



# Casto Connections

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## Three Years of Casto Connections!

I was discussing genealogy with a neighbor the other night and the thought came to my mind, "What is it about the Castos that captured my interest so completely that I would spend so much time and effort to research them, almost to the exclusion of all other lines?". I'm not sure of the answer but I think it lies not only in the desire to solve the "unknown origins" question, but also in the sense of accomplishment that I feel each time I publish another issue. There is also a sense of connection to other Casto researchers, people like myself who are curious about their family's history and who their ancestors were.

It also came to mind that genealogy is like a celebration of family, not only those who came before us but those we have now and those who will come after us as well. In the pursuit of my hobby I have contacted many relatives, some I never even knew before, and formed many wonderful, lasting relationships. I am instilling in my children, who are the future, a love of family, a desire for knowledge, and I think, a better understanding of where we come from and the precious nature of life, which has a beginning, middle, and ending. My children wish they had known their grandparents, three of which died before they were born. They enjoy opportunities to visit with their grandfather, cousins, aunts and uncles.

They know about their ancestors and are helping me to honor them and keep their memories alive. My daughter and I have discussed the importance of remembering those that had no children, for they would definitely be forgotten. I enjoy the communication I have with other researchers of the Castos, knowing that they, too, are family, although usually quite distant. I recently answered a e-mail, asking if I knew their Casto line. Yes, it had been written and I sent back the information. It turned out it was for an elderly man, unable to do research now but curious about his history. It pleased him very much to read what I had sent. It was gratifying to me that I could do something so simple to make another person happy. And so it continues.

About half of the almost 70 subscribers we now have were not signed up that first year. Most of those who did subscribe after reading the first issue are still subscribers, a fact I'm proud of. I wanted to review and see what progress, if any, has been made in tracing our ancestry in three years. I also wanted to explore what avenues of research still need to be taken. There are still so many puzzles of the past to be solved and I'm hoping that together will can do just that.

Until Next Time!

*Danita*



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## Past Issues Revisited!

My original plans were to devote an entire issue to reviewing the past 12 issues of Casto Connections, filled with wonderful comments about how it has helped Casto researchers, what puzzles we'd been able to solve by working together, and what queries had or hadn't been answered. Well, the truth is that once I started working on it, it sounded too much like patting myself on the back and repeating "It was a popular issue and research is continuing in that area". Don't get me wrong, after almost every issue I receive letters and e-mails telling me what a great issue it was and how well put together and researched. But, for the most part, you've all read the past issues and know what we've done. So instead, I'm doing a different kind of article.

## Casto Connections—Past, Present, and Future Research!

In the past three years, we've written about many topics related to our common interest, Casto genealogy. Our first issue (July, 1997) contained an article on one theory that David and William Casto were the sons of William Caustalo and Elizabeth Abbott of Salem Co., NJ. There is some documentation (land transactions being the most noted) to support this theory but we'd all like to have a little more to go on. A lot of Casto researchers still believe that an Azariah Casto came to America from Wales in 1696, perhaps as a small boy dropped off by pirates, Captain Kidd being a popular candidate. We addressed that in Issue 7 (Jan., 1999) in an article written by Lori and Shawn Godfrey. Lori and Shawn researched the life of Captain Kidd and compared the timeframe of his life and when this incident with two little boys could have occurred. It is theoretically possible but no evidence at all exists to support it. An Azariah Casto did exist and lived in Deerfield, Cumberland Co., New Jersey, but he wasn't born until 1750, the son of William and Purthenia (Purple) Casto. The existence of William's bible helps clarify that family's early members, as was shown in Issue 2 (October, 1997). The origins of the West Virginia line of Castos isn't quite as easy to figure out. In the 1983 publication, *Casto Cousins*, by Eileen Vickers, she tells a tale with a lot of flourish of how David and Phoebe Gandy traveled from New Jersey to Virginia after their marriage in 1752, one of the few facts that has been documented with real evidence. The birth and death dates for David (and Phoebe) have never been truly established, leading to some confusion. Several researchers are currently working on the theory that David had three wives (I'll go into this in more detail later). The exact number of children cannot be determined until the question of who and when David's wives were. There was a Rhoda Casto (b. abt. 1730), not of William 1717's line, who married a Daniel Biggs. There was a Martha Casto (born 1735/1736) who married Jonathan Harris. Were these David's daughters or his sisters? A Catherine Casto married Philip Mulford in Cumberland Co., NJ in January, 1826. She has not been identified in either branch of the Casto family.

A lot of the time clues to which family can be determined by the location where a person's records were found. I touched on that topic in Issue No. 5 (July, 1998). As illustrated above, since David Casto went to later-day West Virginia, most of his descendents were located there, at

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least for a time. The descendents of William, on the other hand, did not go to West Virginia but were found in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, and several other states leading west. But you cannot assume just because a Casto is found next to other Castos that they belong to the same family. Recent research that I've done is showing several instances of William's descendents and David's descendents settling or moving through the same states at the same time. Issue 12 (April, 2000) had just begun to scratch the surface of this occurrence.

Another popular topic which appeared in Casto Connections was Castos that fought in the Civil War (January, 1998). One of our subscribers, Debi Sanders, has really added to what I had published then and has an impressive list on her web page: <http://gotyacovered.webjump.com/CivilWar.html>. In that same issue I mentioned a story of a ghost haunting the old home of David and Lucy (Dorr) Casto. I never heard anything more about that but it's still fascinating to think about.

Of all of the issues we have done, the most popular have been those detailing the ancestry of our subscribers (Issue 4, April 1998; Issue 8, April 1999; Issue 12, April 2000). From those three issues we had lineages for 39 Casto descendents. This is not including the lines I printed in Issue 11 (January, 2000) which included several that were from people that do not subscribe to the newsletter but are frequent visitors to our Casto Connections web page. Those type of issues are really the heart of Casto Connections—publishing people's lines so that others with the same ancestors can get in touch and make a connection. I'd like to say that next April there will be more of the same but I don't think I'll be able to gather up enough new lines to print. Some people like to just read about their Casto ancestors without having to submit anything and I can respect that. Also, several of our subscribers are parents, siblings, aunts or uncles of other subscribers and their lines have already been published. I was surprised to see "gift subscriptions" of the newsletter given to relatives as birthday or Christmas presents. Each July I get to wish Elsy Fenton a Happy Birthday from her niece, Doris Reid. It later turned out that my aunt and Doris' aunt were friends "way back" and were able to get in touch with each other again and are related, too! I couldn't have done it any better had I tried!

Another important contribution to Casto research has been the vital statistics supplied by our friend, Dru Falk. I dare say these vitals were more "vital" than any article I have written because they provide names and dates from primary sources that I didn't have access to. Many times I've been told that a certain name or date that was printed was just the piece needed to solve that puzzle. I know Dru and I were very happy to provide that kind of help to other researchers. We printed Casto birth records from 1853-1858, marriages 1831-1849, deaths 1853-1860 (Issue 1); births 1859 and marriages 1850-part 1854 (Issue 2); births 1860-1861 and deaths 1876-1883 (Issue 3); marriages 1854-1858 and deaths 1860-1875 (Issue 5); and cause of deaths 1854-1924 (Issue 10). Dru also provided me with the census material that I have printed and used both in the newsletter and on the web page. We all thank you for your efforts and generous contributions, Dru!

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I recently decided to make some very minor changes in a couple of formatting issues for the newsletters which I hope will help everyone else as much as it will me. The first change is that instead of calling this Volume 4, Issue 1, it is just Issue 13. I have a very large binder with all the past issues in sheet protectors and tabs that helps me save at least one issue for myself. I numbered the tabs in numeric order, along with month and year and have found I refer to them by that method instead of Volume and Issue No. because that requires too much thought! I hope this doesn't confuse anyone too much. The second minor change was that I started putting the month at the top of each page. While putting together my index of all names ever printed in Casto Connections, I pulled some of the pages out of my book and then put them back in the wrong place—every issue had a page five and six! Oops! Since the point of the index was to state where those pages came from, it's not a good thing to have them misfiled! Hopefully, I caught this error in time! *[Late item: The index is now completed but is too large to be printed in the newsletter (23 pages—2911 names). If anyone is interested in having a copy, please contact me].*

Before I touch on the present and future aspects of Casto research, I want to point out which issues I felt were not as well done as they could have been. My biggest disappointment was Issue 6 (October, 1998), the one with all the photos. My copy of that issue is so beautiful but when I got the ones back from the printers, they did not turn out nearly as well. Now, whenever I get requests for back issues, I print that one on my new photo quality printer so that they all look as good as the original. Another disappointment was the issues on genetic genealogy (Issues 9 & 10, July, Oct., 1999). I didn't feel they contained enough material beneficial to real genealogy research. The topic is still interesting, though, and I've seen it done much better in some major genealogy magazines.

So, what is currently going on in Casto research? Actually, I'm quite excited about things right now. I have received several inquiries lately concerning Castos living in states I had not researched in before. Even though Ohio is right across the river from West Virginia, I had not looked in depth at the Castos who had moved there. There are several aspects of this type of research that I find intriguing, one being that Castos from New Jersey were living in Ohio for a time, as were Castos from West Virginia. Did they know each other, live near each other? It is too early in my research to show a connection yet but I'm still looking into it. I've also tapped into The Ohio Historical Society's Death Certificate Index on-line, which gives information so you can order death certificates from the State of Ohio. I pulled up over 150 Castos which I will publish in a later issue. Then there are the Castos of Kansas. I've been looking into the family of Oley Leroy Casto, born in 1915 in Eureka, Kansas. Thinking this would be an easy thing to find, I set out to look into this family. At last count I had 132 Castos identified living in Kansas from 1880-1920. Oley was the son of Charles Walter Casto and Carrie Christine Agard. I am finding so much material on the Castos in that part of the country that I'm sure you'll be soon seeing an article on all that I've turned up. Other states I'm currently researching include Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Iowa. By tracking down these "wandering" Castos, we're putting together another piece of the puzzle.

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As I mentioned earlier in this article, there is a current theory being worked on that David Casto had two other wives besides Phoebe Gandy. This isn't exactly a new theory—it was being worked by David Leroy Casto some years ago— but it is being looked into by other researchers again now. The current thought is that David had a wife before he married Phoebe and another one after Phoebe. This, of course, contradicts the theory I've heard some researchers have that David and Phoebe died in Berkley Co. around the same time in 1770. Ina Tuft has several letters from Dave on this topic and it makes for fascinating reading. Also, there are several sources listed which lead credence to this theory. I am looking into getting some of these sources so I can make copies and publish an article just on this research, which leads into the topic of future Casto research.

Topics I am planning to write articles on include not only the items I just mentioned above but some others also. Were you aware that a project is underway to reconstruct the 1890 census? While this is not directly related to Castos, such a project would definitely impact our research into this family. I'd also like to publish in the October, 2000 issue a report on how the Casto Reunion went that is being held in August (see page 10). And I have recently been sent material on Captain Mark Casto, the first citizen to be awarded a Gold Carnegie Medal of Honor from the Carnegie Foundation back in 1905. So, as you can see, there is plenty of material to keep the newsletter in publication for some time to come. Of course, I always like hearing from our subscribers with ideas for articles, too. Please don't hesitate to send them along. Oh, yes, and the article tentatively titled, "Whatever Happened to All Those Casto Women Who Changed Their Names After They Were Married?".

### **And What About Those Queries?**

Well, I have tried to track down some people who have placed queries with us in the past to see how things ever turned out. That wasn't as easy as I had hoped. A lot more of my correspondence is done by e-mails than when we first started. And a lot of the queries have come as a result of people seeing my web page. However, it is a frustratingly common practice now to change e-mail addresses for a number of reasons I won't even bother with here. Hence, I was not very successful in finding out if people's research has really benefited from the queries place in our small, humble newsletter. One answer I did receive, however, was regarding the query by Karen Shaffer who lived next door to an elderly gentleman who she thought was George Casto who had been murdered in the early 1960's. The intriguing part of this story was that this gentleman didn't speak very good English, which I found very odd. Karen responded to my e-mail and told me that the man in question turned out to be NOT a Casto at all. We're all sorry such a sad incident happened to anyone, even if he wasn't a Casto.

Ina Tuft responded to several of the earlier queries and I published her replies back in June, 1999. I'm sure that was a big help. If anyone would like to share a "success" story with us, we'd be glad to hear it!

## CONFLICTING DATABASES—WHAT'S A GIRL TO DO???

What do you do when two very knowledgeable, respected researchers (named “Bert” and “Ernie” to protect the innocent and keep a certain publisher out of hot water!) give you conflicting information, each documented with sources? Well, you look at what each has and you go back through and see if you can find how the mix-up occurred. Well, this happened to me recently and I wanted to share with you what I discovered.

I was “beefing up” my own database, entering families from the book, *Summary of the Casto Family* by Richard Provance. I got as far as page four before I ran into a major problem. He listed the family of George W. Casto, son of John and Catherine (Westfall) Casto. George married Nancy Elmira Slaughter, 10 April 1864. This was how he had their children (here's where it gets good—pay attention):

Martha C. Casto, born 1865

Jasper Perry Casto, born c1870, d. 1943, married Margaret Chancey

**Lavina J. Casto, b. c1873, d. 1966, married John L. Casto**

Francis Marion Casto, b. c1876, d. 1957, married Gertrude Chancey

**William Casto, b. 1876, married Martha Catherine Casto.** She was born c1868 and died 1921. She had previously married George W. Phillips 4 January 1885, Roane Co., WV.

Delia Casto married \_\_\_\_\_ Ferrell

Since Mr. Provance didn't mention the parents of John that married Lavina, I checked to make sure he was in my database. This is how duplications occur because he could be entered as two individuals, one the husband of Lavina and the other the son of David and Anne (Tolley) Casto. I did the same to William who married Martha Casto and ran into a problem. At this point my database had 3362 individuals, and 13 Martha Castos. So I looked to see if a Martha Casto was born around 1868 or had married a Phillips. Well, none of mine matched perfectly, which is why I was adding more to my database in the first place. I decided to look at some other databases people have sent me. I looked at “Bert's” database first. He had the same information, William marrying Martha Casto, her parents unknown. Since I really wanted to find her parents I looked at “Ernie's” database. He had the Martha Casto that married George Phillips as the daughter of George and Nancy (Slaughter) Casto, William's sister! Well, I knew he didn't marry his sister—or I hoped not! I looked at “Bert's” database to see who he had as Sister Martha's husband. George Phillips! I went back to “Ernie's” database to see who William had married—Mary Merilda Westfall. Remember, each person I've looked at so far has sources documenting where it came from. Knowing I was in it deep now, I looked at “Bert's” database to see who married Mary Merilda Westfall—William Casto, son of David and Mary J. (Staats) Casto. “Ernie” has this William married to Hetty Chancey. “Bert” had Hetty Chancey married to (blank) Casto, with little Casto children. Well, I pulled out the Jackson Co. Marriages book to see who Hetty married—William Casto! STOP ALREADY! Boy, was I confused? Are you confused, too? So, now I have to start back at the beginning and try and trace each family. Since I am no more infallible than anyone else, please look carefully to see where I could also be making an error. Or if you know these families well, perhaps you'll give us a holler (or holler at us!) to compare notes.

**Fact: Washington Casto married Caroline Casto, Dec. 1858**

Source: Jackson Co. Marriages by Wes Cochran, page 35 (ages 20, 16 respectively, lists parents)

**Fact: A.E. Slaughter married William H. Litten Feb. 15, 1857**

Source: Jackson Co. Marriages by Wes Cochran, page 31 (ages 18, 22 respectively, lists parents)

**Fact: 1860 Jackson Co. Census:**

George Casto	22
Caroline	18
Ernestine	3/12
Wm. Litton	27
Nancy	21
Silas	2
Abraham P.	10/12

**Fact: George W. Casto married Nancy Elmira Slaughter Litton, April 10, 1864**

Source: Jackson Co. Marriages by Wes Cochran, page 53 (both listed as widowers and both age 24, list parents)

**Fact: 1870 Jackson Co. Census:**

George Casto,	32
Nancy	31
Senith C.	5
Martha C.	4
Jasper P.	4/12
Silas D. Litton	12
Abraham Litton	10
Sarah A. Litton	8
Telitha L. Tolley	25 (domestic servant)

*This is how Danita thinks this family should go...*

**Fact: 1880 Jackson Co. Census:**

George W. Casto	43			
Nancy E.	42			
Senith A.	15	(b. abt. 1865)	m. Joshua Ferrell	3/16/84 (she was 18, 22) p. 156
Martha C.	13	(b. abt. 1866)	m. George W. Philips	1/4/85 (she 17, 24) p. 160
Jasper P.	10	(b. abt. 1870)	m. Margaret Chancey	11/26/92 (he 22, 16) p. 206
Livina J.	7	(b. abt. 1873)	m. John L. Casto	10/13/89 (she 16, 24) p. 186
Francis M.	4	(b. abt. 1876)	m. Gertrude Chancey	4/8/1905 (he 29, 25) R. Provance
William M.	11/12	(b. abt. 1879)	m. Hetty Chancey	3/5/99 (he 20, 19) p. 251

After looking at all the marriage records I could find, I could not find a marriage between a William Casto and a Martha Casto or a Martha Philips anywhere. What I believe happened is that it was mistakenly published in *Casto Cousins* by Eileen Vickers and that it was copied by Richard Provance and my buddy, Bert. I believe that this William, son of George & Nancy, married Hetty Chancey. This is based on two things: one, if William was 11/12 in 1880, that means he was born in 1879. In 1899, he would be 20, as was the William who married Hetty. The William that married Mary Westfall was 21 in 1897, meaning born in 1876. Two, on the 1900 census, the William that married Mary Merilda Westfall listed his birth as April, 1876. The William married to Hetty listed his birth as June, 1879. Not that it means that much, but it was also useful to note that William & Hetty Casto lived in the Washington District of Jackson Co., as did George and Nancy Casto, while William and Mary Casto lived in Ripley. This William I believe to be the son of David and Mary Jane (Staats) Casto, who were also the parents of the John Casto that married Lavina.

### The Many Marriages of William Casto or the Marriages of Many William Castos

1. William Casto .....	Ann Deweese.....	12/28/1841 .....	page 6
2. William M. Casto, age 26 .....	Jane Davis, age 18 .....	7/13/1854 .....	page 21
son of James & Sydney; dau. Of James & Catherine			
3. William A. Casto, age 17 .....	Artamisha Rhodes, age 16 .....	12/3/1874 .....	page 109
4. William H. Casto, age 20 .....	Flora L. Powers, age 21 .....	9/4/1881 .....	page 140
5. William L. Casto, age 23 .....	Jennie C. Board, age 22 .....	11/8/1883 .....	page 154
6. William Perry Casto, age 21 .....	Nancy Elizabeth Casto, age 18.....	1/3/1884 .....	page 155
7. William H. Casto, age 22 .....	Julia A. Heck, age 16.....	11/15/1885.....	page 164
8. William Nathan Casto, age 24 .....	Dora Belle Hill, age 17 .....	10/1/1896.....	page 234
9. William Monroe Casto, age 21 .....	Mary Matilda Westfall, age 16.....	7/4/1897 .....	page 239
10. William Monroe Casto, age 34.....	Cora Winters, age 21 .....	5/28/1898 .....	page 245
11. William M. Casto, age 20 .....	Hetty Chancey, age 19 .....	3/5/1899.....	page 251
12. William C. Casto, age 22 .....	Verna Casto, age 19 .....	10/7/1900 .....	page 262
13. William I. Casto, age 22 .....	Ruie Knightstep, 21.....	5/17/1905 .....	page M-29
14. William L. Casto, age 23 .....	Mary Ella King, 17.....	10/28/1906.....	page M-29
15. William E. Casto, age 20.....	Arthelia J. Anderson, 19.....	8/13/1908 .....	page M-29
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17. William C. Casto, b. c. 1889.....	Hazel Caplinger, b. c. 1890.....	11/3/1913 (Roane Co.) .....	page M-33
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3. Martha J. Casto, age 18.....	Richard Ankrum, age 33 .....	3/12/1868 .....	Page 76
dau. of George R. & Susannah; son of William C. & Ruth			
4. Martha Casto, 17 .....	Van Shamblin, 19.....	9/16/1869.....	Page 84
dau. of Elias & Elizabeth; son of George & Barbara			
5. Martha Jane Casto, age 21.....	Asbury Hold Pringle, age 25 .....	8/30/1883 .....	Page 152
6. Martha Catherine Casto, age 17 .....	George W. Philips, age 24 .....	1/4/1885 .....	Page 160
7. Martha Ellen Casto, age 15 .....	G.W. Houtchen, age 22 .....	9/12/1885.....	Page 163
8. Martha Ann Casto, age 18 .....	David C. Comer, age 35 .....	3/15/1898 .....	Page 245
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Sources: Jackson County, WV Marriages 1831-1900 by Wes Cochran  
The Summary of the Casto Family by Richard Provance (pages starting with M)



## *Quips and Queries*

We are looking for Sylvia D. Casto who married Marion Alexander. Sylvia was born 3/28/1920 and died in March, 1986. They were from Leon, Mason County, West Virginia. Any help would be much appreciated!

Harley & Sylvia  
hgypsydee@excite.com

My Father and Grandfather were diagnosed with **Huntington's Chorea**. This was kept secret by the family until I uncovered this several years ago. I have consulted Duke University Re: genetic counseling. I have so far only been able to identify my father William Nolan Casto and my grandfather Charles Casto as having the disease. They were from Osawatamie, Kansas. There were four children in my Dad's family, my father, his brother Roman, sister Patty and sister Blessing. Has this disease showed up anywhere else? Thanks.

Kim McCaskill  
zbob@bellsouth.net

I am Melvin L. Casto, the Grandson of Joseph Ezra Casto and Eliza Jane Nida Casto, my Father is Orell Lloyd Casto. Wanda Vicari is a cousin, her Grandfather Leander C. and my Grandfather Joseph E. were brothers. Much of the West Virginia Casto history in our family was lost over the years. This was primarily due to the fact that my Grandfather and Grandmother moved to Washington County, AK in the early 1900,s and remained there until 1924 when they moved to Philo, Muskingum County, OH which is where I was born. My father and three of his brothers were born in AK. Then in 1960 my parents moved to Jackson County, WV, first living in Ravenswood and then in Ripley. After my retirement from the U. S. Navy in 1974 I returned to Jackson County and lived there until 1980 and then moved to Florida where I now reside. While residing in Jackson County, WV, people would ask me who my ancestors were in the Casto family, I could not give them any information beyond my grandfather. So that is when I started researching our family. Most information at that time coming from county and state records.

Wanda Vicari had sent me the e-mail you forwarded to her regarding the family of David Casto, and Melissa Green, I will try and give you some information that is not shown:

Joseph E. Casto died January 5 1959 in Athens, WV, buried in Duncan Falls Cem. Duncan Falls, OH. He was married to Eliza Jane Nida, b. June 14, 1878 in Walton, Roane County, WV, most records have the name Niday or Miday which is incorrect, although the Nida and Niday names are of the same family, they descended from Johann David von Nida . She is buried at the same location as Joseph.

There children were:

1. Gladys Casto B: 1900 M: August Hultgren D: 1959 buried at Duncan Falls Cem. Duncan Falls, OH
2. Ruby Casto B: About 1902 D: About 1903 Buried at Ivydale, Clay County, WV
3. Ostra Casto B. About 1904 M: Tid Wilhite D: 1992 buried in Zanesville, OH
4. Orville Casto B: About 1906 D: About 1907 buried in Washington County AK
5. Leander Lewis Casto B: 1908 M: Dorothy Irene Newton D. 1998
6. Orell Lloyd Casto B. May 16. 1914 M: Marjorie Madeline Tinkham, D: June 16, 1974 Buried at Duncan Falls Cem. Duncan Falls, OH
7. Coy Rex Casto, B. 1919, D: 1984 buried in Duncan Falls Cem. Duncan Falls, OH
8. Unknown Casto (believed to be Minerva)

I don't have much more information on the siblings of Joseph Ezra than you do but will provide the following:

Zilpha married Robert P. Casto, I think the P. stood for Preston.

I also have Sarah Eleanor married to Perry M. Johnson, Rosalie married to A. A. Hill. and a daughter Telitha born in 1858 to David and Melissa.

So other than that you have about as much information as I do. You also questioned if there were two Joseph Castos in the 1900 census. The was, Joseph Ezra and I believe the other one was Joseph Scinton Casto

Hopefully my Grandmother's name can be corrected to Nida vice Miday. Thank you.

Melvin L. Casto

# You Are Invited to the First Annual Casto Family Reunion

On August 6, 2000  
At Ripley City Park  
Ripley, West Virginia  
12:00 Noon—??



Please come with your picnic baskets and  
Get acquainted with all your cousins!!



*Hosted by the descendants of George & Elizabeth Westfall Casto,  
Abram G. & Zelphia Carpenter Casto,  
& David & Melissa Green Casto*

## HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Eugene Casto, grandson of Leander C. Casto  
Melvin L. Casto, grandson of Joseph C. Casto  
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Kellea Lewis, desc. Of George Casto, Jr.

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**Scottish Inns**—between Ravenswood & Ripley (304) 273-2830  
\$35.95 for double, double has a full and twin bed

**Holiday Inn Express**—Ripley (304) 372-5000  
\$64.00 + tax

