



Endless Number of Research Projects !

My little editorials here are usually the first piece I write for the newsletter because they set the tone for the rest of the issue. This time I had to go back in and delete what I had written because when I got done with my main article there was no room left for what else I wanted to put in this issue. The main article this month is either going to be extremely “dry” reading or fascinating to discover, depending on how interested you are in my hunt for Hiram and Sarah Casto. This couple started out in Jackson County, VA/WV but ended up in Benton County, Missouri. While they are not my direct line, I found the process of researching them from the 1820’s to the 1920’s a fascinating exercise which took weeks to do. It never ceases to amaze me that there can be so many branches of the Casto tree to explore, which is good for all of us, I guess, because I’ll always have something to write for another issue!

Another piece of interesting news to Casto researchers. I’ve been given permission by Wes Cochran to extract any Casto marriages out of his books and print them either on the internet or in the newsletter. I think I’m going to choose publishing them here. However, it is going to take a while to get this project organized because the last time I checked, Mr. Cochran had 47 books of marriages in Ohio and West Virginia counties alone! Oh, my! Another project!

The last issue (lots and lots of lists!) was immensely popular and I’ll have to try that format again. I’ve listed some of the feedback in our “Up-To-Date” column.

I recently received a letter from the Genealogical Society of Utah (aka The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) asking for permission to copy my newsletter and distribute it in whatever format they are currently using or will use in the future. I hesitated briefly over this one but finally gave my consent because the main purpose of the newsletter is to share current knowledge of Casto research.

And, last but not least: I am very honored to have been asked to be the guest speaker at the Casto Reunion in Ripley this July. We probably shouldn’t spread that around too much or no one will attend! I’ve been claiming to be a novice at this for over 11 years now and after publishing 19 issues, I don’t think I can continue to claim ignorance about genealogy or the Castos. What started with a message on the old “bulletin board” system about Castos has led to the discovery of thousands and thousands of them—and a lot of great friends! Thanks to you all for your continued support, input, questions, and hugs as we research this family together!

Until Next Time!

Danita

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Reader Response

As you may recall, the January 2002 issue was different in that it had no articles, just lots of info about Castos found from various sources. Here were some of the comments I heard:

Doctors Casto:

[Debi Sanders \(debsan1@airmail.net\)](mailto:debsan1@airmail.net): I am replying "all" to this letter because I think all of you should know that I just received my newsletter and right there on page 6 under Doctors Casto is information I have looking for forever! Okey Johnson Casto was my Great grandfathers brother and my Grandfather was named after him, and he was a participator in the John Morgan trial. He moved to Kansas and I was unable to track down any information about him. I am so excited! Just about everything I wanted to know about him is right there. Danita this was a fantastic idea. Keep up the good work.

Danita's Note: In another odd coincidence, my husband's best friend is starting his genealogy and found out that the death certificate of his grandfather was signed by Dr. Casto!

January Issue in general:

[Ina Tuft](#) : I did enjoy your last Newsletter and can see that you have found the land records on several of my branch that I had never even looked for. Thanks so much. I hope I can utilize it. I am glad to advise that there a few of the younger generation who have turned into Casto addicts. Have been thinking I should advise them to get your newsletter. I believe some of them have found your web page.

Danita's Note: The more researchers we have, the more we can help each other!

Missouri Castos:

[Connie Stevens \(cgstevens@spindle.net\)](mailto:cgstevens@spindle.net): I noticed on page five, under Missouri Casto marriages, my ancestor Barsha's last name should be Booher not Booker. I think I sent you a copy of the marriage certificate. Since it is also in the Booher bible and my mother's bible, that must be correct. I have seen it listed in ancestry.com as Booker and there were some Booker's in Missouri census and marriages, but the Booher's were in my line. Probably will not affect many researches on that line but just wanted you to know for future reference.

Danita's Note: This wasn't an error on my part (for a change!). I purposely put it in the newsletter as BOOKER because that is how I found the reference. Connie did indeed send me a copy of her family's bible and marriage certificate and the name is BOOHER!

[Gordon C. Ralls, Jr. \(gcralls@attbi.com\)](mailto:gcralls@attbi.com): Here's something for someone to check out. On page 4 of your *excellent* issue under "1920 Missouri Soundex" my file has Mason Rasburn Casto, (father of Hiram as you noted), born 5 Sep 1856 which would make his age in 1920 as 64 rather than 54. This *could* be a "mis-read" by the recorder. *However* given the ages of Hiram's other children, my date could be off by 10 years and the soundex is correct. Mason's son, Hiram, is shown to be the age he should be according to his birthdate.

Danita's Note: Gordon and I exchanged a few more e-mails concerning the discrepancies of census records relating to this family. On page 3 of this issue you'll see what we found.

Hiram Rasburn Casto, son of Daniel Taylor Casto & Mary Elizabeth Shamblin

It is amazing to me how one research project can split and divide into so many other projects, just as the family tree itself divides into its many branches. As I originally started this article, I was struck by the similarities between the families of David D. Casto, who married Rachel Boice, and Hiram Casto, who married Sarah Casto. Both of these families started out in Jackson Co., WV but ended up in Missouri. I spent considerable time researching both families and even made note of the fact that David and Hiram were second cousins. But as I was researching Hiram's family, I realized I needed to take a closer look not only at Missouri, but at Tazewell Co., Illinois because that is where several of Hiram's children were either born or married. Then, as I was researching Hiram's daughter, Harriet, it struck me that the marriage I found in Tazewell Co. could be for this Harriet or Hiram's sister, Harriet. So now I was comparing Hiram's children to their aunts, uncles, and cousins. As I contacted other researchers I wasn't surprised to find that some people had different information concerning the names and/or number of children than I did for these families. So one simple article had grown into enough material for several articles. I then decided to just do my best to verify what information I could on Hiram and his descendents and see if any new information came to light as I researched. I relied heavily on Gordon Ralls', Ina Tuft's, and Nancy McLarry's research to start and then added my own information as I uncovered it.

My first step was to "pull" all the census records and see how the family "aged" through the years. This is where I needed to compare who I had and who other researchers had. This is how I've got this family at the moment:

Name	1850 Jackson Co., VA	1860 Tazewell Co., IL	1870 Tazewell Co., IL	1880 Pettis Co., MO	1900 Benton Co., MO	1910 Benton Co., MO	1920 Benton Co., MO
Hiram	23	33	45	53	74 b. July 1825 VA	83	d. after 1913
Sarah	17	28	37	47	69 b. Nov. 1830	79	d. 1913
Daniel		9	19	28	48	54*	
Mason		5	14	23	43 b. Sep. 1856	54	54**
Harriet		7/12	11				55***
George W.			6	17	34 b. June 1865	44	55
John			3	14	32 b. March 1868		
H.F. (m) Hiram Frank?				9			
William				7			

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*this must be an error as he should be closer to "58" not "54"

**this must be an error as he should be "64" not "54" in 1920

***closer to 60 would be more accurate

Using Indices (aka indexes!)

An important item to note here is that while searching either in books, cemeteries, courthouses, but especially with on-line databases, look for various spellings of the name you're trying to find. While that is apparent to almost all of us, new researchers may not know it and we who have been at this awhile can still be surprised at the ways CASTO can be spelled. I had found a list on the internet of Illinois marriages for CASTOs but while looking through county books at the library I found some of the *same* marriages spelled CASTS, CASTLE, and CASTE. One marriage I had not been able to find using an on-line index was between Daniel Casto and Celia Alger. It was listed at the library as Daniel Castle and Celia E. Alyer! When I searched for CASTLE, I did find that marriage but how was I to know which people were really CASTLES and which were CASTOS? The answer is—you don't! That is why indices such as these are not primary sources but just secondary type of sources to help point in the right direction. I routinely cross-check secondary sources to see if several of them will say the same thing or if I need to try and find a copy from the courthouse records, which may not always be possible. Even there, the names can be mis-spelled. In courthouse records, my own grandmother was listed as a boy! In another on-line case, one search engine for the 1900 census was able to pull a Casto family I was looking for while another web site's search engine for the same census could not. So, don't ever give up searching for material you are trying to find—just think creatively!

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Census records don't tell the whole story but they definitely help fill in some of the blanks. Hiram left his home in Virginia between 1850 and 1860. He was found living in Tazewell Co., Illinois at the time of the 1860 and 1870 census. Eldest son, Daniel, was born in Jackson Co., Virginia in 1851 but Hiram's next child, Mason, was born in La Porte Co., Indiana in 1856. That helps us track his movements more. Harriet was the next child that we know of and she was born in Tazewell Co. in 1860. If we look at marriage records for the children, we can track movements even more. Daniel, was married in Tazewell Co. in 1872. Daniel's eldest child, Minnie, was born in Illinois about 1873 but by the time his third child, Ida, was born in 1877, the family was living in Missouri. Hiram's daughter, Harriet, married in Tazewell Co., Illinois in 1876 but her first child was born in Pettis Co., Missouri in 1880. So it appears that the families moved from Illinois to Missouri between 1876 and 1877. The family either lived for a short time in Pettis Co. or the boundaries changed as they apparently spent the next 30+ years in Benton Co.. Although it will arrive too late for this article, I have requested a copy of the obituary for Sarah Casto, who is listed as having died April 21, 1913. Her husband, Hiram, was still alive at that time. As for Hiram and Sarah's children, this is what I have been able to find for them:

Daniel Taylor Casto was born in Jackson Co., Virginia (WV) in October, 1851. He married Celia Ellen Alger on September 9, 1872 in Tazewell Co., Illinois. She was born in Illinois in December, 1854. This couple had eight children:

1. *Minnie*, b. abt. 1873, married before 1900
2. *Hiram*, b. July 1875, married Winneford Bryant about 1900
3. *Ida*, b. Jan. 1877, married Charles Gartner about 1896
4. *Charles H.*, b. January, 1880, married Wanda ?.
5. *Everett C.*, b. June, 1882
6. *James Walter*, b. June, 1886
7. *Ellen*, b. July, 1890 m. Bruce Helms
8. *Emmett L.*, b. Oct. , 1893, married Olive Prah

And in a perfect example of missing what is right in front of you, I spent the better part of an hour trying to find Charles Gartner, husband of Ida Casto, on the 1900 census. When I finally located him, he was living next door to Ida's grandparents, Hiram and Sarah Casto! The first rule I ever learned about census records is to look at the neighbors because they could be relations and I missed that one!

I wasn't able to access as many marriage records as I would like for Missouri, especially those after 1900. In terms of Daniel's children, I'm "guessing" Minnie married before 1900 because at the time of that census, all of Daniel and Ellen's children were still living but Minnie wasn't found at home.

Daniel's son, Hiram, married Winneford Bryant right around the time of the 1900 census because they were living in their own home and listed number of years married as "0". I found a listing for Winneford in Ransdell/Abel Cemetery in Pettis Co., Missouri which listed her birth as Feb. 14, 1881 and her death as May 9, 1941. There were several other Bryants listed but I could not tell which ones may have been her parents. Although I had no independent way to verify this, Gordon listed Bessie & Lynn as children for this couple and the 1910 census listed Winneford as having one living child (Evert) and two deceased.

Ida Casto, Daniel & Ellen's third child, was born in January, 1877 and married Charles Gartner around 1896. The 1900 Benton Co., Missouri census listed her as having had 2 children, 1 still living—Daniel, who was born in

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February, 1899. I wasn't able to find this family on any later census reels.

Charles H. Casto was born in January of 1880. I found him on the 1910 Benton Co., Missouri census with his wife, whose name is either Wanda or Mandy, and two children: Blessing, 1, and Roman, 4/12.

I was unsuccessful in tracking any of the last four of Daniel and Ellen's children: Everett, James, Ellen, or Emmett. This is an instance where access to more marriage records in Missouri would be helpful. Another possibility but as yet unchecked was an obit for Everett Casto. At the same time I learned that I could order copies of Sarah Casto's obit, I was given a list of other Castos that were listed in the Cole Camp Courier newspaper obit index. These included:

<u>Given names</u>	<u>date died</u>	<u>date published</u>
Everett L.	Feb. 1, 1921	Feb. 10
Mrs Frank (Anna)	????	June 27, 1918
George W.	Oct. 14, 1950	Oct. 20
Mrs George (Malinda Scarbough)	Feb. 28, 1951	Mar. 2
Lawrence E.	Aug. 8, 1941	Aug. 15
Mason R.	Mar. 4, 1947	Mar. 7
Minnie Bell	Oct. 25, 1923	Nov. 1
Mrs Rachel	Oct. 14, 1921	Nov. 3
William F.	Jan. 14, 1943	Jan. 29

Mason Rasburn Casto, son of Hiram and Sarah, was born September 5, 1856 in Dillon, La Porte Co., Indiana and died in 1946 in Sedalia, Pettis Co., Missouri. He married Rachel Frances Ferguson, daughter of James and Isabell (Potter) Ferguson, on July 28, 1881 in Pettis Co.. She was born March 16, 1861 in Warsaw, Benton Co., Missouri and died Oct. 14, 1921 in Cole Camp, Benton Co., Missouri. This couple had six children:

1. *Isabell Sylvania*, b. May 11, 1882, married James Spencer.
2. *Sarah Rebecca*, twin sister to Isabell, b. May 11, 1882, married George William Beymer.
3. *Hiram Greenberry*, b. July 25, 1884, died September 1, 1925.
4. *Bertha Harriet*, b. March 10, 1886, married Grover Cleveland Stephens.
5. *Lydia Irliva* was b. June 16, 1889.
6. *Ethel Onia*, b. Aug. 31, 1892, died Feb. 5 1957, married Charles Oliver Stephens.



MR. AND MRS. MASON R. CASTO

I wasn't able to find out any more information about Mason's daughter, Isabell, but I was able to find a researcher who was a descendent of Isabell's twin, Sarah. Sarah married George William Beymer on January 15, 1907 in Sedalia, Pettis Co., Missouri. George died on January 20, 1935 in Cole Camp, Benton Co., Missouri but I'm not sure when Sarah died. This couple had 9 children:

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- i. *Luther Mason Beymer*, b. December 11, 1911, Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO; d. January 18, 1992, Easton, KS
- ii. *Ralph Beymer*
- iii. *Beryl Austin Beymer*, b. November 19, 1913, Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO; d. May 14, 1999, Harrisonville, MO
- iv. *Naomi Francis Beymer*
- v. *Herschel Beymer*
- vi. *William Howard Beymer*, b. November; d. August 1959; m. (1) Effie Sonora Sampson; m. (2) Helen Harnes
- vii. *Joseph Linnaus Beymer*, b. March 02, 1918; d. January 19, 1936
- viii. *Paul Beymer*
- ix. *Ralf Leonard Beymer* m. Hattie Lorene Toliver

Hiram Greenberry Casto, son of Mason and Rachel Casto, was born July 25, 1884 in Cole Camp, Benton Co., MO and died September 1, 1925 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO. He married Sophia Frances Carpenter on December 19, 1906 in Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO. Sophia was born Nov. 4, 1887 in Sedalia, and died Nov. 1, 1925 in Nevada, MO. This couple had three children:

- i. *Clark Herbert*, b. Mar. 23, 1911 in Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO and died June 29, 1993 in San Bernardino, CA
- ii. *Ruth Margaret*, b. Jun. 19, 1914, died April 9, 1999 in Stockton, Cedar Co., MO. She was married three times: (1) Allen Lee Chrisman; (2) Henry Franklin Halterman; (3) Russell Elmer Garland.
- iii. *Rachel Alice*, b. Dec. 25, 1921 in Jackson Co., MO, died Aug. 29, 1926 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO

I was not able to find out much more on the remaining children of Mason & Rachel Casto. One interesting note here, though, is that one of Ina's sources for information on Mason's family was their daughter, Lydia Irliva Casto, who was born June 16, 1890 in Edmonson, Benton Co., MO and died unmarried in March of 1975 in Osawatomie, Miami, KS. I have noticed that some events relating to the Castos happened in Kansas and am wondering if a more thorough search of information there might provide more details on these Castos.

Harriet "Hattie" Clara Casto, born Aug. 1, 1860 in Dillon, Tazewell Co., Illinois, died Oct. 13, 1936 in Martinville, Missouri. Hattie was married three times: first to William Denny, then to Harrison Noble, and lastly, to William Glenn. I worked very hard on finding and verifying information on Hattie because so much was known about her I thought she would be easy to locate. Guess again! It took some digging but I finally came up with her marriage to William Denny in Tazewell Co., IL on Oct. 5, 1876 (Harriet Casto to William Denney). William was born in 1852 in IL and died May 29, 1899 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO. I thought I would be able to find Harriet or Hattie Denny on the 1900 census but I was never able to locate that record. I was told that Harriet married a second time in 1900 to Harrison Noble. I looked on the 1900 census and found a Harrison Noble listed as a widower in Gentry Co., Missouri, surprisingly living right next door to a William & Isabella Denney from Illinois! This couple, however, had only been married 9 years, not 24 like our William and Hattie would have been. Still, I made note of them and their children and I was glad I did! I looked for Harrison Noble on the 1920 census and found him still living in Gentry Co. with his wife, Hattie, and two grandsons—Roy D. and John W. These grandsons were not Nobles, as listed in the census, but Hills, sons of Harriet's daughter, Elizabeth Denny, who married Patrick Hill on July 3, 1897 in Kansas City, Missouri. Elizabeth died July 25, 1901 and her sons were raised by the grandmother. Here is where some more research needs to be done. Living a couple of houses down from Hattie and Harrison Noble was Hattie's son, James Denny. Living between them was Floyd Bishop, his wife Carrie, and Floyd's sister-in-law, Cora Denny. Cora and Carrie belong to William and Isabella Denney, not William and Hattie, whose three children were:

- i. *Elizabeth Denny*, b. Jan., 1880 in Pettis Co., MO; died July 25, 1901
- ii. *Charlotte Denny*, b. Sep. 8, 1883 in Cole Camp, Benton Co., MO; died April 30, 1967
- iii. *James Roy Denny*, b. July 7, 1891 in Vernon Co., MO; died Mar. 2, 1983 in Gentry Co., MO

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Some of the information about Hattie came from her descendents who have mentioned that her death certificate and obituary list her third husband, William Glenn. I've not seen either of these two items for myself but have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

Hattie's grandson, Roy D. Hill, was born April 15, 1898 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO and died July 11, 1975 in Albany, Gentry Co., MO. He married Ethel Snow on Mar. 3, 1920 in Albany. Ethel was born July 13, 1901 and died Feb. 2, 1992. The only child I found for this couple was John H. Hill, born April 7, 1922, who married Doris Paschal on Nov. 28, 1944 and had a daughter, Norma Jean Hill, born about 1946, died 1998.

The other grandson Hattie raised, John W. Hill, was born Sep. 8, 1899 in Kansas City and died April 9, 1986 in the same place. He was married to Edna Michael, whom I believe was born in 1891 and died in 1988.

Hattie's other daughter, Charlotte, was born Sep. 8, 1883 in Cole Camp, Benton Co., MO and died Apr. 30, 1967. She supposedly was married twice—first to Clarence Noble and second to William West.

I found James Roy Denny on the 1920 Gentry Co., MO census with his wife, Clara (Runyon), whom he married on Mar. 24, 1912, and their son, James N., born Jun. 8, 1914. James Roy died Mar. 2, 1983 in Gentry Co. Their son, James, died Nov. 25, 1991, also in Gentry Co., MO. He never married.

George W. Casto, b. June 1865 in Illinois, married Malinda Belle Scarborough about 1890 in Williams Township, Benton Co., MO. She was born in May of 1872 and died Feb. 28, 1951. George died Oct. 14, 1950. I had just about given up on finding this couple on the 1920 census but finally found them by going through every page of Williams Township on the census. The handwriting was so bad that it didn't appear on the soundex but perseverance paid off! This couple had 9 children but I only know the names of 8:

- i. *Mary E.*, born Oct. 1891
- ii. *James C.*, b. Nov. 1895
- iii. *Minnie*, b. Jul. 1898
- iv. *Sarah*, b. about 1900
- v. *Rachel*, b. abt. 1904
- vi. *Annie*, b. abt. 1906
- vii. *Blanche*, b. abt. 1909
- viii. *Lulu*, b. abt. 1912

John Casto, b. in March of 1868 in Illinois, died about 1906 in Missouri. He married Emma Jane Martin about 1899 in Cole Camp, Benton Co., MO. Emma was born in Dec. of 1877 and we know her mother's name was Jane because Jane lived with this couple during the time of the 1900 census. John died about 1907 and his widow, Emma, married a widower, Richard T. Ford. She and the children were living in his household in Morgan Co., MO by 1910. The three children of John and Emma were:

- i. *Jesse Montgomery Casto*, b. Sep. 18, 1891, d. 1959, OK
- ii. *John Casto, Jr.*, b. Mar. 1898
- iii. *Sarah O. Casto*, b. 1903

Jesse Montgomery Casto married Annie Catherine Crawford on Dec. 28, 1911 in Pryor, Mayes Co., OK. Annie was born on May 26, 1894 in Macks Creek, Camden Co., MO and died in March of 1980 in Sequoyah, OK. Jesse and Annie had nine children, one of whom is Jessie Ann Casto, who is the mother of Gordon Ralls' wife, Bernice.

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I don't believe the remaining children that we know of for Hiram and Sarah Casto lived to adulthood. One son, whose initials were H.F. on the 1880 census, could have been Hiram Franklin. There was a Benton County marriage for a Frank Casto to Louisa Henning on Oct. 16, 1894 but I was unable to find this couple by 1900. I suspect that he died before 1900 because at the time of the 1900 census, his mother was listed as having had 12 children with 5 still living. The five accounted for in 1900 are: Daniel (with wife Celia Ellen Alger), Mason (with wife Rachel Ferguson), George (with wife Malinda Scarborough), John (with wife Emma Martin), and Harriett (who married William Denny, Harrison Noble, and William Glenn.).

One thing which made this research so difficult was the number of Hiram Castos in Missouri. The father, Hiram, was born in 1825. He had a son named Hiram born in 1871. He also had a grandson Hiram, son of Daniel, born in 1875. Just to make sure all descendents were confused, Hiram's son, Mason, also had a son named Hiram, but waited until 1884 to do so. I'm sure sons George and John would have eventually got around to naming a son Hiram, too, but fate must have decided we'd had enough!

There is always more work to do on any family, no matter how well you feel you may have researched it. I combed through hundreds of pages of census, marriage, birth, and death records in the past three months just working on this one branch of the family. I had to be careful not to confuse any of Hiram's descendents with those of his cousin, David, who was also living in Missouri at that time. I found several Castos from the 1920 census that I could not tie into any family. I was thrilled to learn about the materials from the State Historical Society of Missouri that I have sent for and will share with you at a later date. I realize this article is extremely long compared to my usual style but my hope is that some of you reading this will be able to use the information to help find your own connections or learn how I performed this search and use the same methods in finding your own family. I have updated my on-line database (www.castoconnections.com) with all the material contained in this article, along with the sources used for each piece of the puzzle. If anyone would like to see more of the census information, please contact me and I'll be glad to send you a copy of any of the pages I found.

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Barney Riley Casto married **Elizabeth Jane Deweese**. Barney is the son of **William** and **Susanna (Rollins) Casto** and I cannot find the burial site of Barney or William. Can you help? I spent a week in W. Va. and found some info but cannot find the burial sites and I want to add pictures to my family book. **Elias Frederick**, son of Barney, was my great grandfather. I found his grave at Spruce Cemetery in Mason Co. If you have any info I would be ever so grateful.

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A Casto researcher recently posted this info:

I am a descendant of **William Henry Casto** from 2 different sides of my family. His son, **David Casto**, (1706), had a son named **William** (1760) and a son **David** (1753). William (1760) had a son named **William** (1790) who had a son named **Elias** (1821). David (1706) had a son, **David** (1753), who had a son, **George** (1781), who had a daughter, **Elizabeth** (abt 1826). Elias (1821) and Elizabeth (abt 1826) were married having a son named **Martin M. Casto** (1844). Martin had **Elias Clinton Casto** who is my grandmother's father. If anyone remembers or knows anything about Elias Clinton Casto other than he married Lula Hanlin, please let me know. If you have any information about Lula Hanlin Casto other than her birth and death, please let me know.

John
Johnah35@yahoo.com

I spent an evening corresponding back and forth with John. We never even touched on the subject of "William Henry Casto" who is the same William who married Elizabeth Abbott. I've never found anything to indicate a middle name but this one is being passed around the internet as definite that this man is the father of David, "father" of all WV Castos and William-1717. Would anyone like to comment on William Henry Casto?

As to John's search, I found his Elias and Lula on the 1920 Webster Co., WV census, which led to a discussion of Elias' son, Esker. I actually found several Esker Castos and we were able to determine which one belonged in his line. John actually called his mother during our e-mails and got more information. Don't forget to check with those "living resources" that are just a phone call away!



Casto Reunion 2002

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE *THIRD ANNUAL*
CASTO FAMILY REUNION
ON
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2002
AT
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
121 S. COURT STREET
RIPLEY, WEST VIRGINIA
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Please join us for a WV Casto's Family Reunion and help us make this a GREAT EVENT! Bring a covered dish to share and a baby picture for a pretty baby contest. The winner will receive a great prize!

We will also have a White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$3.00 limit).

Please don't forget your genealogy books and old pictures. Bring any WV data such as pictures, locations, web sites, and maps to WV cemeteries, etc. This would help us have good documented information.

Danita Smith, Editor of Casto Connections, will be our guest speaker!

**RSVP by: July 5, 2002—Need head count for door prizes!
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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!