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James Daniel Easley of Fort Worth, Texas published a book in 1952 titled "Three Hundred Years of Easley Genealogy". His book assumed that nearly all persons with the Easley surname in the United States were descended from one Robert Easley who was born in England about 1655 and who came to the Virginia Colony about 1680 where he married one Ann Parker and raised four sons and two daughters. This author corresponded with several members of the "Pennsylvania Easleys" and developed a lineage from Andrew Easley down to his survivors in the 1950's; however, he was unable to connect Andrew Easley to any descendants of this Robert Easley and he did not include the Andrew Easley lineage in his Genealogy.

Andrew Easley was not a descendant of Robert Easley. Andrew and his two brothers, Casper and Ferdinand, were sons of Blasius Easley (Isele) a German or Swiss immigrant who arrived at the port of Philadelphia in 1751. The Fort Worth author claims that Robert Easley's ancestors were originally Swiss who migrated through France as Hugonats (French Protestants) and took refuge in England from religious persecution by Catholic France. Blasius Easley's descendants aligned closely with Catholic settlements in Colonial America and in the new Republic. It is a reasonable speculation that both Robert Easley and Blasius Easley had a common ancestor in Switzerland and that the Reformation polarized branches of the family along religious grounds at that time.

Blasius Isele arrived in Philadelphia, PA with his bride Mary Magdalen Rooker on September 9, 1751 on the "Ship Patience, Hugh Steel, Captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes (England)". The following account traces their life in the Colonies until Blasius's death in Cumberland County, PA. in 1784 and continues with the lives of their eight children and with portions of the third through sixth generations lives into the 1950's. Many of Blasius's descendants were farmers, but others were carpenters, builders, teachers, entrepreneurs, or were associated with the legal profession.

Information sources used include: colonial tax lists, State tax lists, United States Census lists, probated wills, property deeds, family and bible records, published biographies and newspaper clippings. Numerous photographs have been copied and annotated and assembled for future reference. The author/compiler requests the contribution of additional pertinent information in any of the above categories. and corrections or comments on the following compilation. Address to: John F Easley, 15 Raymond Terrace, East Norwalk, CT, 06855 .

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BLASIVS EASLY THE IMMIGRANT

Blasius Isele
Blasius Easley signed his name as (Blasius Isele) in Old German script as he debarked at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Monday, September 9, 1751. He was one of 109 Males aged 16 and over, out of 255 total passengers (which included women and children) from the Ship Patience, captained by Hugh Steele, from Rotterdam and last from Cowes in England. About 33 of the 109 males signed with an "X" or similar mark between their given name and their surname written probably by the ship's captain in ~~an~~ English script. Eight of the passengers were counted as being Roman Catholick.

Blasius likely knew very little English and he likely associated closely for a time after landing with others of the passenger lists of whom about 80 percent appear to have German-type names. As of this writing, the names of Blasius's parents, the town of his birth and the year of his birth are not known. The name "Isele" has been connected to Swiss origin rather than German and is still extant in North Switzerland. The circumstance of being newly-wed and the known birthyears of some of Blasius's children would indicate a birthyear for Blasius between 1711 and 1733 corresponding to an age bracket of 18 to 40 at the time of debarking.

According to an account by A. A. Lambing, Blasius married Mary Magdalen Rooker in Germany about 1750 or 1751 and the couple came together to America. The same account has Blasius spending about a year in Baltimore, Maryland area prior to his return to Germany to marry Mary Rooker. No recorded documentation has been found to date connecting Blasius to Baltimore, other than a Deed stating that his daughter Barbara and her husband John Black were Baltimore residents in 1791.

Tax lists from the Colonial period are somewhat sparse. Further, one must know the County and Township of residence to begin such a search. Based on the information that Blasius's oldest son, Casper, was born at York, Pa, such a listing was located for one "Plasius Isle" in Berwick Township, York County, Pa. for 1762. "Plasius's" rate was 3 - 0 and his tax assessment was 4 shillings and 6 pence. Also in 1771, the tax list for Berwick Township, York County includes one "Blases Eseley" with a rate of 12 and a tax assessment of 2 (probably Pounds). Berwick Township was in that part of York County that later was formed into Adams County. Berwick Township is adjacent to the Township in which "Conewago Chapel" later "Basilica of the Sacred Heart" had been serving the Catholic settlers since 1740. Copies (one typed, one microfilm) of the above tax lists are in the custody of the York County Historical Society at York, Pennsylvania.

Tax Lists from the Revolutionary War period are more readily available for the State of Pennsylvania since a great number of these lists have been collected and printed in the "Pennsylvania Archives". Many Genealogy Libraries (such as the Pennsylvania Room of the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh) have copies of these valuable reference books.

The tax list of 1778 for Cumberland County, Fannett Township lists one Blows Esly as owning 32 acres, 3 horses, 1 cattle and being assessed 4 pounds, 10 shillings and 4 pence tax. The 1779 tax list for Fannett Township, Cumberland County lists one Blossius Esley as owning 50 acres, 2 horses and 2 cattle. The 1780 tax list for Fannett Township, Cumberland County lists one Blossius Esley as owning 0 acres, 2 horses and 4 cattle. The 1781 transcript of taxables for Fannett Township, Cumberland County lists one Blossus Esley as owning 0 acres, 2 horses and 2 cattle. The 1782 transcript of taxables for Fannett Township, Cumberland County lists one Blossius Essley as owning 0 acres, 3 horses and 2 cattle.

Fannett Township became part of Franklin County about 1784. Fannett Township was part of an area called "Amberson Valley" (probably named for one Francis Amberson who died c 1767). Harry E Foreman published a book in 1968 with the title "Conococheague Headwaters of Amberson Valley". On page 67 of this book is the statement that "some of the Alexander Culbertson land of 1755 warrant was sold to Plausius Essily in 1782. Essily sold land to Michael Kunkle in 1782".

On the 17th of January 1783, Blasius Eastly bought seventy eight acres of land in Newton Township, Cumberland County from one Jacob Freisch for 117 pounds in gold and silver money, according to a land deed recorded at the Court House in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., in Book 1P pages 254 and 255.

Blasius Eastly died prior to May 18, 1784 on which date Letters of Administration were issued to "Mary Eastly widow of Blasius Eastly ---and Casber Eastly" as recorded in Book B page 46 108 Cumberland County, Pa. Blasius Eastly died prior to April 5, 1784 on which date Barnabas Clarke and Samuel Piper completed an Estate Inventory at the request of Casper Eastly.

Samuel Piper swore and subscribed his responsibility for the appraising of the Estate of Bloss Eslys on May 6, 1784 before Justice of the Peace Charles Leeper. Barnabas Clark swore his responsibility for appraising the Estate of Blase Esley on April 13, 1784 before Justice of the Peace David Elder.

The Estate Inventory document in its original form is stored in a basement room of the Carlisle, Pa Courthouse. The document is still legible to the extent that a legible copy was able to be made from it. Blasius's total possessions 33 years after his landing at Philadelphia were appraised at just under 200 pounds. His land was valued at 1 pound per acre or 78 pounds. His crop in the field (primarily wheat and rye) was also valued at 1 pound per acre or 32 pounds. His 4 horses were valued at 9 pounds each or 36 pounds.

The appraisement also lists; 5 cows, 5 sheep, 2 lambs and 5 hogs. Blasius had a "waggon and gears", a "plough and plough irons", mattocks, hoes, axes, maul rings, wedges, and logchain, "sickles", saddles and saddle bags. These items relate closely to farm work. Blasius had the following carpentry tools; saws, "drawing knives, augers and chizzles", a plane, crows and compass. Blasius also had unspecified tanners tools.

Blasius's house furnishings seem rather sparse. The appraisement lists; a table, a bed and dresser, pails, tranchers and spoons, bed cloths, wearing apparel, pewter pots, a coffee mill and a "Loom and tacklings".

No record has been found of Blasius applying for British citizenship in the Colonial period. Maryland and Pennsylvania were considered the two States most likely to welcome Roman Catholic settlers; however, they did not overdo this welcome. Technically, only British citizens could be landowners during the Colonial period. However, there were some people who had acquired who tended to overlook this stipulation when they found a buyer with gold and silver money. One of the requirements for being granted British citizenship in Colonial Pennsylvania was the partaking of the "Lord's Supper in a Protestant Church".

To date, Blasius's gravesite is not known. There were burials at Conewago Chapel between 1750 and 1800 but most of the records have been lost and very few of the remaining gravestones pre-date 1800. St. Patrick's cemetery at Carlisle was not established until about 1800. There is a general reference to some Easllys being buried at Stake cemetery in Fannett Township, now Franklin County. All three of these locations are a considerable distance from Newton Township where Blasius was living at the time of his death.

Blasius died Intestate (without a will). This necessitated several legal proceedings and the documents generated thereby likely provide more family history information than a simple will would have provided. Blasius's children as mentioned in various documents appear to be:

Mary Easly	born c 1752
Barbara Easly	birthyear unknown
Christina Easly	birthyear unknown
Casper Easly	born 1760
Andrew Easly	born c 1762
Ferdinand Easly	born 1768
Magdalen Easly	birthyear unknown
Rebecca Easly	birthyear unknown

MARY MAGDALEN EASLY - WIDOW OF BLASIUS EASLY

Thirtyfour years after her arrival at Philadelphia with her husband, Blasius, Mary Magdalen Easly was recognized in the tax list for Newton Township, Cumberland County, 1785 simply as "Widow Esley". She did not rate a given name. She signed her name with an "X". She probably spoke better German than English. Despite all this, she was considerably involved in the settling of Blasius's estate over the next 7 years along with her oldest son, Casper.

Letters of Administration were issued to Mary Eastly Widow of Blassius Eastly and to Casper Eastly on May 18, 1784 by Cumberland County, Pa. for the Goods and Chattels of Blasius Eastly deceased as entered in Docket Book B page 46 at Carlisle, Pa.

A trust warrant of acceptance was issued on October 23, 1790 by which a patent was granted at Philadelphia to Mary Magdalen Eastley and Casper Eastley and their heirs on October 30, 1790 and recorded in Patent Book 15 page 379 for a certain tract of Land called "Fairfield".

A Deed recorded in Book 1 P pages 255, 256 and 257 at Cumberland County Court House on March 17, 1803 but made and dated May 5, 1792 transferred Blasius's property to one Joseph Kelly. This Deed was signed by Mary Magdalen Easly by her mark and by Casper Easly by his signature. Joseph Kelley deeded the same property to one John Kelley and to Rebeckah Kelley his wife on August 8, 1795. The John Kelleys subsequently deeded the property to one James McCulloch during April of 1796.

A Reverend Mr. Theodore Browers on October 24, 1790 willed the property of "Sportsman's Hall" (later St Vincents at Latrobe, Pa) which he had purchased with his own funds to a Roman Catholic Priest who would succeed him. The will did not name a specific Catholic priest nor did it specify how such a successor might be appointed. Christain Ruffner and Henry Coons were named as Executors and a Christian Andris, a William McGee and a Reverend Mr. John Baptist Cause were witnesses to the will. The Reverend Mr Browers died on Oct 31, 1790.

A Reverend Francis Rogatus Fromm self-appointed himself as the successor to the Reverend Mr. Browers. Reverend Fromm then wrote a will on December 16, 1795 specifying that the property in question was to pass in trust to a priest as appointed by the Archbishop of Mentz in Germany to succeed the Reverend Mr Fromm. Among other other stipulations in the will, the Reverend Fromm recommends his housekeeper Magdalena Easly Widow for housekeeper to his successor. This places Blasius's widow in Westmoreland County, Pa. for some time prior to Dec. 1795. This is the latest known reference to Blasius's widow by name, Magdalena Easly. The date of her death and place of burial are unknown.

A book titled "The English Missions" by John Tracy Ellis provides further information on the Reverend Fromm. On page 441 it states that Father Francis Fromm departed for Philadelphia in 1798 leaving the Father Browers property in litigation and in defiance of Bishop Carroll's authority, and that Father Fromm died in Philadelphia during a Yellow Fever epidemic. A notation on the Father Browers will states that the Case is at December Term of 1798, Common Pleas, captioned "the Lessee of the Executors of Theodore Browers, Dec'd vs Franciscus Fromm, Tenant". The 1800 Census for Philadelphia County, Pa. (Reel 377) lists a "Widow Easley". To date, there is no evidence that this widow is Mary Magdalen Easley.

CASPER W EASLY SROLDEST SON OF BLASIUS EASLY

Casper Easly, the oldest son of Blasius Easly was born in April 1760 in York County, Pa. according to published accounts. Tax lists referred to above place Blasius and his family in Berwick Township between 1762 and 1771 in the area which is now in Adams County.

Casper's name under many different spellings appears several times in the Pennsylvania Archives Lists of Revolutionary War soldiers or of those available to be soldiers. The book "American Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County Pennsylvania" lists on page 85 "Casper Easley (Esly, Esley) Lived Amberson Valley, son of Blasius Esley, Capt. Noah Abraham, 1779." A card index file maintained at the Historical Section in the State Capitol at Harrisburg, Pa. has two listings for Casper Easly / Jasper Esley. The first is for 1779, the 1st County Battalion, Capt Thomas Askey. The second is for Apr 10, 1781, the 6th County Battalion, 8th Company. The file is referred to as "Militia List" and each card has the notation "The Basic Record Does not Prove Active Duty". The reference source is "Records of the Comptroller General RG-4".

Some of the listings for Casper in the Pennsylvania Archives are: Page 25 of Series 5, Vol 6 Associators and Militia for County of Cumberland, First Battalion, Fourth Marching Company, Fourth Class, called October 23, 1777, Capt Alex. Peebles, First Class Casper Issley. Page 667 of Series 3, Vol 23, Capt. John Reed's Co., Cumberland County Militia, First Battalion - 1779, a List of Men of the Fourth Class of the First Battalion of Cumberland County Militia that was with Capt. Alex Peples at Sunberry Sept 1, 1779, First Company Capt Askey, Gasper Esley.

Casper Easly was about 17, 19 and 21 years old on the occasions of these Muster lists.

Casper Easley was a witness to the land deed dated January 16, 1783 between John Carter and Jacob Freisch transferring 78 acres of land in Newton Township, Cumberland County to Jacob Freisch and to the land deed dated January 17, 1783 between Jacob Freisch and Blasius Eastly transferring the same 78 acres of land to Blasius Eastly. Casper was almost 23 years old at the time.

Casper Easley, along with John Black, was a co-grantee of about 26 acres of land deeded by William Hodge to them on August 2, 1786. Casper was 26 years old at the time. They subsequently deeded this land to John Kelly on October 2, 1790.

Casper Eastly was co-grantee of the land patent issued on October 30, 1790 to Mary Magdalen Eastley and Casper Eastley for the tract of land called "Fairfield" in Newton Township, Cumberland County. Casper Easley was listed as Head of Family for the 1790 Cumberland County U S Census page 78 (page 323 on typed index for Hopewell, Newton, Tyborn and West Pensboro Townships). The family consisted of 2 males over 16 and 3 females. The males are probably Casper and Andrew. The females are probably Mary Magdalen the widow, and daughters Magdalen and Rebecca. Casper would be 30 years old at the time.

Although Mary Magdalen Easley was much involved in the settling of Blasius's estate, it is obvious from the legal documents involved that Casper Easley spearheaded much of the preliminary arrangements necessary for achieving the settlement. Casper Easley purchased by deed dated Dec 17, 1791 Mary Easley Shields's share of Blasius's estate for 17 pounds. Mary and John Shields were living in Fannett Township of Franklin County at the time. Casper Easley similarly purchased by deed dated Dec 17, 1791 Barbara Easley Black's share of Blasius's estate for 17 pounds. John and Barbara Black were living in Baltimore Township, Baltimore County, Maryland at that time. Casper was 31 years old at that time. According to a deed dated April 2, 1792, Casper Easley purchased the shares of Blasius's estate from Ferdinand Easley, Andrew Easley, Christine Easley Murphy and Magdalen Easley for 17 pounds each. Christina Easley Murphy and James Murphy and Ferdinand, Andrew and Magdalen Easley were all living in Newton Township of Cumberland County, Pa. at that time.

Casper Easley was co-signer of the land deed recorded in Book 1P pages 255, 256 and 257 at Cumberland County Court House dated May 5, 1792 which transferred Blasius's land tract to one Joseph Kelly. The deed was witnessed by Andrew Easley and by John Kelly.

Casper Eastley is number 498 in the Muster and Pay Roos of the Pennsylvania Militia, 1790-1800 (as recorded in Pennsylvania Archives Vol V Sixth Series, pages 216-225) for the Sixth Battalion of Cumberland County, as reported on 4 February 1793 by Jno Alexander, Lieut. as being between ages of 18 and 45 years. This indicates residency in Cumberland County as of that date. Casper was in his 33rd year at that time.

The Will of the Rev Francis Rogatus Fromm recorded at the Court House at Greensburg, Pa and dated Dec 16, 1795 refers to a "bargain made with my tenant Casper Easley the 15th day of August in the year 1793 for the space of seven years ---" (to 1800). This implies that Casper was in the Greensburg Pa area in the summer of 1793 and was still there in December of 1795. The November 16, 1894 issue of the Johnstown Tribune indicates that Casper was born in York County Pa and was married at St Vincent's (Latrobe Pa) and that he farmed the priest's place for a time. Casper Easley married Elizabeth Rufner (or Ruffner) between 1793 and 1800. Elizabeth is very likely the daughter of Christian Ruffner (born c 1739) and of M Ottilia Kuhn (born c 1745) who was born on 6 Dec 1780 according to the church records at Goshenhoppen and whose parents were married at Goshenhoppen on 1 July 1764.

Three Ruffner brothers, George Adam Ruffner, Christian Ruffner and Simon Ruffner settled in the Greensburg Pa area in 1787 with their families to help form the nucleus of the first Catholic settlement in Westmoreland County. The three other families forming this nucleus were those of John Probst, John Young and Patrick Archibald. One source states that the three Ruffner brothers were Revolutionary War veterans, which would entitle them to depreciation land in the new County. Henry Kuhn later joined these six families. All seven families came from the Goshenhoppen mission settlement, which is now Bally Pa in Berks County.

A listing of Warrantees of Land in the Pa Archives Third Series, Vol 26, p 649 County of Armstrong (1801-1884) -- Casper Easley 400 acres, June 29, 1801 Date of Survey. The U S Census for 1800 lists a "Gasper Easley" on page 200:01 as living in Buffalo Township, Armstrong County Pa. "Gasper" is the head of a family which includes: one male between 26 and 45 (Casper was 40), one female between 16 and 26 (Elizabeth was 19), one male under 10, one female under 10 and two males between 10 and 26. If Elizabeth's age is correct, the male and the female under 10 could be their children; perhaps the two males between 10 and 26 were nephews or hired hands.

Gasper Easley is listed in the petition written by Conrad Rogers to Bishop Carroll on 24 May 1803 as one of the Catholic heads of families in Butler and Armstrong Counties requesting a priest be sent to serve them at what later became Sugar Creek mission. The petition and the list of petitioners appears in the "History of St Alphonsus Church" (Murrinsville, Pa). The petitioners formed the Sugar Creek congregation within three years and priests were assigned intermittently as available.

Casper Easley's grave marker is in the Catholic section of the new Freeport, Pa. Cemetery. The marker is in the plot of the LeStrange-Stone families. Casper's original burial spot was in the St Mary Church plot adjacent to the church. Sometime about the 1920's, the entire cemetery was moved to the new cemetery outside the town and parochial school buildings now occupy the original cemetery site. The stone inscription reads: "In Memory of Casper W Easley who departed this life April 16th 1829 in the 69th Year of his Age"

Unlike his father, Blasius, Casper Easley did leave a will. The will is very religious document and was likely prepared by the Rev O'Neil who co-witnessed along with John C Easley the sealing and signing of it by Casper W Easley on the 13th of April 1829, just three days before the date of his death. The will is on file at the Armstrong County Court House at Kittanning, Pa. with Estate number 238. Casper's estate included 200 acres of land. Basically Casper willed this estate to his son Casper on condition that son Casper provide for Elizabeth, his widow and for his eldest son John C Easley, who was in ill health, for their natural lives. Casper Easley appointed John C Easley and William F Coyle as executors of his estate. Casper also bequeathed 50 dollar payments to his wife, his two daughters, and his three younger sons. To make these payments he ordered that his personal property and chattels be sold at public vendue.

The Vendue List of the estate of Casper W Easley of Buffalo Township was filed the 8th of June 1829 at Armstrong County Court House under Estate Number 238. The sale was held on June 2, 1829 by James Foreman. The list includes for each item; the buyer, the description of the item and the price paid (dollars, cents and half cents). Farm animals included: 13 sheep, 1 ram, 2 lambs, 2 cows, 1 calf, 1 bull, 2 oxen, 1 mare, 1 colt. Farm tools included: 1 waggon, 2 axes, 1 broad ax, 3 sickles, 1 frow, 1 sithe, 1 mattock, 2 hoes, 1 tomahawk, 1 crosscut saw, 1 harrow, 2 hand mill stones, 1 hoop clamper, 2 chains, 1 ox yoke, 2 cow yokes and a set of soemaker tools. Household equipment included: 2 spinning wheels, 1 reel, 1 smoothing iron, 4 chares, 2 bedsteads, 1 bed and bedding, 2 tables, 1 chest. Other items sold included: 26 pounds of wool, 9 barrels and 1 hogged, 8 books, 1 spectikle, 3 bags and 2 saddlebags.

Casper Easley's children as mentioned in various documents including the above April 13, 1829 will appear to be:

Rachael Easley born c 1805
John Christian Easley born 30 Oct 1800
Casper William Easley, Jr born 16 Feb 1804
Elizabeth Easley born c 1807
George W Easley born 24 Aug 1810
Andrew Easley born c 1815-1820
Samuel Sylvester Easley born c 1823

The St Vincents baptismal records (Latrobe, Pa) list two children of Casper and Elizabeth Isly: John Christian born 30 Oct 1799 baptized 2 Nov 1800, Sponsors Christian and Magdalen Ruffner, William born no date given, baptized 26 Sept 1805, Sponsors William and Mary Schiltz.
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ANDREW EASLY SECOND OLDEST SON OF BLASIUS EASLY

The birthyear of Andrew Easly has not been established as well as that of either Casper his older brother or of Ferdinand his younger brother since Andrew's gravemarker was apparently lost in the movement of the Freeport Cemetary. The U S Census of 1850, however, included (for the first time) the actual age of each family member enumerated. In this Census, Andrew's age is given as 88 years from which a birthyear of 1762 is indicated. This age is consistant with the 1800, 1820 and 1840 Census age brackets, but above the brackets given for Andrew in the 1810 and 1830 Censuses. The sequence of names on the Muster and Pay Rolls of the Pennsylvania Militia, 1790-1800 referred to above is also consistant with Andrew being the second oldest son of Blasius. One searcher questioned Andrew's age due to the fact that his name does not appear anywhere in the rolls of the active or inactive militia during the Revolutionary War period and assumed that he was considerably younger and thus underage for service during this period.

According to the Rev A A Lambing's Shields - Lambing Family History, Andrew Easly came to the Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa. area near the close of the eighteenth century accompanied by his nephew, William Casper Shields (the oldest child of Mary Easly and John Shields) who was born in 1772, where they learned the wagonmaking trade.

Andrew along with John Kelly witnessed the deed dated 5 May 1792 transferring Blasius's Estate of 73 acres from Mary Magdelene Easly and Casper Easly to Joseph Kelly for 150 pounds as recorded in Book 1P pages 255, 256 and 257 at Cumberland County Court House at Carlisle, Pa.

Andrew Eastley is number 499 in the Muster and Pay Rolls of the Pennsylvania Militia, 1790-1800 (as recorded in Pennsylvania Archives Vol. V Sixth Series, pages 216-225 for the Sixth Battalion of Cumberland County, as reported on 4 February 1793 by Jno Alexander, Lieut. as being between ages of 18 and 45 years. Andrew would be in his 31st year at that time based on the 1850 Census age.

Andrew Easly is listed in the 1800 U S Census for Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa. page 200:01 as head of family containing 2 males under 10, 2 females under 10, 1 male 10 to 16, 1 male 26 to 45 and 1 female 16 to 26. This is a substantial family group for Andrew who did not rate head of family status in the 1790 U S Census.

Andrew Easly married and Elizabeth Kuhn (Coon), very likely the daughter of Henry Kuhn (1751-1807) and Margaret Wider (1755-1839) who came from the Goshenhoppen settlement to the Greensburg area about 1788. The Goshenhoppen Records give the birthdate for an Elizabeth Kuhn (daughter of Henry and Margaret Kuhn) as 1 March 1778. If the above dates are correct, the gravemarker birthyear of Margaret Easly McCue (the oldest child of Andrew and Elizabeth Easly) of 1793 at Guardian Angel Cemetary appears somewhat inconsistent. The mother would be only 15 and Andrew may not have yet met the Kuhn family as he was reported in the Militia Muster in Cumberland County that year.

Further research is needed to bring consistancy to these somewhat conflicting dates.

Farm Survey Book # at the Armstrong County Court House, Kittanning, Pa. includes on page 147 the following:

Surveyed to Archibald McCall and Andrew Easley on the 12th day of May 1807 the above described tract of Land containing Four Hundred and twenty two acres and ninety two perches and allowance of six percent Situate in Buffalow Township, Armstrong County N W of Allegheny River on the water of Buffalow Creek by warrent of the 30 day of March 1807 Geo Ross D S The accompanying plot shows the North boundary adjacent to lands of Arch Moore and the South east boundary adjacent to lands of John Moore. The land to the West and to the East of the plot was indicated as "Sold land".

Andrew Easley transferred by Article of Agreement, dated 23 June 1821, 200 acres of land in Buffalo Township, Armstrong County on the west end of the tract, to sons Casper Easley and John Easley (100 acres each) for 400 dollars total to be paid at 25 dollars a year each until all is paid as recorded in Deed Book Vol 4 page 163.

Andrew Easley and Elizabeth his wife transferred by deed, dated 24 Feb 1824, one hundred acres of land to Casper Easley, Jr. and John William McCue for 100 dollars as recorded in Vol V page 145 Deeds for Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa.

Andrew Easley is listed as a signer of the petition written by Conrad Rogers, dated 24 May 1803 to Bishop Carroll requesting that a priest be sent to them the heads of Catholic families residing in Butler and Armstrong Counties. The petition and the list of petitioners appears in the "History of St Alphonsus Church" (Murrinsville, Pa). The petitioners formed the Sugar Creek Congregation within three years and priests were assigned intermittently as available.

Samuel T Wiley's Cyclopedia of Armstrong and Indiana Counties published in 1891 states that Andrew and Elizabeth Coon Easley had seventeen children of which James was the eighth. James's remembrance of his father was: "He was a good man but he was a poor man". The following summarizes the published U S Census information on Andrew as head of a household:

<u>1810</u>	Andrew Eisley		Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
Males:	2 under 10	3	10 to 16	1 26 to 45
Females:	4 under 10	2	10 to 16	1 26 to 45
<u>1820</u>	Andrew Easley		Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
Males:	2 under 10	2	10 to 16	2 16 to 26
	0 26 to 45	1	over 45	
Females:	5 under 10	2	10 to 16	3 16 to 26
	0 26 to 45	1	over 45	
<u>1830</u>	Andrew Easley		Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
Males:	1 5 to 10	1	15 to 20	1 50 to 60
Females:	1 10 to 15	1	15 to 20	1 50 to 60

<u>1840</u>	Andrew Easley	Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
Males:	1 15 to 20	1 20 to 30	1 70 to 80
Females:	1 5 to 10	1 15 to 20	1 60 to 70
<u>1850:</u>	Andrew Easley	North Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
Males:	Andrew 88	J V (Joseph?) 25	
	William Maloy 15		
	Elizabeth 80	Sarah 35	Mary J 18
	Real Estate Value	\$2000.	

Andrew Easley, realizing the legal difficulties encountered in the settling of his father's estate, prepared a will well in advance of his death. Andrew's will was dated 12 January 1849 and it was registered at the Armstrong County Court House on 28 May 1852 for estate No. 978. It is recorded in Will Book No 2, page 25. Andrew willed his farm, the buildings, and two work horses to his son Joseph on the condition that Joseph maintain and keep his mother Elizabeth and his sister Sarah for their natural lives. Andrew Willed that Joseph pay 50 dollars to his sister Ann and one dollar to each of the following heirs: Margaret McCue, Casper Easley, Mary Skelly, Rebecca Hagerty, John Easley Heirs, William Easley Heirs, Andrew Easley, Catherine Bostaph, Elizabeth Hartman and Hannah Lawler. Joseph Easley and Casper W. Easley were named as Executors. John Graham and Andrew Easley were witnesses. Andrew Willed to his wife Elizabeth; the house furnishings, the farming utensils, horse gears, wagon and windmill, and the livestock to be sold and the value given to her whenever she wished it.

Andrew's widow and Relict, Elizabeth, chose to release Joseph from the Dower arrangement within a month from the registration of the Will. The chattels which Elizabeth in effect gave to Joseph for 1 dollar and other considerations had an appraised value in excess of 300 dollars. They included: 12 head of cattle, 2 calves, 9 hogs, a cooking stove, 12 chairs, 2 tables, 2 feather beds and 2 chaff beds, 56 yards of carpeting, 15 blankets, 6 quilts, 10 sheets, 1 wagon, 1 sled, 1 harrow, 2 plows, 1 mantle clock, 1 windmill, 3 sythes, 1 saddle, 3 forks, 4 sets harness, 1 set slay bells, 1 cutting box and 1 workbench and tools. The release was dated 6 June 1852 and signed by Elizabeth Easley by mark and delivered to James Rayburn, Justice of the Peace for Armstrong County.

Andrew Easley's children as mentioned in his Will and in various other documents appear to be:

Margaret Easley	born c 1793 -	married John McCue
Casper Easley	born c 1794-1798	
Mary Easley	born c 1794-1798 -	married Hugo Skelly
John Henry Easley	born 2 Jan 1800 -	married Susannah
Rebecca Easley	born c 1801 -	married Robert Hagerty
Andrew Joseph Easley	born c 1802 -	married Sarah Boyle
Elizabeth Easley	born 17 Mar 1803 -	married a Hartman
Sarah Easley	born 20 May 1804 -	never married
William Easley	born c 1805-1807 -	married Nancy
Catherine Easley	born c 1810 -	married Andrew Bostaph
Johanna Easley	born 1 Sep 1811 -	married a Lawler
James Easley	born 15 May 1815 -	married Elizabeth Miller
Ann Easley	born c 1815-1819 -	married a Craney
Joseph V Easley	born May 1820 -	married Margaret Gray

This listing accounts for 14 children out of the 17 stated in Wiley's Cyclopedia of Armstrong and Indiana Counties. Although a number of birthyears are not known, the above listing of the children appears to be in approximate chronological order. Andrew deeded 100 acres of land to his son Casper in 1821 - Casper was likely of legal age or over 21 at the time. Mary Easley married in 1822 - Mary was likely over 18 at the time. William Easley is listed in the 1830 U S Census as married and having one male child under 5 at the time - William was probably over 20 at the time. It appears that Wiley's placement of James as eighth in order of age is in error.

The location of Andrew's farm is Northwest of the former Kittanning-Freeport Road (former Route 28) in the section between Center Hill and Slatelick. It may have included part of the future farm of Michael Easley (his grandson) or shared a boundary with it. A Bill and Louis Smith recently owned property in this vicinity.

The St Vincents (Latrobe, Pa) baptismal records list three children of Andrew and Elizabeth Isly : John Henry, born 2 Jan 1800 and baptized 2 Nov 1800, sponsors Henry Kuhn and Margaret his wife; Elizabeth, born 17 Mar 1803 and baptized 10 Apr 1803, sponsors Henry Kuhn and his sister Mary; Sara, born 20 May 1804 and baptized 14 Apr 1805, sponsors Henry and Margaret Kuhn. The same records list one child of Anthony (probably Andrew) and Elizabeth Isly : Johanna born 1 Sep 1811 and baptized 28 Oct 1811, sponsors Jacob Kuhn and Mary his wife.

FERDINAND EASLY YOUNGEST SON OF BLASIUS EASLY

Ferdinand Easley's gravemarker at St Vincent's Cemetary, Latrobe, Pa. indicates that Ferdinand was born in 1768 and died 3 Dec 1841. Margaret, his wife, is also buried there and the gravemarker indicates that she was born in 1767 and died 5 May 1820.

Ferdinan Eastley is number 500 in the Muster and Pay Rolls of the Pennsylvania Militia, 1790 - 1800 (as recorded in Pennsylvania Archives, Vol V, Sixth Series, Pages 216-225 for the Sixth Battalion of Cumberland County) reported on 4 February 1793 by Jno Alexander, Lieut. as males between the ages of 18 and 45 years. This indicates residency in Cumberland County as of that date. Ferdinand was in his 25th year at that time.

The 1790 U S Census for Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, lists Ferdinand Easley as Head of a Family consisting of one male under 16, one male over 16 and two females. The following summarizes the published U S Census information on Ferdinand as Head of a Household beyond the 1790 Census:

<u>1800</u>	Ferdinand Easley	Unity Twp	Westmoreland Co
Males:	2 under 10 1 10 to 16	1	26 to 45
Females:	3 under 10 1 10 to 16	1	26 to 45
<u>1810</u>	Ferdinand Easley	Unity Twp	Westmoreland Co
Males:	2 10 to 16 1 26 to 45		
Females:	1 under 10 2 10 to 16	1	16 to 26
	1 26 to 45		
<u>1820</u>	Ferdinan Eistley	Unity Twp	Westmoreland Co
Males:	1 16 to 26 1 26 to 45	1	over 45
Females:	1 10 to 16 1 16 to 26	1	26 to 45
<u>1830</u>	Ferdinand Eastley	Unity Twp	Westmoreland Co
Males:	1 60 to 70		
Females:	1 5 to 10 1 20 to 30		
<u>1840</u>	Ferdinand Easley	Unity Twp	Westmoreland Co
Males:	1 70 to 80		
Females:	1 15 to 20 1 30 to 40		

The Baptismal records of St Vincents (Latrobe, Pa) list three children of Ferdinand and Margaret (Meiler) Isly; Martha born 6 Apr 1800, baptized 14 June 1800, Sponsors Margaret Mecatery and Henry McAnany, Peter Ferdinand born 31 July 1803, baptized 28 Aug 1803, Sponsors Christian and Magdalen Ruffner, Margaret born 8 June 1805, baptized 9 June 1805, Sponsors John Borgoon and Mary Muller.

The Indenture dated 2 April 1792 between Ferdinand Easley, Andrew Easley, James Murphy and Christina his Wife and Magdalen Easley all of Newton Township, Cumberland County, Pa and Casper Easley of the same township, county and state was signed by Fredinand in his hand as receiving 17 Pounds from Casper for release of his rights to the Blasius Easley estate. The Indenture identified Ferdinand's wife as Margaret although she was not a signer of the Indenture.

A Casper Easley and a James Easley appear in the 1850 U S Census for Westmoreland County, Pa. James's age is given as 50 and Casper's age is given as 53 - however, Casper's age appears as 65 in the 1860 U S Census. Both men are listed as "Shoemakers" and residents of Derry Township in the 1850 Census. The St Vincent's Marriage records include a Casper Easley marrying a Rachel Lingel in 1818 and a James Easley marrying a Martha Adams on 3 May 1828 before a Rev Ter McGirr with Jasper Eastly and his wife as witnesses. The ages given in the Census indicate birthyears of about 1799 and 1794 respectively for James and Casper. Since this Casper and this James do not connect with Andrew or Casper Easley they appear to belong to Ferdinand Easley.

A baptism entry for Rebecca and Rose Kenann (Keenan?) at the Sugar Creek Mission, dated 23 May 1812, lists the Sponsors as Terrance Megeer (McGirr?) and Catherine Isly (daughter of Ferdinand Isly). The 1830 listing for Ferdinand Eastley in Unity Twp, Westmoreland Co. Pa. indicates that the adjoining family is that of Dr McGirr. The baptizing priest is listed as Father Megeer (McGirr?).

A Mary Easley married a Henry Schaeffer on 10 Nov 1816 according to the American Catholic Historical Society records for St Vincents. Ferdinand and Margaret Easley were Sponsors for Ludovic Shaeffer of Henry and Mary Schaeffer, born 18 Sep 1819 and baptized 24 Oct 1819. Catherine Easley was a Sponsor for Margaret Shaefer of the same couple on 12 Apr 1818 and for a Ferdinand Shiffer of Henry and Mary Shiffer on 28 Sep 1821. It is very likely that this Mary Easley is a daughter of Ferdinand Easley.

Based on the above information, it appears that Ferdinand and Margaret Easley had a total of possibly ten children - four sons and six daughters - by combining the U S Census data with the St Vincents records. However, we have names for only seven of the ten. The family appears to include the following children:

Son Easley	born c 1789
Mary Easley	born c 1790
Catherine Easley	born c 1792
Casper Easley	born Dec 1794
Daughter Easley	born c 1796
James Easley	born c 1799
Martha Easley	born 6 Apr 1800
Peter Ferdinand Easley	born 31 July 1803 (not in 1810 Census)
Margaret Easley	born 8 Jun 1805 or 1806
Daughter Easley	born c 1820

If Ferdinand Easley owned any real property, no reference to relevant legal documents has been found in Westmoreland County, Pa. Neither has any reference to a Will been found. Ferdinand's gravemarker as well as his wife's are in good condition at St Vincent cemetery at Latrobe, Pa.

No living descendant of Ferdinand Easley has been found to date.

MARY EASLY OLDEST DAUGHTER OF BLASIVS EASLY (MRS JOHN SHIELDS)

Mary Easly was probably born between 1751 and 1755, since she married a John Shields (born about 1745) around the year 1771 according to the Lambing-Shields family history written by Rev. A A Lambing. John Shields was the son of Thomas Shields who had married a Miss O'Neill in Donegal County, Ireland, before sailing to America. John was born on the ocean. According to the same source, Thomas Shields the immigrant seems to have settled in York County, Pa. during the French and Indian Wars and to have moved his family northward to Amberson's Valley at the cessation of hostilities. Amberson's Valley is in the northern part of what is now Franklin County and is in Fannett Township; however, it was once part of Cumberland County. Thomas Shields purchased about 300 acres of land here with the date of purchase given as 23 June 1767. John Shields had two sisters; one of these married a man named Timmons and they lived near Cumberland, Maryland, there is no information on the other sister.

John and Mary Easly Shields are said to have had a large family and to have lived near the Thomas Shields residence, that is, in Fannett Township, Cumberland County, Pa. - later Fannett Township, Franklin County, Pa. Of their many children, we have the names of only two:

William Casper Shields, born c 1772 - See future Supplement

Thomas Shields, born 1773 to 1779 - See future Supplement

A John Shields is listed in the 1800 U S Census on page 323 for Franklin County, Fannett Township. The indenture between John and Mary Shields and Casper Easly dated 17 Dec 1791 (for settling the Blasius Easly Estate) indicated that the couple were living in Fannet Township, Franklin County, Pa at that time.

The 1790 U S Census for Fannett Township, Franklin County, Pa. page 113 lists a John Shields as Head of Family which includes; 1 Male over 16, 4 Males under 16 and 3 Females.

BARBARA EASLYDAUGHTER OF BLASIVS EASLY(MRS JOHN BLACK)

Barbara Easly probably was born between 1752 and 1775 since she was married and living in the township and county of Baltimore, Maryland in 1791. She married a John Black according to the Indenture between John Black and Barbara his wife and Casper Easly dated 17 Dec 1791, witnessed by Geo Salmon and John Erman and notarized by two Justices of the Peace of the township and county of Baltimore; Ja's Calhoun and Geo Salmen. John Shields signed his name by hand, Barbara signed her name by mark. The entire Indenture was copied into the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, record books on 17 Mar 1803, compared by Jno Smith Clk for Geo Kline Recorder.

The Indenture states that Blasivus Easly died Intestate leaving Eight children and that Barbara accepted 17 Pounds or one-ninth of the estate as her share. The Indenture describes Blasivus's estate as a Tract or plantation of 78 acres of land in Newton Township, Cumberland County, Pa bounded by lands of John McCulloch, William Hodge and William Lemon.

Nothing definitive has been found on John Black, Barbara's husband. The Cumberland County Tax list for Fannett Twp 1781 lists a John Black owning 0 acres, 3 horses and 3 cattle. The 1782 Tax List for Cumberland County, Fannett Twp lists a John Black, turner, as owning 0 acres, 2 horses and 2 cattle. Blosses Esley and Blasivus Essley appeared on these two lists respectively. The Index to the 1790 U S Census for Maryland - "Heads of Families" - lists three John Blacks; none of these live in Baltimore County. There is a John Black listed on page 67 as living in Frederick County. There is a John Black listed on page 74 as living in Harford County: the family consists of 1 male over 16, no males under 16 and 2 females. There is a John Black listed on page 88 as living in Montgomery County: the family consists of 3 males over 16, 3 males under 16 and 4 females.

CHRISTINA EASLY DAUGHTER OF BLASIVS EASLY (MRS JAMES MURPHY)

Christina Easly probably was born between 1752 and 1775 since she was married and living in the township of Newton, Cumberland County, Pa in April 1792. She married a James Murphy according to the Indenture between Ferdinand Easley, Andrew Easley, James Murphy and Christina his Wife and Magdalen Easley all of Newton Township, Cumberland County, Pa. and Casper Easley of the same township, county and state, dated 2 April 1792, witnessed by Sam'l Finley and Dan'l Brown. Sam'l Finley signed and sealed the document as Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. The document as transcribed in the Deed Book was compared by Jno Smith Clk for Geo Kline Recorder and entered on 17 March 1803. Each of the four heirs of Blasius Easley acknowledged receiving 17 Pounds. Both James Murphy and Christina Murphy signed by a mark. Sam'l Finley and Jesse Kilgore witnessed the transfer of the money.

James Murphy is listed in the 1790 U S Census for Cumberland County, State of Pennsylvania as head of a family consisting of one male over 16 and one female. The listing is directly following that of Casper on page 78 of the printed copy. Since the names were not alphabetized, it is likely that they were entered in the order in which the census taker visited the house: James may have been living on the same property as Casper or on an adjacent property. There is no James Murphy listed in the Muster and Pay Rolls for the Sixth Battallion of the Cumberland County Militia as of 28 Aug 1792; James Murphy may have left the County by that time or he might have been under the age of eighteen or over the age of forty-five. No further information has been found on Christina Easly or James Murphy.

MAGDALEN EASLY (MRS CHRISTIAN RUFFNER) DAUGHTER OF BLASIUS EASLY

Magdalen Easly probably was born between 1762 and 1775. She appears to have been single and living in Newton Township, Cumberland County, Pa., in April 1792 since her name appears in the Indenture agreement between Ferdinand Easly, Andrew Easly, James Murphy and Christina his Wife and Magdalen Easley all of Newton Township, Cumberland County, Pa. and Casper of the same township, county and state, dated 2 April 1792, witnessed by Sam'l Finley and Dan'l Brown.

There is evidence in the Baptismal records for St Vincents at Latrobe, Pa., that Magdalen Easly married Christian Ruffner about the year 1800 as shown by the following sequence of baptisms:

Magdalen Isly and Christian Ruffner were Sponsors for Christian Ruffner of George and Sibylla Ruffner, born 26 Mar 1800 and baptized 1 June 1800.

Christian and Magdalen Ruffner were Sponsors for John Christian Isly of Caspar and Elizabeth Isly, born 30 Oct 1799 and baptized 2 Nov 1800.

Christian and Magdalen (nee Isly) Ruffner were Sponsors for Elizabeth Gryffen of Henry and Magdalen (nee Ruffner) Gryffen born 11 Oct 1801 and baptized 1 Nov 1801.

Christian and Magdalen Ruffner were Sponsors for Peter Ferdinand Isly of Ferdinand and Margaret Isly, born 31 July 1803 and baptized 28 Aug 1803.

No marriage record has been found to date authenticating the above implied marriage. A Christian Ruffner, born about 1738, married M. Ottilia Kuhn, born about 1745 according to the Registers at Goshenhoppen (now Bally, Pa). This M Ottilia was a sister of Henry Kuhn, an early founder of the St Vincent settlement. In the Will of Henry Coon (with the actual signature of "Heinrich Kuhn" in old German script) dated 31 Aug 1807, there are mentioned four "Grandchildren"; Mary, Elizabeth, Catherin and Margaret Roofner but without mention of the father's name. In another part of the same will, there is mention of his Grandchild Pegey or Margaret who is to live with his widow until she is 18 years of age - the father is here identified as Christian Roofner. The term "Grandchildren" seems to be misapplied here; it would seem that M Ottilia's children would be nieces of Henry the brother of their mother. Based on information in "Ruffners of Pennsylvania" by Jane S Sweinberger, page 46, Mary Ottilia Kuhn was the daughter of Henry and Anna Margaret Kuhn; her father, Henry Kuhn, Senior died in 1763.

REBECCA? EASLY DAUGHTER OF BLASIVS EASLY (MRS JOHN KELLY?)

The three Indentures above entered between Casper Easly and six of his brothers or sisters account for only seven children involved in the Estate of Blasius Easly. However, these Indentures state that Blasius left eight children behind him. The 1790 U S Census for Newton Township, Cumberland County, Pa. lists Casper Easley as head of household including two males over 16 and three females. Since Ferdinand Easley was listed as head of his own household, this leaves Casper and Andrew for the two males, both single. The three females would include Mary Magdalen (the Widow) and Magdalen (the daughter) and likely another daughter.

In the settling of Blasius's Estate, nine shares were allocated. This would include one share for each of the eight children and one share for the Widow. Later laws would allocate one-third to the Widow. By the Indentures Casper paid 17 Pounds to each of seven heirs or a total of 119 Pounds. Nine shares at 17 Pounds would equal 153 Pounds. There was a fee of 12 Pounds and 16 Shillings to obtain the Patent on the property in the name of the Administrators, Magdalen Eastley and Caspar Eastley on 30 October 1790 and probably another fee to obtain the Trust Warrant of Acceptance dated 23 October 1790, which was the basis for the issuance of the Patent.

In total, Casper and Magdalen his mother had invested the equivalent of 165 Pounds and 16 Shillings or more in the property. Then by an Indenture dated 5 May 1792, Mary Magdalen Easly and Casper Easly deeded the property to Joseph Kelly of Newton Township, Cumberland County, Pa. for the price of 150 Pounds. The discount is very close to 17 Pounds- the price of one Share of the Estate.

By an Indenture dated 2 August 1786, William Hodge deeded 314 acres plus to Casper Easly and John Black. By an Indenture dated 2 Oct 1790 Casper Easly and John Black conveyed this 134 acres to John Kelly. Joseph Kelly by Indenture dated 8 Aug 1795 conveyed the Blasius Easly Estate property to John Kelly who had a wife Rebeckah. This increased John Kelly's holdings to 104 acres plus. In April 1796 John Kelly conveyed by Deed these 104 acres to James McCulloch in Consideration of 525 Pounds.

From the above dealings the Kellys appeared to have preferential treatment from Casper Easly. Only if a daughter of Blasius was married to one of these Kellys, would the settlement of the Estate of Blasius have been carried out equitably based on the information provided by the land records. Joseph Kelly is number 482 and John Kelly is number 483 in the Muster and Pay Rolls for the Pennsylvania Militia 1790 to 1800 Sixth Battalion Cumberland County Militia.

ELIZABETH RUFFNER EASLYWIDOW OF CASPER W EASLY SR

There are 3 Elizabeth Ruffners as mentioned in the book "Ruffners of Pennsylvania" who were of the age to be the wife of Casper W Easly Sr. The Immigrant, Simon Ruffner and his wife Mary Barbara Schultz had among other children, three sons; Philip (born c1736-40), Christian (born c1738-41) and Simon (born c1743). Philip married Anna Catherine (1747-1772) in 1764 and then Eva Hoenig on 11 Jan 1774: Philip's thirteenth child was a daughter named Elizabeth born 24 Nov 1780 who was baptized and annointed on the same day indicating that she did not live. Christian Ruffner married Mary Otillia Kuhn (born 1745) on 1 July 1764: Christian's ninth child was a daughter named Elizabeth born 6 Dec 1780. Simon Ruffner married Catherine Griffin on 8 Jan 1771: Simon's sixth child was a daughter named Elizabeth (Betsy) who was born on 23 Nov 1781 and was said to be living single in 1819. From the above information, the likely Elizabeth Ruffner who married Casper W Easly Sr is Elizabeth, daughter of Christian Ruffner and M Otillia Kuhn - born 6 Dec 1780.

Elizabeth Easley is listed as Head of Family in the 1830 U S Census for Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa. on page 265 (8?) Film #283 Roll # 145. The family consisted of: 1 male 5 to 10 , 1 male 15 to 20, 2 males 20 to 30, 2 females 20 to 25 and 1 female 50 to 60. The apparent fit of Casper W Easly Sr's survivors is: Samuel at age 7, Andrew at age 15, John C at age 30, George W at age 20, Rachel at about age 25, Elizabeth at about age 23, and Elizabeth - widow - at age 50.

In the 1840 U S Census for Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa. there is a listing for Casper W Easly page 159, film #283, Box #138 as head of a family which a female aged 50 to 60. This appears to be Elizabeth Ruffner Easly who would be close to 60 at the time of the Census.

In the 1850 U S Census for North Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa. there is a listing for a Geo. H. Smith page 99 as head of a family which includes and Elizabeth Easly aged 68. For the same census, Casper's family included seven children while the Smith family included only three children.

Elizabeth Ruffner Easly died about 1875 according to the statemant in George W Easly's obituary in the Johnstown Tribune of 16 November 1894 that his mother had died 19 years previously. The Tribune gives her age at death as 84; it appears that she would have been 94. Elizabeth Ruffner's name is not on Casper's gravemarker. According to Mrs Brown of Pittsburgh, she had her own marker but it was beyond repair at the time Casper's marker was found and salvaged.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIUS EASLYJOHN CHRISTIAN EASLY OLDEST SON OF CASPER W EASLY SR

John Christian Easly, the oldest son of Casper W Easly, Sr was born in Armstrong County Pa. on 30 October 1799. He was baptized at St Vincents on 2 November 1800. The surname is spelled "Isly" in the records. His baptismal sponsors were Christian and Magdalen Ruffner. Reference Vol I page 7. The 1800 U S Census lists Gasper Easley as Head of Family living in Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania with 1 male between 26 and 45, 1 female between 16 and 26, 1 male under 10, 1 female under 10, and two males between 10 and 26.

Casper W Easly Sr stated in his Will dated 13 April 1829 that John was his oldest son and he indicated that he was in chronic poor health. John C Eastly along with William F Coyle was named an Executor and Administrator for Casper's Estate. John C Easley along with R O Neil was also a Witness to Casper's Will. One of the conditions of the Will was that John C Easley was to receive one hundred dollars if he recovered his health and was no longer dependant on Casper W Easley Jr.

There is a Deed recorded in Deed Book Vol 15 page 14, Armstrong County Court House, dated 27 June 1832 in which Eneas McBride deeds to John C Easley a Lot of Ground in the town of Clinton, Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa. for the amount of 10 dollars and 50 cents. The Lot is number 31 on the General Plan of the Town. It is between Jackson Street and Olinda Street and has the approximate dimensions of 70 feet by 150 feet.

According to tradition, John Christian Easley never married. No record has been found indicating how long he lived or the actual nature of his chronic ill health.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIUS EASLYCASPER WILLIAM EASLY, JR SECOND OLDEST SON OF CASPER W EASLY SR

Casper William Easly, the second oldest son of Casper W Easly Sr, was born in Armstrong County, Pa. on 16 Feb 1804 according to the date on his gravemarker at Guardian Angel cemetary at Slatelick, Pa. and also as stated in his Biography in Samuel T Wiley's "Cyclopedia of Armstrong and Indiana Counties" published in 1891. Casper's baptism is recorded in the St Vincent records and also in the Sugar Creek 175th Anniversary Book as : William Isly of Casper and Elizabeth Isly 26 Sept 1805 Sponsors William and Mary Schultz.

According to Wiley - "Casper W Easley was reared on his father's farm and received a good practical business education in the schools of this neighborhood. Upon attaining his majority, he engaged in farming, which he followed until 1882. At his father's death he came into possession of a fine farm of two hundred and fifteen acres, which he carefully improved and farmed until 1882, when he gave it to his sons, William, Archy and Frank Easley."

Wiley characterized Casper as a Democrat of the old school with lifetime allegiance to that party and as having been elected and serving in several township offices. Wiley stated that Casper had always been an active man and that he still walked perfectly erect at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

The same Wiley reference provides most of the following family information for Casper W Easly Jr: Casper married Eleanor Black daughter of Archibald Black (born c1766 died 29 Dec 1849) and of Alice Regina Haggerty (born c1777 died 18 Feb 1850). Eleanor was born in Jan 1807 according to her gravemarker at Guardian Angel Cemetary. The wedding date was 17 Jan 1830. The couple had the following eight children:

Mary E Easly born 31 Jan 1832 married James McGurke
James A Easly born 22 Jun 1835 died 27 Jul 1858
William Casper Easly born 28 May 1837 died 23 Aug 1916
Alice A Easly born 7 Jan 1840 married Michael Kelly
Margaret E Easly born 27 May 1842 married Henry McElroy
Archibald W Easly born 16 Jul 1844 died 19 Nov 1933
John B Easly born 9 Jun 1848 died 13 Aug 1931
George Frank Easly born 24 Aug 1856 died 17 Dec 1933

So far as is known, James A Easly and George Frank Easly never married. William Casper Easly married Nancy McCartney. Archibald W Easly married Ellen Hartnet. John B Easly married Annie Sweeney.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIUS EASLY

Casper W Easley Jr or some modification of the name appears as Head of Family in the U S Census for 1840 through 1870 with information as summarized below:

<u>1840</u>	Casper W Easley	Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
Males:	1 under 5	1 5 to 10	1 30 to 40
Females:	1 under 5	1 5 to 10	1 30 to 40 1 50 to 60
<u>1850</u>	Casper Easley	No Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
	Casper Easley	46 M Farmer	Eleanor " 43 F
	Mary E "	16 F	James A " 14 M
	Wm C "	12 M	Alice A " 10 F
	Margaret E "	8 F	Arch W " 6 M John B " 2 M
	Real Estate Value	\$ 2000.	
<u>1860</u>	C W Easley	North Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
	C W Easley	57 M Farmer	Eleanor " 54 F
	William "	21 M	Alice " 18 F Mary " 16 F
	Archibald "	14 M	John " 12 M Francis " 7 M
	Real Estate Value	\$ 5000.	Pers Est Val \$1230.
<u>1870</u>	Casper Easley	North Buffalo Twp	Arms Co
	Casper Easley	66 M Farmer	Eleanor " 63 F
	Alice A "	30 F	John B " 22 M George F " 15 M
	Real Estate Value	\$9000.	Pers Est Val \$15000

Casper W Easley and Ellinor his wife transferred by deed recorded in Armstrong County Deed Book Vol 49 page 61 one acre and 89½ perches of land at the intersection of the Kittanning and Freeport Road and the Nicholson Run Road to the Holy Guardian Angel Catholic Church for \$1. The deed was signed by Casper in his hand and by Ellinor by her mark and witnessed by J Bullman on 29 June 1876.

Casper W Easley transferred by deed dated 7 Apr 1883 and recorded in Armstrong Deed Book Vol 61 page 443 64 acres and ninety seven perches of land to G F Easley for consideration of one dollar and the paying of \$1172 and 26 cents to a John Patterson for a mortgage and the paying of \$166 and 66 cents to Alice Ann Easley and the paying of \$33 and 33 cents to Mary G McGuirk and the providing of one-third of the support of Casper W Easley for his natural lifetime.

Casper W Easley transferred by deed dated 7 Apr 1883 and recorded in Armstrong County Deed Book Vol 61 page 445 64 acres and 97 perches of land to W C Easley for consideration of one dollar and the paying of \$762 and 30 cents to a John Patterson for a mortgage and the paying of \$166 and 66 cents to Alice Ann Easley and the paying of \$33 and 33 cents to Mary E McGuirk and the providing of one-third of the support of Casper W Easley for his natural lifetime.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASTIUS EASLY

Casper W Easley transferred by deed dated 7 Apr 1883 and recorded in Armstrong County Court House Deed Book Vol 61 page 486 64 acres and 97 perches of land to Archie Easley for consideration of one dollar and the paying of \$860 to John Patterson for a mortgage and the paying of \$166 and 66 cents to Alice Ann Easley and the paying of \$33 and 33 cents to Mary E McGuirk and the providing of one-third of the support of Casper W Easley for his natural lifetime.

On April 28, 1883 William C Easley granted to Archie Easley for the payment of one dollar the privilege of passage between Archie's property and the Nicholson Run Road. The roadway for the passage was described as 14 feet in breadth and 20 rods in length. This Indenture is recorded in Deed Book Vol 61 page 485 at the Armstrong County Court House.

GEORGE W EASLY THIRD OLDEST SON OF CASPER W EASLY SR

George W Easley, the third oldest son of Casper W Easley Sr, was born in Armstrong County, Pa. on 24 Aug 1810 according to the Johnstown, Pa Tribune of 16 Nov 1894 obituary and also according to the 15 Nov 1894 issue of the Patton Courier (Patton, Pa) obituary. The place of birth is Slatelick, Pa. in Buffalo Township which was considered a complete wilderness at the time his father Casper W Sr settled there shortly before or after the year 1800.

George W Easley attended a small rural school about a mile and a half from his home for a total of about six years. After completing this schooling, he helped his father on the farm for several years. At the age of 16 he began an apprenticeship to a carpenter in Kittanning, Pa. The apprenticeship lasted 3 years and at its completion, George W opened a carpenter shop in Freeport, Pa. This would be approximately in the year 1829. He maintained this shop until 1835 when Michael McGrann contracted his services to erect a building in Johnstown, Pa. at the corner of Clinton and Locust Streets. The building was later known as the "Old Exchange Hotel".

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIVS EASLY

George W Easley decided to relocate to Johnstown, Pa. at the completion of this contract and he set up a contracting business which he pursued for about twenty-five years. Two major contracts mentioned in the obituary were for the St John's Catholic Church and the church for the German congregation (on which he lost \$2000. due to wind damage during the construction). A clipping found in Judge Easley's book (at the John Dvorchak's residence) recounted the blessing of a bell for St. John's Catholic Church at which Vicar General Phelan gave a sermon; the bell was then hoisted to the tower of the church, the year was 1845 and Judge Easley, Alvar Akers, Michael Conrad and John Kirby were sponsors (donors ?) for the bell.

In 1861 George W Easley sacrificed his contracting business to enlist in the army by organizing a company for service in Washington. In 14 hours after hanging out his flag at the "Bank Corner" he had a full complement of 89 men enlisted. The company served for a 3 month term of enlistment with the tenth Regiment.

After his return from service, George W Easley found work at the Johnstown Mechanical Works. He was then elected a Justice of the Peace. After that he was elected Associate Judge of Cambria County in which position he sat for fifteen years with Judge Taylor (3 terms). At the completion of his Judgeship, he again was elected a Justice of the Peace. According to an account in the Johnstown Tribune of 16 July 1891 George W Easley forwarded his resignation as Justice of the Peace of the Third Ward to Gov Pattison claiming failing memory at the age of 81.

In 1893 George W Easley moved from Johnstown to Carrolltown, Pa. where he lived with his son until his death. He was buried in St Benedict Cemetary, Garrolltown, Pa. 10 Nov 1894 three days after his death.

George W Easley married Ann Martha Callan about 1835. Ann had a brother Thomas living at Loretta and another brother William living at Gresson at the time of George's death. The Patton Courier obituary states that the couple had twelve children; but to date names have been found for only seven.

George W Easley or some modification of the name appears as Head of Family in the U S Census for 1840 and for 1850 with information as summarized below:

<u>1840</u>	George W Eastly	Johnstown Boro	Cambria Co
Males:	1 under 5 1	10 to 15 1	20 to 30
Females:	1 under 5 1	15 to 20 1	20 to 30
Employed in Manufacturing and trades:		1	Male

<u>1850</u>	George W Eastly	Conemaugh Boro	Cambria Co
George W Eastly	40 M	Carpenter	Ann M " 32 F
John E Eastly	13 M	Mary "	11 F Casper " 8 M
James Eastly	7 M	Ann "	5 F Elizabeth " 3 F

Real Estate valued at \$900.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIUS EASLY

George W Easley is mentioned in his father's will dated 1829. Est 238 to receive \$50.00 at the rate of \$5 per year when he becomes of age and is a master of his trade and to also have a colt along with the \$50.

George W Easley is the grantee of Lot of Ground #64 in Freeport Boro Armstrong Co for the sum of \$100. paid to Michael and Margaret McGrann on 3 Aug 1836 as recorded in Deed Book Vol 23 page 68 at Armstrong County Court House. The Lot is described as adjacent to Lot #65 and to Market Street. The Deed was recorded on 7 Dec 1857.

George W Easley and Ann M Easley of Conemaugh Borough Cambria County are grantors of Lot #64 in Freeport Borough, Armstrong County to Conrad Bamden of Armstrong County on 14 July 1857 in return for the sum of \$112. The Deed is recorded in Deed Book Vol 23 page 70 at Armstrong County Court House dated 7 Dec 1857.

The family of George W Easley and Ann Martha Callan appears from the above sources to be as follows:

John E Easley born c 1837
Mary Easley born c 1839
Casper W Easley born c 1842
James C Easley born c 1843
Ann M Easley born c 1845 married Thomas M Layton 1869
Elizabeth G Easley born 1 Mar 1847 died 23 Feb 1877
Joseph Easley born 1850- 1858

At the time of George W Easley's death John E Easley and Joseph Easley were living in Alabama and James C Easley was living in Carrolltown, Pa. All other children were deceased at that time- 1894. James C Easley married Marg. Josephine Scanlon (1846-1905) at St Benedicts, Carrolltown on 12 May 1868. The Johnstown Tribune obituary noted that George W Easley was survived by his brother Casper at the old homestead in Armstrong County. The obituary also noted that George W Easley had served for seven years as a Director of the Poor.

ANDREW EASLY FOURTH SON OF CASPER W EASLY SR

It appears from the 1820 U S Census for Casper W Easley Sr and the 1830 U S Census for Elizabeth Easley as Head of Family that Andrew Easley was born between 1815 and 1820. Note that Casper W Easley Sr was between 55 and 60 years old at that time. Andrew Easley, along with George and Samuel, was underage (below 21) at the time of Casper W Easley Sr's death. The Will provided that the two younger underage sons receive a good education - which appeared to be between the ages of 8 and 14 years at that time in the rural schools and three years apprenticeship between the ages of 16 and 19. Andrew was to receive \$50.00 when he completed his apprenticeship and became of age.

According to family records of Mrs William Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa. Andrew Easley never married. No specific records of his name have been found among Land Deeds of the County. According to Thomas Andrew Easley of New Braunfels, Texas there is family lore of an Easley migrating to California during the Gold Rush.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIVS EASLYSAMUEL SYLVESTER EASLY YOUNGEST SON OF CASPER W EASLY SR

Samuel Sylvester Easly the youngest son and youngest child of Casper W Easly Sr was born about 1823 in Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa. Samuel Sylvester was about 6 years at the time of his father's death and according to the conditions of the Will he was to be provided for by Casper W Easly Jr until he was of age to enter an apprenticeship usually at the age of 16, and to receive \$50.00 when he became a master of his trade.

According to the family tradition as recalled by Mrs William Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa. Samuel Sylvester was apprenticed to a Samuel Shields who had learned to speak French and who taught the language to Samuel Sylvester.

Samuel Easly is listed in the 1850 U S Census for South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa. on page 113. Family Visited # 194. Microfilm No 749 page 113. The listing provides the following information:

Saml Easly	27	M	Mary Eliz Easly	27	F
Raymond A Easly	2	M	Jacob Skyhoof	45	M

Samuel is listed as a carpenter
Jacob Skyhoof is a laborer
Real Estate value is 0

Samuel Sylvester Easly married Mary Elizabeth Daugherty about 1846 at St Marys Church Freeport Pa. Mary Elizabeth appears to be the daughter of James Daugherty per Deed dated 18 Oct 1856 - Deed Book Vol 29 page 622 Armstrong Co. Court House. Mary Elizabeth was not a Catholic at the time of the marriage but was baptized into the Church along with their first child. The couple had the following children:

Raymond E Eastly born 7 July 1848 died 18 Aug 1934
Mary Easly (Mollie) born 22 Aug 1850 died 25 Jan 1941
Anna Jane Easly born 28 Oct 1854 died 25 Sep 1945
Eugenia May Easly born about 1861 died 9 Jan 1934
Georgia Caroline Easly born 15 Nov 1864 died 27 Oct 1951
Three sons: Aubrey Easly, Cecil Easly and Clarence Easly
birth years unknown died in January year unknown during
a diphtheria epidemic; they were buried in the Freeport
Cemetary. with gravemarkers made by their father probably
during the 1860's of 1870's.

Additional family information includes: Raymond E Eastly married Alberta H Cooper, Mary Easly married Alex Leasure, Anna Jane Easly married William Sipe, Eugenia May Easly married Jack Gordon, Georgia Caroline Easly married Peter J LeStrange in June 1883; he was French Canadian. Mark Eastly (Etna, Pa area) has some tools marked "S S Easly". Samuel Sylvester Easly and Mary Elizabeth Daugherty Easly are buried at St Marys Cemetary, Freeport, Pa. The writer has copy photos of Samuel and Mary and their 5 children.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIVS EASLYRACHAEL EASLY DAUGHTER OF CASPER W EASLY SR

Rachael Easly was probably born about the year 1805 according to her listing in Casper's Will and the appearance of two daughters in the 1830 U S Census for Elizabeth Easly Head of Family aged 20 to 25. The 1800 Census listing for Gasper Easly includes one female under 10; however, only two daughters are recognized in Casper's Will, suggesting that this older female was not a part of Casper's immediate family or pre-deceased Casper.

Rachael Easly married a John Smith according to family tradition, but no printed records confirm this. If Rachael married it was after the 1830 U S Census. A Rachael Easly was a baptismal Sponsor for a Thomas Fisk on 5 April 1842 according to the Sugar Creek, Pa. Records.

Casper's Will dated 13 April 1829 bequeathed his daughter Rachael 50 dollars value as 25 dollars cash plus her bed, bedding, a horse and a cow.

ELIZABETH EASLY (ELIZA) DAUGHTER OF CASPER W EASLY SR

Elizabeth Easly was probably born about the year 1807 according to her listing in Casper's Will and the appearance of two daughters in the 1830 U S Census for Elizabeth Easly Head of Family aged 20 to 25.

Elizabeth Easly married a John Gillen according to family tradition, but no printed records confirm this. If Elizabeth married it was after the 1830 U S Census. There is an 1850 U S Census listing for a George H Smith Head of Family in North Buffalo Township page 99 House # 144. George H. is aged 32 and a Farmer. He has a Wife named Elizabeth who is listed as age 31. The Family includes one Elizabeth Easly aged 68.

Casper's Will dated 13 April 1829 bequeathed his daughter Eliza 50 dollars value as 25 dollars cash plus her bed, bedding, a horse and a cow.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIUS EASLYCASPER EASLY PROBABLY OLDEST SON OF ANDREW EASLY

Casper Easley's birthyear is unknown but he was probably born between 1794 and 1799 accounting for one of the two males in Andrew's family who were under 10 in the 1800 U S Census. Casper Easley received 100 acres of land from Andrew his father by Deed dated 23 June 1821 for the sum of 200 dollars (or 400 dollars) to be paid off at 25 dollars a year, until all was paid. The Deed is recorded in Deed Book Vol 4 page 163 for Buffaloe Township, Armstrong County, Pa. and describes the land as being a part of the land on which Andrew was then residing and on the west end of the tract. It was signed by Andrew Easley, Casper Easley and John Easley and attested by a John Smith and recorded on 18 Sept 1821.

There is a listing in the 1830 U S Census for Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa page 265 film #283 Roll #145 for a Gasper Easley Head of Family containing: 1 male 30 to 40, 1 male 10 to 15, and 1 male 5 to 10, also 1 female 30 to 40, 1 female 5 to 10 and 1 female under 5.

Casper Easley was a witness to William Easley's Will dated 14 Feb 1833. The Will was written in the hand of Casper W Easley and signed by Casper W Easley and Casper Easley. It is filed in Deed Book Docket Vol 1-89, Estate # 316. Andrew Easley and Nancy Easley-widow-are named Executors.

Casper was probably 35 years old at the time of the Census. His wife could have been as young as 30. Casper probably married about the year 1818. The Census implies that the couple had at least two sons and two daughters. Family tradition is that Casper and his younger brother Andrew were both carpenters; they built James's house (still standing) and then both went to Pittsburgh, Pa. The name of Casper's wife and the names of their children have not been determined. Family tradition is that Casper Easley died in Ohio.

GRANDCHILDREN OF BLASIUS EASLYJOHN HENRY EASLY PROBABLY SECOND OLDEST SON OF ANDREW EASLY

John Henry Easly is very likely the John Henry Isly of Andrew and Elizabeth Isly who was born on 2 Jan 1800 and baptized on 2 Nov 1800 according to church records at St Vincents, Latrobe, Pa. John Easly received 100 acres of land from Andrew his father by Deed dated 23 June 1821 for the sum of 200 dollars (or 400 dollars) to be paid off at 25 dollars a year until all was paid. The Deed is recorded in Deed Book Vol 4 page 163 for Buffaloe Township, Armstrong County, Pa. and describes the land as being part of the land on which Andrew was then residing and on the west end of the tract. The Deed was signed by Andrew Easly, Casper Easly and John Easly and attested by a John Smith and recorded on 18 Sep 1821.

John Easly is listed as Head of Family in the U S Census for 1830 as residing in Allegheny Township, Armstrong County, Pa page 184. The family consists of : one male 20 to 30, one male 15 to 20, and one male under 5 plus one female 20 to 30.

John Easly is also listed as Head of Family in the U S Census for 1840 as residing in Buffalo Township Armstrong County, Pa page 163, film 283, box 138. The family consists of: 1 male 40 to 50, 2 males 5 to 10, 1 male under 5, 1 female 30 to 40, 1 female 5 to 10, and 1 female under 5.

John Easly and Andrew Easly Jr were co-grantees of 200 acres of land by Deed dated 31 Aug 1833 for 600 dollars paid to William F Johnston and Mary Mantieth Johnston his wife as recorded in Deed Book Vol 12 page 235 for Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pa.

John Easly died in the year 1840. His Will is recorded as Estate # 536 pages 221 and 222. The Will states that Susanah Easly, John's widow, is to have one third of his personal property and the use of the farm to support the family until the youngest child becomes of age. At this time, the farm is to be divided equally between his sons Andrew Easly and John Frances Easly, who are then to provide for the support of John's widow for her natural life. Joseph Easly was to learn a trade and Joseph and Mary and Elizabeth were each to receive 50 dollars when they became of age. John's brother Andrew Easly Jr and his wife Susanah Easly were named Executors of the Will. John Signed the Will by Mark. It was witnessed by John Boyd and Joseph Easly and sworn by John Croll, Register.

A gravemarker at Guardian Angel Cemetary reads: "Susannah wife of John Easley born 1806 died May 1888". Perhaps a newspaper obituary could be found to give further information on this family.