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Name: **Jonathan Casto**  
Probate Date: 11 Feb 1835  
Probate Place: Clinton, Ohio, USA  
Inferred Death Year: Abt 1835  
Inferred Death Place: Ohio, USA  
Case Number: 31627  
Item Description: Index to Wills, 1826-1931; Record of Wills, Vol A-C, 1810-1851

*Danita's Note: Jonathan was born in 1764 and was the son of William Casto (1717-1778)*

The State of Ohio-Clinton County Is.

Jonathan Casto deceased.

Be it remembered that at a special court of Common Pleas holden at Wilmington within and for the County of Clinton aforesaid, on the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five before Jesse Hughes, Aaron Sewell and James Harkin Associate Judges of said Court, the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Casto late of said County, deceased was presented to the Court for probate in form following to-wit:

Will I Jonathan Casto of the County of Clinton and State of Ohio do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First. I will order and direct that my funeral charges and just debts be fully paid and satisfied, and if my personal estate be not sufficient for that purpose, I hereby authorize my Executor of this will to sell enough of my real estate to make up the deficiency of my personal estate for the purpose aforesaid.

Second I give and bequeath to my niece Hester Casto ten dollars.

Third I give and bequeath to Julia Collins now living with me twelve dollars; and one bed and bedding.


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Fourthly, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret all the residue and remainder of my estate real and personal during her life.

Fifthly, At the decease of my wife Margaret I give and bequeath unto my nephew Firman whom I have brought up and raised from childhood all the estate, real and personal which is above willed or bequeathed to my wife to be enjoyed and held by him his heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my nephew Firman to be my executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I Jonathan Casto have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of January 1835

Signed sealed published & declared by Jonathan Casto   
Jonathan Casto to be his last Will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses in his presence

sent

James Harris

Ephraim Smith

Abner Smith

And thereupon personally appeared in open Court James Harris and Abner Smith two of the subscribing witnesses to the last Will & Testament of Jonathan Casto deceased who after being duly sworn according to law on their oaths do say that they are subscribing witnesses to the said last will and testament now presented to the said, that they saw the said testator execute the said last will and testament, and heard him acknowledge the same; that at the time of signing and sealing said last Will and testament, said testator was of sound and disposing mind & memory, and over the age of twenty one year, and not under any restraint: and that those respondents signed said last Will and testament as witnesses, at the request of the said testator and in his presence,

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court  
11th February 1835 Justice Morris clerk

James Harris

Abner Smith

Ordered by the Court here that said Will, and the proof so reduced to writing be recorded. And thereupon on motion of Firman Casto the executor in said Will named: It is ordered that Letters Testamentary be granted to the said Firman Casto who was thereupon duly sworn and executed bond together with James Harris and Abner Smith his sureties whom the Court approve in the penal sum of seven hundred dollars conditioned

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according to law: The Court appoint James Villars William  
Austin and George Collins the appraisers  
Bond executed. Executor sworn. Letters issued.