

# Casto Connections

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## Genetic Genealogy?

One of our subscribers, Wanda Vicari, wrote me a letter some time back asking for help in finding out about her grandfather, Leander C. Casto, b. 1876 Jackson Co., WV. He married Ora Frances Goff in Harrison, Clay Co., WV in May, 1907. Wanda's reasons for her search were a little different than most of us got into genealogy - she had a severely handicapped grandson die at the age of 3 and she is looking for medical history of the Castos. Her Casto grandparents died by the time her father, Clyde Casto, was 10 years old. Wanda found out about Casto Connections through our internet web page and our cemetery listings. Since Wanda's first message to me, she has been able to find out more about her Casto line and even some of the medical information she was looking for. Her line (and address) is on page 2 of this issue. The reason I bring this up is two-fold: first, if you know of any information that might be of interest to Wanda, it would be nice if you could write her. Second, this is an interesting part of genealogy that is often overlooked. My Aunt Helen has made mention to me that I ought to record the health problems of the family along with the other information because it will also one day be pertinent, especially where hereditary diseases are concerned. I thought it would also make a good article for the July issue of the newsletter. Is this something you have thought of and used in your genealogy? More in July, our second birthday!

As for this issue, which was one of the more difficult ones to put together, I have included the Casto lineages of 12 of our subscribers. One lineage (page six) is just indescribable - go see for yourself! I also came up with an idea for the fold-out chart at the end - combining last years' information with this years'! I hope before I do this again next April that I can either land more of the internet Casto researchers as subscribers so I can use their information or just get their permission to use it and send them a complimentary copy. I really think it's great to see how people are connected from the earliest Castos to present day. And it does seem that more and more people are using computers now days to at least do initial research, although I still like tackling those courthouses. I hope you will enjoy the information you find in this issue and correspond with some of the people who may have a close **Casto Connection** to you!

I am afraid I also have some sad news to mention this month. Two of our extended Casto family have passed away since our last issue. First, Dru Falk's mother passed away recently after a lengthy illness. Then, Jim Casto, who I have quoted several times since the inception of this newsletter and who was working on another book on the Castos, passed away in March of cancer. Jim's daughter is going to continue with his research and has moved his web page to this new address: [www.teleport.com/~bluestne/casto2k.htm](http://www.teleport.com/~bluestne/casto2k.htm). Our thoughts and prayers go out to these families.

*Danita*

### Casto Connections Newsletter

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If there had had enough room, I would have liked to present a family group sheet for each subscriber. However, since our space was limited, I have chosen to present the material in this manner. I included the subscriber's name and contact information and encourage you to contact them for more complete information. The last page of the newsletter is a color fold-out chart of the subscribers who are descendents of David and Phoebe (Gandy) Casto since most of the subscribers' line descend from them. Be sure to notice how various researchers have different dates for the same ancestors!

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***Peggy and Everett are siblings and I didn't even know it until putting this issue together!!!***

**David Casto** (abt. 1722-1770) m. 1752 **Phoebe Gandy** (abt. 1722-1770)

**David Casto** (b.abt.1758 d. 1802) m. 1780 **Margaret Province** (b. abt.1756)

**George Casto** (b. abt.1786 d. 1845) m. 1813 **Sarah Aurs** (b. 1791 d.abt.1886)

**Jonathan Rollins** (b.abt.1817 d. 1877) m. 1834 **Sarah Casto** (b. abt 1819)

**George W. Jamison** (1841- d.abt.1870) m.1868 **Artemenia Rollins** (b. 1853)

**Mark E. Williams** (1861-1917) m. 1886 **Sarah Jamison** (1869-1955)

**Ernest E. Williams** (1887-1935) m. 1908 **Claudia F. Tyler** (1887-1959)

**Everett D. Williams,Sr.** (1911-1978) m. 1932 **Margaret C. Wilson** (1914-1081)

**Margaret E. Williams** (b. 1934) **Everett D. Williams, Jr** (b. 1937)

m. 1950 **William Brown** (b. 1932) m. 1966 **Marie Ruth Moldenhauer** (b. 1945)

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**William Casto** (abt. 1660-1726) m. 1705 **Elizabeth Abbott** (abt. 1690)

**David Casto** (abt. 1705-1770) m. 1752 **Phebe Gandy** (abt. 1722-1770)

**David Casto, Jr.** (abt. 1748-1802) m. **Margaret Province**

**George Casto** (abt. 1786-1845) m. 9/8/1807 **Elizabeth Westfall** d. 1812

**Abram G. Casto** (b. 1811) m. **Zelphia Carpenter** (d. abt. 1840)

**David Casto** (b. 1833) m. 8/31/1854 **Melissa Green** (abt. b. 1840- d. abt. 1876)

**Leander C. Casto** (b. 1876 d. abt. 1918) m. 5/1907 **Ora Frances Goff** (b. 1899-d. 1923)

**Clyde Casto** (b. 1913 d. 1973) m. 2/1934 **Hazel Slussar** (b. 1918)

**Wanda Carol Casto** b. 1944 m. 6/20/64 **William K. Stark** b. 1943

**Wanda Carol Casto** b. 1944 m. 9/27/88 **Vicent F. Vicari** b. 1927 d. 1990

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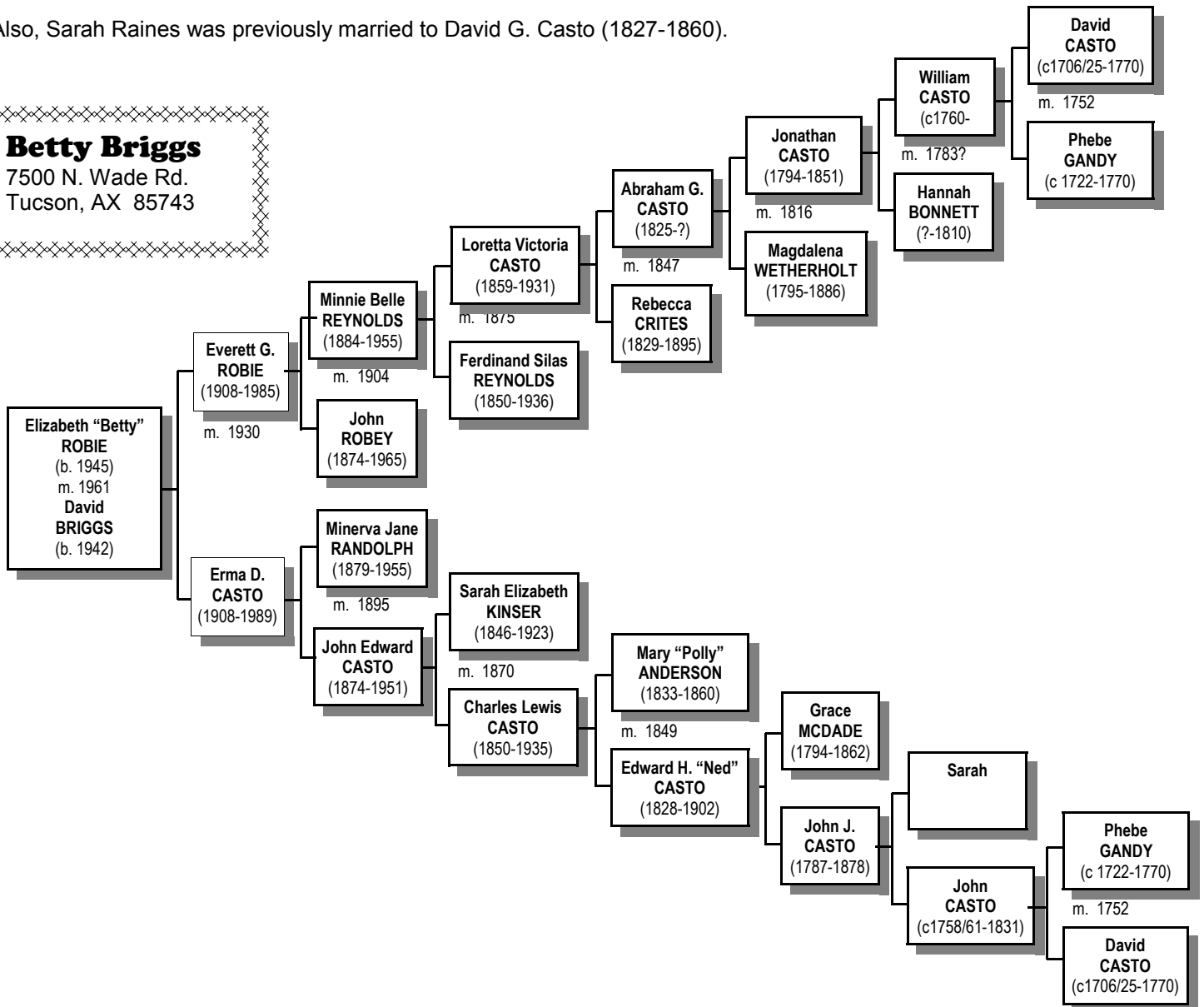
- David Casto** (abt. 1706-1770) m. 1752 **Phoebe Gandy** (abt. 1722-1770)
- John J. Casto. Sr.** (1757-1831) m. abt. 1780 **Sarah ?**
- John Jackson Casto, Jr.** (1787-1878) m. **Gracey McDade** (1794-1862)
- Edward J. Casto** (b. 1830) m. 1860 to **Sarah Raines** (b. 1831)
- Charles Grant Casto** (1865-1949) m. 1888 to **Mary Frances Scarbrough** (1868-1952)
- John Edward Casto** (1893-1970) m. 1911 to **Renna Mae Molze** (1890-1971)
- Charles Edward Casto** (1918-1998) m. 1947 to **Bessie Pauline Harris** (b. 1928)
- Pamela J. Casto** (b. 1953) m. 1975 to **Michael F. Bailey** (b. 1953)

Note: Edward Casto was married three times. His other two wives were Mary Polly Anderson (1833-1860) and Frances Sleeth (b. 1844). His marriage dates to them were 1849 and 1888, respectively.

Also, Sarah Raines was previously married to David G. Casto (1827-1860).

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I found it very interesting that both Don and Earlene listed Azariah as the father of the William Casto that married Elizabeth Abbott. Since these are the earliest Casto ancestors, it is wonderful to see what other people have and then ask them how they came by their information.....

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**Azariah Casto** (Abt 1660-Unk)

**William Casto** (Abt 1680-Unk) m. Abt 1705 **Elizabeth Abbott** (Abt 1685-Unk)

**William Casto II** (1716 or 1717-1778) m. **Sarah** (Unk) (1736-1803)

**Andrew Casto** (1761-1861) m. Abt 1783 **Rachel Biggs** (1763-1824)

**Andrew Casto Jr.** (1786 - Unk.) m. (Unk) **Elizabeth** (Unk) (Unk-Unk)

**James Casto** (Abt 1811-1885) m. Abt 1832 **Maria Parks** (Abt 1812 - Unk)

**Harrison Casto** (1853-1945) m. 1 Sep 1872 **Mary E Henry** (1853-1895)

**John Harrison Casto** (1882-1969) m. 23 Jun 1908 **Golda I Coble** (1891-1966)

**Doris E Casto** (1909-1959) m. 19 Jun 1929 **James D Boyd** (1906-1937)

**Donald E Boyd** (b.19 Oct 1930) m. 26 Jan 1951 **Lucille M Lowrie** (b. 30 Oct 1933)

**Jeri Lynn Boyd** (b. 28 Oct 1954) m. 15 Jun 1974 **Steward J Dovenbarger** (b. 25 Jan 1955)

**Cheryl Ann Dovenbarger** (b. 18 Oct 1978) m. 13 Jun 1998 **Chris Gallegos** (b. 1979)

**Alexa Marie Gallegos** (b. 21 Jun 1997)

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**Azariah Casto** (7th ggfather)

**William Casto & Elizabeth Abbot** (6th ggrandparents)

**David Casto & Phoebe Gandy** (5th ggrandparents),

**William Casto & Hannah Bonnet** and **John Sr & \_\_\_\_\_** (4th ggrandparents)

**Lucretia Casto & Elijah Rollins** and **Daniel Casto & Mary Polly Shamblin** (ggggrandparents)

**William Harrison Rollins** and **Nancy Casto** (gggrandparents)

**Amanda Virginia Rollins & George Mell** (ggrandparents)

**Mary Elizabeth Mell** and **Walter E. Smith** (grandparents)

**Lena Virginia Smith & Sylvan Earl Trekell** (father and mother)

**Eleanor Earlene Trekell** and **John Martin** (here and now)

**Beverly & Richard Casto**

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**William Casto** (1760–1835) m. abt. 1793 **Hannah Bonnett**

**Jonathan Casto** (1794-1851) m. 1816 **Mary Magdalene Wetherholt** (1795-1886)

**Abram G. Casto** (1825-unk) m. 1847 **Rebecca Crites** (1829-1895)

**Albert Casto** (1849-1932) m. 1872 **Martha Jane Hayes** (abt. 1854-1915)

**Herbert Orville Casto** (1890-unk) – **Lillian Deyo**

**Donald Orville Casto** – **Virginia Loraine Francis**

**Richard Donzil Casto** (b. 1842) – **Beverly Eileen Stought**

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**Jonathan Casto** (1794-1851) m. 1816 **Magdalene Wetherholt** (1794-1886)

**Abraham Casto** (?-?) m. 1847 **Rebecca Crites** (1829-1895)

**Elizabeth Casto** (1855-1933) m. 1875 **George Crane** (1857-?)

**Elben Crane** (1886-1967) m. 1917 **Orva Rawlings** (1890-1967)

**Golden Nathan Crane** (b. 1919) (brothers) **James Camden Crane**



The Crane brothers and Danita are also related through the WINTER(S) line: James Lariby Winter (1801-1883) married Sarah Bennett (1810-1877) and the Crane line is descended from their son Mythias (grandfather to Orva Rawlings (above), while Danita's is from their daughter, Celia, who married Jacob Casto.

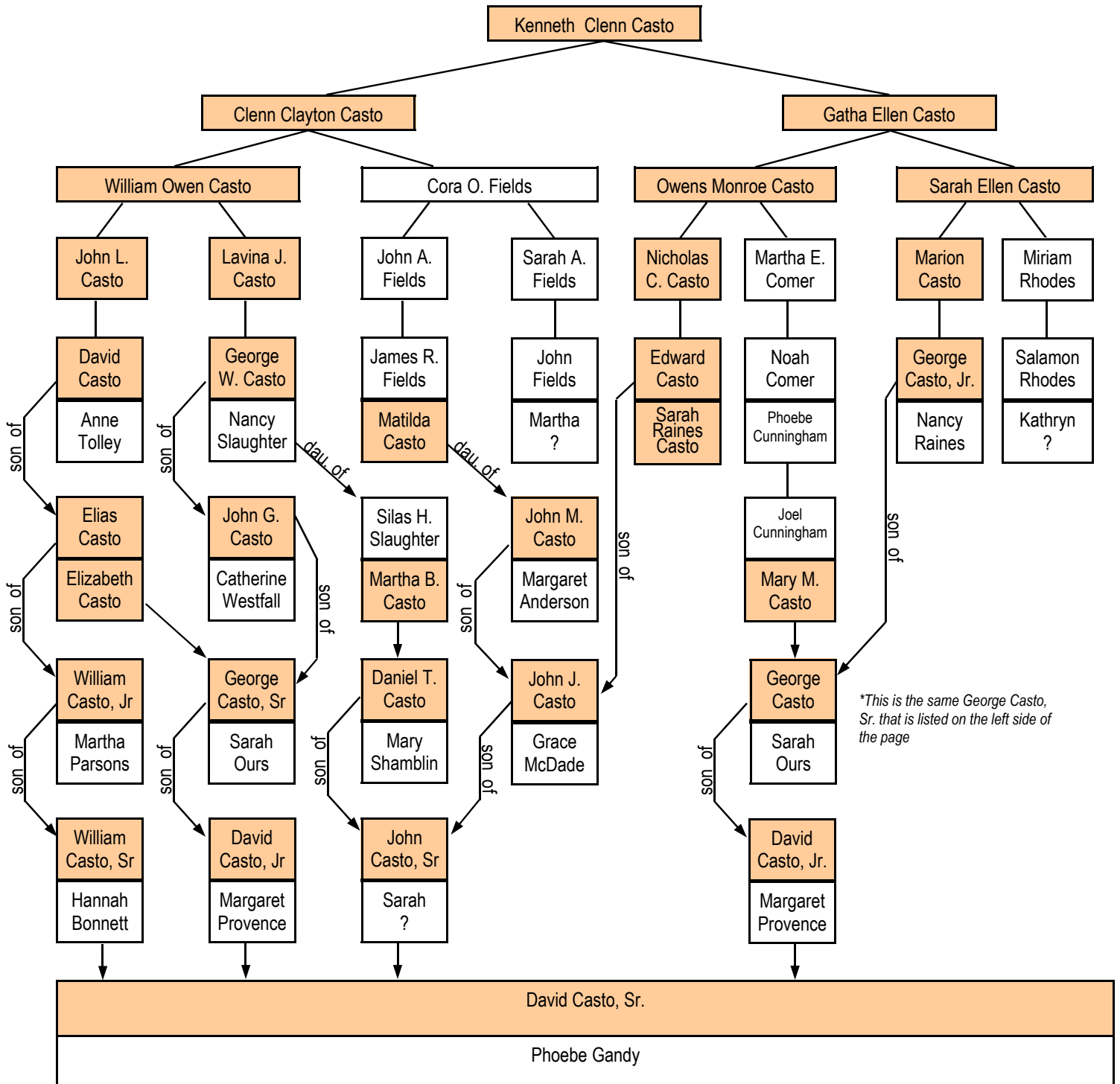
Via Jackson County Court Clerk's office Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 This day the foregoing issued a License  
 for the union of ~~Jacob Casto~~ and Miss  
 Celia Winters daughter of James L. Winters  
 all of the aforesaid County  
 Gesto James Green *clerk*

**Kenneth & Carolyn Casto**

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*Award for the  
Most Complicated  
Casto Genealogy!*





Dodi is a recent correspondent who contacted me over the internet. She stated, "In using your site, I was able to locate information on my great, great, great grandparents. I never thought that I would be able to find (any of this) out since most of my relatives are dead. I am a direct descendent of Mason Casto."

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**Wesley Matheny** (Father)

**Verda Marie Johnson** (grandmother)

**Louella Casto** (1875-1960) (great-grandmother)

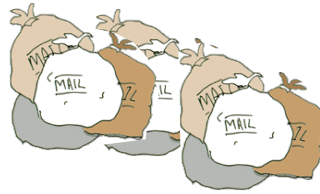
**Mason Casto** (1842-1917 ) and **Emezetta Bennett** 1846- ?) (great-great-grandparents)

**Benjamin "Bey" Casto** (1797- ?) and **Sarah "Sallie" Shinn** (1st wife) (g-g-g-grandparents)

**Mary C. Jeffers** (2nd wife)

***Editor's Note: I sent Dodi the following information: According to the book, Casto Cousins (E. Vickers, 1983; p. 118) Benjamin Casto (1797-1883) was the son of William Casto, Sr. & Hannah Bonnett. Benjamin married his first wife Sarah "Sallie" Shinn (1804-1852) in 1825 in Mason Co., VA and his second wife, Mary Catherine Jeffers (1828-?) on August 31, 1856. William Casto was the son of David and Phoebe (Gandy) Casto [more info on them and their lines elsewhere in this issue!]. ☺***

# From the Mailbag...



*I've had some interesting requests lately that I would like to share with my readers:*

Dear Casto Connections:

As a small child in Taylor County, WV (Rosemont), an older Mr. Casto (George, I believe) lived in a shack next door. (Early 1960's) He didn't speak much English, but always took a shortcut through our yard to the small country store nearby. He brought us candy. The story of George is very sad. Not being able to communicate kept him at a distance. My father helped him with a few things. He was murdered one night by a couple of guys that had brought him a load of coal. Evidently he had flashed the money around and the guys returned that night. My letter to you --- I would like to know more about George and his family. I do genealogy work and knew to take this route for information. I would also like to know who is murderers were and see what sentence they received. Any help or pointers to people would really help.

Thanks,

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Dear Casto Connections,

I am interested in any Hatchers and Litton's that married in to the Casto line.

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Dear Casto Connections,

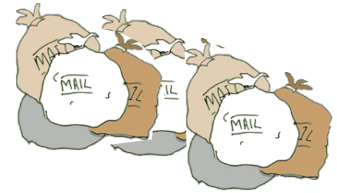
As you can see I am a CASTRO decendent. My 1st family ties I have are a 1900 census for Castroville Twmp. Monterrey Co. Calif; John CASTRO b. 1867 Calif. married to Carmel ALVISO b. 1874 Calif. Children of John and Carmel are: Alfred Gregory b. 1893 Calif, George b. 1894 Calif, Charlie b. 1896 Calif, Mary b. 1887 Calif. All of above live in household of Robert WHITE b. 1854 Calif married to Rosa ? b. 1850 Calif.

I do geneology work and I must admit I cannot trace John or Carmel's lines back at all! If we can be of any help to each other I would be very glad to do so! Thx!

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# And Still More From the Mailbag...



Dear Casto Connections,

Would any of your site visitors (or subscribers) know of the burial site of Grace Casto, daughter of William Casto and Susanna Rollins? She was married several times to a Robert Casto, John Elliot, Benjamin C. Dewees, and Hiram Rhodes. I lost track of her in the 1880 census (Jackson County) where she was living in the home of Richard Gwinn Ankrum and Martha Jane Casto Ankrum, under her last married name Crace Rhodes. She was born in 1820, and is related to us through her marriage to Benjamin Casto Dewees. Also does any cemetery researcher know the burial site of her parents, William Casto and Susanna Rollins Casto? Much thanks, and a web site that deserves kudos.

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Dear Casto Connections,

I have been researching my dad's side of the family. His great-grandmother was Margaret Casto b. March 24, 1834. She married Charles Lauchner May 26, 1859. I don't know where she was born, but they lived in Dekalb Co., Mo. for several years because most or all of their children were born in Mo. I don't know any other information to give you. I would appreciate you contacting me if there is a possibility we are related.

Sincerely,  
Jan Guterrez  
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Dear Casto Connections,

Hi! Just ran across your Casto Newsletter...doesn't look like we're connected at my first checking it...I am the daughter of Rae Dawn Curtis (1928); who is the daughter of Mary Grace Casto; daughter of Mathew Galland Casto (1822) married to Elizabeth Daniels; who is the son of Abel Casto (1790 NJ) married to Mary Galland; who is the son of Azariah Casto (1750) married to Hannah Golden of Egg Harbor, NJ; who is the son of William Casto (1717 - New Jersey) married to Purthenia Purple); who is the son of William Caustlo married to Elizabeth Abbott (1692)...thought I'd give you a listing of who and what I have...in case anyone wants any information I have...I will, of course share. Thanks for your efforts.

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