THE 100TH ANNUAL CASS REUNION COMMEMORATIVE PHOTO ALBUM (Second Edition)

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THE CASS NAME

The name Cass is Anglo-Saxon in origin. It was a name given to a maker of boxes and chests. The surname Cass is derived from the Old French word casse, which means case. Thus, Cass is a metonymic type of occupational surname; it is derived from the principle object associated with the occupation, which in this case was the product produced. Cass is an Anglo-Saxon surname which has survived the rigorous course of history to the present day. Emerging from the shadows of time, the records reveal the earliest origins of this distinguished family.

Historians have researched such ancient manuscripts as the Domesday Book compiled in 1086 A.D., by Duke William of Normandy, the Ragman Rolls (1291-1296) collected by King Edward 1st of England, the Curia Regis Rolls, the Pipe Rolls, the Hearth Rolls, parish registers, baptismals, tax records and other ancient documents. Researchers found the first record of the name Cass in Cambridgeshire where they were seated from very ancient times, some say well before the Norman Conquest and the arrival of Duke William at Hastings in 1066 A.D.

The Cass name occurred in many manuscripts and from time to time the surname was spelt Casse, Cash, Cass, Cashe, with these changes in spelling occurring, even between father and son. In the 16th century even literate people such as William Shakespeare varied the spelling of their own names. There are many reasons for these spelling variations, for instance official court languages such as Latin and French had their influence on how a name was recorded. In general, church officials and scribes recorded a name as it was told to them, rather than follow any spelling rules or conventions.

The Anglo-Saxon tribes produced many surnames such as Cass. These founding cultures settled in England in about the 5th century A.D., displacing the ancient Britons who populated the area in Roman times. The Angles and Saxons established several independent kingdoms, Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, Kent, Essex, Sussex and East Anglia, collectively known as the Heptarchy. All of these rival kingdoms were unified in the 9th century by Egbert, King of Wessex.

In 1066, the relative peace which the country had been existing under was shattered. The Norman invasion from France and their victory at the Battle of Hastings meant that many Anglo-Saxon landholders lost their property to duke William and his invading nobles. Under oppressive Norman rule many families decided to move north to Yorkshire and beyond the border to Scotland.

The Cass family emerged as notable Englishmen in the county of Cambridgeshire where they were recorded as a family of great antiquity seated at the village of Cass with manor and estates in that shire. They flourished there for many centuries, and intermarried with the distinguished families in that shire. By 1030 they had moved north with David, Earl of Huntingdon, who became King David of Scotland, and they were granted lands at Craigmillar in Dunfermline. They also acquired territories at Monkton Hall, Dalkeith, and Strathmiglo. Meanwhile a junior branch that had remained in Cambridgeshire branched to Yorkshire (our branch) and Kent in England. Distinguished members of the family at this time include William Cash of Salem, Mass. a frigate captain.

RESOURCE: The Hall of Names

Sept. 14, 1909

Erie Times News

CASS FAMILY REUNION.

The first reunion of the Cass family was held in the Woolen factory gulf in South Harborcreek on Tuerday, August 31. The occasion was a delightful affair to every one of the fifty relatives who were present. The committee had provided bountifully for the occasion and nothing being omnitted that would give pleasure and enjoyment to the gathering.

After the bounteous dinner served to which all did ample justice. the old as well as the young viewed the ruins of the old woolen factory. Soon the gathering was called order and organized a region with the following officers for the ensuing year: G. W. Cass, president; Della Cass, secretary: J. After all the business treasurer. was transacted all listened to a short but very interesting program, and were invited to hold the reunion si the home of John S. Cass next year.

First Generation (C0)
JOHN & HANNAH (Pratt) CASS

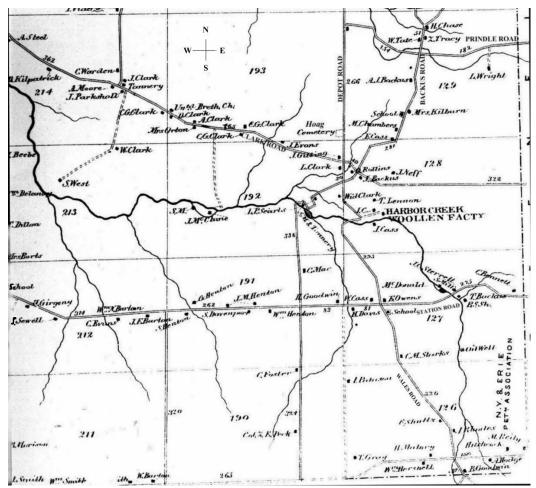




John and Hannah were our original Cass ancestors to immigrate to Erie in 1842 from Rodley, Yorkshire, England. They moved to South Harbor Creek in 1844 where he became sole owner of the Harbor Creek Woolen Mill by 1854. John was born February 04, 1800 in Calverley Bridge, Yorkshire, England while Hannah was born February 17, 1805 in Calverley, Yorkshire, England. Both died in South Harbor Creek and are buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA.

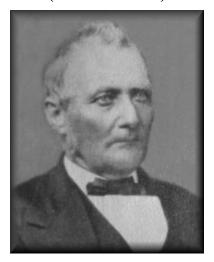


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1865 Map of South East Harbor Creek Twp.

EDWARD "Ned" CASS (C00) (brother of John)



Ned was born May 23, 1804 in Calverley Hill, Yorkshire, England. He died in South Harbor Creek and is buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA. He had no children. He worked in the woolen mills of his brother John of South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA, his brother William of North East, Erie Co., PA and Ephraim Smith of Fallston, Beaver Co., PA who was the father-in-law of Ned's nephew Edward W. Cass.

Second Generation (C1) EDWARD W. & ELIZABETH (Smith) CASS





Edward was the oldest son of John & Hannah (Pratt) Cass. He was born November 20, 1825 in Calverley, Yorkshire, England and was a lad of 16 years when he came to America with his parents and siblings. He moved to Beaver Co., PA where he worked for Ephraim Smith at his woolen mill. After marrying the bosses daughter, Elizabeth, they returned to Harbor Creek to help his father run the Harbor Creek Woolen Mill which he owned. Elizabeth was born November 06, 1827 in Yorkshire, England. Both died in South Harbor Creek and are buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA.

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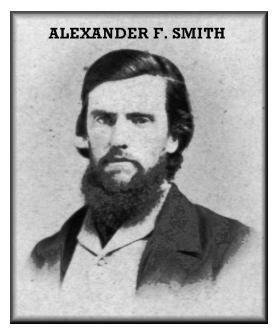
Edward & Elizabeth (Smith) Cass with daughter Mary and Elizabeth's sister Mary Ann (Smith) Hay about 1870 on Clark Road.

EDWARD W. CASS



Brother of Elizabeth (Smith) Cass

ALEXANDER F.SMITH



While Alexander was visiting his sister, Elizabeth Cass in South Harbor Creek, he met and eventually married Hannah Backus, daughter of John & Lydia (Chambers) Backus who were neighbors & good friends of the Cass family. Alexander's branch of the Smith family is the branch through which Perry M. Smith is a descendant. Perry is the author of the "Cass Chronicles 2000" family book. I had the pleasure to work with Perry on that project.

Parents of Elizabeth (Smith) Cass EPHRAIM & ANN (Lee) SMITH





Ephraim was born October 30, 1798 in Pudsey, Yorkshire, England. Ann was born April 11, 1807 in Eccleshill, Yorkshire, England. Both died in New Brighton, Beaver Co., PA and are buried in Grove Cemetery, New Brighton, Beaver Co., PA. Ephraim and Ann were first cousins.

Brother & Grandfather of Ann (Lee) Smith

ABRAHAM LEE



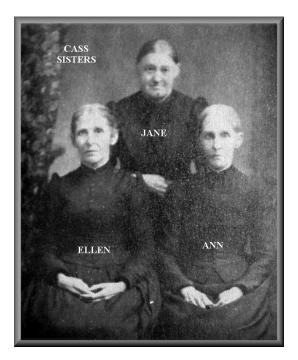




Abraham was born about 1817 in Yorkshire, England. Jonas was born 1751 in Yorkshire, England. Jonas was also the grandfather of Ephraim Smith. Abraham married Martha Coates and had a daughter Ann Coates Lee who married Joseph Varley. Joseph & Ann emmigrated to Beaver County PA where Ephraim Smith and Ann's aunt, Ann (Lee) Smith, lived in 1883.

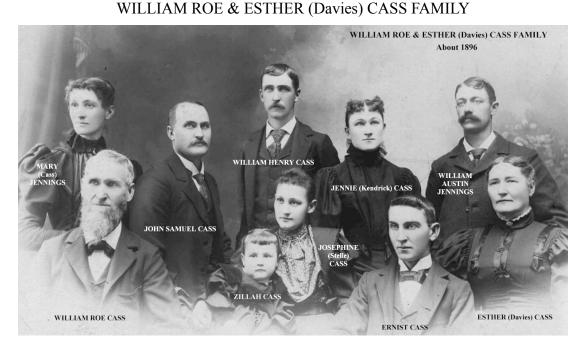
Second Generation (C3, C2, & C4)

Daughters of John & Hannah (Pratt) Cass and Sisters of Edward W. & Wm. Roe Cass



Jane (C3) never married and Ellen's (C2) branch has died out so they have no descendants to attend the reunion. We owe much of the information we have on the early Cass family to Ellen's daughter Emma Barham. Ann (C4) was born in 1832 and was married to William Mitchell. She has descendants that live in the area who could attend the reunion, though they have not in recent years.

Second Generation (C5)



William was the youngest son of John & Hannah (Pratt) Cass. He owned a farm at the corner of Depot & Station Road. There is only one descendant left to carry on the Cass name for this branch. His name is William Nicholas Cass and he lives in Erie. There are a few descendants of Mary (Cass) Jennings with the last name of LeBaron and Simmons.

Third Generation (C11)
EPHRAIM E. & CAROLINE (Neff) CASS with Ed



Ephraim was the oldest son of Edward & Elizabeth (Smith) Cass. He was born July 28, 1850 in Fallston, Beaver Co., PA. Caroline was born March 16, 1859 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA. She is the daughter of John & Caroline (Gitting) Neff. They are both buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA. Most of those attending the reunion in recent years are descendants of these two.

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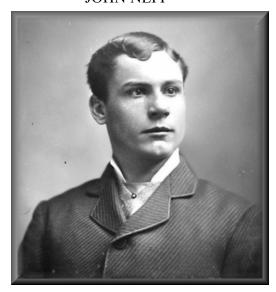
Caroline (Neff) Cass With Parents & Siblings JOHN & CAROLINE (Gitting) NEFF FAMILY

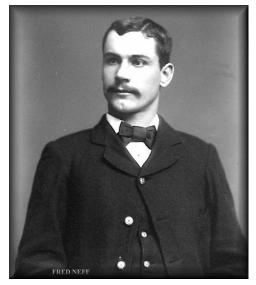


Father & Uncle of Caroline (Neff) Cass

JOHN NEFF

FREDERICK NEFF





John Neff was born December 07, 1827 in Williamsville (near Buffalo), Erie Co., NY. and died September 25, 1897 in Harbor Creek Twp., Erie Co., PA. His brother Fred Neff was born December 07, 1820 in Lancaster Co., PA and died October 18, 1884 in East Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. John & Fred are uncles of Jackson Koehler.

Cousin of Caroline (Neff) Cass JACKSON KOEHLER FAMILY



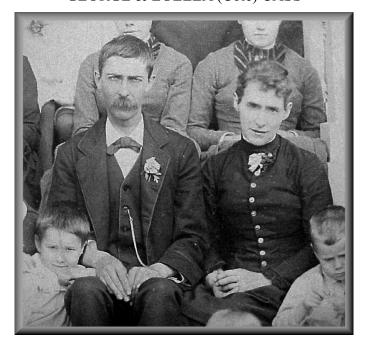
Jackson was a son of Charles & Rosanna (Neff) Koehler. He was born October 8, 1851 in Millcreek, Erie Co., PA and died 1903 in Erie, PA. He was the owner of the Koehler Brewery in Erie.

FIRST AUTOMOBILE IN ERIE



Jackson Koehler owned the first motor car in Erie, PA. It was a red 1899, one cylinder Winton built in Cleveland, OH.

Third Generation (C13)GEORGE & LUELLA (Cole) CASS



George was the second son of Edward & Elizabeth (Smith) Cass. He was born March 23, 1855 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA. Lu Ella was born January 04, 1860 in Roseville, IL and died May 12, 1952. Both are buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA.

Third Generation (C14)
GEORGE & MARY ELLEN (Cass) ROBERTS





Mary was the daughter of Edward & Elizabeth (Smith) Cass. She was born December 17, 1859 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA. Her husband George was born July 04, 1872 in Erie Co., PA. Both died in South Harbor Creek and are buried in Hoag Cemetery, Depot Rd., South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA. We have had a few of Mary & George's descendants attend the reunion in recent years.

Third Generation (C42)

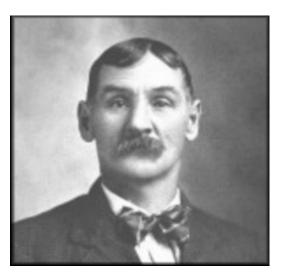
NATHAN & MARY JANE (Mitchell) HILL



Mary Jane is a daughter of Ann Cass and William Mitchell. She was born December 22, 1860 in Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA and died May 10, 1923 in Greenfield Twp., Erie Co., PA. Nathan was born February 28, 1863 in Waterford Twp., Erie Co., PA and died February 19, 1929. Both are buried in Wales Cemetery Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA.

Third Generation (C46)

WILSON LORENZO & HETTA MARIAH (Mitchell) SMITH





Hetta Mariah is a daughter of Ann Cass and William Mitchell. Hetta was born November 27, 1868 in Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA and died February 29, 1940 in Waterford Twp., Erie Co., PA. Wilson was born April 03, 1863 in Edinboro, PA and died September 29, 1935 in Waterford Twp., Erie Co., PA.

Third Generation (C53)

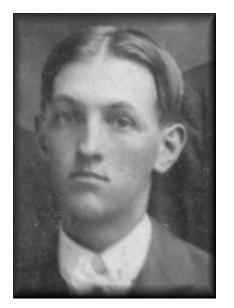
WILLIAM HENRY & JENNIE (Olson) CASS





William Henry is a son of William Roe and Esther (Davies) Cass. He was born August 27, 1866 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died May 19, 1939 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA at what is now the Larry Gainer residence. Jennie, Henry's second wife, was born 1887 in East Springfield, Erie Co., PA and died February 04, 1973.

Fourth Generation (C111)
EDWARD J. & MYRTA (McClelland) CASS





Edward is the oldest son of Ephraim & Caroline (Neff) Cass. He was born January 26, 1881 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died September 11, 1954. Myrta was born March 23, 1888 also in South Harbor Creek and died May 28, 1972. They are both buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA.

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Fourth Generation (C112)

WILLIAM E. & FRANCES (Hughes) CASS





William is the second son of Ephraim & Caroline (Neff) Cass. He was born August 28, 1884 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died May 19, 1963. Frances was born June 03, 1885 in Cherrytree Twp., Venango Co., PA and died October 10, 1950. They are both buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA.

WILLIAM E CASS FAMILY 1937





EDWARD J. & WILLIAM E. CASS

Fourth Generation (C114)NEFF SMITH CASS & wife AUDREY DAYGER





Neff was the third son of Ephraim & Caroline (Neff) Cass. He was born May 23, 1894 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died Feb. 7, 1960 in Houston, TX. Audrey was born March 31, 1896 in Warren, PA and died Oct. 1982 in Bakersfield, CA. They had two daughters Phyllis who never married and Joan who married Harry Heath.

Fourth Generation (C115)

MABEL (Cass) SHANER & husband WALTER





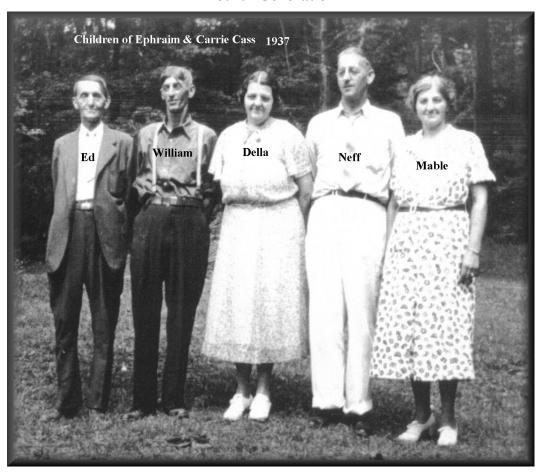
Mabel was the second daughter of Ephraim & Caroline (Neff) Cass. She was born May 01, 1896 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died February 21, 1971 in Harborcreek, Erie Co., PA. Walter was born Nov. 13, 1895 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died May 1969 in Harborcreek, Erie Co., PA. They had a daughter, Dorothy who married Robert Swift and a son Richard who married Betty Bishop.

Fourth Generation (C113) DELLA CASS



Della was the oldest daughter of Ephraim & Caroline (Neff) Cass and was born July 27, 1886 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA. She died September 26, 1938 and is buried in Wales Cemetery, Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA. She was married once and divorced with no children.

Fourth Generation



Fourth Generation (C131) ALFRED & ELIZABETH CLAIRE (Cass) KING



Elizabeth "Lizzy" was a daughter of George W. and LuElla (Cole) Cass. Lizzy was born January 16, 1883 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died May 08, 1950 in Greenfield Twp., Erie Co., PA. Alfred was born November 15, 1877 in Greenfield Twp., Erie Co., PA and died August 21, 1944 in Greenfield Twp., Erie Co., PA. They are both buried in North East Cemetery, Erie Co., PA.

Mother of Alfred King LAURA (Walker) KING



Fourth Generation (C132) ELLSWORTH AXTELL & EMMA (Thornton) CASS





Ellsworth is a son of George W. and LuElla (Cole) Cass. He was born June 05, 1884 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died September 08, 1972 in Bradenton, FL. He owned a barber shop between Prindle and Davidson Road on Depot Road in Harbor Creek Twp., Erie Co., PA. Emma was born January 28, 1889 in Greenfield Twp., Erie Co., PA and died 1954 in Bradenton, FL.

Fourth Generation (C133)
RALPH & MYRTA LUELLA (Cass) BURGESS



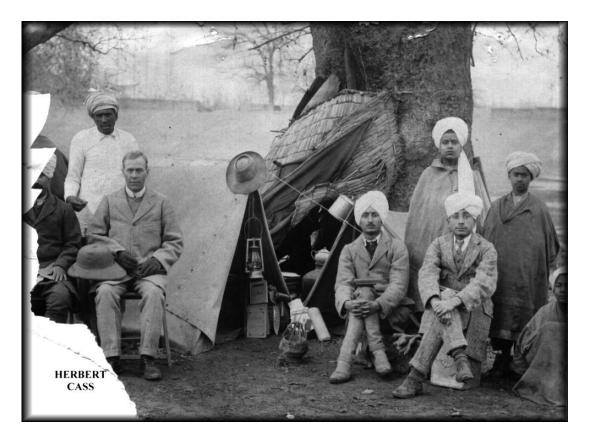
Myrta Luella is a daughter of George W. and LuElla (Cole) Cass. She was born December 27, 1885 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died September 27, 1963 in probably North East Twp., Erie Co., PA. Ralph was born November 28, 1886 in Erie Co., PA and died April 20, 1959 in probably North East Twp., Erie Co., PA. Thanks to their grandson, Ed Travis, we were able to include more pictures of the early Cass family in the family book "Cass Chronicles 2000" and also this album.

Fourth Generation (C134)
HERBERT LEE & MARY (Burley) CASS



Herbert is a son of George W. and LuElla (Cole) Cass. He was born February 09, 1889 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died March 07, 1961 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA at the corner of Depot & Davison Road. Mary was born October 03, 1892 in Preston, Lancashire, England and died June 1984 in Erie Co., PA.

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Herbert Cass in India while serving as a missionary.

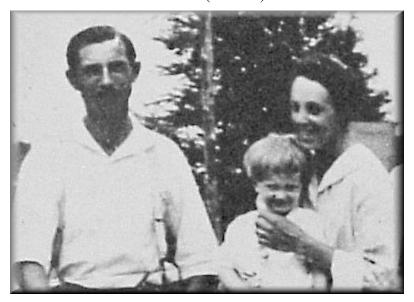
Fourth Generation (C135) HAROLD CASS



Harold was a son of George W. and LuElla (Cole) Cass. He was the author of the original 1942 Cass family book, "The Chronicles of the Descendants of John Cass." He was born June 12, 1896 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died March 02, 1969 in Cleveland, OH. H was married but had no children.

Fourth Generation (C141)

WALTER & BESSIE (Roberts) KIENHOLZ



Bessie is a daughter of George & Mary Ellen (Cass) Roberts. Bessie was born October 23, 1890 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died November 16, 1981 in Harbor Creek Twp., Erie Co., PA. Walter was born June 04, 1887 in Erie Co., PA and died December 1975 in probably Harbor Creek Twp., Erie Co., PA

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Fourth Generation (C142) MYRA ROBERTS



Myra is a daughter of George & Mary Ellen (Cass) Roberts. Myra was born January 08, 1893 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died August 1977 in Arizona. She was married to Colin Maryan. Colin was born February 16, 1890 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and died January 1968 in Arizona.

Fourth Generation (C143)

EDWARD C. & RUTH (Hunter) ROBERTS





Edward C. is a son of George & Mary Ellen (Cass) Roberts. He was born April 16, 1895 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died November 12, 1966 in Wattsburg, Erie Co., PA. Ruth was born January 05, 1896 in Sweden Valley, Sweden Twp., Potter Co., PA and died January 04, 1982 in probably Erie Co., PA

Fourth Generation (C144)
NORMAN & MARY (Baker) ROBERTS

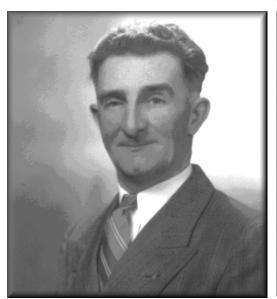




Norman was a son of George & Mary Ellen (Cass) Roberts. He was born June 08, 1898 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died February 14, 1978 in Erie Co., PA. Norman is buried in Laural Hill Cemetery, Erie Co., PA Mary "Jeanette" Baker was born November 17, 1898 in Lewistown, PA and died May 11, 1986.

Fourth Generation (C145)

GEORGE & JEAN (Roberts) PARKER





Jean is a daughter of George & Mary Ellen (Cass) Roberts. She was born September 14, 1900 in South Harbor Creek, Erie Co., PA and died September 16, 1983 in Erie, PA. George was born October 07, 1897 in Greenbrier Co., WV and died July 23, 1973 in Erie, PA.

Fourth Generation (C421)

LUCIAN K. & Myrta May (Hill) EVANS





Myrta May is the daughter of Nathan & Mary Jane (Mitchell) Hill. She was born November 17, 1884 in Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA and died August 22, 1971 in North East Twp., Erie Co., PA. She is buried in North East Cemetery, Erie Co., PA. Lucian was born September 28, 1883 in Harbor Creek Twp., Erie Co., PA and died October 25, 1949 in Findley Lake, NY.

Fourth Generation (C422)
ELMER CLAIRE & MARTHA (Pierce) HILL





Elmer is the son son of Nathan & Mary Jane (Mitchell) Hill. He was born January 12, 1886 in Greene Twp., Erie Co., PA and died July 07, 1966 in Erie Co., PA. Martha was born February 29, 1888 in Greenfield Twp., Erie Co., PA and died June 02, 1948 in Erie Co., PA. They are both buried in Greenfield Baptist Cemetery, Greenfield Twp., Erie Co., PA.

THE ELMER & MARTHA (Pierce) HILL FAMILY



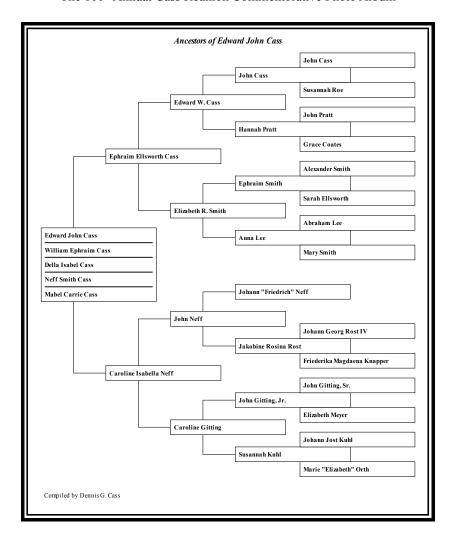
Fourth Generation (C534) WILLIAM ROE & ELEANORE (Krebs) CASS



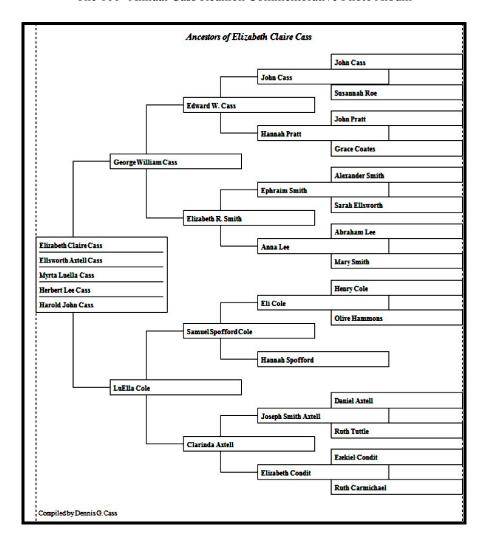


William is a son of William Henry & Jennie (Olson) Cass. He was born June 12, 1918 in Franklin Twp., Erie Co., PA and died June 22, 1998 in Erie, PA. He was married to Eleanore Krebbs who was born April 01, 1918 in Erie, PA and died January 25, 2008 in Syracuse, NY. He last attended the Cass Reunion in 1997.

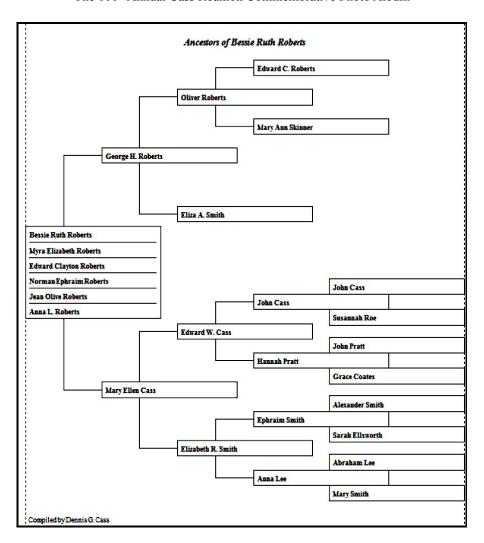
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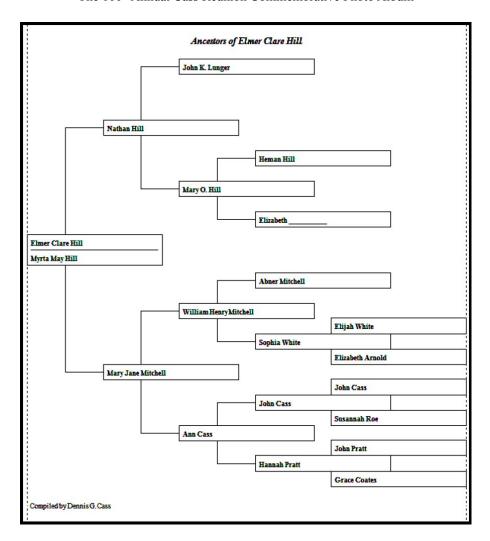
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SECOND CASS REUNION 1910



FRONT ROW left to right: Mrs. Ralph Burgess holding Mary Burgess, Harold Cass, Helen King, Richard Cass, Dorothy King, Walter Cass, Jean Roberts, Hazel Evens, Norman Roberts, Mabel Evans, Mrs. William E. Cass holding Philip Cass.

SECOND ROW: Myrta McClelland, Edward Cass, Myra Roberts, Ralph Burgess, Mabel Cass, Bessie Roberts, Neff Cass, Della Cass, Ernest Cass, Ivah Jennings, Mrs. Ernest Cass, Clark Moyer.

THIRD ROW: Edward Roberts, Mrs. Ephraim Cass, Mrs. George Cass, George Cass, Mrs. Alfred King, John King held by William Roe Cass, Mrs. Nathan Hill, Nathan Hill holding Lavona Hill, Susan Mitchell, Lucian Evans, Mrs. Lucian Evans.

FOURTH ROW: George Roberts, Edith Kendrick, Mary Kendrick, Emma Barham, John S. Cass, Mrs. John S. Cass, Alfred King, Mrs. George Roberts, Ellsworth Cass, Mrs. W. Austin Jennings, William E. Cass, Mrs. Elmer Hill, Elmer Hill.

Reunion held Aug. 29, 1910 at the home of John S. Cass on Davison Road. Edith & Mary Kendricks were sisters of Mrs. John Cass. Clark Moyer was John S. Cass' hired hand.

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