

***A Brief History
of Webster County
and its Families***

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Suzanne Isabelle "Belle" Caskey, her son, Garrett William Carter and her husband, John Henry Carter.

on June 16, 1860, to John S. Caskey and Lucinda Pearson. She was the third of nine children.

Mary Catherine, born in February, 1856, married Jeff Trusty, a Baptist preacher. She died in Texas, very young, after the birth of the fourth daughter.

Rozannah, born on October 24, 1858, died on April 1, 1859.

Belle. (no information)

John Wesley Caskey, born on August 30, 1862, married Dovey C. Trusty February 25, 1885. They went to Texas.

Sarah Ann Caskey, born on August 28, 1864, died in 1945, married William Matney on October 4, 1886. They are buried in Lone Star Cemetery in Webster County.

Rutha, born on November 6, 1866, died on April 1, 1954, married William A. Fox, in Webster County on October 4, 1886. They are buried at Maple Park, Springfield.

Lucinda Jane, born on December 7, 1868, died on November 13, 1946, buried at Rose Hill Cemetery at Tulsa; married Ashel Adams on December 17, 1887 in Douglas County. He is buried in Eastlawn in Springfield. Their daughter, Maude, married John William Fernow, Jr. and their sons have a kinship to the royal family, Prince Charles, Andrew, and Anne.

James William "Bill", born on June 3, 1871, died in Seymour, married first, December 18, 1897, in Wright County, Mattie Ervin; second, December 1,

1904, in Webster County, Lea Pilkerton. He is buried in Tulsa.

Bill carried on the blacksmithing trade of his ancestors. One of his eight children, Letus, a professional wrestler, also known as George Craig, died December 23, 1976, in Vinita, Oklahoma.

Miry born on June 1, 1875, and died on June 5, 1876.

Suzanne Isabelle "Belle" married John Henry Carter, December 29, 1878, at Thornfield, to John Henry Carter, born on July 19, 1860, in Webster County, Missouri. John Carter and Louisa Ann Murrell. He died on November 14, 1928. Belle died on July 23, 1928. They are buried in the Mansfield Cemetery.

They had Josephus (1879-1962) who married Ella McAlester. Both are buried at the Mansfield Cemetery.

Simon Wesley (1882-1944) married Nettie Strobel, King, buried at Rose Hill, in Tulsa.

Noah Estell (1884-1955) married Nettie Strobel, buried in Maize, Kansas.

Lucy Belle (1887-1966) married Abraham Simpson, buried Maize, Kansas.

Lulu Myrtle (1891-1981) married on September 2, 1929, in Webster County, Missouri, White, buried in Maple Park, in Springfield.

John Alva (1895-1969) married Era Brown, buried in Mansfield Cemetery.

Garrett William born on May 30, 1894, died on July 4, 1959, buried in Mansfield Cemetery. He married Blanche Catharine Davis, who at this time was living in San Antonio, Texas, age 97.

Belle made her home with Lulu, but was around with each of her children. The grandchildren all remember some of the stories she loved to tell, much exaggerated, and sometimes scary, but also held many truths about the family.

Submitted by Gloria Bogart Carter

CASS FAMILY - Early in the 1800's, two brothers, Dudley E. Cass I and Pliny Cook Cass, came from Bristol, New Hampshire, and established a merchandising store in Pierce City, Missouri. The brothers broke apart sometime later with Pliny going to California. Dudley E. Cass I came to Springfield, Missouri, and set up the second store



Mary Ann (Merrill) Cass Mother of Dudley Cass I



Martha (Robbins) Cass wife of Dudley Cass I Mother of Lewis Cass II.

merchandising on College Street, two blocks from the square in Springfield, Missouri. This was operated by Dudley E. Cass I and his son Lewis S. Cass II until the passing of Dudley E. Cass I in 1884. This Dudley and his wife, Martha (Robbins) Cass, are buried in Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. After the death of his father, Lewis S. Cass I and his son Dudley E. Cass II traded the business to a man named Micajah Aldridge of

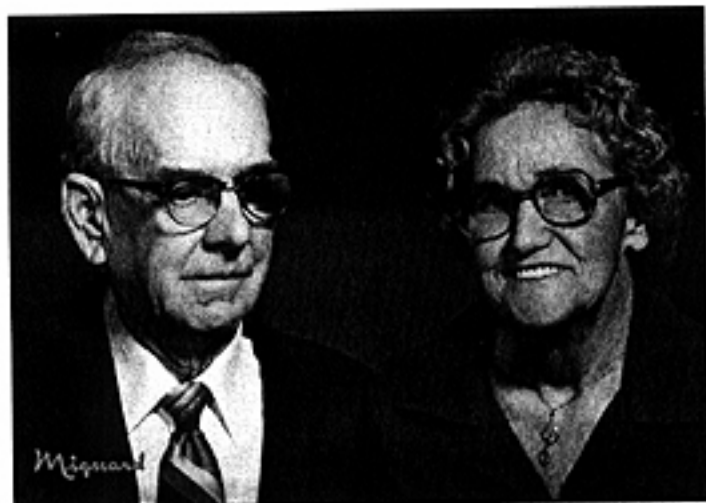
Webster County, Route 1, Fordland, Missouri, in 1885. This Lewis S. Cass II married Charlotte Catherine Collier and their children were: Mary Ann (Cass) Jackson, Emma (Cass) Galbraith, Francis (Cass) Hamil, Leda (Cass) Thompson, and Dudley E. Cass II. Dudley E. Cass married Anna Jones of



*Lewis S. Cass II
father of Dudley Cass II 1885*



Dudley Cass II Father of Elbert and Lawrence Cass



Elbert Dudley Cass and Georgia father and mother of Norman E. Cass

Diggins, Missouri, and to this union were born: Irene (Cass) Brooks, (Josephine Keeth's mother), Robert Cass (who died in World War I), Charlotte (Cass) Farr, (Anna Catherine Honeycutt's mother); Agnes (Cass) Reed, Elbert Dudley Cass, (father of Norman E. Cass). Lawrence Cass, (Raymond's father), and Margaret (Cass) Dillard, (Dianne Waterman's and Dorothy Hansen's mother). This family of Dudley Cass and Anne Jones are all deceased. Three of them, Elbert, Lawrence, and Irene lived all their lives in Webster County. Dudley E. Cass and his wife Anna are buried in Hazelwood Cemetery, in Springfield,



Norman E. Cass, Betty (Mobley) Cass father and mother of Majuana (Cass) Kibby, Sharon (Cass) Corum, and Robin (Cass) Buttry.



Majuana (Cass) Kibby, husband Dwight W. Kibby, mother of Sonja (Kibby) Jacobson, Nelson W. Kibby

Missouri. Elbert and Lawrence Cass divided the Cass farm in the 1930's, farming until the 1950's. These farms were then passed on to Norman (son of Elbert D. and Georgia), and to Ray (son of Lawrence and Etta). When Norman's wife Betty (Mobley) Cass retired, their half of the Cass farm was sold to their daughter, Majuana (Cass) Kibby and her husband, Dwight W. Kibby. They presently reside on that farm on Fordland, Missouri. Norman and Betty have other daughters; Sharon (Cass) Corum of Vandalia, and Robin (Cass) Buttry of Marshfield. Submitted by Majuana (Cass) Kibby

CAUGHRAN FAMILY - The Caughran family came from the mountains of east Tennessee and began settling in Webster County in the 1850's. John and Delia Caughran reared a family of five children in the northern part of the county known as the Caughran Settlement. John Jacob Caughran, their son, married Rebecca Lucinda Haymes and went on to have eight children: Nora, Lee, Lem, Ralph, Andrew, and Leonard. Ralph Caughran, born in 1885 and attended Teagues School, then attending Seymour High School, he earned a high school and grade teaching certificate. In 1915, Ralph