

THE KASTNER
or
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SAMUEL CASTNER

OF

GWYNEDD, PA.

BORN JUNE 11, 1737. DIED NOVEMBER 30 1833

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PAUL KASTNER, the founder of the family of that surname (sometime spelled Castner) in Pennsylvania, was among the early German colonists who settled Germantown, Philadelphia. The exact date of his emigration to Pennsylvania is not known, but it is believed that his arrival was in the year 1689.

On the sixteenth day of October, 1690, Paul Kastner acquired his first landed possession in the Province,—a tract of fifty acres in Germantown, situated on “the main road.” This land was purchased from Hamilton Swinsted (see copy of deed “A” hereunto attached), and was a portion of the estate formerly purchased from William Penn by the “Frankfort Company.” The purchase money was “twenty pounds current silver money,” which fact suggests that Mr. Kastner must have been a man of some estate at the time of his emigration. On the seventeenth of October, 1692, he purchased an additional fifty acres, adjoining the tract covered by his former purchase (see copy of deed “B” hereunto attached), and sometime later he acquired a tract of two hundred acres in Strassburg Township, Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Paul Kastner was a Quaker, and on settling in Pennsylvania he connected himself with the Abington Meeting of Friends. “In 1692,” writes Judge Pennypacker, in history of the settlement of Germantown, “culminated the dissensions among the Quakers caused by George Keith, and the commotion extended to the community of Germantown.” The yearly meeting of Friends, held at Burlington, New Jersey, 7th of 7th month, 1692, formulated their “testimony” against Keith. Paul Kastner was doubtless present at this historic gathering, as his name is found among the signers to the “testimony.” His

townsmen, Francis Daniel Pastorius, Paul Wolff, Dirck Op den Graeff and Arnold Cassel also being of the number who signed.

Mr. Kastner continued to reside in Germantown until his death, which occurred between 31 August and 11 September, 1717, the former being the date of his will and the latter the date of its probate, of which the following is a copy from the records of the office of the Register of Wills at Philadelphia :

“GERMANTOWN the One & thirtieth
day of August 1717

“I, PAUL KASTNER of the sd Town and County of Philadelphia, weaver, being sick and weak in Body but of a good understanding, sound and disposing mind & memory (Thanks be unto God therefor) do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say

“*First* of all I commend my Soul into the hands of God my merciful Creator and Saviour, and my body to be buried at the discretion of mine Exec’tr hereafter named,

“And touching my Worldly Estate I give and bequeath to my eldest Daughter Elizabeth Pettinger her Daughter call’d Betty the Sum of two Pounds curr’t Silver money of Pennsylvania.

“*Item.* I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary, the sum of four Pounds money aforsd.

“*Item.* I give and bequeath to my three sons Samuel, Jacob and George the two hundred acres, which I purchased at Strassburg in the County of Chester to be equally divided among them, To have & to hold the same to them their heirs and assigns for Ever.

“*Item.* I devise, give and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Kastner all and Singular the residue of my Clear real and personal Estate and the profits thereof during her widowhood ; But in case she should marry again, I only give and bequeath to her the third part of

my sd Estate according to the Laws of this Province : And after her so marrying or decease the sd my real & personal Estate or the remainder thereof is to be Equally divided among my four Children, Christina, Samuel, Jacob and George, Share and Share alike.

"Item. I do hereby appoint and constitute my dear Friends Samuel Gulden, Casper Leutebecher, and Johannes Hildbrand, or either of them to be the lawful Executors of this my last will and Testament, utterly disannulling all other former wills in any wise by me made, Confirming this my last will and Testam't.

"In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written.

(Signed) PAUL KASTNER, [SEAL]

"Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the above sd Testator as his last Will and Testam't in the presence of us

JOHN DOEDN

PAUL ENGEL SENIOR

FRANCIS DANIEL PASTORIUS

After it has been further declared by the above sd Testator that when his sd wife comes to marry again or depart this life his eldest son Samuel shall have to him, his heirs and assigns forever the Lott or fifty acres of land in Germantown, he paying to his sister Christina & to his two Brethren Jacob & George, their share thereof according to the valuation of impartial men indifferently chosen. And that the sd Jacob & George shall have to them their heirs & assigns the afore mentioned two hundred acres at Strassburg, they satisfying him or his heirs for this third part and Improvemts by him made thereupon according to the valuation of Impartial men."

It is believed that Paul Kastner was accompanied to Pennsylvania by his wife Mary, and daughter Elizabeth, as the first child whose birth was recorded on the records of Abington Meeting is his daughter Christina.

Children of PAUL and MARY KASTNER :

I. ELIZABETH KASTNER, born probably in Germany ; married one Pettinger and had daughter " Betty."

II. CHRISTINA KASTNER, b. at Germantown, 1st month, 1691/2 : married Henry Hains, and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. On 6 May, 1737, she and her husband joined in a deed releasing her interest in fifty acres of land in Germantown, formerly belonging to her father, unto her brother Samuel Kastner. (Phila. Deeds, Bk. H, 17, p. 179.)

III. SAMUEL KASTNER, born at Germantown, 8 March, 1693/4 : died in 1753 ; married Catharine, daughter of George Jacob.

IV. JACOB KASTNER, b. 1 February, 1697/8 ; died in 1767 ; married Ann ———.

V. MARY KASTNER, b. ; d.

VI. GEORGE KASTNER, b. ; d. in 1776 ; m. (1)
m. (2) Elizabeth Strieper.

This Indenture made the sixteenth day of the eighth month in the year 1690 and of the second year of the Reign of William and Mary of England &c King and Queen Between HAMBLETON Swinestead yeoman of Germantown in the county of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania in America of the one part and PAUL KASTNER inhabitant of the same town in the County afs^d of the other part.

WITNESSETH That for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty pounds current silver money of the said Province in hand paid and secured to be paid by the said PAUL KASTNER unto the afsd Hambleton Swinestead the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge & thereof acquit exonerate & discharge the said PAUL KASTNER his heirs executors & administrators forever by these presents he the said Hambleton Swinestead hath given granted aliened bargained sold enfeoffed & confirmed and by these presents doth absolutely give grant alien bargain sell enfeoff and confirm unto the said PAUL KASTNER his heirs and assigns a certain tract of land lying and being in the Germantown township in the County of Philadelphia containing one

hundred acres of land viz 50 acres in Germantown & 50 acr in the place called Crevelt granted by Francis Daniel Pastorius and Company to Cornelius Bom by virtue of a deed bearing date the 12 day of the twelfth month Anno Domini 1685 to Cornelius Bom and his heirs therein ment^d acknowledged in the County Court of Philadelphia the
day of month with all the buildings fences improvements rights and appurtenances wtsoever held used and enjoyed with the said land or reputed as any part of the same and the Reversions Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and also All the estate right title & interest use possession property claim and demand whtsoever of him the said Hambleton Swinested of in and to the sd Premises and all deeds grants charters letters patent excripts and other evidences & writings concerning the sd premises onlie or onlie any part thereof all which are situated lying and being as afsd and are now in the possession of the sd Hambleton Swinestead by virtue of a deed of conveyance bearing date the ninth day of the eleventh month 1689 confirmed by Anthony Morris and Agnes his wife heir to Cornelius Bom dec'd to the said Hambleton Swinestead & his heirs To have & to hold the said Fifty acres of land and premises aforesaid and every part and parcel thereof of the same to him the said PAUL KASTNER his heirs & assigns forever at and under the yearly rent of Twelve shillings yearly to become due the 1st day of the 1st month to the afsd Francis Daniel Pastorious or Company or their assigns forever for the aforesaid fifty acres of land & premises And the said Hambleton Swinested doth covenant promise & grant for himself & his heirs respectively that they the said fifty acres of land and premises unto him the said PAUL KASTNER and his heirs against them the said Hambleton Swinestead and his heirs resply and against the heirs and assigns of the said Cornelius Bom dec'd and against all others claiming by from or under him therein or any of them or by his their or any of their means privity consent or Procurem't shall and will warrant & forever defend by these presents And that the sd Hambleton Swinestead

hath not done acted nor suffered any act matter or thing wtsoever whereby the said granted shall or may by any means be lawfully impeached charged or encumbered in any manner or wise, And that he the said Hambleton Swinestead his heirs & assigns respectively shall & will at any time within the space of seven years now next ensuing at the request & charge of the said Paul Kastner his heirs & assigns make do & execute all such further & other acts things conveyances & assurances in the law wtsoever for the further assuring & conveying of the said fifty acres of land and premises to the said Paul Kastner his heirs & assigns as by the said Paul Kastner his heirs or assigns or their council learned in the law in yt behalf shall be lawfully and reasonably desired advised or required, so as the persons thus requested be not compellable for the doing thereof to travell further than Germantown or Philadelphia at the time of such request made and so as the same contain no other nor further Warrantie nor covenant than is beforementioned.

And this Ind^{re} further Witnesseth that the sd Hambleton Swinestead doth make Daniell Pegg his Atty to deliver these p'sents in Open Court according to law In Witness Whereof the parties first above named to these Pres'ts Ind^{re} their hand and seal interchangeably have set & put this X the seal or mark of Hambleton Swinstead.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of us

FRANCIS DANIEL PASTORIUS
ABRAHAM OP DE GRAF

in Court off Record & dei 18 der 8 moneth 1692

ARNOLD CASSELL *Recorder*

FRANCIS DANIEL PASTORIUS *Bailiff*

(Recorded at Philadelphia 10 Feb. 1743/4, Book G. 5, p.)

WHEREAS Frantz Daniel Pastorius one of the Partners of the Company of Frankfort and having Power of Attorney from the said

Company has granted in Quit Rent unto Cornelius Bom his heirs & successors forever one hundred acres of land in German township as by the Deed thereof dated the 12th day of the 12th month 1685 appears.

AND WHEREAS the widow & heiresses of the said Cornelius Bom being intermarried with Anthony Morris did together with the same bargain & grant the said 100 acres unto Hamilton Shwinstet as by their Deed of Bargain dated the 9th of the 11th month 1689 appears.

AND WHEREAS the said Hamilton Shwinstet afterwards did sell and convey unto PAUL KASTNER fifty acres of the said 100 acres as by Deed of Bargain thereof made and dated the 16th of the 8th month 1690 appears.

Now this present Deed of Bargain made the 17th October Anno Domini 1692 Between DANIEL PEGG Executor of the said Hamilton Shwinstet of the one part seller and the said PAUL KASTNER of the other part Buyer WITNESSETH that the said Hamilton Shwinstet DANIEL PEGG by virtue of the Power given him be the said Hamilton Shwinstet bearing date the 7th day of the 10th month 1691 for and in consideration of Eight pounds this country money (the receipt of which sum and any part thereof the said Seller doth hereby acknowledge and hereof wholly and in the best form doth acquit the said PAUL KASTNER) hath granted and bargained the remainder fifty acres (being the rest of the said 100 acres sold by the said Heirs of Cornelius Bom to the said Hamilton Shwinstet as aforesaid and still appertaining unto him) Situate adjoining the said 50 acres already sold by the said Hamilton Shwinstet unto the said PAUL KASTNER as aforesaid Together with all the Rights Title Appurtenances and Profits thereof to the said Hamilton Shwinstet appertaining To have and to hold and to enjoy the said Fifty acres together with the said 100 acres derived from the said Frankfort Company under the said PAUL KASTNER his heirs and assigns forever from all Incumbrances no ways mortgaged and without any the least trouble or molestation of him the said Hamilton Shwinstet his heirs **executors & assigns.**

In WITNESS and Conformation whereof both Parties to these Presents have hereunto intelligently set their Hands & Seals at German Town the 17th day of 8th month 1692

DANIEL PEGG [SEAL]

In the presence of us witnesses

PAULL WULFF

ARNOLD CASSEL

Passed in the Council of Records the 18th of the 8th month.

ARNOLD CASSEL *Recorder*

FRANTS DANIEL PASTORIUS *Bailiff*

The original of the foregoing deed was in German, and is so recorded, together with a translation of the same made in 1743 (Philadelphia County Deed Book G, No. 4, pp. 331¹/₂/3.)

[SEAL]

Samuel Kastner, eldest son of Paul and Mary Kastner, was born at Germantown, Philadelphia, 8 March, 1693¹/₄, and died in Whitpain Township, Montgomery (then Philadelphia) County, in 1753. Under his father's will, and by virtue of releases executed to him by his brothers Jacob and George, and sister Christina, he became the owner of his father's home estate of fifty acres in Germantown, and there resided until about 1737, when he removed to Whitpain Township. On the 23 March of that year he purchased of Rees Thomas, of Merion, "gent," and Anthony Morris and Phoebe his wife, of Philadelphia, a tract of one hundred and twenty-five acres of land in said Whitpain Township, paying for the same the sum of £93 (Philadelphia Deeds, Bk H, No. 11, p. 348), and in the following year he sold his Germantown estate (Philadelphia Deeds, Bk G, No. 3, p. 13, etc.). He died intestate, and letters of administration on his estate were granted unto his son George Kastner. The account filed men-

tions that his personal estate was divided among his "seven children," but their names are not given, although they do appear in a petition filed later in the Orphans' Court for the partition of his real estate, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

He married Catharine, daughter of George Jacob, of Roxbury Township, Philadelphia. Mr. Jacob, in his will, dated 28 November, 1732, proved at Philadelphia, 20 January, 1732/3, mentions his "son-in-law" Samuel Kastner. Mrs. Kastner doubtless died in the lifetime of her husband.

Children of SAMUEL and CATHARINE (JACOB) KASTNER :

I. PAUL KASTNER, b. 1719; d. 20 August, 1797, without issue.

II. GEORGE KASTNER, b. d. 1757; m. Mary Clime.

III. MARY KASTNER, b. d. m. John Morris.

IV. KATHARINE KASTNER, b. 5 August, 1734; d. 25 Nov., 1816, m. Reese Morris. See Pa. Mag. of History, p. 500.

V. SAMUEL CASTNER, b. :1 June, 1737; d. 30 Nov., 1833; m. Mary, daughter of Samuel Linderman.

VI. SARAH KASTNER, b. d. m. William Adams.

VII. SUSANNA KASTNER, b. d. m. Andrew Aken.

Partition of the Estate of Samuel Castner, Deceased

" PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, ss.:


" GEORGE THE SECOND by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth : To the Sheriff of Philadelphia County Greeting. WHEREAS Paul Castner and Samuel Castner Sons of Samuel Castner late of Whitpain Township in the said County Mason deced, John Morris and Mary His Wife, Reese Morris and Katharine His Wife (which said Mary and Kath-

arine are Daughters of the said Samuel Castner deced) Jacob Wentz Guardian of Susannah Casner Rachel Casner, Lydia Casner and George Casner, Minors, Grandchildren of the said Samuel Casner deced Preferred a Petition Before Our Justices of the Orphans' Court Held at Philadelphia for the City and County of Philadelphia the Nineteenth day of March In the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty nine Setting forth That the said Samuel Castner some time in the Month of March In the year of Our Lord 1753 Died Intestate Seized in Fee simple of Ninety five Acres of Land in Whitpain Township aforesaid and Left Issue, besides the Petitioners Paul Samuel Mary and Katharine ; George (the Father of the aforesaid Susannah Casner Rachel Casner Lydia Casner and George Casner) Sarah married to William Adams and Susannah married to Andrew Achan. That the said George also since Died Intestate, Intituled to Two full Equal and undivided Eight Parts of and in the aforesaid Ninety five Acres : One of which He Purchased in his Life time of the said Andrew Achan and Susannah his wife, Leaving Martha his Widow and the aforesaid Susannah, Rachal, Lydia and George His Children ; To whom the said Two full equal and undevided Eight Parts descend ; the said Martha His Widow, (since Intermarried with a certain Phillip Richardson Having Right of Dower therein, for the Term of her Natural Life, That the said Rees Morris hath also purchased of the said William Adams and Sarah his Wife All that their Right and share of and in the aforesaid Ninety five Acres, so that He is Intituled to Two full and Undivided Eight Parts therein ; praying that the Court Would Cause Partition to be Made of the Premisses amongst them, the said Children of the said Said Samuel Casner deced, and amongst the Widow and Children of the said George Casner deced, so that the said Paul Casner Samuel Casner the said John Morris and Mary His Wife, in Right of the said Mary, the said Rees Morris and Katharine his Wife in Right of the said Katharine, and the said Reese Morris in Right of the said William Adams and Sarah his Wife, May Have and

Hold their Several Shares of Land in the said Ninety five Acres in Severally forever, AND that the aforesaid Martha late the Widow ; and he said Susannah, Rachel, Lydia and George children of the said George Castner deceased ; May Have and Hold their Shares of and in the aforesaid two full Equal and undivided Eight Parts of and in the said Ninety five Acres ; So that the said Martha may Have and Hold One third Part thereof during Her Life ; And that the Remainder hereof, after the Determination of Her Estate therein, and Also all the residue of the said two full Equal and Undivided Eight parts of and in the aforesaid Ninety five Acres May be held by the said Children of the said George Casner deced in Severalty for ever ; According to an Act of Assembly of this Province in such case Made and Provided. THEREUPON The Court Taking the same into consideration Awarded an Inquest WHEREFORE WE COMMAND you that Taking with you Twelve Honest and Lawful Men of your Bailiwick You Go to the said Ninety five Acres of Land Improvements and Premises with the Appurtenances ; unto and then and there in the Presence of the Parties or their Legal Representatives or Guardians ; by you to be Warned, (if upon being Warned they will be present) and Having Put a Just Value on the same ; the said Ninety five Acres of Land Improvements and premises with the Appurtenances into Eight Equal Parts you cause to be Parted ; Having first taken an Oath Affirmation Duly and Equally to Value and ^{the same} Divide according to Law and Two of the said Eight Equal Parts to the said Paul Castner ; One of the said Eight Equal Parts to the said Samuel Castner, One other of the said Eight equal Parts to the said John Morris and Mary his Wife, in Right of said Mary, One other of the said Eight Equal Parts to the said Reese Morris and Katharine His Wife, in Right of said Katharine, One other of the said Eight Equal Parts to the said Reese Morris, being the said William Adams and Sarah His Wife their Share, in Right of said Sarah, Purchased of the said Reese Morris with the Appurtenances,

to Hold to them in Severalty. You Assign and Deliver, so that neither the said Paul, nor the said Samuel, nor the said John Morris and Mary His Wife, in Right of said Mary; nor the said Reese Morris and Katharine His Wife, in Right of said Katharine, nor the said Reese Morris as purchaser from the said William Adams and Sarah His Wife, Have more of the said Ninety five Acres of Land Improvements and Premises with the Appurtenances than to them of Right Partaineth to Have, and the aforesaid Paul of his Two Eight parts thereof to him Belonging; and the said Samuel of His One eighth part thereof to him Belonging; and the said John Morris and Mary his Wife, in right of said Mary, of Her one Eighth Part thereof to Her Belonging, and the said Reese Morris of His One Eighth Part thereof to Him Belonging as purchaser from the said William Adams and Sarah His Wife, May be able Severally to Possess themselves, And the other Remaining Two Equal Eight Parts, *having Respect to the Value thereof, into five Equal Parts You cause to be parted* and two of the said Five Equal parts to the s^d George Castner Son of the aforesaid George Castner decd; *One of the said five Equal Parts* to the said Susannah Castner Daughter of the said George Castner deced., *One other of the said Five Equal parts* to the said Rachel Castner Daughter of the said George Castner deced And *the other part of the said Five Equal Parts* to Lydia Castner Daughter of the said George Castner deced with the Appurtenances, to Hold to them *in Severalty* You Assign and Deliver, so that neither the said George, the said Susannah, nor the said Rachel, nor the said Lydia, Have of the said other Remaining Two Equal Parts of the aforesaid Ninety five acres of Land Improvements and Premises with the Appurtenances more than to them of Right Pertaineth to Have and that the said George of His two five Equal parts thereof to Him Belonging and the said Susannah of Her One fifth Equal part thereof to Her Belonging, and the said Rachel of Her One Fifth Equal Part thereof to Her belonging, and the said Lydia of Her One Fifth Equal Part thereof to Her belonging May be able

N. W. 65 ps.

8 ps.	9 ps.	11 ps.	11 ps.	26 perches
	S. W. 237	S. W. 237	S. W. 237	S. W. 157
				N. W. 26 ps.
				ps. Widow's Dower containing Acres qrs. ps. 10 1 28
				S. E. 13 ps.
No. 1. John Morris' lot, containing Acres qrs. pcs. 11 3 16	No. 2 Rees Morris' lot, containing Acres qrs. pcs. 13 1 13	No. 3 Rees Morris' lot, containing Acres qrs. pcs. 16 1 7	No. 4 Samuel Cast- ner's lot, containing Acres qrs. pcs. 16 1 7	Nos. 5 & 6 Paul Castner's two lots containing 6½ acres
				80
				
				S. E. 13 ps. Nos. 7 & 8 belongs to Grandchildren of George Castner, late deceased, containing Acres qrs. ps. 32 0 2
8	9	11	11	13

Southwest 237 perches by land of George Castner's

N. E. 237 perches by land of Geo. Castner's

S. E. by Skippack Road

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Severally to Possess themselves, And that Imediatly afterward You do Deliver to the said Martha Richardson (Late Martha Castner Widow of the aforesaid George Castner Deceased) full seizin of one Equal third Part, of the said Shares and Parts, of the aforesaid other remaining two Eight parts of and in the said Ninety five Acres of Land Improvements and Premissess with the appurtenances, to them the said George Castner Susannah Castner Rachel Castner and Lydia Castner Children of the said George Castner deced Assigned: To Hold to her the said Martha as Her Dower in the said Real Estates for the Term of Her Life and after such Valuation and Partition is Made You Make Return under Your Hand and Seal and under the Hands and Seals of those by Whose Oath or Affirmation the said Valuation and Partition is made Before Our Justices of the Orphans' Court to be held at Philadelphia in the Nineth day of June Next and Have You then there this Writ WITNESS Alexander Stedman Esq^r. the Twenty Second day of March in the Thirty second Year of Our Reign.

(Signed) ALEX. STEDMAN.

Jacob Kastner, second son of Paul Kastner by his wife Mary, was born at Germantown, 1 February, 1697/8, and died in 1767, in Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery (then Philadelphia) County. Some time prior to 1731 he removed to Lancaster County to occupy, it is supposed, land devised to him by his father. In a deed of 11 May, 1731, he is styled "of County of Lancaster, husbandman," and joined with his brother George, styled of "Philadelphia County, husbandman," in releasing the Germantown estate of his father, unto their brother Samuel (Philadelphia Deed Bk, G, No. 1, p. 150), and by deed dated 7 March, 1738/9, in which he, Jacob Kastner, is described as "of Lampeter Township, Lancaster County," he purchased from John Hamer and Jane his wife, a tract of two hundred acres in Plymouth Township, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County.

At about that time he removed to Plymouth Township, where he subsequently acquired an additional tract of two hundred and twenty-five acres. He also acquired land in Gwynedd, and a tract of one hundred acres in East Nottingham, Chester County, and at the time of his death was a large holder of real estate. He was a Quaker, but married "out of the unity of Friends," as is learned from the minutes of Abington Meeting, under date of 31 11 month, 1742, when "he gave a writing acknowledging his breach in marrying several years ago out of the unity of Friends," which acknowledgment was duly accepted, and the "penitent" was accordingly restored to fellowship, and in the following month he was granted a "certificate" from Abington Meeting to the Meeting at Gwynedd.

He married Ann, whose maiden name has not been ascertained. She was living, 16 December, 1763, the date of her husband's will (proved at Philadelphia, 26 February, 1767), and is named therein, as are the names of the children given below:

Children of JACOB and ANN KASTNER:

I. JACOB KASTNER; died in 1757; married Patience

II. SARAH KASTNER; died intestate, unmarried and without issue before 8 August, 1800, as is recited in a deed of that date (Montgomery County Deed Bk 13, p. 341), but was living 18 July, 1796, as would appear from the will of her brother Andrew.

III. SAMUEL KASTNER; was a farmer; resided at Gwynedd; probably never married; owned a large tract of land; died in 1806, having made his last will and testament on the first day of that month, the same being probated at Norristown, Montgomery County, on the 28th day of the same month, by which he bequeathed a legacy to "the poor of Gwynedd Meeting," and the remainder of his estate to Elizabeth Miller and Rebecca Cooley, wife of John Cooley, and makes mention of an estate of 116 acres in Upper Dublin Township, part of the estate of "my brother."

IV. MARY KASTNER ; resided at Gwynedd ; died intestate in 1793 ; unmarried and without issue. (See Montgomery County Probate Records, No. 12,946.)

V. ANDREW KASTNER, died in 1799 ; administration on his estate granted 28 October, 1799, to Cadwalader Evans and Amos Lewis ; estate appraised at £314, 4s ; Samuel Kastner and Elizabeth Kastner, brother and sister of the decedent, and Thomas Hanway and Susanna his wife (the said Susanna being a daughter of his brother Jacob) are styled the "legal heirs" in a paper filed in the estate.

VI. GEORGE KASTNER probably never married, died in 1794 ; made his will 15 December, 1787 ; proved 4 December, 1794 ; in which he names brothers and sisters, to wit : Samuel, Andrew, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, and cousin Ann Collins.

VII. ELIZABETH KASTNER, died 1799 ; is described in her will made 18 December, 1799, as "old and infirm," and gives her estate to her niece, Susanna Hanway, daughter of her brother, Jacob Kastner, deceased.

JACOB CASTNER, son of Jacob Kastner, and grandson of Paul and Mary Kastner, died in 1757, when letters of administration on his estate were granted unto his widow, Patience Kastner, who married for second husband, 20 April, 1758, William Pugh, of East Nottingham, Chester County, Pennsylvania. William Pugh and Patience, his wife, filed an account in the estate of Jacob Kastner, in November, 1759, and the estate was divided between the said Patience and her two children by Jacob Kastner. If the blood of Paul Kastner, through his son Jacob, exists to-day, it must come through the below named Susanna Kastner, by her marriage with Thomas Hanway.

Children of JACOB KASTNER by his wife Patience :

I. DANIEL KASTNER, who died unmarried and without issue.

II. SUSANNA KASTNER, married Thomas Hanway.

George Kastner, youngest son of Paul and Mary Kastner, was born at Germantown, circa 1701; died in Whitpain Township, Montgomery (then Philadelphia) County, in October, 1776. He was a farmer, and is believed to have removed from Germantown to Whitpain Township, about 1728, as, on 8 June of that year, he purchased of Thomas Rees and Anthony Morris and wife, two hundred acres in the latter place, and is styled in the deed for the same, "of Whitpain Township" (Montgomery County Deeds, Book 43, p. 416). In addition to the above tract of land, he acquired two tracts in Whitemarsh Township, and was at his decease a man of considerable wealth for his time, which is evidenced by his will. He was by birthright a member of Abington Meeting, but lost his membership by his first marriage to one not a Friend. Who she was, or when the marriage took place, has not been ascertained. She doubtless died before 1742, as on 29 November of that year, Abington Meeting granted him leave to proceed in marriage with Elizabeth Streper. Before obtaining such leave, he was restored to membership among Friends, upon "acknowledging his breach of order in marrying several years ago, out of the unity of Friends" (Minutes of Abington Meeting, under date of 30 August, 1742). His second wife, Elizabeth, was the widow of John Streper, of Germantown. She died in 1794, and probably had no issue by Mr. Kastner. His will, dated 27 April, 1776, was proved 19 October, same year, together with a codicil to his will made on the 4th of same month.

Children of GEORGE KASTNER by his first wife :

I. THOMAS KASTNER, died before 13 April, 1763, on which day letters of administration on his estate were granted unto his widow, Ann Kastner. He married 2 July, 1761, Ann Thomas (History of Gwynedd, p. 136), by whom he had an only child, Margaret Kastner.

II. MARY KASTNER, married Lewis Jones.

III. MAGDALINE KASTNER, married William Streper, son of her stepmother by her first husband John Streper. William

Streper named in his will, dated 4 November, 1773, proved 7 December, the same year, wife Magdaline, and children Lydia, John, Sarah, George and William. He resided at Germantown, and was descended from one of the founders of that place.

IV. ELIZABETH KASTNER, married Philip Richardson, and by him had at least a son, Levi, who is named in the will of his grandfather Kastner.

V. HANNAH KASTNER, married 8 April, 1755, William Ottinger, who, in his will, dated 30 May, 1762, proved 6 August, same year, names wife Hannah, and children : Susannah, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth and Christopher. Mr. Kastner, in his will, names grandchildren : Christopher, Margaret and Elizabeth Ottinger. Susanna and Mary had possibly died between the date of their father's will and that of their grandfather Kastner.

VI. LYDIA KASTNER.

VII. MARGARET KASTNER.

VIII. SARAH KASTNER.

IX. ANDREW KASTNER, made his will 18 July, 1796 ; proved 4 May, 1797, in which he is styled "of Upper Dublin Township, farmer," and by which he bequeathed a portion of his estate to Margaret Kastner, of Lower Dublin, Bucks County, "daughter of my deceased brother Thomas Kastner," and the remainder he gave to Margaret Thomas, "now living with me," she supporting "my two sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, during their lives."

George Kastner also named in his will "grandchildren," John, Mary Alice, and Elizabeth Conrad ; "sons-in-law" Thomas Mee and George Nice, and "grandsons" George and John, "sons of my daughter Sarah;" from which it would appear that either his daughter Lydia or Margaret married one Conrad, and that one of these married either Thomas Mee or George Nice, and that Sarah was the wife of one of the latter.

Samuel Castner, son of Samuel Kastner by his wife Catharine Jacob, and grandson of Paul and Mary Kastner, was born 11th June, 1737; died at Gwynedd, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 30th November, 1833. The place of his birth was probably in Whitpain Township, after his father's removal to that place. He was the first of the family to alter the spelling of the name from Kastner to Castner, and through him alone, it would appear, the male line of the descendants is continued until the present day. Paul Kastner's son Jacob had but one son, Thomas, whose only son Daniel died without issue; and the sons of Paul's son George died without issue, while of the three sons of Samuel, the son of Paul, Samuel above, is the only one known to have had male issue. Paul, brother of the latter, died unmarried, and George, the other brother, had four children, but these are thought to have been daughters, as no mention has been found of any who could have been his sons.

Samuel Castner settled in Worcester Township sometime prior to 1757, and is styled of that place in the administration bond filed in the estate of his brother George. He became surety for the administrator, and signed his name "Castner." On 5 January, 1764, he purchased of Abraham Evans a tract of fifty-four acres in Gwynedd Township (Montgomery County Deeds, VII, 843), about which time he is supposed to have removed there, as in all subsequent conveyances he is called of that place. Mr. Castner lived to be over ninety-six years of age, and must have been a man of marked vigor. His autograph to his will, written when he was in his ninety-first year, gives evidence of a steady hand, and varies scarcely perceptibly from his autograph of sixty years earlier.

Mr. Castner married, about 1764, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Susanna Linderman, of Roxbury Township, Philadelphia County, and granddaughter of John and Catharine Linderman, of the same place. Mrs. Castner was born 7 December, 1745, and died 10 June, 1824. Samuel Linderman, her father, died in 1750 (will proved 24 Novem-

ber, of that year), and her grandfather Linderman died in 1721 (will proved 5 June of that year). The latter came from Mulheim, Germany, and settled in Germantown, Philadelphia, in 1698, and by deed of 7 December, 1708, purchased a tract of forty-three and one-quarter acres, in Roxborough Township, on the Wissahickon.

Will of Samuel Castner, Latæ of Gwynedd

Be it remembered, THAT I SAMUEL CASTNER of Gwynedd Township in the County of Montgomery, and State of Pennsylvania, Cordwainer being far advanced in years and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do therefore make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say—*First*, I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid. *Item*—I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel Castner, my large family bible and my wearing Apparel. *Item*—I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Chapin two blankets, a bed spread bed quilt and one hundred dollars in six months after my decease. *Item*—I give and bequeath to my Son Jacob Castner one hundred dollars in six months after my decease. *Item*—I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law Lydia Castner forty dollars. *Item*—I give and bequeath to my Grand-daughter Lydia Abbet the daughter of my son John Castner a looking glass, two framed pictures and fifteen dollars. *Item*—I give and devise to my Grandson-in-law William Coulston, and to his heirs and assigns the liberty or priveledge of a road nineteen feet wide at the Northeast end of my plantation along the line adjoining lands of George Roberts provided always, never the less that the said William Coulston his heirs and Assigns shall and will keep a good and sufficient fence along the said road or a gate each end of said road and one at the point where a division fence may join said road near

the middle thereof all in good repair and be accountable for all damages that may at any time be done by horses, cattle sheep or swine on my said plantation through the insufficiency of said fence or gates or carelessness or neglect in not keeping them shut. *Item*—I give and bequeath to Susanna Roberts the use of the old room in the North East end of my house priviledge in the kitchen below and liberty to set a case of drawers upstairs in the new end from the time of my decease untill the first day of April then next ensuing and necessary fire wood cut at the door during said term, and Sixteen dollars in Six months after my decease. *Item*—I will and direct my Executors hereinafter named to sell all my real and personal estate as soon after my decease as convenient and to execute to the purchaser or purchasers as good a title or deed of conveyance in fee Simple forever as I in my life time could have done. *Item*—I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate after the payment of my just debts funeral expenses the before mentioned legacies and reasonable compensation to my executors hereinafter named to be devided into eight equal shares ; One share thereof I give ^{to} the children of my said son Enoch ; subject nevertheless to the payment of a bond with its interest which I hold against my said Son Enoch his heirs, executors or administrators. One other share I give to my Son Jesse ; One other share I give to my Son Samuel ; One other share I give to the children of my daughter Mary. One other share I give to my daughter Elizabeth, subject to the payment of a bond with interest which I hold against Nathin Chapin, his heirs, executors or administrators (late the husband of my said daughter) One other share I give to my Son Jacob. One other share I give to the children of my daughter Rachel, and if either of my said children shall die before this my Last Will and Testament goes into effect then my will is that the share of such deceased child shall descend to and be enjoyed by the children of such deceased child, And whereas I have a family book in which I have charged certain of my children with advances, which is to be considered as so much

received of such child's share but it is my will that no interest shall be charged thereon—And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jesse Castner and my nephew Samuel Thomas Executors of this my last will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying this and none other to be my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twenty-second day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by Samuel Castner the Before named Testator as and for his Last Will & Testament with presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

(Signed) SAMUEL KASTNER. [SEAL]

D. THOMAS.

SAMUEL VANHORN.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ss.

On the 9th day of December, A. D. 1833 the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who being duly affirmed according to law, did depose and say that they were personally present and saw and heard Samuel Castner the Testator therein named sign, seal, publish and declare the same as and for his Last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief.

(Signed) BEN. POWELL, *Dep. Recr.*

Be it Remembered, That on the 9th day of December A. D. 1833 the Last Will and Testament of Samuel Castner decd. was duly proved and Letters Testamentary thereon granted unto Samuel Thomas and Jesse Castner the Executors therein named they having been duly

affirmed that as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Samuel Castner decd. to well and truly administer the goods chattels rights and credits which were of Said decd according to law and to diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with law relating to Collateral Inheritances.

(Signed) BEN. POWELL, D. R.

Copied from Will Books No. 7, page 285 &c., Montgomery County Wills.

Samuel Castner's (of Gwynedd) Service in the Revolution

He was in active service as a private in the Philadelphia County Militia.

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To whom it may concern:

I hereby certify to the Revolutionary services of Samuel Castner.

Samuel Castner of Philada County received Depreciation Pay for services prior to Jan. 1st, 1781, from the State of Penna. For reference see Penna. Archives, Vol. 13, Page 34.

Samuel Castner was a private in the 4th Class of the 4th Company Philada County Militia commanded by Capt. Stephen Bloom and in active service after January 1778. For Reference see Penna Archives, Second Series, Vol. 13, Page 720.

Yours with respect,

(sig'd) WILLIAM HENRY EAGLE, M. D.,

State Librarian & Editor

Penna Archives.

Children of SAMUEL CASTNER by his wife Mary Linderman :

I. JOHN CASTNER, b. 3 October, 1765 ; d. Feb. 27, 1810 ; m. 8 June, 1793, Lydia Rhoads, b. 21 January, 1771 ; died in 1852 ; daughter of Ezekiel and Mary Rhoads, of Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

II. ENOCH CASTNER, b. 28 June, 1767 ; buried at Philadelphia, 20 October, 1824 ; m. Roberts.

III. SUSANNA CASTNER, b. 14 January, 1769 ; d. 15 September, 1769.

IV. JESSE CASTNER, b. 16 July, 1770 ; d. m. (1) Margaret Rhoads ; (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Smick. Had issue.

V. SAMUEL CASTNER, b. 30 April, 1772 ; d. at Penn Yan, Yates County, New York m. Mary Magdalen Wagener.

VI. MARY CASTNER, b. 16 August, 1774 ; d. 3 June, 1811 ; m. Abraham Wagener, Esq^r.

VII. ELIZABETH CASTNER, b. 13 June, 1776 ; m. Nathan Chapin.

VIII. JACOB CASTNER, b. 11 February, 1779 ; d. July 18, 1862 ; m. Hannah Wilson.

IX. RACHEL CASTNER, b. 29 April, 1782 ; d. 11 June, 1816 ; m. Samuel Supplee.

GEORGE CASTNER, son of Samuel Kastner by Catharine Jacob his wife, was born at Germantown, Philadelphia, circa 1721 ; died in 1757. Administration on his estate was granted to his widow, Martha Castner, 15 October, 1757. He married Martha Clime, daughter of Michael Clime, of Whitpain township, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County, and is styled " son-in-law " in the will of said Michael Clime, dated February, 1750. His widow married for second husband,

Philip Richardson. The names of his children are found in the proceeding for the partition of the lands of his father, Samuel Kastner, the elder, as will appear from the Orphans' Court records at Philadelphia.

Children of GEORGE CASTNER by his wife Martha Clime :

- I. SUSANNA CASTNER.
- II. RACHEL CASTNER.
- III. LYDIA CASTNER.
- IV. GEORGE CASTNER.

JOHN CASTNER, son of Samuel and Mary (Linderman) Castner, was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 3 October, 1765, and died at or near Norristown, in that county, 27 February, 1810. He was a land-owner in Norriton Township, where he resided. He married 8 June, 1793, Lydia Rhoads, born 21 January, 1771 ; died 20 August, 1852. She was a daughter of Ezekiel and Mary Rhoads, of Norristown, and a descendant of John Rhoads, of Darbyshire, England, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and settled at Darby, where he died in 1701.

Children of JOHN CASTNER by his wife Lydia Rhoads :

- I. MARY CASTNER, b. 20 December, 1793 ; d. 18 November, 1870.
- II. SUSANNA CASTNER, b. 26 February, 1796 ; d. 18 May, 1867 ; m. Arthur Curran.
- III. SAMUEL CASTNER, b. 30 April, 1798 ; d. 3 November, 1879 ; m. 14 March, 1828, Julia Hardy.
- IV. LYDIA CASTNER, b. 15 February, 1800 ; d. 1882 ; m. James Abbett.
- V. EZEKIAL CASTNER, b. 23 April, 1802 ; d. 22 October, 1882 ; m. Kachline.

VI. ENOCH CASTNER, b. 23 April, 1802 ; d. 7 September, 1851 ; m. Hoffman.

VII. MARGARET CASTNER b. 1 October, 1804 ; d. m. Pryor.

VIII. JOHN CASTNER, b. 10 February, 1807 ; d. 17 January, 1810.

IX. RACHEL CASTNER, b. 25 May, 1809 ; d. 4 February, 1888 ; m. Josiah Wood.

ENOCH CASTNER, second son of Samuel Castner by his wife Mary Linderman, was born in Montgomery County, 28 June, 1767 ; died at Philadelphia, in October, 1824. He married Roberts, daughter of

Children of ENOCH CASTNER by his wife Roberts :

I. GEORGE CASTNER, d. 11 July, 1796, aged 2 years, 4 months and 5 days.

JESSE CASTNER, third son of Samuel Castner by his wife Mary Linderman, was born in Montgomery County, 16 July, 1770 ; died October 10, 1860 ; m. (1) circa 1795, Margaret Rhoads ; (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Smick, this being her third marriage.

Children of JESSE CASTNER, by his first wife :

I. MALINDA CASTNER, b. 8 May, 1796 ; d. August 4, 1873.

II. CHARLES CASTNER, b. 25 October, 1798 ; d. May 12, 1862.

III. MARY CASTNER, b. 5 December, 1800 ; d. 1852.

IV. RACHEL CASTNER, b. 7 November, 1803.

V. MARGARET CASTNER, b. 19 May, 1805 ; d. 1900.

VI. ANNA CASTNER, b. 19 October, 1806.

By second wife :

VII. JESSE CASTNER, b. 3 May, 1812 ; d. 15 September, 1883 ;

m. in March, 1837, Parthena Shive, who died 9 May, 1882, and by whom he had issue.

ELIZABETH CASTNER, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Linderman) Castner, was born June 13, 1776; married Nathan Chapin March 13, 1795, and died at Penn Yan, N. Y., January 14, 1854.

Their children were:

SAMUEL (1st), born January 10, 1795; died July 11, 1796.

SAMUEL (2d), born December 17, 1797; married in 1820 to Emma Verdier; died June, 1834.

LOUISA, born February 8, 1800; died May 27, 1823.

WILLIAM, born October 17, 1802; married Elizabeth H. Bassett; died September 20, 1888.

MARIA, born March 9, 1805; died July 5, 1894.

SAMUEL CASTNER, of Penn Yan, N. Y., fourth son of Samuel Castner by his wife Mary Linderman, was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 30 April, 1772; died at Milo, Yates County, New York. He married in 1795, Mary Magdalene, oldest daughter of David Wagener, one of the pioneer settlers of Milo, Yates County, New York. She was born in Montgomery County, Pa., February 14, 1776. She had previously been to the New Jerusalem, N. Y., with her father, making the journey through the wilderness on horseback. While her father was clearing land on which Penn Yan is located, with a large number of hands, she was matron for the whole company. She returned to Pennsylvania with her father for a short stay, and remained to marry. Immediately after their marriage they removed from Montgomery County, to Milo above. The newly wedded couple moved the same year into a rude log house in what was called Smith's Hollow, not far from the present location of the oil mill. In 1805 they moved into a small new frame house on the road leading from the Hollow to Nichol's Corners, on the Garter, where J. Lockwood now resides.

In 1816 they built a larger house, in which they resided through life. They were among the first to enjoy the luxury of fine fruit, for which they became quite noted. Samuel Castner was an honored member of the Methodist Church, and a citizen held in the highest esteem. He died at the age of seventy-five and his wife at the age of eighty-two. Their children were : Rebecca, Mary Ann, Rachel W., Ann M., Elizabeth and Susan S.

REBECCA was born April 24, 1796, was the first wife of Russell A. Hunt. She died in 1826.

MARY ANN, born March 21, 1798, was the wife of Deacon Alfred Arnold, a descendant of the Arnolds of Rhode Island. She is still living with her daughter, Mrs. Seth Jones, in Geneva. Her husband, who was long a citizen on the Garter, adjoining the Castner homestead, died in 1865, leaving five children : Lenderman, Samuel, Julia, Rebecca and Rachel.

RACHEL W., born August 30, 1801, married Nathaniel Draper 1824. They resided in Rochester, where she still lives, a widow.

ANN M., born August 12, 1807, was the second wife of Russell A. Hunt. They were married in 1827. She is now a widow, living with her only child, Elizabeth, wife of J. Wells Taylor.

ELIZABETH F., born October 1, 1811, was the wife of Charles G. Tuthill, and died in 1865, leaving five children.

SUSAN S., born March 11, 1815, married Thomas Gibbs in 1840. They settled on the homestead, and moved thence to Rochester, where she died in 1849.

JACOB CASTNER, fifth son of Samuel Castner, by his wife Mary (Linderman) Castner, was born (probably in Montgomery Co., Pa.) Feb. 4, 1779, and died at Whitehall, Pa., July 18, 1862.

He was a commissioned Captain in the 6th Co. of the 156th Regiment of the militia of Pennsylvania in the 2nd Brigade of the 1st

Division composed of the militia of the City and County of Philadelphia, from the 3d of August, 1811, for 4 years.

He was buried in the family lot in the cemetery of the Old Gulf Road Meeting House.

He married Hannah Wilson, b. Mch. 1, 1783; d. June 18, 1864.

Children of JACOB and HANNAH CASTNER:

JANE MARIA, b. Aug. 12, 1804; d. March, 1893; m. John Laws.

ELIZA, b. July 2, 1806; d. ; m. Mifflin Lewis.

EMMELINE, b. Dec. 28, 1807; d. Feb. 19, 1828; unmarried.

MARY ANN, b. Mch. 13, 1810; d. Dec. 17, 1886; unmarried.

LOUISA, b. Oct. 14, 1812; d. Jan. 29, 1888; m. Isaac T. Lewis.

SAMUEL J., b. Sept. 25, 1815; d. May 25, 1898; m. Mary Anne McFarland.

WILSON, J., b. Apl. 2, 1817; d. Apl. 6, 1869; m. (1) June 9, 1842, to Mary Beaumont, (2) Dec. 26, 1865, Mrs. Lucy A. Parrish.

JOHN BOHLEN, b. Sept. 18, 1820; d. Apl. 26, 1891; m.

Samuel Castner, son of John Castner, born Apl. 30, 1798 ; died Nov. 3, 1879 ; m. March 14, 1828, Julia Anna Hardy. Had one child, Samuel Castner, Jr., born Dec. 17, 1843 ; m. Jan. 16, 1868, to Mary Agnes Dougherty, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who died May 17, 1872.

Children were :

MARY JULIA CASTNER, b. Feb. 28, 1869 ; d. Oct. 19, 1889.

SAML., b. March, 1870 ; d. May, 1872.

SAML. CASTNER, JR., married second time to Katherine Louisa Reilly, of Philada., June 1, 1875.

Children :

SAMUEL JOSEPH, b. Nov. 29, 1878.

PHILIP ALOYSIUS, b. June 20, 1881.

