

Casto Connections

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IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY!

One year ago this month, we published our first issue of Casto Connections. We didn't know if there would be any interest in our idea or what to expect but we said we would continue for at least a year. Now that year is up and we've both been wonderfully surprised by the interest, support, and friendships that have come about due to our publication, let alone the genealogy material that has been shared! One of our main goals was to facilitate communication among Casto researchers and we've definitely achieved that goal! We have heard from cousins from all over the country, through letters, e-mails, and phone calls. Many of our subscribers have sent in materials related to Castos - photos, obits, articles, cemetery information, lineages, and many other items and for that we are extremely grateful!

In our efforts to reach even more people, last fall we came up with the idea for the Casto web page. That has also been a tremendous success. We were concerned that our efforts on the internet may interfere with our efforts to the newsletter but that has not proven to be the case. Many of our subscribers do not have access to the internet and those that do still enjoy reading the information that we publish in the newsletter because we don't publish our articles on the web site. The web site serves a purpose in letting us publish large amounts of data, like the Castos in Jackson Co. cemeteries

or the Castos from the 1850-60-70-80 census' and having contact with researchers who do not subscribe. Since our aim was to share information, we have been able to do that in both ways.

Our last issue, which included the lineages of several of our subscribers, was a very big success! You can count on seeing another issue like that in the future with more of our subscriber's ebiVF/THL.html. Debi wrote and told me that the tombstone definitely didn't list Benjamin's parents. This was obviously added in the book by someone trying to be helpful. However, without knowing what they have based their information on, it can't be considered reliable. So the search for information on William Casto, Sr. continues....

Please continue to send us your comments, information, suggestions, and questions and working together, we'll all continue to uncover our Casto ancestry! Have a great summer!!

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Free Clinic Volunteer is 'Unsung Hero'

Doris Reid helped turn around an overwhelmed dental program for the New River Valley Free Clinic.

By TOM ANGLEBERGER
THE ROANOKE TIMES

There was a waiting list of 544 people waiting to see a dentist when Doris Reid took over the New River Valley Free Clinic's dental program.

Now, almost two years later, the waiting list is gone, the program cares for almost 1,000 patients a year, and Reid, a great-grandmother, has won the Unsung Hero Award for Volunteer Service from the Virginia Health Care Foundation.

"She really pushed the development of the [dental] program forward," said Free Clinic Executive Director Richard Pantaleo. "She took the beginnings of it and really. . . developed it." He said Reid exemplifies the volunteer spirit that drives the Free Clinic and so many other programs in the New River Valley.

Reid, who has a background in medicine but not dentistry, had been a member of the NRV Free Clinic's board of directors. Nonetheless, she says, she was unprepared for the severity of the "dental crisis" in the area. The clinic had a solid foundation in place, she said, but needed someone to work full-time to bring the problem under control.

In order to see that happen, Reid worked 2,600 volunteer hours - taking charge of the program and finding ways to match patients with the dental care they needed.

Reid was supposed to be enjoying the first years of her retirement. Instead she found herself trying to restructure an overloaded dental program and still take care of the sometimes desperate phone calls that flooded in. In her first two weeks, 116 people called asking for dental care.

Even emergency cases had to go on a waiting list. Reid had to ask people to rate their pain on a scale of one to 10 - the higher the number, the higher she would move them on the emergencies list.

At the time, the NRV Free Clinic offered a single weekly dental clinic.

"With one clinic a week, there was no way we could touch this list of 500 people," Reid said.

Reid found that she wasn't the only one willing to work on the problem. More than 20 local dentists were working with the clinic on a volunteer basis.

"I am so amazed at the volunteer commitment of these dentists," she said, adding that the dentists' office staff

members were also very cooperative and helpful.

Reid decided to streamline the referral process to make better use of the dentists' willingness to help.

With help from other volunteers, including Evelyn Farrier and Sharon Riddle, she created a system to speed up the process of screening patients and making referrals. She also made a computer database to keep patient records organized. Still more volunteers, many of whom were Virginia Tech students, were trained to screen patients, answer phones, and enter information into the database.

The last piece of the puzzle fell into place about a year after Reid started. The clinic won a grant from the Virginia Health Care Foundation. Now the clinic had the funds to hire a part-time dentist, who would offer dental services on-site. Funds also were available to pay a full-time dental coordinator,

allowing Reid to step down. She continued to work on a part-time basis for six months to help the new coordinator get started.

Reid still volunteers at the clinic, but hopes that she will now have time to go to graduate school.

On May 12, 1998, the Virginia Health Care Foundation chose her as the only volunteer in the state to be honored with its Unsung Hero Award, but Reid said the award is also for the dentists

and volunteers who helped turn around the dental program, which served 955 patients in 1997. "I got the award, but it took a lot of teamwork," she said. "I didn't do it by myself."

Reid said she contributed her time in honor of Dr. Hazel Sproull of Ohio. Sproull, her first employer, set a great example of how much someone can do for a community, she said. She said she discovered that she really loved giving something back.

"This year volunteering was the most rewarding of my work history. I'm not saying it wasn't stressful; it was," she said. But she is proud to have been part of the program's turnaround. "It's really rewarding to see how people can come together and accomplish a miracle."

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The Importance of Locations!

Genealogists spend a great deal of time either trying to find out where their ancestors lived or finding out more about that place once they know where it is. As you do your research, you learn about more than just a family. You also learn about their occupations, their neighbors, the places they lived, the times and events that were evolving and shaping the nation around them. All of this makes for a family history rich with details and more than just a list of names, dates, and places. As always, there is not enough space here to go in depth on this subject but I have chosen this topic in an attempt to educate newer researchers and to perhaps open new or forgotten avenues of research for more experienced researchers.

Many of our Casto lines we refer to as coming from Jackson County, West Virginia. The best way I can think to approach this is to use my own line as an example. When I started my research into the Casto family, I only knew my mother's maiden name, Ellen Casto, and that she was born in Charleston, WV on April 30, 1933. Her birth certificate didn't list her parent's names. Using various documents and court records I was able to obtain, I finally found out the name of my grandfather, Orville Clive Casto. This is where location comes in, for several reasons. Once you start going back in time with your research, you become concerned with how far back the county or city records go. I would expect to find my birth certificate and that of my mother but by the time I was ready to start looking for birth, marriage, and death records for my grandparents and then their parents, I began to wonder just exactly how far back the Jackson County records went. One of the first things I did was write to the Jackson County Clerk and ask about their records. I later thought to also ask about things like wills but when I was first starting out, I didn't realize how important such documents were. While I was waiting for a reply by mail, I went to the library to find out what I could about Jackson County. This is what I learned:

Jackson County, West Virginia was formed in 1831 from parts of Kanawha (pronounced Ka-NAH-wa), Mason and Wood Counties. Kanawha was formed in 1789 from Greenbrier and Montgomery Counties; Wood was formed in 1798 from Harrison and Kanawha; and Mason was formed in 1804 from Kanawha.¹ West Virginia separated from Virginia officially in 1863 due to the Civil War.² In trying to look at the census records, I found out that the

Virginia and West Virginia census' were split up back to 1860 and that I could start looking at West Virginia records instead of Virginia in that one instance.

Then the reply came from Jackson Co. Marriage and wills are recorded in Jackson County as far back as 1831. Birth and death records go back to 1853. The cost (as of July, 1998) is \$1.50 for each certificate and \$1.50 for the first two pages of a will and \$1.00 for each additional page. The clerk also mentioned that it will be quicker for the genealogist to request and send payment for the certificates at the same time and they will refund for any certificate that is not found rather than send a letter asking what they have, waiting for a reply, and then sending the money. She also mentioned that providing them with as much information in terms of book and page number would also speed up the process.³

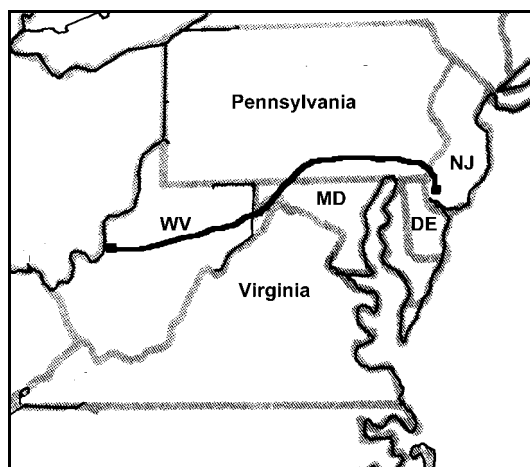
Then in a mad flurry of gathering of certificates, I was able to obtain my grandfather Orville's birth and death certificates (b. Oct. 22, 1901 d. Apr. 16, 1978), my great-grandfather Isadore's birth, marriage, and death certificates (b. Feb. 10, 1871, m. May 26, 1900, d. Aug. 4, 1960), and the marriage certificate for my great-great-grandparents, Jacob Casto and Celia Winters (Nov. 6, 1854). It was around this same time that I was able to find out about other people researching Castos and that there had been a book written entitled, "**Casto Cousins**"⁴ that told much more about the family history. Without the research done by the author, Eileen Vickers, and many other genealogists I've learned about since, it would have taken much longer to take my own research as far back as I have. I know many other Casto researchers feel the same way.

My great-great-grandfather, Jacob Casto, was born Mar. 12, 1828 in Lewis Co., VA. When I saw that, it brought location back to mind. Lewis County was not one of the counties that Jackson was created from and Jackson wasn't created until three years after Jacob was born. Were the Casto's moving about? How did the Castos end up in West Virginia, anyway? These were questions I started asking and set off to find the answers.

The story in *Casto Cousins* told of how David and Phebe (Gandy) Casto traveled from Dividing Creek, New Jersey, starting around 1767, and made their way with at least five children to York, Pennsylvania, in order to take the Great Wagon Road, which had begun at Philadelphia. I did a little research on this Great Wagon Road and found out the following:

The Great Wagon Road left Philadelphia in a westerly direction and ran through the communities with large German populations in Lancaster, York, Montgomery, Berks, Lebanon and, Adams. This is the flattest part of

Pennsylvania and the path of least resistance was diverted to the south by the Blue Hills which are an extension of the Appalachian Mountains. Across the necks of today's West Virginia and Maryland on an easy route, the road reached northern Virginia. The road split then into routes on the west and east of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Technically, the Great Wagon Road ran on the west of the Blue Ridge Mountains into the upper Shenandoah Valley and on into hills of southwest Virginia. It was the population pressures of Pennsylvania in the early eighteenth century that started settlers of all nationalities along this road. Later in the century, the Pennsylvanians were joined by the Marylanders and Virginians.⁵



Basic view of how the Castos came to WV

The Castos then crossed the Potomac River into Hampshire County, Virginia, passing where the Monongahela joins the Allegheny River to the Ohio River. Another daughter was believed to have been born to the David Casto family while they were in Hampshire Co. (later part of Berkeley Co.) The amount of time it took the Castos to travel from New Jersey to Virginia is uncertain and the Vicker's book is pretty vague in reference to time at this point but alludes to it being around 1773 or 1774 when David Casto passed beyond the Buckhannon River settlement and settled at the mouth of Buffalo Creek on the Monongahela River. Soon after arriving in Virginia both David and Phebe Casto died but an exact date or place is not known. It is believed the family may have followed John and Mary (Bonnett) Wetzell towards their Wheeling Creek home. At this period in history, there was a major boundary conflict between Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Mason-Dixon line, agreed upon August 31, 1779, placed the Casto brothers, David Jr. and John, in a

Pennsylvania militia district, without them ever having changed residence. In tracing a family, this is one of the things to look for and why the dates counties were formed becomes so important. Did they move or did the county (or state) borders change? Both David and John saw service during the American Revolution and were listed as part of the Washington County, PA militia as late as 1782. By 1793, we find the Castos buying land in Harrison Co., VA (formed from Monongalia Co. in 1784), along Big Sand Run.⁶ Land records are another valuable source for following the movements of an ancestor because they are some of the earliest kept records (for tax purposes, of course!). In 1795, a John Casto bought property in Randolph Co. and in 1823 Daniel Casto bought land in Mason Co.⁶ A good map also helps and if you're lucky enough, you'll find one depicting the county line changes through various time periods. During the time period of the early 1800's, the Castos appear on many deeds as both buying and selling land as they made their way across present-day West Virginia and settled in Jackson County. Going back to my great-great-grandfather, Jacob Casto, it is now much more understandable that he was born in Lewis Co. as the family traveled to Jackson Co. I was recently looking at a gazeteer of West Virginia and Jackson Co. and was surprised to find this, "A small section of Mason was added to Jackson in 1867, beginning at the northeast end of Robert Barnett's farm, thence a straight line to the ridge between Mud Lick and Thirteen Mile creek, near Joseph Casto's..."⁷ Isn't it nice to find ancestors mentioned in books!

Not all Castos went from New Jersey to West Virginia, however. The descendents of William Casto (1717-1778, mentioned in Casto Connections, Vol. 1, Issue 2) either stayed in New Jersey or moved west to states such as Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Utah, just to name a few. Jim Casto, who is a descendent of this line and to whom I've mentioned several times before, recently sent me the following information regarding this line's locations: *(quoted material follows)*

William 1717 had thirteen children (all born in New Jersey) by two wives:

- Elizabeth: married a Kelley - descendants last found in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, PA areas before 1900. Little is known about this line.
- Abel: had eight children. Most of the family went to Butler County, Ohio; Adams County, Indiana; and Berrien County, Michigan. Last found in the mid-1800s with the exception that this is the line that ties into the famous Dodge Brothers of automobile manufacturing fame and some of that family are living today.

- Azariah: another one of the brothers that migrated to Ohio. He had seven children. Almost all of them were born in New Jersey but one or two were born in Pennsylvania as the family migrated to Ohio. The descendants of Azariah can be generally be found in: Franklin County, Ohio; Madison, County, Ohio; Ottawa County, Michigan; Van Buren County, Michigan; and Vigo County, Indiana with one major exception, Azariah's son, Abel. Abel was born in New Jersey, was married in Ohio and died in Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois. Nauvoo, of course, is one of the major locations of the Mormons in their westward movement. We find the Mormons in Nauvoo in the 1840s, wintering in Iowa in the mid-1840s and in Utah by the 1860s. Most of the family of Abel converted to Mormonism and can be found in Utah, Montana, and Idaho. The descendants of Abel Casto are very well documented.
 - Lidea: apparently died young and little is known about her.
 - John: This was a small family and it appears that the children remained in New Jersey although it is possible that John's son William is the one found later in Butler County, Ohio. Little is know about this family and there is even uncertainty as to the name of John's wife.
 - Andrew: Next to Azariah, this is probably the next best documented descendant of William 1717. Along with his brother David, Andrew was a freighter operating along what is now the Pennsylvania-Maryland-Virginia-West Virginia border between 1778 and 1785. Note that 1778 is the year that Andrew's father, William 1717 died in New Jersey. We find Andrew's children born all the way from New Jersey to Knox County, Ohio with a couple of peculiarities as though the family went west for awhile, returned toward the east for awhile and then resumed their migration west if we have the birthplaces of the children correct. Andrew and his brother David petitioned to build a road in what can best be described as the extreme southwestern corner of Pennsylvania in 1799. Andrew is one of the earlier settlers in Knox County, Ohio. The majority of Andrew's descendants can be found in the following counties of Ohio: Knox, Crawford, Van Wert, Butler, Allen, Huron and Morrow with two important exceptions: his last son, Joseph Scinton. Joseph was born in Knox County, Ohio in 1827, migrated west through Iowa to Colorado and was a figure in establishing the Colorado Territory and statehood. He then went further west to the state of Washington and we find him there in the 1870s. He then moved to Oregon where he died in 1909. Most of his family can be found in Oregon and California. The other exception is Andrew's son, Aaron. His descendants migrated from Ohio through Indiana and Missouri and wound up in Indian Territory which would later become Oklahoma, Craig County.
 - David: Andrew's freighting partner accompanied Andrew on his migration into Knox County, Ohio until his death in Knox County, Ohio. Little is known about this family.
 - Jonathan: born in New Jersey, died in Clinton County, Ohio in 1835. No known descendants.
 - Jeremiah: Jeremiah apparently stayed behind in New Jersey as most of his siblings moved west. His descendants can be found in the following New Jersey counties: Mercer, Gloucester, and Camden.
 - William, Jr.: Also stayed behind in New Jersey on what was left of William 1717's land but little is known about the family.
 - Jacob: He also stayed behind in New Jersey, but most of his descendants moved to Cape May and Atlantic counties of New Jersey.
 - Thomas: Apparently moved to Clinton County, Ohio about the same time as the rest of his siblings were moving to Knox County, Ohio. His son was born in 1805 in Pennsylvania and from then on almost all the descendants of Thomas are found in Clinton County, Ohio.
 - Abijah: He was born in New Jersey but moved to Mason County, Kentucky by 1835. One of his sons did moved to Brown County, Ohio and there the trail ends. The other of his sons is the infamous William T. Casto that died in the duel in Maysville, Kentucky.
- Some observations although I have never graphed the data:
- The "general" pattern of the descendants of William 1717 seems to be (at least up until the early 1900s, the advent of the railroads in the late 1800s, the rural migration to the cities in the 1920s, etc.):
- If the Casto is found in New Jersey, they are probably a descendant of Jeremiah, William Jr. or Jacob. If the Casto

is found in Oklahoma, they are probably a descendant of Andrew. (There are some Castos and Castoes found in Oklahoma that are descendants of David Casto and Phebe Gandy Casto.)

If the Casto is found in Utah, Idaho or Montana they are probably a descendant of Azariah.

If the Casto is found in the central or northern part of Ohio, or found in Indiana, or found in Michigan, they are probably descendants of Andrew or Abel.

If the Casto is found in Missouri, they could be a descendant of Andrew. (There are also some Castos and Castoes from the family of David Casto and Phebe Gandy Casto found in Missouri.)

Any Castos found in Washington state, Florida, the Ohio River Valley, the southern part of Ohio or West Virginia are probably descendants of David Casto and Phebe Gandy Casto.

(end of quoted material)

Isn't that a helpful reference to have? Thank you, Jim!

The best way I can sum this up is with this information from the Compendium of Historical Sources⁸:

Before the Civil War everyone traveled the same way, one foot in front of the other. After the Civil War almost everyone traveled by train; however, it must be remembered that covered wagons were still being used during the great depression. Most of those early people traveled in groups. They traveled not only as families but whole congregations, communities, and organizations, therefore when searching migrations there are some special rules you must follow.

1. Always start with the county of destination; never start with the departure point, it can lead to serious errors.

2. You must always find the exact county of departure; just knowing the state can be misleading.

3. You will be most successful if you do a general search of county of destination.

Since most people came in groups, Social Histories of the county are a very good

source of information such as; wills, church records, and diaries, especially of leading citizens.

The first line of most original land deeds will tell you where the people came from.

Warning - even though documents like census records may give you the state of origin, unless you know the exact county of origin you can be lead astray. Remember, that you must always look for sources in the county of destination, and trace backward. Moving too quickly can lead to road blocks that are hard to overcome.



*Would you be surprised to learn that the only three states, including Alaska and Hawaii, that do **not** have CASTO listed in the phone book are North Dakota, South Dakota, and Vermont?*

¹**West Virginia - A Guide to the Mountain State** (1941) compiled by Workers of the Writers Program of the Work Projects Admin. in the State of WV

²**Sim's Index to Land Grants in WV** (1952) Edgar B. Sims

³**Jackson County Clerk's Office**
Jackson County Courthouse
Ripley, WV 25271
(304) 372-2011

⁴**Casto Cousins** (1983) Eileen S. Vickers

⁵**Edwin E. "Gene" Wagoner**
Gene Wagners Home Page
<http://www.inficad.com/~genelea/greatwagonrds.htm>

⁶**Land Office Patents and Grants**
Library of Virginia Digital Collection
<http://198.17.62.51/cgi-bin/drawer/disk19/CC150/0366/C0272?1>

⁷**A Gazetteer of VA & WV** (1975) Henry Gannett

⁸**Compendium of Historical Sources** (1983) Ronald Bremer

**People Buried in Casto Cemetery
Fairplain, West Virginia**

NAME	BIRTH-DEATH	RELATED TO
Elizabeth Winter.....	Oct. 16, 1841 - Jun. 6, 1923.....	dau. of James & Sarah Winter
Irene Casto.....	1906 - 1907.....	dau. of Isadore & Anna (Kerwood) Casto
Isadore Casto (Doe).....	1871 - 1960	
Anna E. Casto.....	1868 - 1950	wife of Isadore
Sarah Greene.....	1809 - 1871	wife of Edward
Edward Greene	1800 - 1895	
Angeline Simmons	1830 - 1860	
Charles Simmons	1834 - 1911	
Infant Dau. of Charles & Angeline Simmons (no dates)		
Infant Dau. of Charles & Angeline Simmons (no dates)		
Mary D. Greene	1885 - July 14, 1887	age 1 year, 10 months
Rhoda Greene	Dec. 17, 1892 - Apr. 3, 1893	
Walter Greene	Jan. 3, 1882 - Jan. 15, 1882	son of Perry & Sadie Greene
Sadie A. Greene	Apr. 17, 1867 - Oct. 20, 1894	wife of Perry
Orville H. Greene	Aug. 24, 1879 - Aug. 25, 1921	
Essie Greene	Jun. 18, 1877 - Dec. 22, 1898	
Ida M. Smith	1866 - 1898	wife of M.A. Smith, dau. of Smith Greene
Smith Greene	Jan. 12, 1842 - Sep. 19, 1928	son of Edward & Sarah Greene
Rigolette Greene	Dec. 12, 1845 - Dec. 6, 1908	wife of Smith Greene, dau. of James & Sarah Winters
Isaac J. Casto	1822 -	son of Jonathan & Magdalene Casto
Jonathan Casto	Dec. 30, 1794 - Oct. 31, 1851	son of William Casto, Sr.
Magdalene (Wetherholt) Casto..	Jun. 13, 1795 - Jan., 1886	wife of Jonathan Casto
Hiram Price	1813 - 1853	
Temperance (Casto) Price	1823 - Jun. 10, 1897	wife of Hiram
Ella Casto	Aug. 13, 1877 - Sep. 28, 1877	one month
Rebecca (Crites) Casto	Nov. 14, 1829 - Apr. 22, 1895	dau. of John & Gloria (Pfo) Crites; wife of A.B. Casto
Dora Bell Casto	Dec. 14, 1867 - Oct. 5, 1877	dau. of Abraham & Rebecca
Rudie H. Casto	1873 - 1876	son of A. & S. Casto
Jane (Hayes) Casto	1857 - Jan. 20, 1879	wife of Albert Casto
Leotirsa Casto	1888 - Apr. 4, 1890	son of A.B. & M.A. Casto
James A. Crane	1876 - Dec. 30, 1878	son of G.W. & Eliz. (Casto) Crane
Infant dau. of Leonard Casto	1897 - Oct. 21, 1898	
Infant son of Leonard Casto	1897 - Oct. 21, 1898	
Zeppie C. Casto	1860 - 1902	
Leonard C. Casto	1857 - 1934	
Estella Daniel	Aug. 6, 1889 - May 12, 1916	
Virginia Estelle Daniel	Dec. 18, 1912 - June, 1919	
M.A. Smith	1855 - 1937	
Magdalene Crites	Mar. 9, 1821 - Sep. 18, 1905	wife of Abraham
Abraham Crites	Feb. 20, 1814 - Jul. 11, 1904	
Martha A. Casto	Apr. 19, 1852 - Jun. 26, 1915	wife of A.B. Casto
A.B. Casto	1849 - 1932	
George W. Hayes	1864 - 1896	
Josephine Hayes	1862 - 1941	wife of George Hayes

This list will be continued in future issues!

Jackson County, West Virginia Marriages

DATE	GROOM	BRIDE
13 Jul 1854	William M. Casto age 26; born Jackson Co. Parents: James & Sydney	Jane Davis age 18; born Harrison Co. Parents: James & Catherine
21 Dec 1854	James C. Casto age 25; born Jackson Co. Parents: George & Sarah	Sarah E. Bradley age 25; born Rockbridge Co., VA Parents: James & Nancy
30 Mar 1855	Enos Barnett age 21; born Mason Co. Parents: Robert & Elizabeth	Lucretia Casto age 18; born Jackson Co. Parents: Benjamin & Sarah
16 Feb 1854	David Casto age 20 (no other info)	Josephine Sayre age 23 (no other info)
2 Feb 1856	A. F. Wilson age 20; born Harrison Co. Parents: Horatio & Sarah	Rachel Casto age 19; born Upshur Co. Parents: Washington & Mary
22 Nov 1855	William Goodwin age 21; born Harrison Co. Parents: Zadock & Mary	Barbara Casto age 19; born Jackson Co. Parents: Jonathan & Magdalena
6 Oct 1855	Calvin Keene age 18; born Russell Co., VA Parents: Joseph & Rebecca	Elizabeth Casto age 15; born Jackson Co. Parents: Ephraim & Elizabeth
11 Mar 1856	John Elliott (widower) age 43; born Hampshire Co. Parents: Abram & Catherine	Gracy Casto (widow) age 36; born Lewis Co. Parents: William & Susannah
21 Aug 1856	Benjamin Casto (widower) age 54; born Randolph Co. Parents: William & Margaret	Katherine Jeffers (widow) age 29; born Mason Co. Parents: Joseph & Charlotta
24 Dec 1856	Nicholas Casto age 21; born Jackson Co. Parents: James & Sydney	Margaret Koontz age 17; born Jackson Co. Parents: Henry & Susannah
17 Sep 1857	Joel Casto age 24; born Jackson Co. Parents: George & Sarah	Mary M. Bradley age 20; born Rockbridge Co., VA Parents: James & Nancy
4 Dec 1858	Fred Barnhouse age 23; born Gilmer Co. Parents: Thomas & Drusilla	Mary Casto (widow) age 22; born Jackson Co. Parents: not given
Dec 1858	Washington Casto age 20; born Jackson Co. Parents: J. G. & Catherine	Caroline Casto age 16; born Jackson Co. Parents: Elijah & Rebecca

Jackson County, West Virginia Death Records 1860-1875

Sex	Name	Date of Death & Age	Place Cause	Parents
M	Sylvester Casto	7 Feb 1860 2yrs 2ms	Jackson Co. Diphtheria	Chas. Casto M.____
F	Not Named	May 1860 5ms	Jackson Co.	T. Casto E. J.____
F	Nancey Casto	15 Jun 1860 4yr 2ms 20dys	Jackson Co. Diphtheria	J.B. Casto Ruth____
_	____Casto	1861	Jackson Co.	Nick Casto ____
F	Gracy Casto	1 Mar 1862 66 years	Jackson Co. Dispipin	J. McDade R.____
M	George W. Casto	1 Apr 1865 9 Months	Jackson Co. Ayrisipulus	Berry Casto W.____
F	Anna Lee Casto	15 Jan 1866 6 months	Jackson Co. pneumonia	W. G. Casto Rebecca____
M	Jonathan B. Casto	10 Oct 1866 8 days	Jackson Co. convultions	Jas. Casto Nancy C.____
F	Sarah E.	16 Apr 1868 10yrs 8ms 5dys	Jackson Co. Brain Fever	G. W. Casto Minerva____
F	Ruama Casto	14 Apr 1868 8yrs 6ms 13dys	Jackson Co. Brain Fever	G. W. Casto Minerva____
F	M. E. Casto	7 Jan 1870 18 months	Ohio River Brain Fever	Joney Casto Frances____
F	Ann Casto	20 Sep 1870 3 Months	Tug Fork	A. S. Casto Mary____
F	Lucinda Casto	20 Jul 1872 3 years	Jackson Co. Liver Complaint	Edward Casto L.____
M	L. D. Casto	23 Nov 1873 2 years	Jackson Co.	J. H. Casto Ruth____
M	Jno. M. Casto	29 Dec 1875 24 years 1day	Jackson Co.	E. H. Casto P.____

Quips and Queries

I've just started researching my Casto family and can only get as far as my grandfather, Robert E. Casto (1896-1973). His son (my father) was Everett E. Casto (1924-1978). Other sons were Edwin O. Casto and Robert R. Casto. My grandmother was Iryl E. Farney (1903-1949).

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I don't know much about my line. My great-grandfather was Forrest Blondie Casto, born in Spencer, WV. I don't know the year of his birth. He had a son, Herman Lee Casto, which is my grandfather.

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Web Wanderings

I recently ran across the web site from the PBS television series, Ancestors. One of the nice things about this site is that they have blank forms and family tree charts you can download. They also offer genealogy guide books and tapes, plus helpful tips for starting research. Their web site is at: <http://www2.kbyu.byu.edu/ancestors/>



For Our Next Issue, October, 1998:

We have received requests to publish photos of some of our Casto ancestors and subscribers. Is there a "Casto look"? Well, since we now have a scanner, we can now do this. It should make for a fun issue! If you would like to contribute a photo, please send it in before October and we'll make sure it is returned. Please include a name for the person(s) in the photo [if you know it] and any information you feel is pertinent. You can even send in a picture of yourself! We are really looking forward to the results and hope you are, too!

*See **YOU** in October!*