTO ---- Ny dessux ny dessoux

CREST ---- A talbot passant sable, collared argent

ARMS ---- Ermine, on a chevron emgrailed gules, three escallops, the center one or, the other two argent (ref #2)

(Possible father for Peter Brattan Groves. According to the 1810 census for Monroe County, WV. There was only one Groves on the books, a Jacob Groves, who had 2 sons under 10, 1 from 10-16, 1 from 16-26, 1 daughter under 10, 1 from 10-16 and 1 from 16-26.)

Peter Brattan Groves born: 2-28-1800? died: 6-12-1881 (Monroe County Book 1 Pg 47) married Ellen C. Taylor

3-22-1842 born: 6-29-1822 died: 10-16-1916 (Granny Groves, as she was known, died at the home of her of Grandson John O Bostic of a stroke.)

(According to the 1850, 60 and 70 census Peter B was born 1806 or 1807. The census's also states that he was a cabinet maker and apparently was one his entire life)

As for the Taylor family, the only information I have at this time is a copy of a permission slip for marriage signed by Ellens mother Elizabeth Taylor. And the 1850 census showing an Elizabeth Taylor with a son Caldwell 22 and a daughter Caroline M. 11 years of age, I show in the 1860 census that a Caroline Taylor age 22 was living with Peter and Ellen Groves.

#### Children of Peter and Ellen (Monroe County West Virginia)

1. Alexander Hamilton: born 12-27-1842 died 1-15-1916 married Sarah Bobbitt 7-23-1866 "farm laborer" Served in the Civil War in Chapman's Battery. Enlisted April 25, 1862 at Lewisburg. Present through the final roll. Deserted and took the oath April 10, 1865. 6'0" tall, grey eyes, fair hair. Buried at Oak Grove. He had a well known son, the Rev. Lewis P Groves, a minister of the Baptist Church at Alderson in 1916. [Picture of Rev. Lewis P Groves about 1916](#)

2. Elizabeth Margaret: born 6-4-1846 died 3-16-1904 married 8-15-1871

3. Lewis Francis: born 6-14-1848 died 10-12-1865 17 years of age

4. Elza Jane: born 2-13-1851 (tombstone has 1852) died 4-16-1917 married James Erwin Bostick 4-9-1872 buried Hollywood WV

(Mrs Elizabeth J Bostic an aged and most esteemed resident of the Irish Corner District, died at the home of her son-in-law. R. Lake Dooley at Riverside, Md., Sunday. April 15, 1917, at 8:15 o'clock a.m., from the effects of an attack of la grippe and pneumonia. Her age was about 65 years. Since the death of her husband Jas. E. Bostic, which occurred last year, Mrs Bostic had been making her home with her children, and had been at the home of her daughter at Riverside about four weeks prior to her demise. She was a daughter of Brattan and Nellie C Groves of Hollywood, both deceased. Surviving her are the following children: J.O. Bostic, Mrs A.L. Holesapple, Mrs R.L. Dooley, Mrs Clarence E. Boone, Elmer C Bostic; with the exception of Mrs Dooley, all the children reside in the Organ Cave community. Another son C.A. Bostic died in Indiana some time ago. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Stuart at Lebanon Church on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. The pall bearers acting at the last rites of Mrs Bostic were old schoolmates, namely, Sam'l Bruffey, John C Reid, John Bostic, George Reid, JW Lynch and Hudson Vanstavern) An obituary from another paper interesting enough has the last name spelled Bostick and there are other discrepencies. (Mrs Jennie Bostick, widow of the late James Bostick, died at Hagerstown Md where she was visiting one of her children on Monday last, April 16, 1917, aged 66 years. She was a Miss Groves before marriage and a sister of the late A.H. Groves and was born and reared in Monroe county. After her marriage her home for many years was near Organ Cave Greenbrier County. Her husband preceded her to the grave several years ago. Mrs Bostick was an excellent and amiable woman and a member of the Baptist church. She is survived by seven children, one of whom is Mrs. R.L. Dooley of Riverside Md and another is Mrs Clarence Boone of Organ Cave. Her remains were brought back to this county and laid to rest in the cemetery at Hollywood yesterday afternoon)

5. Mary Catherine: born 7-10-1853 died ? married 8-6-1873

6. Alesta Ann: born 4-20-1856 died 12-27-1860 4 years of age (Monroe Co death records show her dieing of dyphtheria are 4y 8 mo)

7. Martha Ellen: born 6-22-1860 died 10-10?-1865 5 years of age (Monroe death records show a daughter Ellen who died 8-10-1865 of flux aged 9 yr 4 mo)

(I recently received information from the death records in Union, Monroe Co. for a son "Peter Brattan Groves" who died 8-10-1865 age 11 y 2 m of flux, this son was not on the family record)

(The census of 1870 shows a Lizzie M. age 18 and a Jane E. age 12 not accounted for on earlier census's or family records)

Bostic(k)

The surnames Bostic, Bostick, Bostock, Bosticke, and Bostwick are all thought to be descended from one OSMER the Lord of Botestoch (Bostock). From Cheshire England.

OSMER born before 1066 wife unknown

children of OSMER

1. Hugh de Bostock born 1080 County of Cheshire wife unknown

children of Hugh

1. Richard de Bostock born 1100 County of Cheshire wife unknown

children of Richard

1. Roger de Bostock born 1130 wife unknown

children of Roger

1. Sir Gilbert de Bostock born 1150 wife unknown (Styled as a Knight) Coat of Arms: Circular seal of an eagle, head turned. Above the arms is written "Willms filio Gilbert, de Bostock remisit d'nop suo Warino de Vernon"

children of Sir Gilbert

1. William de Bostock born about 1175. Married Margaret, daughter of Warin de Vernon Baron of Shipbrook.

children of William and Margaret

1. Sir Warin born 1200 married Hawise (Countess of Lincoln, widow of Robert de Quincy)

children of Warin and Hawise

1. Sir Henry born about 1220 married Eleanor Poole

2. William

3. Margaret

The above information is where the Bostics originated, I do not know just where we fit in this line.

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*There seems to be a disagreement among Bostic(k) researchers concerning Moses Bostick born 1782 wife Abigail and Moses born 1800 wife Abigail. Some researchers have our line as follows:*

*Charles 1600-1625*

*William 1670 - 1675*

*John*

*Moses 1740-1760*

*John M 1778*

*to his son Moses 1800 married to Abigail to our James Erwin Bostic 1844*

*Others show our line as:*

*Charles 1600-1625*

*William 1670 - 1675*

*John*

Moses 1740-1760  
to his son Moses 1782 married to Abigail  
to our James Erwin Bostic 1844

*Thereby having our line stem from the brother (Moses 1782) of John M Bostic and not John M's son (Moses 1800).  
With only an 18 year difference between Uncle and Nephew, both marrying Abigails and both being buried in Gallia Co. Ohio, it is easy to see how the confusion came about.*

*I do not know for sure which Moses is "our" Moses, but I tend to believe that it is Moses 1800. I do this mainly because of the birth dates of James Erwin Bostic and his brothers and sisters. The eldest son Henry Alexander was born 1824, that would mean that Moses 1800 was 24 when he started his family, Moses 1784 would have been 42.*

*If anyone has definite proof of our lineage, I will be more than happy to change this document.*

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Our first ancestor to America was Charles Bostock.

Charles Bostock Born 1600-1625 in cheshire County, England. Arrived in America 1671 died 1-4-1701 married Mary, Kent Co. Va. Mary died 1709. Settled East of Present day Richmond Va. He arrived from England as an indentured servant. From the St Peters Parish Church dated 2-26-1689 it is listed that Charles Bostock had his lands processed. In the Blisland Parish, New Kent Co. Va, in 1682 he was ordered to be committed to the custody of the Sheriff of York County for "words greatly encourageing the present distractions, by cutting up Tobacco plants."

children of Charles and Mary

1. Charles wife Pheby (North Carolina)
2. William Bostick Born 1670-1675 died 1740 in New Kent County, Virginia. Wife unknown died 6-16-1740 Goochland Co. Va. (This is the first generation of this line with the spelling of Bostick)
3. Mary/May husband John

children of William

1. William Jr. about 1713 died 1792
- 2.. John Bostick born about 1710 wife Elizabeth Chesley lived Pittsylvania Co. Va.
3. Mary Frances married Ephram Frances
4. Charles married Betty Henrick

children of John and Elizabeth

1. Moses Bostick born 1740-60 Buckingham Co. Va. died 6-1799 in Monroe/Greenbrier Co Va. (His will was appraised 24 June 1799 by Samuel Clark, Mathew Patterson, John Handy) married Mary Fury born 1760 Greenbrier Co. Va. died 1835 Greenbrier/Monroe Co. Va. He enlisted in the Dunmore's War from Bedford Co. Va. He served in Capt. Joseph Haynes Company at the Battle of Point Pleasant in October 1774. Under General George Rogers Clark. This was a cavalry company. According to a payroll record from July 6 to August 1780, ordered into service by Col. Jn. Bowman. In 1774 According to Virginia Land Grants 21 pg. 631 Moses was granted 100 acres on Turkey Creek, a branch of Indian Creek, January 20, 1790. This land is also listed in Sim's Index to Land Grants in 1789, Bk 2, Pg 281.
2. William born 1738 died 1795

children of Moses and Mary

1. John M Bostick born 1778 died about 1830 married Elizabeth Bland 4-5-1797 They lived near Crimson Spring. born in Greenbrier/Monroe County, WV. Elizabeth was living with her Grandson Alexander Henry in 1850 according to the census of that year.
2. Ruth born about 1789 married Benjamin Lively 5-25-1803
3. Sarah born about 1780 married Alex Bland 1-10-1803
4. Thomas born 1781 died 1855 married Abby Bland 12-12-1809
5. Moses born 1782 died 6-5-1862 wife Abigail died 5-9-1874 both are buried Mudsock Cemetery.
6. Margaret born 1784
7. Mary born 1788 died 1825
8. Jonathan born 1790 died 1840 Blind and never married
9. Robert born 1792
10. Ellenor 1796 died 7-12-1860 married Robert Fury 3-27-1814

#### Children of John and Elizabeth

1. Archibald born about 1794 died 12-11-1870 married Sarah Pyne 7-6-1817
2. Moses Bostick born about 1800 In Monroe County married Abigail Thomas. Abigail was living with her son Alexander Henry in 1850 according to the census of that year. Moses and Abigail are buried in the Bethesda Cemetery, Walnut Township, Gallia County Ohio. There is some confusion among researchers because Moses uncle also married an Abigail. (see above).

#### Marriage Bond of Abigail and Moses 1817

3. William T. born about 1803 married Ann Shaver 4-6-1822
4. Ruth born about 1808 married Bayles Glover 11-30-1829
5. John David born 2-1-1806 died 11-9-1894 married Lettie Daughtery 2-23-1829
6. Thomas born abt 1808 married Margaret Parson 2-23-1829
7. Reuben born about 1811 married Polly Parker 1-23-1824

#### children of Moses and Abigail

(one source shows that "5" of Moses sons fought in the Civil War, Ohio Vols)

1. Henry Alexander born abt 1824 died 1864 Camp Narrows, Giles Co. Va. Was in Co. A 60th VA Inf. CSA known as "Wise's Legion". Died from disease after the harsh winter at Fredericksburg. Married Elizabeth Holmes 6-30-1852
2. William Lewis born about 1828 died 8-11-1890 married Mary Ann Broyles born 10-13-1836 died 11-22-1900 They lived in Peterstown.
3. Andrew Eldridge born 10-12-1829 died 11-23-1904 married Rebecca Ann Honaker 12-20-1860 In the "Monroe Guards" Co D 27th VA inf. CSA under General John Echols. Both buried at the Old Rehobeth Church Cemetery near Union.
4. Mary Elizabeth born 12-1832
5. Margaret Ann born 4-10-1841 died 2-8-1911 Married William Pritt. Both buried Old Rehobeth Church cemetery near Union.
6. James Erwin Bostick born Dec 20, 1844 died 8-31-1913 married Elza Jane Groves 4-9-1872 (as stated on marriage license) At the home of Peter B Groves by A. B. Beamer. During the Civil War James served in Chapmans Battery Light Artillery. Enlisted Sept. 2, 1863 at Lewisburg. detached to the Medical Dept. Paroled in Charleston June 12, 1865 6'0" tall, blue eyes, light hair.

#### Civil War Marker of James E Bostick

#### James E's Pledge to US

#### James and Elizabeth's tombstone

James Erwin Bostick enlisted at the tender age of 19 into the Confederate Army 9-2-1863 in Lewisburg into Chapman's Battery. The Battery came into being April 25, 1862 under the command of George Beirne Chapman the 21-year-old son of General Augustus A Chapman.

On September 12, 1863 1st Lieutenant Chapman, 10 days after James enlisted, requested additional clothing and material for the Battery. No doubt, in anticipation of the expected battles to come.

One November 5, 1863 the Battery moved with General Echols to Droop Mountain. There they engaged Averell's Federal troops. The Federals advanced and Chapman's Battery was forced to retreat to Frankford. The Federals moved away to the north and Chapman moved back to his camp and Lewisburg.

Averell again advanced on the Confederates and Chapman's Battery was placed on the summit of Sweet Spring Mountain to await the Federals. Averell found out that the Battery was waiting to attack and Averell took the backroads, crossed the Jackson River burning the bridge behind him. Captain Chapman was unaware of this until he was the smoke from the burning bridge.

The Battery then took up winter quarters at Second Creek near Curry's Mill for 4 months.

One May 6, 1864 the Battery marched on foot 2 days, covering 50 miles to Jackson River Depot. From there in 6 days they marched 116 miles to Staunton. Here they were met by General Breckenridge. The next day, May 13th, General Breckenridge and his 5300 men including Chapman's Battery moved towards New Market to engage 9000 Federal troops.

By 11:00 2 days later Chapman's Battery was positioned on the left flank of the Confederate Army, poised on Shirley's Hill and ready for battle.

The Federal pulled back, Chapman advanced at every available opportunity, delivering fire and then again advancing on the enemy. Soon the Battery was at the front of the Southern assault.

By 2:00 they were fighting at Bushong Farm. The Federals launched a massive attack and the Confederates advance began to falter. Although visibility was difficult, Chapman's Battery delivered a discharge that seriously disturbed the Union Cavalry. Thereby stabilizing the Confederate line. The Union troops retreated as Chapman fired on the column. They returned fire, but soon realized they could not make a stand and fled in full retreat.

This is only a small part of our James Erwin's activity in the civil war and that of his gallant Battery. In all the Battery was engaged in 8 battles in West Va. under General's Heth, Loring, and Echols. One in the Valley of Virginia under General Breckenridge, 3 fights around Richmond in June 1863; battle at Lynchburg and 13 battles in the Valley under General Early.

In 1903, A. S. Johnson wrote in his newspaper the Monroe Watchman, of the brave men who served to the end, as did our James.

"Many were without even a shelter they could call their own. But the women and little ones whose love had sustained them in every danger and adversity beckoned them again to the place they had once called home. And so the war-worn soldier returned to his war-wasted fields to take up the strange, sad burdens of a life anew, under ominous and untried conditions."

You can read about the additional activity's of the Battery in J. L Scott's book, "Lowry's, Bryan's and Chapman's Batteries of Virginia Artillery."

One interesting sidenote concerning our James Erwin Bostick is that he fought in the Battery along side of Alexander Henry Groves who was to become his brother-in-law 9 years later. I believe that this is how James came to know the Groves and eventually marry Elza Jane Groves who at the time he fought in the Civil War was only 12 years old.

Note: On August 29, 1863, 4 days before James enlisted in the Confederate Army, this article appeared in the Richmond *Enquirer*. This gives us an idea of what was happening in James' backyard at the time of his enlistment:

"A FIGHT IN GREENBRIER COUNTY - ALLEGED DEFEAT OF GEN. AVERILL"

The following official dispatch was received in this city yesterday morning:  
White Sulpher Springs, Aug 27, via Dublin, Aug 28.

To General S. Cooper:

We met the enemy yesterday morning about a mile and a half from this place, on the road leading to the Warm Springs. We fought from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. Every attack made by the enemy was repulsed. At night each side occupied the same position they had in the morning. This morning the enemy made two other attacks, which were handsomely repulsed, when he abandoned his position and retreated toward Warm Springs, pursued by cavalry and artillery. The troops engaged were the First brigade of this army, Col. George S. Patton, commanding. The enemy were about three thousand strong, with six pieces of artillery, under Brig. Gen. Averill. Our loss is about two hundred killed and wounded. The enemy's loss is not known. We have taken about one hundred and fifty prisoners and a piece of artillery. (signed) Sam'l Jones Maj. Gen (Official) John Withers, Lt. Col and A. and I. G.

picture of Civil War bullets

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(Mr. James E. Bostic died at his home near Organ Cave, Greenbrier County on Sunday afternoon last, August 31, 1913 about 2 o'clock. His age was 69 years. Mr. Bostic was originally from Monroe County. He was a brave Confederate Soldier, serving in Chapman's Battery. A kind hearted and neighborly man and a loss to his old friends. Mr. Bostic is survived by his wife who before her marriage was Miss Virginia Groves, a daughter of the late Bratten Groves. He leaves also six children, among them Mr. Otey Bostic and Mrs. R. L. Dooley. His remains were brought back to his native county and interred in the Hollywood Cemetery last Monday afternoon at 3:30 O'clock. Rev. R. W. Beckley conducting the funeral services. A large throng was present. The body of this Veteran Soldier was borne to its last resting place by eight of his old comrades. Messers. G. C. Shires, E. A. Daugherty, Wm. C. Shaffer, J. H. Pension, J. M. Williams and Jas. A. Tomlinson. THE MONROE WATCHMAN September 4, 1913 Vol. 42 No. 31)

Children of Elza Jane and James Erwin (The name at this time was Bostic having dropped the k)

1. John Otey Bostic: born 3-6-1873 according to his birth (Monroe County book 1 pg 99) , death (Kanawha County Book 7 Page 84) and obituary. But according to family members his birthday was March 8th. married Ella Susan Lane 11-29-1899 born 5-20-1883 (Summers Co Birth Register "A" Pg 128) died 10-29-49 (Kanawha Co Disct 200 serial No 487) "Watchman for Fletchers Enamel Co" died 5-29-1955 buried Grandview Memorial Park Dunbar WV born: Hollywood, Monroe Co. WV

Homestead of John and Ella Bostic, Second Creek, WV

Photo, John O and Family

Photo John and Ella early 1940's

(John Otey Bostic, 82, a native of the Greenbrier-Monroe border section, died Sunday, May 29, 1955, at his home at 1223 Ohio Ave., Dunbar after an extended illness. Mr Bostic left Greenbrier over 30 years ago and became a valued employee of the Fletcher Enamel Co. at Dunbar for 32 years. Rather than accept retirement until recently, he continued with that company as a night watchman. His wife preceded him in death several years ago. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs O. Gay Casto of Tyler Mountain, Mrs J. N. Goad and Mrs Alice Gordon, both of West Dunbar; a son; James W Bostic of West Dunbar; three sisters, Mrs A. L. Holesapple and Mrs Clarence A. Boone of Alexandria Va., and Mrs Stella Dooley of Washington, D.C.; a brother E. C. Bostic of Point Pleasant; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Keller funeral chapel, with the Rev. J. Ross Tyler and the Rev. Richard J Ross officiating, burial following Grandview Memorial Park by the side of his wife.)

(John O Bostic- Retired watchman for Fletchers Enamel Co. of Dunbar, died at home 1223 Ohio Avenue after a long illness. Surviving - Mrs O Gay Casto of Tyler Mountain, Mrs J. N. Goad and Alice Gordon of Dunbar, son James



Bostic of West Dunbar; 3 sisters Mrs A. L. Holesapple and Mrs C. A. Boone of Alexandria Va. and Mrs Stella Dooley of Washington D.C. Brother E. C. Bostic of Point Pleasant. Burial - Grandview Memorial Park. Died May 29, 1955 Birthplace Hollywood, Monroe Co. W.Va. March 6, 1873 Age 82 yrs 2 months 23 days. Date entered into rest May 29, 1955. Relatives attending funeral - Mrs A. L. Holesapple, Mrs L. H. Boone, Mrs Stella Dooley, Mrs Sterling Gardner, John Goad, Dickie Goad, Mr & Mrs James C Gardner. Mr & Mrs E. C. Bostic and family, Mr & Mrs Arthur Lambert and Karen Sue, Mrs Arbydene Graham, Cheryl Casto, Linda Casto, Mr & Mrs R. E. Boone, W. H. Bull, Mrs Broker, Ray Burdette, Bob Casto. Father James Erwin Bostic- Monroe Co. W.Va., Mother: Elza Jane Groves - Monroe Co. W.Va., Daughters: Alice B Gordon, Julia B Goad, Minnie P Casto, Son: James M Bostic)

(Mrs Ellen Susan Bostic 66, wife of O. J. Bostic, died after a long illness Saturday morning, October 29, 1949 at her home at 2005 Fairlawn avenue, Dunbar. She had been a resident of Dunbar 29 years since the family moving from the Organ Cave community of Greenbrier County, and was a member of The Church of God. She was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs D. M lane of Hart's Run, near Caldwell. Surviving besides her husband are a son, James M Bostic of Dunbar, three daughters Mrs E. B Gordan, and Mrs J. M Goad, both of Dunbar and Mrs Gay Casto of Tyler Mountain, also a sister, Mrs J. N. Alderson of Ronceverte, and a brother C. C. Lane of Hinton. Her funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Dunbar Church of God with Rev J. Ross Taylor officating. Burial followed in Grandview Memorial Park)

(Ellen Susan died Saturday Oct 29, 1949 At home 2005 Fairlawn Ave. Dunbar, lived in Dunbar 29 years moved from Organ Cave Community of Greenbrier County. Member Church of God. Parents Mr & Mrs D. M. Lane of Harts Run area Caldwell. Children Daughters: Alice B Gordon, Julia B Goad, Minnie P Casto, Son: James M Bostic Sister: Mrs J. N. Alderson of Rocheverta. Brothers: C. C. Lane of Hinton. Buried at Grandview Memorial Park died 66 years 5 months 2 days. Born Summers Co. May 27, 1883.)

2. Ellen Elonada born 1-27-1876
3. Lelia Ann Basse: born 3-3-1882 Died at 89 years of age, married A.L. Holesapple
3. Stella C: born 11-1884 married R. Lake Dooley
4. Bessie E.: born 10-28-1890 married C.E. Boone
5. Elmer Chalmers Bostic: born 7-27-1893 died in a Greenbrier County Nursing Home married Ethel Ellen Purkey, Leana Carslile and a Mrs Rader.
6. Clark A. born 7-1878 died in Indiana Buried at Oak Grove. Married Annie Groves (1st Cousin)

Children of John O and Ella Susan

1. Nellie M: born 9-20-1900 died 1927 married William F. Kidd
  2. Leslia Alice: born 2-27-1902 married E. B. Gordan and Ernest E Juillerat
  3. James McDowell: born 3-8-1904
  4. Julia Jane: born 7-25-1906 married Jack M. Goad
  5. Minnie Pauline: born 2-22-1908 died 6-21-1999 married Okey Gay Casto
- Photo of Minnie Casto 90th Birthday

(Minnie Pauline Casto, 91, of Cross Lanes died June 21, 1999, in St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, after a short illness. She was a homemaker and a member of Community Chapel Church. Surviving: son, Robert L. Casto of Red House; daughters, Betty Lou McCormick of Mesa, Ariz., Arbydene Jones of Bullhead, Ariz., Cheryl Ann Powers of Taylorsville, N.C., Linda Vance of Lenoir, N.C.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren. Service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Tyler Mountain Funeral Home, Cross Lanes. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Charleston Daily Mail, June 23, 1999)

Children of Minnie Pauline and Okey Gay Casto (see under Casto Lineage)

There is a town by the name of Bostic with a population of 371 people and 151 families in North Carolina . It is positioned 35.36 degrees north and 81.83 degrees west of the prime meridian.

I would like to make note here that my Grandmother Minnie (Bostic) Casto told me that her Grandfather always said that the family came from Germany. Candy Parent, a Bostic researcher recently submitted this information to the Bostic Newsletter:

"This is taken from a surname paper brought back to the States by my great uncle when he came back from Germany (during military service). The words in all caps are that way on the document. It has been translated from German.

In the International Coat of Arms Register, Volume "RIETSTAP I" the following is listed under the name BOSTIC:

Old Polish family, dating back to the 14th century, stemming from the city of Lemberg (LVOV). The Polish Municipal Register shows first recording around 1862, when Royal Guard & Stable Master JOSEPH GREGOR BOSTIC signed his wedding & moved to the area of city Posen (POZAN). In the following years Soldier & Stable Master J.G. BOSTIC excelled in an unselfish & patriotic manner & was rewarded by the Polish Royal Government with the medal of the "Golden Helbrads" & the large COAT of ARMS on parchment. In the years of the Freedom & Religious Wars with the Russian Occupation Troops, patriot J.G. BOSTIC was commended for his numerous successes as Leader & Commander of a Cavalry Regiment. Decendents of this family emigrated to Northern Germany, Austria, Hungary, Holland & in the 19th Century to England & from there to America.