

# Seedlings Of William Foster

## Book I

by Flavius Milton Foster (dec.)

Updated and revised in 2010  
by Adrienne Foster Potter

Includes notes, sources and additional names added by Adrienne Foster Potter (cousin of Flavius—both are direct descendants of Harrison Foster b. 1776--son of William b. 1747, the Revolutionary War Patriot who served six years-- and Anna Margaret Bartlett). Spelling is left as written to retain the original warmth and humor of the authors and for historical value, except in cases where clarification is needed.

### Introduction

--by Adrienne Foster Potter

Flavius Foster was an ordinary man who did an extraordinary work. Though not flawless, it is a relentless, detailed, compilation of thousands of Fosters and their forefathers. Flavius listed few sources and so I have traced historical facts family-by-family for much of his book and found that his work is in most cases, correct. I added a few families from family trees without sources because their names, locations, and dates connect smoothly with existing data. There are minor spelling and grammatical errors that even an English major sometimes commits, but keep in mind that many men who invented jet engines and surgical tools could not spell perfectly.

Flavius was the son of a farmer and a survivor of the Great Depression. He did a tour of duty in the Navy in 1930, was honorably discharged, and did another tour in the army in WWII. He was in the invasion of North Africa and saw 31 months of combat in a division that suffered 34,000 casualties. After WWII he made a good living as a mechanic. When the Korean War started he moved his family westward to Washington and at age 40, joined the Navy again as an auto mechanic. He compiled his family data after work, on weekends, and after he retired, with no fortune, no office, no desk, no library, no computer, no internet—only the kitchen table that had to be cleared for dinner every night.

I'm grateful to Flavius' wife Marie for sharing her kitchen with Flavius for so many years, and for indulging him in his hobby. They didn't live a flashy life but chose instead to use any extra cash for mailing costs and trips to cemeteries and libraries. He corresponded with hundreds of private families and government agencies, sniffed out family mysteries like a bloodhound, and instinctively connected family lines.

I also honor Flavius' grandfather, Flavius Josephus Foster, who compiled numerous family records and motivated his grandson to do the same, and to the great-grandfather, Silas Jackson Foster, who also kept a family history and no doubt inspired his son to follow. Their exceptional work will not be forgotten.

\*\*\*\*\***PREFACE**\*\*\*\*\*

Compiled by Adrienne Foster Potter

All Foster trees agree that the father of William Foster "The Elder" b. 1686-87 was Robert Foster b. 1651 Gloucester Virginia. Robert was evidently married to #1 Sarah Biggs around 1671. Sarah must have died, and US and International Marriage Records reveal that Robert married Elizabeth Garnett in 1682 in Virginia, and that the bride was born in 1660 and the groom in 1652. Robert left a will that named all eleven of his children, including William:

1. **ROBERT** b. 1685 Gloucester VA d. abt 1720 Amelia VA m. **Ann Lloyd** 1700.
2. **WILLIAM** b. 1686 or 1687 Glouc. VA d. Aug 1767 Prince William, VA m. **Hannah Elizabeth unknown** b. 1710 d. Prince William, VA
3. **JAMES** b. 1687-8 Glouc. VA d. 1743 VA m. #1 **Elizabeth Foster**
4. **JOHN** b. 1689 Glouc. VA d. abt 1750 Orange, VA m. **Isabella Golding**
5. **BARBARA** b. 1691Glouc. VA d. abt 1763 Amelia, VA m. **Richard Loving**
6. **RICHARD** b. 1693 Essex, VA d. abt 1783 Louisa, VA m. **Sarah Sally Fox**
7. **GEORGE** b. abt 1695 d. Essex, VA d. abt 1789 Charlotte, VA m. **Mary Singleton**
8. **DR. THOMAS SR.** b. 1696 Essex, VA d. 1769 St. James Santee, Cravin, SC m. **Elizabeth Meador**
9. **ANTHONY SAMUEL SR.** b. 1691Essex, VA d. 1793 Spotsylvania, VA m. #1 **Martha Taliaferro**
10. **MARGARET** b. 1701 Essex, VA d. 1716 Essex, VA
11. **ELIZABETH** b. 1702 Essex, VA d. 1777 SC m. **William Golding**, brother of Isabella Golding who married Elizabeth's brother John Foster.

There is some confusion about the birth places of the children due to the many county formations that took place around that time, so I have listed formation dates of relevant counties below. The first five children were probably born in Gloucester County, which was formed from York County in 1651 and is adjacent to Northumberland County, which was also formed from York around 1645 to 1648. The next six children were apparently born in nearby Essex County, formed in 1692. Since Gloucester and Essex, although adjacent, do not have the same root county, it is probable that the family moved after the first five offspring were born.

**Notes on county formation:**

York – formed **1643** from King Charles Co. (name change only)

Northumberland formed from York Co. approx. **1645 – 1648**

Gloucester formed **1651** from York

Westmoreland Co, formed **1653** from Northumberland County

Stafford formed **1664** from Westmoreland Co,

Prince William Co was formed **1730** from Stafford and King George counties.

Fauquier formed **1759** from Prince William and Loudon

King George Co formed **1720** from Richmond and Westmoreland counties

Essex and Richmond were formed **1692** from Old Rappahannock which came from Culpepper

Culpepper formed **1748** from Orange.

**Robert Foster's Will (Abstract)** - Date 6 January 1715/16, Probated 22 February 1715/16

To son Robert plantation where he lived. To sons James and John "Land where I Dwelt" to be divided between them James to have his choice. To Barby Loving one shilling and to her son Richard Loveing "one heighfer [sic] with calve named Rosemary." To her husband "all he is indebted to me." To "my three youngest children, Margaret, Elizabeth and

Anthony Each Of them a Gold Ring." "To my son Richard my pistols, holser and Sword and feather bed and bolster and a Cow and a heighfer [sic]." To "my three sons, George, Thomas and William" each a cow and heifer.

Exors: wife Elizabeth

signed Robert x Foster

Wit: John Foster (x), Anto. Samuel, Jr. Thomas Garnett (x). Rec. 22 Feb 1715/16.

In this will, Robert Foster of St. Ann's Parish, Essex County, Virginia was described as "yea'man" which is probably the more familiar term, "yeoman." According to B. G. Foster, Robert's will did name his wife, Elizabeth (no family name). Even though he willed the plantation on which he lived to his first son, Robert Foster, Jr., he provided for Elizabeth to remain on the plantation.

Orange formed in 1734 from Spotsylvania .

Spotsylvania was formed 1720 from Essex, King & Queen, and King William Cos.

Fairfax formed 1742 from northern part of Prince William Co. called the Northern Neck.

### ***How do we know that William "The Elder" b. 1687, husband of Hannah Elizabeth unknown, is the one in Robert's will?***

#### **1. He has the right birth date:**

**U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900** <<http://www.ancestry.com/>

about William Foster

Name: William Foster

Gender: male

Birth Year: 1687 \*\*

Spouse Name: Hannah Elizabeth ???

Marriage Year: 1710

Marriage State: VA

Number Pages: 1

2. **He lived in the right area:** Our William purchased land in Northumberland County in 1652 in the same area where Robert Foster (b. 1651) lived. In 1725 William purchased 641 additional acres, and 219 more in 1728. This land lies approximately 3 miles south and west of Manassas, a short distance from the Moor Green Estates in Virginia.
3. **His brothers bought land nearby:** Robert and George purchased land near William's land patent.
4. **He signed his father's will:** The Prince William County Bond Book (pg. 74) shows William Foster (Jr.), James Bridges, Alexander Davidson & William Wyatt bound as securities for £ 100 for Wm. Foster, executor to make an inventory of William Foster, deceased. Signed: William Foster, James Bridges & William Wyat. (Alexander Davidson is a tracer name that migrates with the Bridges families from Pr. Wm. Co. into Orange Co. then to Rutherford Co. and on to Ky.) Source:
5. <http://www.mindspring.com/~millsb/bridges.htm>

***Why is Hannah Elizabeth's surname (wife of William The Elder) NOT Payne, as published in an earlier Foster book?*** The children of William The Elder and their birthdates are listed in "The Foster Family Bible Record, 1711-1865," (Philadelphia: Mathew Carey, 1802); Library of Virginia, Richmond, VA. This same record states that William married Hannah Elizabeth "Payne." However some of the information in the published version was added later on by family researchers. Flavius investigated this and found a William Foster married to Elizabeth Payne in Northampton Co., which is separated from Northumberland Co. by the huge Chesapeake Bay.

In a letter to my grandmother, Lenora T Foster, dated 3-9-77, Flavius wrote, *"Another mistake, passed down for generations by another branch of our huge Foster line, deals with Hannah, wife of William Foster, the Elder, died 1767. She was NOT the Hannah, widow of Daniel Payne, who married ANOTHER William Foster. They married, lived out their lives and died in Northampton Co., Va., which is on the Atlantic side of Chesepeake Bay. (Proof; 2 Wills and an estate settlement record, in said county.) Although this last is a regrettable mistake, it doesn't affect the Foster line of descent, which is still valid."* So records show that William and Hannah Elizabeth (unknown) Foster and William and Hannah Elizabeth Payne Foster lived simultaneously in two different counties. Bottom line: You can't be in two places at the same time. See **U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900** above.

Some families believe that Elizabeth Scarborough was our ancestor but they have provided no documentation and I believe it is incorrect. My own pet theory is that Elizabeth was a Peyton due to the number of her descendants who bear that as a given name and the tradition among the Scotch/Irish and in the Foster family of naming their children after forebears. There was a **Henry Peyton** b. 1656 Westmoreland Co, VA (m. Ann Langley abt 1685) who was living in Prince William County in the late 1600's, who had a daughter named Elizabeth born in 1687, about the same time William The Elder was born. Source: "Peytons Along The Aquia: Genealogy," by Edna Barney, pgs. 27, 33. This **Henry Peyton** b. 1656 was the grandfather of **Timothy Peyton**--the friend of our William Foster b. 1747--grandson of William The Elder-- and Timothy and William migrated together to Bourbon, KY after the Revolutionary War. When Timothy was killed by Indians William b. 1747 was in the party that went to retrieve the body, according to Timothy's granddaughter (Source: William Foster b. 1747 Revolutionary pension file No. W2986)

Author Edna Barnes wrote that Elizabeth was married to Robert Dade and Daniel French, so I wrote her and asked for sources on both of those marriages, and she wrote that she had none, and that those marriages were unproven assumptions. She wrote that it is indeed possible that Elizabeth Peyton could have married William Foster b. 1686. She had never heard of the Peyton/Foster connection until she saw my email.

***What is the ancestry of Robert Foster b. 1651 Gloucester?*** Many genealogists believed for decades that it was Richard Foster b. abt 1619 Durham England, a descendant of the Fosters of Bamborough Castle in England (a.k.a. Etherstone Castle). The latest research by Capt. Ed Ditmer, US Navy Intelligence, Geneva Foster Dennis, and Dr. B. G. Foster, strongly indicates that it was not Richard, but James. Geneva wrote:

*"Our candidate is the **James Foster** who was living (in 1678) in Kingston Parish, Gloucester (now Matthews) County, VA and was a neighbor of John Garnett. The Foster's and the Garnett's were closely associated and intermarried several generations. Robert and John Foster, brothers and assumed siblings of Richard Foster, bought land in Essex County in 1692 close to a James Foster. Although circumstantial, it is compelling evidence that Robert named his first sons, Robert and James and not Richard (Richard was his fourth child, after John). We present this information to you for your consideration and to elicit your comments.'*

***So, if James is our ancestor then who is his father?***

There is a Foster descendant, William Foster, with a documented link to James/Richard Foster b. 1619 (through his son John), and William's DNA links him to the English Fosters. William Foster wrote, *"I submitted my DNA Markers to Y Search and learned (that) back in the 13 & 14 Century The Clan fought in the Clan Wars with the Armstrongs -----My data is available on Y Search and I found I was on the Border Reivers site... We descend from the family of The Earl of Angus ...on*

*one Maternal line. (He was) Scottish Royalty Loyal to King James of Scotland-----James is a popular Foster name-- more than Richard --in the 1500s. Fosters continued to be Loyal to James after he became King James of England.*

*I believe our lineage is thru **Sir Thomas Foster**, Judge of the Common Pleas --who married **Susan Foster**, daughter of another Thomas Forster of London. Sir Thomas was the son of Thomas Foster who married Margaret Browning, and Grandson of Roger who fled to London after the fight over a hunting dog. I have yet to find a Robert who was son of Thomas & Margaret but there was a **James** and Thomas -- a Richard and a Mitchell. “*

The following will is offered for review:

**Hunsdon, Hertfordshire (England)**

**1570 Will of Thomas Foster**, yeoman of the Queen Her Majesty's Chamber (abstract)

- wife Margaret (Browning)
- sons Thomas, Richard, William, **James**, Michael, Humfry
- daughters Anne and Elizabeth

This conflicts with a will found in the LDS IGI file, which supposedly lists Thomas' children as Sir Thomas, Robert, Susan, Richard, Thomas, and Mary:

**Essex, Hertfordshire: Chelmsford - Wills, 1400-1619 Marriages at Curry Rivel, 1642 to 1812.** Index to Wills Now Preserved in the Essex Record Office Chelmsford 1400 - 1619 Volume 4. County: Essex Country: England \* 1570 **Foster, Thomas**, yeoman of the Queen her majesty's chamber, **Hunsdon, Herts.** 124 MR 3.

I have seen neither of these wills personally. I am not sure of the source of the first will and the second lists the children separately from the source of the Will. There are also conflicting dates for Thomas. Some say he lived from 1543 to Oct. 11, 1599 while others say he was born 1548 or as late as 1569, and died 18 May 1612 in London. The data that I believe is most reliable shows that Thomas Foster, husband of Margaret Browning was born 1543 to 1548 and died 11 Oct 1599, and that his son, Sir Thomas, was born 1569-1577 and died 18 May 1612 in London. This means that Thomas Sr. was the Yeoman, and Thomas Jr. was the Knight. I have no explanation for the various and assorted children attributed to Thomas, so more research is needed.

\*\*\*\*\***FOREWARD**\*\*\*\*\*

By Flavius Foster

In 1938, a few days before his death, Grandpa F. J. Foster gave me his old family history, requesting that I update and pass it on to any children I might have. From a lengthy, letter-writing campaign Grandpa had painstakingly collected a goldmine of information. He then one-fingered his findings on an old, non-standard keyboard Oliver typewriter – in purple ink. The last entry was made in 1917.

Years came and went, then Dad passed away. Suddenly I realized that his generation, too was rapidly disappearing. I must hurry if I were to get firsthand information from the few remaining westerners who had experienced life on America's last frontier. The era of the Indian, the frontiersman and the homesteader—now history.

Although enlarged several times to include related families, this is first and last, a history for my descendants. Copies of this history have been made available to outside sources, yet, it is not

intended to be a genealogist's work. Therefore, it has no index. It is meant to be read cover to cover, chapter by chapter, as a family history should be read.

During the few short years this history has been in print, many old and dear faces have vanished. New, young faces have come to ease the pain in our hearts, but not to replace the fond memories we hold for those departed ones. No matter how unimportant we seem in the scheme of life, we do leave some marks behind, as you will see in the pages ahead. Most of these marks are good, but some are not so good, made by people just like our generation. Let each of us do our best to make future generations proud to call us ancestors.

Despite the laborious and painstaking research, errors do slip in, and must be corrected, so they will not be passed on. As noted in the text, some grave errors have cropped up in past versions of this history, and have been corrected herein. Many new families have been added to this version of the history, especially in Book #1, hopefully with no new errors. –Flavius Foster, 643 NE Bernt Road, Poulsbo, Wash. 98370 (deceased).

Title pages of Grandfather S. J. Foster's family history, 1901 and that of Grandpa F. J. Foster's family history 1917-18:

## **A FAMILY RECORD OF THE FOSTER FAMILIEYS**

BY REV. F. J. FOSTER, SON OF SILAS JACKSON FOSTER.

Compiled by Flavius Joseph(us) Foster, Dresden, Kansas 1917.

## **A HISTORY OF RELATIONS**

By Silas Jackson Foster

### **THE WILEYS:**

Well Children as my life is drawing to a close, I thought it would be interesting to you after I am gone to know something about your relations; my knowledge of them is very limited. But if I do not write down the little I know, you will be more so.

The first I shall tell you all I know of my mother's side of the house. Mother's Grand Father's name was Robert Patton, Her Grand Mother's name was Margaret; they immigrated from Irland and settled in North Carolina; then mother's father was born whose name was John Patton. When he came to man hood he married Margaret Willey; they moved to Kentucky in an early day, after living there a few years, they moved again and settled in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Grand Mother had brothers, Thomas, William, Benjamin, and John Wiley. Uncle Ben Wiley was in General Jackson's fight at New Orleans on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1815. After the battle and while in camp there, he took the measles and imprudently washed his cloths in the cold river took cold there and died. Isaac Hays said he stood by him during the batt(le) and Uncle's gun bursted and he jumped upon the brestworks flopped his arms and crowed, and came out of the battle with (not) a scratch on him. End.

**\*\*\*\*\*FOSTER FAMILY ORIGIN & COAT OF ARMS\*\*\*\*\***

Family Motto: "SI FRACTUS FORTIS" – though broken, brave" Arms:--Argent; a Chevron vert, between three bugle-horns sable, stringed Gules. Converted to American: The shield is silvery metal; the Chevron green; the bugles, black with brass hardware. Gules were ermine pelts dyed red. (Some drawings show gules as bows of red ribbon.) The floral design of green and tan in fall colors.

There are other Coat of arms associated with different branches of the Forester-Forster-Foster name, but the design, with the green Chevron belongs to that branch that governed Bambrough Castle. This Coat of arms began with Sir John Foster in 1191, the patriarch of the line who governed from Bambrough Castle for nearly 600 years.

ANACHER, Danish nobleman, was among the Vikings under Prince Rollo, who invaded and settled Normandy in the 800's. Anacher was made governor of Flanders and Great Forester. His eldest son was titled as Baldwin I, and married Judith, daughter of King Charles, the Bald. Charles was king of Aquitania and Neustria, the hub around which modern France grew.

Baldwin's IV's sister, Maude, married William (The Conqueror), and Baldwin IV was general of troops in the 1066 invasion of England. For this service, Baldwin IV was made governor of Etherstone Castle. At Baldwin's death, the French titles and estates fell to his eldest son, Baldwin V.

Richard, Baldwin IV's second received the English estate and title FORESTER I. Three generations later, Sir Hugo Forester sealed a will with his Coat of arms – as shown on opposite page, less the green Chevron. Hugo's grandson, Sir John Forester, was the last to govern Etherstone.

Sir John accompanied King Richard, the Lionhearted in the 1191 Crusade. During the siege of Acres, King Richard was cut off from his main forces by the Saracens. Seeing the danger to his King, Sir John rallied his troops and rushed to the rescue. The grateful King knighted Sir John on the battlefield, and gave him the kingdom's highest award – the Green Chevron.

When King Richard finally made it back to England, he made Sir John governor of Bambrough Castle and Northumberland County, England. At that time, Sir John shortened his name to FOSTER. At Sir John's death, the government erected a large monument to his memory.

Over the span of years, descendants of Sir John were made governor of various estates in Scotland and in Northern Ireland. So, no matter where our ancestors came from in the British Isles, we seem to have descended from the same fountain head.

The American ancestors to the families within these pages came to the New World with axe, plow and musket. They cleared the land and made improvements during their allotted time, then faded into the sunset. Now, I am probing the many trails they left behind, trying to correlate the records of their lives future generations, before I, too, must shoulder my old target rifle and march off into the sunset.

## **SEEDLINGS OF WILLIAM FOSTER: BOOK ONE**

Since the 155-page 1970 version of "Seedlings," this history has grown to the present version. During those nine years, much time and money have gone into enlarging, correcting and gathering more material. In fact, so much time has been spent on the project, my wife, Marie often remarks – jokingly, I hope, "If you had spent as much time studying during working days, we wouldn't have to worry so much about today's grocery bills."

Be that as it may, in the pages ahead, corrections and revisions have been made according to the latest research, and all material herein supersedes that of all previous versions of this history.

**Bk I, pgs. 1-3, pg II (Grigsby Foster Connection, after pg. 47)**

**\*\*\*\*\*WILLIAM FOSTER, the ELDER\*\*\*\*\***

**WILLIAM FOSTER**, the Elder, is as far back as I have found family records. However, a **Robert Foster** patented land in old Northumberland Co., Virginia, 1652, where William's children were born. Soon after William patented land in what is now Prince William County, a George and a Robert Foster took up land nearby. Since William named sons George and Robert, along with other events, strongly indicates a close family relationship.

In 1607, Jamestown, Virginia became the first permanent English settlement in America. This vanguard of colonists and those who immediately followed were mainly adventurers and "get rich quick" gentlemen to whom work was a dirty word. The few Indians among all those chiefs were saddled with that stupidity of all stupidities – communal property. "You butcher you hog and I'll take half of the meat."

By 1649 there were only 20,000 settlers in Virginia, so those in power decided to make settlement more inviting. They removed the communal property idea, then offered large grants of land to each man who would settle families on this land. Later, economical and political unrest in England sent a flood of newcomers into the colony, many with money and family connections. In addition to the large land grants, the Crown would give 100 acres of land to any settler. If the settler were married he would get an additional 50. Some of the land grants held as little as 1,000 acres, but the Culpeper grant included almost one third of Virginia Colony.

Clearly, our Foster clan dogged the tails of the vanguard settlers, and they came to this new, raw land with the idea of making it their permanent homes. Since there were branches of Fosters in Northumberland Co., England, Scotland and the north of Ireland, I have no idea where our branch came from. Although I have tried to trace our family to the old country, I'll be satisfied if I can trace the family to that ancestor who first landed in Virginia Colony so many generations ago.

Before proceeding further I'd like to give a few details concerning William's Virginia homeland. Northumberland Co. was one of the eight shires formed when the settlement of Jamestown began to overflow, and was a part of what was known as the Northern Neck. This shire was part of a large land grant to Lord Culpeper, from King Charles II, which covered the northern third of Virginia Colony. The grant passed to Culpeper's daughter, Catherine, Lady Fairfax, and remained in the family till the death of the 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax. As Northumberland County filled with settlers it was gradually divided into smaller counties, among them, Stafford in 1664, Prince William, 1730, and Fairfax, 1742 and Fauquier in 1759.

**William Foster, the elder**, b. 1686 appears to have been the son of one **Robert Foster**, who settled in the southern portion of Northumberland County in 1652. On Aug. 28, 1725 William bought 641 acres of land and an additional 219 acres on Feb 11, 1728. This land was in that part



of Stafford, which later became Prince William County, approximately 2 miles due south of present-day Manassa, Virginia. Grantor: Hon. Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Executor of Catherine, Lady Fairfax, deceased. Land on Winter's Lower Branch, north side of Broad Run of Occoquan River. (DB A, Stafford Co., VA) This record bears William Foster's signature.

**William Foster** married **Hannah Elizabeth**, but **NOT** the widow of Daniel Payne, as stated in earlier versions of this history. This mistaken identity, "widow of" was taken from an often quoted source, and serves to show how such mistakes can be passed on and on causing many headaches for later genealogy researchers.

William Foster and Hannah married and their children were born in lower Northumberland County before the above land was purchased. Hannah seems to have died before William, and I have no death dates for either one. However, William's Will was probated by his son William Foster Jr. Dec. 7, 1767. William Sr's land is now divided by the Lucasville Hwy #692, with Foston Manor house on the east side of the highway 1.7 miles south of the junction of Hwy #234. Here William and Hannah Foster are buried.

**WILLIAM FOSTER** b. abt 1687 d, 1767

**HANNAH ELIZABETH** (unknown)—note that Hannah is a nick-name for Elizabeth.

Bond signed May 8, 1710, Virginia. To this union were born:

**ROBERT** b. 7 Oct 1711,

**WILLIAM JR.** b. 15 Jul 1714,

**ISAAC** b. 2 Jul 1719,

**GEORGE** b. 14 Aug 1723. (pg. 2)

Note from Adrienne: Many family trees also list ELIZABETH b. abt 1717 and JAMES b. abt 1721 as children of William and Hannah. Elizabeth died before 1800 in Prince William County. James married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, and there is no other data on either of them.

#### **Additional Information on William Foster (the Elder) found online, through correspondence, and research:**

First publication of "Seedlings" states: "William Foster - the Elder, is as far back as I have been able to go.\*\* However, indications are that he was the son of a George Foster who in 1652 took up land in old Northumberland Co., Virginia. And, the George and Robert Foster, who took up land, near his patents at a later date, were William's brothers. (pg. 47)--(\*\*Note from Adrienne: Flavius Foster corrected this in later versions of "Seedlings" and stated that Robert was the actual father of William Foster - The Elder. George's (brother of William) wife is shown as Elizabeth Witherington b. 1646 on ancestry.com's One World Tree), however most other sources list Mary Singleton as his wife. Either he had two wives or it is two different Georges.

"Their births and deaths, except for that of Isaac, are registered in St. Stephens Parish Records and in a Bible owned by descendants of Robert Foster. The death of Isaac is in a Bible owned by one of his descendants in West Virginia. I have seen the Robert Foster Bible listing, but not the Isaac Foster Bible listing, and wish I could locate it."

On Aug. 28, 1725, William the Elder patented 641 acres of land in that part of Stafford Co., Virginia that is now Prince William. Another purchase added 219 acres in Feb. 11, 1728. This land lies approximately 3 miles south and west of Manassas, a short distance from the Moor Green Estates.

**PARENTAGE:** Robert and Elizabeth (see Garnett) Foster had eleven children: John Foster, who married Isabella Golding; Robert Foster, who married Ann Lloyd; James Foster, who married a wife named Martha; Barbara Foster, who married Richard Loving; Richard Foster; Thomas Foster, who married Elizabeth Meadors; George Foster, who married Mary Singleton; William Foster; Margaret Foster; Elizabeth Foster, who married William Golding; and Anthony Foster, who married Martha Taliaferro.

**June 29, 1756 Prince William County COB** p. 125 Ordered James Bridges, William Foster Junr., Thos. Hart Junr. and Patrick Hamrick Junr. or any three of them being first sworn view the most convenient way for John Reeve to clear a rolling road from his plantation into the new road not to be prejudicial to any persons plantation and report the same to the court. (Abstracts by R. & S. Sparacio) <http://www.mindspring.com/~millsb/bridges.htm>

**Feb. 28, 1757 PWCCOB** p. 257 Administration of the estate of John Hamrick dec'd. is granted to Sarah Hamrick his widow and relict she having taken the oath of an administratrix and entered into and executed bond according to law with Richard Melton & Thomas Stone for her faithful administration the said estate. Ordered that William Foster Junr., Robert Foster, George Reeve and George Foster or any three of them being sworn inventory and appraise the estate of John Hamrick dec'd. in current money and that the administratrix return the same to the Court. Feb. 28, 1757 PWC Bond Book p. \_\_\_ John Hamrick, dec'd. administrator's bond. admn. Sarah Hamrick; Richard Melton & Thomas Stone sec. (Abstracts by J. W. Johnson) <http://www.mindspring.com/~millsb/bridges.htm>

**Pr. Wm. Co. Bond Book** p. 74 executor's bond dated Dec. 7, 1767 with William Foster, James Bridges, Alexander Davidson & William Wyatt bound as securities for £ 100 for Wm. Foster, executor to make an inventory of William Foster, deceased. Signed: William Foster, James Bridges & William Wyat. (Alexander Davidson is a tracer name that migrates with the Bridges families from Pr. Wm. Co. into Orange Co. then to Rutherford Co. and on to Ky.) <http://www.mindspring.com/~millsb/bridges.htm>

#### **Dates of birth taken from Northumberland Co. Record of Births 1661-1810.**

Gen. Ivan Foster (decd.) thought that William and Hannah had 5 sons, William, Robert, Isaac, George, and James, who married Elizabeth. (see Ivan Foster record)

#### **VIRGINIA CENSUS 1607 – 1890** (each person is found in the census in the years following each name)

Prince William County:

William 1753, 1760, 1773, 1777

William Sr. 1767, 1777

William Jr. 1767, 1777

James 1777, 1784

Isaac 1751, 1753, 1754, 1760, 1784

Thomas 1850

James of Robert

Robert 1753, 1754, 1762, 1767, 1783

Richard 1783

Jeremiah Foster 1784

**Abstracts of Fauquier Co Virginia, Rent Roll, Prince William Co., VA 1738** (pg. 73): William Foster (Fauquier Co was formed from Prince William Co. in 1759, so many of those Fosters originally found in Prince William Co are later found in Fauquier. End of notes.

#### **ROBERT FOSTER b. 1711**

**Robert, son of William & Hannah Elizabeth Foster** was born in Northumberland Co., VA and grew to manhood on the Broadrun estate. Here, too he met and married Sarah, and their children were born. Because of the Deed below it is thought that Sarah's maiden name may have been Haley.

Apr. 23, 1744 Robert's father gave him 150 acres of land. Nov. 27, 1753 Robert bought 150 acres of land from his brother, Isaac and another 100 acres from Morris Bevins (he was Robert Foster's ward till of age), June 8, 1755. All went well with Robert till the 1760's, when the bottom dropped out of the tobacco market. Feb. 7, 1765 Robert mortgaged all his PW County holdings to James Douglas.

Sarah presented Robert Foster's will for probate May 2, 1768, but Robert's brother was named adm. in 1772. Indications are that Sarah had married #2 Patrick Hamrick and they moved to Carolina, so William Jr. took over settlement of the estate. Robert was buried on his Prince William Co., estate.

**ROBERT FOSTER** b. Oct. 7, 1711 d. Feb 22, 1768  
**SARAH (Haley)**--surname likely but not proven  
Were married , 1740, Virginia, To this union were born:--

**MARY** b. Abt 1741 (m. Joshua Davis)  
**SARAH** b. 1743 d. Sept. 15, 1815 (m. Leonard Leachman)  
**JAMES** b. Jan 22, 1750 d. Sept. 10, 1800 (m. Elizabeth Redmond Grigsby)  
**WILLIAM** b. abt 1748 (m. Mary or Jane)

**Additional Notes:** One World Tree, the LDS IGI, and many family trees believe that Robert Foster and Sarah Haley had these additional children: **ELIZABETH NELLIE FOSTER** b. abt 1738 – **FRANCIS FOSTER** b. abt 1752 – **MOLLY FOSTER** b. abt 1758. Nothing is known about Francis and Molly, but Elizabeth Nellie was born in Prince William, VA and married **THOMAS HUGHES** who was b. abt 1736 in PW, VA and was the son of Edward Hughes and Elizabeth Grigsby. Elizabeth died in 1806 at Bend of Gauley, Nicholas, Virginia. Thomas died 27 Jun 1793 at Fort Hughes, Kanawha, West Virginia. Their children: **1. WILLIAM** b. 1755 d. 20 Nov 1822 Frankfort, KY, married **MARY POLLY FOSTER** daughter of ISAAC & SARAH (HUGHES) FOSTER; **2. ROBERT** B. 18 Aug.1760 d. abt 1853 Nicholas, WV, m. **ELIZABETH TINCHLER**; **3. ELIZABETH** b. 1762; **4. NANCY** b. 1766; **5. JOHN** b. 1769; **6. JOSEPH** b. 1770; **7. EDWARD** b. 19 Feb 1774; **8. THOMAS** b. 1778 d. Mile Creek, Nicholas VA, m. **NANCY KINCAID**; **9. SUSAN** b. abt 1788; **10. GEORGE** b. 4 Nov 1790.

**Prince William County Deed Book Q, pp. 189-192—this proves the names of Robert's wife, father, and brother:**  
2 July 1764, **Robert Foster** planter of County of Prince William and **Sarah** his wife and James Douglass merchant...£146 4s. for 3 tracts, 150 acres held by deed of gift from my father **William Foster** Senr 23 April 1744, also parcel which I bought of my brother **Isaac Foster** 150 acres deed of feoffment 27 Nov 1753, and parcel which I bought of Morriss Bevins 100 acres 8 June 1756.

They might have had more children, only raised four to maturity. Some family trees list Elizabeth (Nellie) Foster (who married Thomas Hughes b. abt 1736) as a daughter of Robert Foster and Sarah Haley. Elizabeth Nellie Foster and her daughter-in-law, Mary Polly Foster, were cousins, sharing the same grandparents (William Foster b. 1686 and Hannah Elizabeth—Mary Polly was the daughter of Isaac Foster and Sarah Hughes and the wife of William Hughes b. 1755).

On 23 Apr 1744, Robert's father gave him 150 acres of land.

On 27 Nov 1753, Robert bought the 150 ac. inheritance of his brother Isaac & another 100 acres from Moris BEVINS, 8 Jun 1755.

Ancestral File Number: SGJZ-SK LDS IGI

**Prince William County Rentals, 1753:**

William Foster, 300 acres, £1.2.6 currency paid.

Robert Foster, 150 acres, 2 years due.

Isaac Foster, 150 acres, 6 years due.

**Prince William County Rentals, 1754:**

William Foster, 300 acres.

Robert Foster, 150 acres.

Isaac Foster, 150 acres.

Prince William County Order Book 1761-1763, p.2:

**At a court continued and held for Prince William County the 4th of May, 1762.**

Present: Henry Lee, Bertrand Ewell, Lewis Renoe, J. Lynaugh Helm, Gentlemen Justices.

Robert Foster produced a commission from under the hand of His Honour the Governor appointing him Ensign in the Company whereof Daniel Kincheloe is Captain, took the oaths appointed by act of Parliament to be taken, repeated and subscribed the Test as a military officer.

**Prince William County Rentals, 1767:**

William Foster, Sr., 300 acres.

Robert Foster, 400 acres.

William Foster, Jr., 150 acres.

**WILL:**

Robert's will was presented by his widow, Sarah, 2 May 1768 and was returned in 1777, but wasn't finalized till 7 Nov 1783, due to the Revolutionary War.

Sarah Foster's Bond as Executrix of Robert Foster's Estate (May 2, 1768),

**Prince William County Bond Book, 1753-1786, p. 78.**

Partial Inventory of Robert Foster's Estate (1772),

**Prince William County Will Book G, p. 256.**

Sarah died before 1800 and may have married #2- Patrick HAMRICK.

**Marriage Notes for ROBERT FOSTER and SARAH HALEY:**

Daughter of Richard HALEY b. abt 1690.

**More About ROBERT FOSTER and SARAH HALEY:**

Marriage: Abt. 1740, Prince William Co., VA

"Seedlings Of William Foster" by Flavius Foster

**VIRGINIA NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS -1694-1742**

"E-359: Robert Foster of Pr. William Co. 456 acres in said county on Broadrun of Potomac. Suv. by Mr. Thomas Davies. Adj. Nelson & Waters, George Foster on Piney Br. Murray's line. 27 Oct 1741."

**James Robert Foster Bible**

Grandparents: Robert Foster b. 1711 d. 1768?

Parents: James Foster b. 1750 d. 1800, m. Elizabeth (Grigsby) Foster 15 May 1772 Prince William Co., VA,

Elizabeth (Grigsby) Foster b. 1755 d. 1837

Children:

Mary Foster b. 1773

Mildred b. 1775

Isaac b. 1778

James b. 1780

Redmond b. 1783

Susanna b. 1786

Daniel b. 1789

Thomas b. 1792

Lilas b. 1795

End of Notes.

**MARY FOSTER** (daughter of Robert Foster and Sarah Haley) married Joshua Davis, who inherited land from his father Samuel. As a wedding gift, Richard Haley gave Mary 100 acres of land. Mary & Joshua died in a plague, and their daughter, Elizabeth lived with her grandfather, Robert Foster, till his death, at which time the daughter moved in with her uncle, Wm. Davis. Here Elizabeth lived till she married.

In 1877 Elizabeth met William Harris, who agreed to marry her if she would hire a substitute for him during the Revolutionary War. This Elizabeth did, and the wedding took place. After the war, they moved to Danville, Kentucky, where William deserted her. He then married #2 Margaret Miller, who died, and in the same month, he changed his name to "Major" William Harrison—on. (No doubt this brave, noble man made Major for his "honorable" service in the late Revolutionary War.)

Elizabeth Davis married #2, Thomas Fletcher, a Captain of militia, and lived out her life in Warren Co., KY. She was dead by 1830, and evidently she had no children, or they too, were dead by that date. Because the descendants of Richard Haley sued for the return of the Virginia land given Elizabeth's mother, Mary, as a wedding present. The wife of James Foster, Elizabeth's aunt, (Elizabeth Redmond Grigsby Foster b. 1755) was one of the witnesses called in the suit. (Land Causes #2 pg. 79, Culpepper Co., Va. 1840-1841.)

**SARAH**, 2nd child of Robert and Sarah Foster, was born on her parents' estate in Prince William Co., Va. where she met and married Leonard Leachman. The Leachman family has been traced back to England by Mrs. J. M. Leachman of Balboa California, so I'll only give a family listing of Sarah's family here.

**LEONARD LEACHMAN** b. Aug. 11, 1735 d. Oct. 29, 1806

**SARAH (FOSTER)** b. 1743 d. Sept. 15, 1815

Were married in 1764, Virginia. To this union were born:--

**MARY** b. July 21, 1765

**THOMAS** b. Oct. 9, 1767 d. Jan 23, 1816

**FRANCIS** b. Feb. 2, 1770

**ELIZABETH** b. May 7, 1772

**NANCY** b. June 16, 1774

**LEONARD JR.** July 4, 1776 d. Oct. 20, 1838

**JAMES** b. Mar. 6, 1779 d. May 30, 1815

**JOHN** b. Mar. 19, 1781 d. Aug. 29, 1827

**ROBERT** b. Mar. 8, 1783 d. Oct. 30, 1815

**Additional Data on Sarah Foster:**

Family Data Collection - Births <<http://www.ancestry.com/>  
about Sarah Foster

Name: Sarah Foster

Father: Robert Foster

Birth Date: 1743

City: Prince William

State: VA

Country: USA

\*\*Leonard Leachman's parents are Thomas Leachman and Elizabeth Sampson.

**JAMES**, son of Robert & Sarah Foster, was born in Prince William Co., Va., where he grew to adulthood, met and married ELIZABETH, daughter of REDMOND & SUSANNAH GRIGSBY. James inherited from both families, and acquired much land on his own. When he died, James gave his daughters land in South Carolina, and his Virginia land to his sons.

After James' death, Elizabeth continued to add to her holdings till she, too was well off. She gave most of her land to her son, Redmond, cutting James Jr. and Silas off with only \$1 each. I don't know why on Silas, but James Jr. once lost his land to gamblers, and Elizabeth had to buy it back, putting it into the hands of Redmond for the "sole use of James' wife Elizabeth and her children." (Note from Adrienne: This refers to her son James Robert Foster, who married Elizabeth Fairfax and reveals the responsibility Elizabeth Sr. felt for her daughter-in-law and grandchildren in spite of not trusting her son.)

**JAMES FOSTER** b. Jan. 22, 1750 d. Sep. 10, 1800

**ELIZABETH (GRIGSBY)** b. Jan. 12, 1755 d. May 21, 1837

Were married May 15, 1772, Virginia. To this union were born,

**MARY** b. May 3, 1773 d. Mar. 8, 1858

**MILDRED** b. Nov. 16, 1775, m. Rev. James Munday (Mundy?) (b. abt 1773 PW Co. d. Bef 1860 PW Co.)

**ISAAC** b. Apr. 10, 1778 d. Feb. 7, 1837

**JAMES JR.** b. Nov. 3, 1780  
**REDMOND** b. Aug. 15, 1785 d. June 12, 1846  
**SUSANNA** b. Sept. 3, 1756 d. Oct. 12, 1824  
**DANIEL** b. Sept. 10, 1789 d. Oct. 30 1822  
**THOMAS** b. Feb. 28, 1792 d. Nov. 4, 1865  
**SILAS** b. Mar. 11, 1705

### **Additional Notes:**

James is in the **DAR Patriot Index**: "James Foster b. 1750 VA d. 10 Sep 1800 VA m. Elizabeth Grigsby."

**Virginia Census 1607 - 1890**, ancestry.com (this proves James' father)  
"James of Robert, Prince William County, VA Rent Rolls 1773"

**Family Data Collection** - Deaths <<http://www.ancestry.com/>>  
about James Foster  
Name: James Foster  
Death Date: 10 Sep 1800  
City: Prince William  
State: VA  
Country: USA

**Family Data Collection** - Individual Records <<http://www.ancestry.com/>>  
about James Foster  
Name: James Foster  
Spouse: Elizabeth Grigsby  
Parents: Robert Foster ,  
Birth Place: Prince William, VA  
Birth Date: Jan 1750  
Death Place: Prince William, VA  
Death Date: 10 Sep 1800

### **James Robert Foster Bible**

Grandparents: Robert Foster b. 1711 d. 1768?  
Parents: James Foster b. 1750 d. 1800, m. Elizabeth (Grigsby) Foster 15 May 1772 Prince William Co., VA,  
Elizabeth (Grigsby) Foster b. 1755 d. 1837  
Children:  
Mary Foster b. 1773  
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James b. 1780  
Redmond b. 1783  
Susanna b. 1786  
Daniel b. 1789  
Thomas b. 1792  
Lilas b. 1795  
End of Notes.

**MARY** grew to adulthood in Prince William Co., Va., where she married ELIJAH WYATT. She and her sisters moved to their inheritance in the Pendleton District, S.C.

**ELIJAH WYATT** b. Feb. 2, 1774 d. Feb. 18, 1858  
**MARY (FOSTER)** b. May 3, 1773 d. Mar. 8, 1858  
Were married Sept. 15, 1793, Virginia. This union were born:---

**ELIZA** b. Mar. 6, 1796 d. 1882, m. J. MATTISON (or WILLIAM MATTISON)  
**ESTHER** b. Dec. 20, 1798, m. E. MICHELL (or Michael)  
**JAMES F.** b. May 1, 1801 d. Mar. 10, 1867 m. NANCY PYLE  
**WILLIAM N.** b. Aug. 29, 1803

**REDMOND G.** b. May 22, 1806

**MILDRED** b. Aug. 16, 1808 d. Nov. 15, 1893, m. **ABNER COX**

**SUSAN C.** b. May 3, 1811, m. **ELLIS KAY**

**HARRIET** b. Mar. 15, 1814, m. **J. MAULDIN**

**MALINDA** b. Sept. 20, 1817, m. **H. ALEXANDER**

**Additional Notes:** William Wyatt Jr. married twice, 1st Francis Newton. Had 6 children viz: Francis Mattison, SC, Macajah, VA, Lettice Smith, SC, William, Elizabeth English, Elijah. Wm. Wyatt Jr. md. 2nd Elizabeth Snoe. Had Talitha Payne, (married name) Malinda Dumington, Francis Wyatt, Mahala Rosser (MO), Malissa Rosser. The son, Elijah Wyatt married 1793 to Mary Grigsby Foster, to SC 1800. Issue 9 children viz: Eliza Mattison, Esther Mitchell, James F., William N., Redmond G., Mildred Cox, Susan C. Kay, Harriett Mauldin, Malinda Alexander. Mildred Luani Wyatt became 2nd wife of Abner Cox.

(See pg. I "Our Grigsby-Foster Connection")

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**ISAAC**, son of James & Elizabeth Foster, grew to manhood on the old Foster estate and married Priscilla Hunton. In 1818, Isaac bought a patent of land in Fauquier County, Va. (formerly Prince William Co.) where they lived in a log cabin for several years till they could build Whitewood manor house. For over 200 years this branch of the Fosters lived in Whitewood and are buried in the cemetery there. In 1927, the remains of James & Elizabeth Foster were moved from Foston and reinterred in Whitewood Cemetery.

**ISAAC FOSTER** b. Apr. 10, 1778 d. Feb. 7, 1837

**PRISCILLA (HUNTON)** b. June 10, 1779 d. Oct. 16, 1859

Were married Feb. 28, 1805, Virginia. To this union were born:--

**JUDITH KIETH** b. Aug. 22, 1806 d. May 3, 1840

**JAMES WILLIAM** b. Nov. 9, 1807 d. Apr. 10, 1866

**MARY ELIZABETH** b. Feb. 19, 1810 d. July 11, 1890

**JOHN HUNTON** b. Oct. 27, 1811 d. Nov. 26, 1896

**THOMAS REDMOND** b. Apr. 2, 1817 d. Feb. 12, 1896

**JAMES WILLIAM** married his cousin, **SARAH L. HUNTON**, Aug. 13, 1834. She died July 12, 1888. Children:--**THOMAS HUNTON**, May 18, 1835, d. Aug. 4, 1864, while a Union Army POW. -- **ISAAC**, Oct. 8, 1836 d. Mar. 20, 1859. --**RUDOLPH**, Mar. 4, 1845 d. Dec. 5, 1859 -- **JAMES R.**, Oct. 13, 1849 d. Apr. 14, 1919 -- **ANNA**, Feb. 22, 1851

**JAMES ROBERT**, 4th child of **JAMES & ELIZABETH FOSTER**, married **ELIZABETH FAIRFAX**, Aug. 29, 1822. Child: --**MARY MILDRED**, 1830-1896 -- **THOMAS REDMOND**, Oct. 3, 1832 d. Apr. 7, 1877 -- **JAMES HENRY**, 1835-Jan. 20, 1914 \*\* **ANDREW SILAS** -- **SUSAN A.**

**MARY M.** married her cousin, **WILLIAM H. GAINES**, in 1850. (Pg. 8) Children:-- **FOSTER**, 1850 -- **ELIZABETH FAIRCHILD**, 1852-1928 -- **GRANVILLE**, 1854-1922 -- **WILLIAM H.**, 1856-1909 -- **LENA**, 1858-1862 --**THOMAS R.**, 1862-1932 -- **JOHN SMITH**, 1865-1920 -- **MARY L.**, 1870-1920.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

**Prince William County, Virginia Deaths, 1853-96**

Birth, Marriage & Death

Preview

Name: James Foster

Race: White

Sex: Male

Death Date: 5 Oct 1856

Cause of Death: old age  
Age: 76 years  
Parents: James & Elizabeth Foster  
Consort: Elizabeth Foster  
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See more

Name: James Foster  
Father: James & Elizabeth Foster  
Other: Elizabeth Foster  
Birth: abt 1780  
Death: 5 Oct 1856

There are no more Gaines to be had here, so let's move to pg. 7.

**THOMAS REDMOND** (b. 1832—son of James Robert Foster) married **OCTAVIA H. BUTT**, Mar. 6, 1860, and moved to Alabama, where he served as a captain in the Confederate Army. Their children: -- **ELIZABETH**, Jan. 5, 1862 – **ANN BUTT**, Dec. 20, 1863 d. 1883 – **THOMAS REDMOND JR.**, June 3, 1877 d. Feb. 22, 1928.

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**JAMES H.** last child of JAMES & ELIZABETH (FAIRFAX) FOSTER, was born in Prince William Co., Va., where he lived out his life. Here, too, he met and married **JANE L. HOOE**. In 1848, his uncle, REDMOND FOSTER willed him the Foston Estate with the proviso James change his name to REDMOND. James took possession of the estate on the death of his aunt. Till that time, James spent his life on Moor Green, the estate Jane had inherited from her brother.

Moor Green Manor is still standing and is a tourist attraction in P.W. County, Va., was built in the 1760's. James and Jane had no children and each disposed of their own property. In her Will, Nov. 27, 1891, DB, U, pg. 520, Jane "lent" Moor Green to James during his lifetime, with the strict instructions for its use, including cutting trees. After James (Redmond II) death, Moor Green went to Jane's niece in Kentucky.

James R. Foster's will recorded Jan. 17, 1913, reads:--"This is my Will writing with my own hand, just as I want it. These people were good to me." Names of 13 women followed, some related. I don't know when he sold Foston, but in 1914 it was owned by Elias Woodyear.  
(family chart pg. 5)

**REDMOND**, 5<sup>th</sup> child of JAMES & ELIZABETH (GRIGSBY) FOSTER, inherited the last portion of William, the Elder's large holdings. Here, he built the Foston manor house. He was very wealthy and married rather late in life, **MARGARET WILLIAMS**, Nov. 10, 1838. The wedding day was chilly and rain bound, and Redmond was taking his ease before a roaring fire, when a messenger arrived from Brentsville. The wedding party was waiting, and when Redmond suggested putting off the wedding till a more pleasant day, the messenger was quite put out. "Miss Margaret would not be ready on the "first fair day." The wedding party was waiting, and it was, "today or never."

"Redmond and Margaret lived out their lives on Foston and are buried there in unmarked graves. They had no children, and as noted above, the estate went to Redmond's nephew, James H. Foster at Margaret's death. Margaret outlived her husband by many years. During the Civil War "Aunt Maggie" cared for the poorer families, whose men were serving in the Confederate Army. During the 2nd Bull Run battle, the manor house served as a hospital, and many soldiers from both sides are buried in the yard. (WB. O, pg. 316, Prince William Co., Va.)" **Note:** There is a "**Redman**" **Foster** from Virginia listed in the War of 1812, 89th Regiment, Virginia Militia. He was a private. This could be Margaret's Redman.--Adrienne



**SUSANNA**, 6<sup>th</sup> child of JAMES & ELIZABETH (GRIGSBY) FOSTER, was born in Prince William Co., Va., where she met and married **CORNELIUS T. GAINES**, in 1803. They moved to the South Carolina land Susanna had inherited from her father, where their children were born. Their children: -- **JAMES FOSTER**, 1805-1859 – **MARY ANN – ISAAC THOMAS – JONE**, 1809 – **ELIZABETH**, 1811 - **CORNELIUS JR. – FELIX GRUNDY** and **REDMOND GRIGSBY**, twins, 1814 – **WILLIAM HENRY**, 1817 – 1885, who married his cousin **MARY MILDRED FOSTER**, bottom family, pg. 6 (b. 1830, daughter of James Robert Foster and Elizabeth Fairfax.)

**DANIEL**, 7<sup>th</sup> child of JAMES & ELIZABETH (GRIGSBY) FOSTER, was born and grew to adulthood in P.W. Co., Va., where he met and married **ANNA RUTH CUNDIFF**, Dec. 19, 1816. Their children: -- **ELIZABETH MARY**, Sept. 21 1819 - 1915 -- **WILLIAM PENDLETON**, Dec. 3, 1820 -- **ANNA MARIE**, Oct. 10, 1822."

**ELIZABETH MARY** b. 1819 married **PHILLIP LIPSCOMB**, and had at least one child: --**PHILLIP JR.** who lived in Barstow, Virginia in 1918.

**SILAS**, last child of JAMES & ELIZABETH (GRIGSBY) FOSTER, was born and grew to manhood in Prince William Co., Va. Where he met and married his cousin, **DELILAH**\_\_\_\_. They moved to Kentucky, where they had at least one child: -- **THOMAS REDMOND**. (as noted earlier, Silas was cut off in his mother's will, with \$1, "for reasons known to him." I wonder what her reason was?)

#### Notes for **SILAS FOSTER**:

**1850 US Federal Census** - Union Co., KY - District 2, 299

Silas Foster - age 55 - Farmer - b. VA

Delaney (Delilah) Foster - age 46 - b. VA

M.G. Foster - age 16 - female - b. KY

S. Foster - age 14 - female - b. KY

Matilda Martin - age 29 - female - b. KY

Delina M. Foster - age 12 - female - b. KY

Tho. Foster - age 13 - male - b. KY

J.S. Foster - age 11 - male - b. KY

**WILLIAM**, 4<sup>th</sup> child of **ROBERT & SARAH FOSTER**, b. abt 1748—(this is NOT William "Peyton" Foster who married Sallie Slade and Sarah Hart) was born and grew to manhood on the Broadrun estate. Here, too, he met and married **MARY**. At Robert's death William inherited 150 acres of land, where their children were born. Nov. 10, 1806, William & Mary sold their land to brother, James' widow. A few months later, William, Mary and sons, Matthew and Aaron, and Foster Leachman, who is thought to have been an unmentioned son of Thomas below, went to Abbeyville District, South Carolina.

**WILLIAM & MARY FOSTER'S** known children: 1. **AARON** 2. **MATTHEW** b. 1776 3. **WILLIAM Jr.** b. 1772. It is believed but not proved that John Foster of Nelson, KY was also a son of William & Mary, although he may have been their nephew.

#### Additional Notes:

There is another William Foster in the **DAR Patriot Index**- Centennial Edition, Bk III. He was b. 1750 VA and d. 1819 VA, and married Mary Gilmore. He died in VA and there is no evidence that he is one of our Williams.

There is a William b. 1750 in the **AGBI** in Vol. 57, pg. 235

There is also a William b. 1740 in the **AGBI**, Vol. 57, pg. 234: "Historical Register of officers of the Continental Army," By Frances Bernard Heitman, Washington, DC, 1914; "Historical Register of Virginians in the Rev., soldiers, sailors, and marines 1775-1783" by John H. Gwathney, Richmond, VA 1938.

There are 8 William Fosters in the **Register of Virginians in the Revolution** (ancestry.com). William b. abt 1748 is not doubt one of them. There is a **William Foster** together with **William McCormick** in Capt. Richard Taylor's 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. James Hendricks, Esq. Roll is for October and Nov. 1777. He is enlisted from Aug. 1776 to Aug. 1778. William McCormick is enlisted from April 1776 to April 1778. He was a Private in Capt. Tarlton Payne's Company in April 1778 and received \$6 2/3. Both William Foster and William McCormick are on Richard Taylor's Company Roll in Sept. 1777. William Foster is also on the roll June 1778. Note that William Foster's wife Elizabeth had a brother named William b. 1773. Although too young to have served in the war it is likely that there was also an uncle named William due to the Scotch-Irish propensity for using the same names in subsequent generations.

**1810 US Federal Census**, Abbeville, Abbeville, South Carolina

William Foster 0-0-1-0-1/0-0-2-0-1-0-0  
Matthew Foster 0-0-0-1-0/0-0-0-1-0-0-0  
Foster Leachman 2-0-0-1-0/0-0-0-1-0-0

**1820 US Federal Census**, Abbeville, Abbeville, South Carolina

William H. Foster 1-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-1-0  
Elijah Foster 3-0-0-0-1-0-2-3-0  
Hannah Foster 0-0-1-2-0-1-0-0  
Robert Foster Sr. 0-1-1-1-1-0-0-2-0-1-0  
Joseph Foster 0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0  
Samuel C. Foster 2-2-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0

**1830 US Federal Census**, Abbeville, Abbeville, South Carolina

William H. Foster  
Foster Leachman  
William Leachman

Since William's grandson James Granville Foster lived in Tennessee for several years (1831-1835) before returning to his birthplace of Kentucky it is possible that William died in Tennessee. Three of James Granville's children were born in Tennessee during his time there, according to the 1850 Census of Div. 2, Wayne, KY.

**WILLIAM JR.** b. 1772 married **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Francis & Elizabeth McCormick**, and ended up in Nelson Co., Kentucky. In his Will, Oct. 17, 1820, William Jr. listed: - **FRANCIS - ISAAC - STEPHEN - JAMES - WILLIAM - SANFORD - MARY POLLY - NANCY - SALLY - BETSY - SUSANNAH.** (Most of these names were also used in the McCormick family.) More details on these children follow the notes.

**Additional Notes:** Frances McCormick is listed in "Kentucky Soldiers of the War of 1812" in Capt. Joseph Redding's Company, Scott's Regiment, Kentucky Militia, on ancestry.com, or it could be his son. He enlisted August 15, 1812 and was engaged or enlisted until October 14, 1812

They are also in the LDS IGI.

**Will of William Foster**

Original document obtained from Nelson County Court in 2007 and transcribed by Adrienne Foster Potter  
"Personally appeared the within names Redmond G Thomas, John Bedford, Richard Skinner, James Glass and was duly sworn to appraise to the within order given under my Hand this 7th day March 1821

Elias Hincheloe (sp)

William Foster deceased, this estate to be appraised"--"In the name of God amen I William Foster of the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky being now in a low State of health but in my perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament revoking all others by me here before made. First I resign my soul to the will of Heaven Infinitis. All my just debts to be punctually paid as soon as can be made convenient. Here I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Foster after my just debts are paid all the property I am disposed of both real and personal during her natural life and remaining my widow and in case ...the decease of my wife or marriage again the property to be equally divided amongst my Sons and daughters namely Francis, Isaac, Stephen, James, William, Sandford, Polly, Betsy, Nancy, Sally and Susannah Foster, and lastly I constitute and appoint Redmond G. Thomas and my son Francis Foster my Executors of this my last will and testament, as witness my hand and Seal this 17th day of October 1820.

William Foster

Richard Skinner  
M. L. Thomas  
Benjamin Thomas

**At a County Court held for Nelson county** on Monday the 19th day of February 1821. The within last will and testament of **William Foster** dec.d was exhibited in court and proved by the oaths of **Richard Skinner** and **M. L. Thomas** subscribing whereupon thereto and ordered to be recorded and **Redmon G. Thomas** and **Francis Foster** the executors therein named having agreed to take upon themselves the burden of the execution of said will, on the motion of **Elizabeth and Francis Foster** the administrators with the will annexed of all the goods chattles and credits of said **William Foster** dec.d was granted them they the said **Elizabeth and Francis** with Elias Kincheloe (sp) and John Carr their Securities having given bond in the penalty of \$5000 Conditioned as prescribed by law and having taken the oath the law in such case directs."

Test  
Ben Grayson

#### **Notes on Court hearing above:**

1. M. L. Thomas is Marcus L. Thomas, who married Catherine Foster, daughter of John Foster and Dorcas Grigsby.
2. Richard Skinner is the brother of Elizabeth Skinner, who married Francis Foster (son of William Foster above deceased & Elizabeth McCormick).
3. Benjamin Thomas is the father of Marcus Thomas.

The **Estate sale** for William occurred Aug. 20 1821 in Bardstown, Nelson, Kentucky, and was administered by Redmon G. Thomas, John Bedford, James Glass, and Richard Skinner. (Original record obtained from Nelson Co. Clerk by Adrienne Foster Potter in Jan. 2008.

The **1810 Census of Bardstown, Nelson, KY**, lists Anthony, Edmund, Thomas (these three are sons of Anthony Samuel Foster Jr. b. 1741 VA, who lived in Nelson, KY for awhile), John, and William Foster.

#### **Details on William's children added by Adrienne:**

1. **FRANCIS**, b. 18 Mar 1799 Prince William, VA, d. 19 Sep 1866 Nelson Co., KY, m. **ELIZABETH SKINNER** 13 Apr 1824 in Bullitt, KY. Children: **ADALINE** b. 1825; **MARGARET ARNOLD** b. 23 Apr 1828 Nelson, KY, d. 4 Dec 1898 Livermore, McLean, KY, m. **JOHN FOSTER THOMAS** (son of Marcus Lafayette Thomas and Catherine Foster; **ANN ELIZABETH THOMAS** b. 7 Jun 1835, Bullitt, KY, d. 27 Apr 1873 Nelson, KY, m. **JOHN GREEN** (1837 - 1908) and had **FOSTER** b. 1867, **MARY ELIZABETH** .b 1868, and **FRANK**; **SARAH S.** b. 9 Jan 1838; **MARY F** b. 1840.

**Nelson County Clerk** papers obtained and transcribed by Adrienne Potter:

"Received of Francis Foster administrator of William Foster Decd \$6.60 in full of an Execution which Issued against Elizabeth and Francis Foster for Cost, at the Instance of John Parr, in the Nelson County Court, the said Elizabeth failing to give counter security, when required. Signed Rich L Murphy for J Hobbs  
July 31st 1825"

**Kentucky Death Records**, 1852-1953 <<http://www.ancestry.com/search/>

about Francis Foster

Name: Francis Foster

Death Date: 19 Sep 1876

Death Location: Nelson

Residence Location: Nelson

Age: 77

Gender: Male

Ethnicity: White

Birth Date: abt 1799

Father's Name: Wm Foster

Mother's Name: Elizabeth Foster

**1850 Census**, Dist. 2, Nelson, Kentucky

Francis, age 50, farmer, land value \$2804, b. Virginia

Elizabeth, age 57, b. Kentucky  
Ann E, age 15 b. KY  
Sarah S, age 12 b. KY  
Mary F, age 10 b. KY  
Ada Skinner, age 52, b. Kentucky, land value \$420

**1870 Census, Chaplin, Nelson, Kentucky**  
John Green, age 33, b. Kentucky, farmer, land value \$2500  
Annie, age 31 b. Kentucky  
Foster age 3, b. KY  
Mary age 2, b. KY  
Mary Aundle, age 18, b. KY  
FRANCIS FOSTER, age 72, b. Virginia  
Laura Green, age 19, domestic servant, b. KY

Children of **John Foster Thomas** (son of Marcus L. Thomas b. 1790) and **Margaret Arnold Foster** (daughter of Francis b. 1799): Elizabeth S. Thomas b. 1848 KY, Francis Thomas b. 1850 KY, Mark L. Thomas b. 1852 KY, Adaline Thomas b. 1854 KY, Redmon G Thomas b. abt 1856, Mary Ann Thomas b. 1858, Margaret or Maggie A Thomas b. 1863, Robert E Lee Thomas b. 1865 KY, Edwin Thomas b. 1868 KY, Ida Thomas.

**Additional Notes:** John Foster Thomas' mother Catherine (Foster) Thomas was the daughter of John Foster b. abt 1773 and Dorcas Grigsby, both of whom died in Nelson, KY. It is believed but not yet proved that John Foster b. abt 1773 was the son of William Foster b. abt 1748 and Mary or Jane Foster, as well as the grandson of Robert Foster and Sarah Haley. John Foster Thomas' father Marcus Lafayette Thomas was the son of Benjamin Thomas and Margaret Grigsby. Margaret Grigsby was the daughter of Redmond Grigsby whose lineage is traced back to 1505 in England.

Children of Ann Elizabeth Thomas Foster, (daughter of Francis Foster b. 1799) and John Green: Foster Green b. 1867 KY, Mary Elizabeth Green b. 1868 KY, Frank Green.

**1870 Census, Chaplin, Nelson, Kentucky**  
John Green, age 33, b. Kentucky, farmer, land value \$2500  
Annie, age 31 b. Kentucky  
Foster age 3, b. KY  
Mary age 2, b. KY  
Mary Aundle, age 18, b. KY  
Francis Foster, age 72, b. Virginia  
Laura Green, age 19, domestic servant, b. KY

**1850 Census, Dist 2, Nelson, KY** says Ann is age 15.

2. **ISAAC** b. abt 1800 PW, VA, m. NANCY SMITH

3. **ELIZABETH "BETSY"** b. abt 1802 KY, m. JESSE COOMBS 13 Jan 1823 in Nelson, KY. Jesse Coombs b. abt 1801.

Original document obtained from Nelson Co. Court in 2007 and transcribed by Adrienne Foster Potter

Nelson County Crt

This day **Isaac Foster** came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the said County and made Oath that **Eliza. Foster** daughter of **Eliza. Foster** his sister is over the age of Twenty One Years Sworn to me this 13th January 1823.

Henry XXX?

Know all men by these presents that the Nelson County....and **Jonah Coombs**....as held aforesaid bound unto the commonwealth of Kentucky in the sum of fifty pounds Current money to be paid to the Said Commonwealth to which payment will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs ex'tors....jointly & severally by these presents Sealed with our Seals & Dated this 13th day of Jan. 1823. The Condition of this Obligation is that if there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be Solemnized Shortly between the above bound **Jesse Coombs** and Wife **Elizabeth Foster** daughter of **William Foster** both being over twenty one years of age then the above obligation to be void, also to remain in full force.

**Jesse Coombs** (Seal)

**Jonah Coombs** (Seal)

Witness

Ben Grayson (Nelson County Clerk)

4. **MARY POLLY** b. abt 1802 KY d. 1830 Chaplin, Nelson, KY, m. **William M. Hughes** 8 Oct 1823 in Nelson, KY. **WILLIAM** was b. 20 Jun 1791 Bourbon or Nelson, KY, d. 24 Dec 1859, Nelson, KY

**Notes:** Her birth year is from LDS IGI. Her marriage is from One World tree, but some trees say that she married Francis Foster, son of Robert Foster and Charity, and not William M. Hughes. There must be a million Mary Polly Fosters, so more data is needed. William M. Hughes was the son of William Hughes Sr. b. 1755 and Mary Polly Foster b. 1758. Mary Polly was the daughter of Isaac Foster b. 1718 and Sarah Hughes. William Hughes Sr. was the son of Thomas Hughes b. 1736 and Elizabeth Nellie Foster (believed to be an additional daughter of Robert Foster and Sarah Haley.) William M. Hughes m. #2 May Elizabeth Sweazy 8 Jul 1830 (after Mary died) and had 10 children by her.

6. **JAMES** b. abt 1804 KY d. 1850, m. **REBECCA CARSON** 20 Apr 1824, Rebecca b. abt 1805, Campbell, TN, d. 1800 TN. Children: **WILLIAM** b. 1832, **JOHN** b. 10 Feb 1832, **MARGARET** or Maggie b. 26 May 1835, **ANNA** b. 17 Sep 1837, **JAMES GRANVILLE** b. 1839, **CHARLES** b. 1841, **POLLY J.** b. 1845, **SIEATHY** b. 1848, **REBECCA** b. 9 Dec 1850.

**1850 US Federal Census, Division 2, Wayne, Kentucky**

James Foster age 45 b. KY  
Rebecca Foster age 45 b. KY  
John Foster age 19 b. TN  
William Foster age 18 b. TN  
Margary Foster age 15 b. TN  
Anna Foster age 13 b. KY  
James G Foster age 11 b. KY  
Charles Foster age 9 b. KY  
Polly J Foster age 5 b. KY  
Sitha Foster age 2 b. KY

**1860 Div. 1, Scott, Tennessee**

James Foster age 55  
Rebecca Foster age 55  
Charles Foster age 18  
Polly Foster age 16  
Sieathy Foster age 12  
Emmeline Winchester age 4

7. **STEPHEN** b. abt 1806

8. **NANCY** b. abt 1808 d. 1876

9. **WILLIAM** b. abt 1810

10. **SALLY** b. abt 1814

11. **SUSANNAH** b. 1815 KY d. 4 Oct 1853, Anderson, KY, m. Mr. Tennel.

**Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1953** <<http://www.ancestry.com/>

about Susan Tennel

Name: Susan Tennel [Susan Foster]

Death Date: 4 Oct 1853

Death Location: Anderson

Residence Location: Anderson

Age: 38  
Gender: Female  
Birth Date: abt 1815  
Birth Location: Nelson  
Father's Name: William Foster  
Mother's Name: Elizabeth Foster  
Cause of death: disease of the womb

**JOHN FOSTER** b. abt 1773, Prince William VA, d. Feb. 1822 Nelson, Kentucky, is believed to be a brother or cousin of William Foster b. 1772. He married **#1 DORCAS GRIGSBY** in 1792 in Prince William, VA. Dorcas was born 1777 PW, VA, and died about 1820 in Nelson, KY, and was the daughter of Redmond Grigsby and Elizabeth Thomas. John married **#2, AMELIA MASON**, about 1821. Children of John and Dorcas are: **WILLIAM** b. abt 1788, **ALCEY MARIAH** b. abt 1790, **CATHERINE** b. 17 May 1791, **LOUISA** b. Abt 1793, **JOHN M.** b. Abt 1794, **SUSANNAH** b. abt 1795, **NOTLEY** b. abt 1797, **MARGARET** b. 1800, **ELIZABETH** b. abt 1803, **MAHALA** b. 1806, **ADDISON** b. abt 1808, **MARY JANE** b. 16 Nov. 1815, **REDMOND GRIGSBY** b. 15 May 1819. Details on their children follow the notes:

**Notes:** John Foster is shown with **Frances McCormick** in "Kentucky Soldiers of the War of 1812" in Capt. Joseph Redding's Company, Scott's Regiment, Kentucky Militia, on ancestry.com. **Frances McCormick** was the father of William Foster's wife **Elizabeth McCormick**, and James Sullivan is a possible relative of Bathsheba Williams--2nd wife of Robert Foster of Bourbon, KY-- whose mother was a Sullivan. John enlisted August 15, 1812 and was engaged or enlisted until October 14, 1812

#### **Nelson County Crt Feb'y County Court 1821**

Ordered that **Redmon G. Thomas**, John Bedford, Richard Skinner, and James Glass or any three of them being sworn before a magistrate of this county, do appraise in current money the slaves if any and personal estate of **John Foster** dec'd and return the appraisement to Court.

A copy Teste  
Ben Grayson

#### **Nelson County Crt April County Court 1822**

Ordered that John Huston, William Wakefield, Leven Green & William Huston or any three of them being first sworn before a magistrate of this County do appraise in current money the slaves if any and personal estate of **John Foster** dec'd and return the appraisement to Court.

(A copy)

Teste  
Ben Grayson

#### **Nelson County Crt**

Appeared before one of the Justices of the peace for said County William Wakefield, Leven Green & Thomas Huston & made oath that as the Law Direct to appraise the Estate of **John Foster** Deceased to best of their Judgements agreeable to the within.

John Huston

#### **April 29th 1822**

Book of Sales of the Property of **John Foster** Dec'd by the Administrator, **William & Amelia Foster** (2nd wife of John)

John Foster dec'd account of the Sale of his estate

1822 October 21 ret'd, Recorded

Pg. 446: **29 May 1843** --Deposition of **Redmon Grigsby** for a lawsuit at the office of Daniel Carpenter, Esq., Bardstown, Nelson, KY, wherein he is told to examine a voucher by the complainant for 300 pounds proved by Redmon Grigsby and Mark Thomas. Redmond testifies that:

- a) He knew of no contract between William Foster and William's father John Foster, who died Feb 1822
- b) John's son William took a boatload of whiskey, flour, and tobacco to sell in New Orleans in 1817 or 1818 and returned with \$2000 - 2200 pounds. This money was stolen by a man named McIntire.
- c) The complainant claims part of the boatload belonged to him and seems to want to hold William responsible for the theft (I believe he was innocent).

- d) The complainant states that John Foster had many debts when he died, including a bond on his farm, and Redmon states that part of it was paid off but he did not know the balance due, and that a lot of his property was sold to pay the debts.
- e) The complainant tries to obtain a slave William sold as payment for his share of the proceeds of the boatload of produce.
- f) Signed by **James Slaughter** and **RB Grigsby** for **William Foster** (James Slaughter is a Nelson Co. commissioner and possibly related to Ann Slaughter, wife of Robert Coleman Foster, a cousin of these other Fosters through Anthony Samuel Foster b. 1691). Outcome of this lawsuit has not yet been found.

**DEBTS OF JOHN FOSTER:** He died in Nelson, KY in 1824, heavily in debt due to having the proceeds of a boatload of a season of crops worth \$2200 stolen from his son, who was attempting to deliver the money to his father after selling the goods. William was accused of stealing the money himself but this is doubtful since he spent much of his life repaying his father's debts. This theft devastated the entire family and ruined John Foster:

"**CW Duncan** for myself and wife **Mahala** formerly **Foster** do agree that a settlement may be made by the Nelson County Court with **William M Foster** admin of **John Foster** decd. on the 19 day of November of 1838 given under my hand this 14th day of November 1835. **Charles Duncan**

I am willing for the settlement to be made with William M Foster Adm. of John Foster Decd."

**John Foster**

In account with Peter Brown (Jr or Sr)

1819

Oct 30th To Cash \$200

Nov 29 Cash \$100

Supral Cr \$300

1819 By 557 Bushels Wheat @ 31 per Bushel \$248.50

Balance due Foster \$21.50

Brown

February 12 Day 1823 Received the full amount of the Nov proven account from **William M Foster** one of the Adm of **John Foster** Dcd. (Signed) Peter Brown, **Redmon Grigsby** (brother-in-law of John Foster)

Twelve Months after date I **John Foster** Senr do promise and oblige myself, my heirs to pay or Cause to be paid unto John Redman his heirs or assigns the first and full Sum of Eighty dollars With it being for Value Recd of him as Witness my hand as Seal this 19th day of June 1814

Richard H Culbrent & Illegible Name (possibly J Hobbs)

On demand I promise to pay unto Frances M S Hutton on his order One Hundred thirty Dollars and illegible xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

**Mahala Foster, John Foster Sen.**

**William M Foster**

July 25 Day 1826 Recived the full amount of the above account amounting to two Hundred and four Dollars and fifty Cents from **William M Foster** Administrator of John Foster Dcd

**Mildred Grigsby, James Weathers** (his mark) Note: **Mildred** is the sister of **Dorcas Grigsby** who was the wife of John Foster, and James Weathers is the husband of Margaret Foster, daughter of John.

Sen.

**1832 William M Foster** To the clerk of the Nelson County Court

To recording of a Decd xxxx **Joseph Grigsby** Wife **Susanna Grigsby** to **John Foster** (for you)

said Foster being your father (decd') - \$1.00

according 2 cents We now award @ 25 - .50

xxxxxxx to Coart of Appeals - 124

(Total) \$1.62 pounds

Attest - Nathan Wickleff

Note: The **Joseph Grigsby** above is most likely the son of **Nathan Grigsby**, who settled in Nelson, KY with his family. Joseph was married to Sarah Graham, but could have remarried.

May the 8th 1822

Received of **Wm M Foster** two Dollars for my Services as Commissioner in Laying of the Power of **Amelia Foster** relic of **John Foster** Decd.

Teste John Huston, Davis Pond

Received of **William Foster** Adm of **John Foster** decd. Two Dollars and twenty five cents for postage on Letters XXXX and Sent upon business of Said estate this 16th Sept 1822

John Roberts Postmaster, Bardstown, KY

Cornelius Bodine, William Blackwell

## **CHILDREN OF JOHN FOSTER AND DORCAS GRIGSBY:**

1. **WILLIAM M. M.** b. abt 1788, Amelia, VA d. abt 1861 Nelson, KY, m. Eleanor Thomas 27 Jul 1815 in Nelson, KY. Eleanor was the daughter of Benjamin Thomas and Margaret Grigsby, sister of Dorcas Grigsby. Eleanor was born in 1799 in Virginia and died abt 1850 in Nelson, KY There are numerous connections between the Thomas Family, the Fosters and Grigsbys that need to be studied further..

**Notes:** William's wife Eleanor is the sister of Marcus Lafayette Thomas, who married William's sister Catherine. Marcus is the son of Benjamin and Margaret (Grigsby) Thomas above. William's dates are from One World Tree on ancestry.com.

### **1850 Census**, Dist. 2, Nelson, Kentucky

William Foster, age 62, Land value \$3400, b. Virginia

Eleanor, age 51, b. Virginia

James M. Thomas, age 18, b. Kentucky (he may be the son of Nathaniel or James Thomas, Eleanor's brothers.)

### **1860 Census**, Dist. 1, Nelson, Kentucky

William Foster, age 72, Farmer, Land valued at \$6,000, b. Virginia

Eleanor Foster, age 61, b. Virginia

On the previous page, living two doors away, is James W. Foster b. 1842, and R. J. Foster, b. 1811. who are no doubt, related.

The following record was obtained from **the Nelson County Clerk's** office by Adrienne Foster Potter:

"**Wm M Foster** release Grigsby Botsch 1838 June 11 Recorded in Book 10. 22.....454 Exam...

State of Kentucky, Nelson County

I Nathaniel Wickliffe clerk of the County Court for the said County certify that on the 11th day of June last This deed release from **Wm. M. Foster** to Grigsby H Botsch was acknowledged before me by the said Foster to be his Act deed which is duly recorded in my office Given under my hand this 11th day of November 1838.

Nath. Wickliffe Clk

I do hereby Release to **Redman B. Grigsby** and Nathaniel Botsch all the benefit of a Mortgage now Recorded in the Nelson County Court Clerks office from Burges Mason to **William M. Foster, Redman B. Grigsby** and Nathaniel Botsch so far as it is for my benefit for Value Received Given under my hand this 11th Day of June 1838.

William M. Foster (seal)"

At his father's request William piloted a boat full of the entire season's crops, and a neighbor's, down-river to New Orleans to sell. It was sold for \$2000-2200, but all the money was stolen by a man named McIntyre. William returned home empty-handed and understandably heavy-hearted. This devastated his father's estate and left him deeply in debt, probably contributing to his death a few years later. William spent the next 20 years repaying his father's debts and enduring lawsuits from creditors. It is no surprise that he became a Justice of the Peace and then later, Sheriff of Nelson County.

2. **ALCEY MARIAH** Foster b. abt 1790, married **Richard Francis Grigsby** abt 1810. Richard b. abt 1788.



3. **CATHERINE** b. 17 Nov 1791 VA d. 20 Apr 1876 Nelson, KY, m. **Marcus Lafayette Thomas** 7 Oct 1813 in Nelson, KY. Marcus b. 12 May 1790 PW, VA, d. 26 Jul 1864 Nelson, KY. (Kentucky Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850, <http://www.ancestry.com>). Marcus is the son of Benjamin Thomas and Margaret Grigsby and the brother of Eleanor Thomas, who married Catherine's brother William—a brother/sister married a brother/sister. **Their children: SILAS** b. 1815, m. **ELIZA** b. 1818; **WILLIAM** b. 1817, m. **POLLY MARY** b. 1822; **B R THOMAS** b. 1818, m. **LOUISA** b. 1821 KY; **JOHN FOSTER** b. 20 Aug 1824 m. **MARGARET ARNOLD FOSTER** b. 1828 (daughter of Francis Foster and Elizabeth Skinner); **GRIGSBY** b. 1824 (twin?), **CORDELIA** b. 1828, **CATHERINE** b. 1834, **SUSAN** b. 1836, **MARGARET** b. 1838.

**Notes:**

**1850 Census**, Dist. 2, Nelson, KY

M. L. Thomas, age 60, Farmer, b. Virginia, land at \$5000

Catherine, age 55, b. Virginia

Grigsby age 26, b. Kentucky

Catherine age 16, b. Kentucky

Susan age 14, b. Kentucky

Margaret age 12, b. Kentucky

**1870 Census**, Bardstown, Nelson, KY

Ignatius Heady age 30 b. KY

Maggie Heady age 33 b. KY (Catherine's daughter Margaret)

William Heady age 7 b. KY

Mark Heady age 5 b. KY

John Heady age 2 b. KY

**Kittie Thomas** age 74 b. VA (Catherine)

**John Foster** age 80 b. VA (Catherine's brother)

Kate Thomas age 38 b. KY (Catherine's daughter)

Annie Jesse age 16 b. KY

James Calvert age 18 b. KY (farm hand)

4. **LOUISA** b. abt 1793, married **Nudigate Owsley** 15 Feb 1819 in Nelson, KY. Nudigate b. 10 Apr 1780 Loudon Co., VA, d. before 1860, KY. Children: **WILLIAM H.** b. abt 1822, **ELIZABETH D.** b. abt 1824, **MARTHA** b. abt 1824, **HULDAH** b. abt 1826, **EMILY** b. 1833, **GEORGE W.** b. abt 1835, **AMANDA R.** b. abt 1838.

**Notes:** Louisa (Foster) and Nudigate Owsley are listed in a lawsuit that her brother William M Foster filed against all his siblings over payment of the mortgage of their brother Notley, who had passed away. The lawsuit was filed in March 1849.

**1850 US Federal Census**, Dist. 2, Shelby, Kentucky

Nudigate (spelled in Census as Nerdigate) age 70 b. Virginia, Farmer, land value \$14,800

Louisa age 57, b. Virginia

Emily age 17 b. Kentucky

George age 15 b. Kentucky

Amanda age 12 b. Kentucky

Abner Stout age 25, Laborer, b. KY

**1860 US Federal Census**, Dist. 2, Shelby, Kentucky

Louisa Owsley, age 62, b. Virginia, Land value \$1,600, estate value \$17,500

Amanda R age 22, b. Kentucky

Maria L Maddox age 15 b. Kentucky (this is Louisa's niece, daughter of her sister Mary Jane)

5. **JOHN M** b. abt 1794

**Notes:** John purchased from his father's estate 1 dressing glass, 1 wheel, 1 stone pot, 2 water vessels, and old irons at a cost of \$7.41 and 1/2 cent.

**1850 Census**, Dist. 2, Nelson Co., KY  
William Thomas, age 31, Farmer, land value \$800, b. Kentucky  
Polly, age 28, b. Kentucky  
Nathaniel, age 12, b. Kentucky  
Angelina, age 8, b. Kentucky  
Mark L., age 6, b. Kentucky  
Eliza J., age 3, b. Kentucky  
Elizabeth E., age 9/12, b. Kentucky  
**JOHN FOSTER**, age 65, b. Virginia

**1870 Census**, Bardstown, Nelson, KY  
Ignatius Heady age 30 b. KY  
Maggie Heady age 33 b. KY (Catherine's daughter Margaret)  
William Heady age 7 b. KY  
Mark Heady age 5 b. KY  
John Heady age 2 b. KY  
Kittie Thomas age 74 b. VA (Catherine)  
**JOHN FOSTER** age 80 b. VA (this is the John above, the brother of Catherine)  
Kate Thomas age 38 b. KY (Catherine's daughter)  
Annie Jesse age 16 b. KY  
James Calvert age 18 b. KY (farm hand)

6. **SUSANNAH** b. abt 1795 VA d. abt 1838 KY, m. **HENRY HARDY BAYNE** 2 Apr 1810 Nelson, KY. Henry b. abt 1786 MD, d. abt 1824 Washington, KY. Children: **GRAFTON HENSON** b. 1811, John Henry b. 8 May 1812, Chloe Clara Bayne b. 1813, Margaret Bayne b. 1814, Meeker Ann Bayne b. 20 Jun 1820.

7. **NOTLEY** b. abt 1797 d. bef. 1824

**Notes:** Notley is very likely named after Notley Conn, Commander of a batallion that fought in the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794, which was a great victory for the United States and helped to secure the Northwest Territory from Britain and the Indians. Although Notley Conn was from Bourbon County, several soldiers from Nelson County fought under him in this battle.

When his father died Notley purchased from the estate 1 bed, 1 brown horse, 1 pair Geers, 1 Still, 17 Tubbs, 3 Keggs, 1 Trough, and 1 Augre at a cost \$192.31 and 1/4 cent. Estate Sale documents from Nelson County show he inherited land and slaves from his father's estate.

8. **MARGARET** b. 1800 VA, d. Abt 1850, m. **James Weathers** 7 Feb 1820, Nelson, KY. James b. 18 May 1793, Washington, KY d. 2 May 1845 Nelson, KY. Children: **JAMES B** b. 1821, **RHODA** b. 13 Jan 1825, **MAHALA** b. 1831, **MARGARET** b. abt 1834, **JOHN LOGAN** b. abt 1837, **WILLIAM F** b. 13 Oct 1840, **GREEN DUNCAN WEATHERS** b. abt 1843. **Note:** Margaret (Foster) and James Weathers are listed in a lawsuit that her brother William M Foster filed against all his siblings over payment of the mortgage of their brother Notley, who had passed away. The lawsuit was filed in March 1849. A copy of the lawsuit was obtained in Dec 2008 from the Nelson County Clerk by Adrienne Foster Potter.

**Notes: WILLIAM M FOSTER SUES SIBLINGS:** Notley Foster had passed away and left a mortgage due on his farm, which was left to his siblings. Apparently William didn't want to pay the mortgage himself, and instead of holding a family council he chose to sue:

"The answer of **Mark L. Thomas and Catherine** his wife, **Nudigate Owsley & Louisa** his wife, **James Weathers** and **Margaret** his wife **Adison Foster, Redmon G. Foster, Alcey M Grigsby** late Foster & her husband **Francis Grigsby, Edward Maddox** and **Mary Jane** his wife, **John F Davis, Henson Bayne, John Bayne, Chloe Lefleu, John White**, and **Mary Ann** his wife, **Charles Duncan & Mahala** his wife, **John M.**

**Foster, Adison Foster** being heirs of **Notley** Foster decd. to a bill filed against them by Wm M Foster in the Nelson Circuit Court: These respondents & owing to their selves all exceptions to the Statements Contained in Complainants Bill for answer thereto will State they admit the execution of the mortgage by the intestate Notley Foster decd. to Complt. they State however that they do not believe the amt of \$400 Stated in said mortgage was due at the time it was executed it appears on the same date thereof that the intestate Conveyed to Complt all his interest in the lands of his brother **John Foster** decd the Consideration Stated in that deed is \$250 and they believe that at no time was the intestate ever indebted to Complt \$650 and if he was at the time indebted to him \$400 that the \$250 for his interest in the land Conveyed him Should be deducted - Copy of this deed is filed as a part of this answer. Etc. 28 May 1849" (Original obtained from Nelson Co. KY Clerk)

9. **ELIZABETH** b. abt 1803

10. **MAHALA** b. 1806 VA, d. 31 Dec 1866 MO, m. **CHARLES DUNCAN** 27 Feb 1823. Charles b. 7 May 1799 Nelson, KY, d. 11 Aug. 1860 Missouri. Children: **JOHN FOSTER** b. 1 Apr 1825, **MARY ELLEN** b. 5 Mar 1827, **DORCAS GRIGSBY** b. 18 Apr 1829, **THOMAS JEFFERSON** b. 3 Jul 1831, **LOUISA ELIZABETH** b. 11 May 1833, **MARIAH CATHERINE** b. 12 May 1835, **ANN MAHALA DUNCAN** b. 23 May 1838, **MARGARET THOMAS** b. 2 Jun 1840, **REDMOND GRIGSBY** b. 27 Aug 1842, **EMILY JANE** b. 8 Dec 1850.

**Notes: BONDS, MARRIAGES, AND CONSENTS, NELSON COUNTY,**

KENTUCKY: **DUNCAN, Charles & FOSTER, Mahala**, Bond: 25 Feb 1823, Married: 27 Feb 1823

Signed bond: **William M. Foster**; Consent in Person: **William M. Foster**, guardian of **Mahala**, daughter of **John Foster**, deceased, Married by Joseph Ferguson, from Minister Return.

**Mahala** is mentioned as the wife of CW Duncan in a note for a debt of her father, which was kept by the Nelson County Clerk for over 160 years, copied, and sent to Adrienne Foster Potter by a clerk of the court of Nelson County, KY: "**CW Duncan** for myself and wife **Mahala** formerly Foster do agree that a settlement may be made by the Nelson County Court with **William M Foster** admin of **John Foster** decd. on the 19 day of November of 1838 given under my hand this 14th day of November 1835. **Charles Duncan**

11. **ADDISON Foster** b. abt 1808 VA d. abt 1850 Washington, KY, m. **ANN LANE** abt 1831. Ann b. abt 1814 KY d. abt 1850 Washington, KY. Children: **JOHN** b. 1832, **SARAH P** b. 1833, **JANE** b. 1836, **MARY E** b. abt 1839, **LUCINDA** b. 27 Oct 1844, **GRIGSBY** b. 1846, **LOUISA** b. abt 1849. All of the children were born in Kentucky.

**Notes: Washington County, KY Court--**

This day **John Foster, Edward Maddox, Mary Jane** his wife and **Addison Foster** personally appeared before me and made oath that the testament contained in the above foregoing answer to a bill filed against them and others in the Nelson Circuit Court by William M Foster are made are true to the best of their recollection and belief - Given under my hand this 11 day of May 1842

John R Jones Clerk Washington Co Cr. t.

**1850 US Federal Census, Washington, Kentucky**

Addison Foster age 42 b. VA

Ann Foster age 36 b. KY

John Foster age 18 b. KY

Sarah D Foster age 15 b. KY

Jane Foster age 14 b. KY

Mary E Foster age 11 b. KY  
Lucinda Foster age 7 b. KY  
Grigsby Foster age 4 (Grigsby) b. KY  
Louisa Foster age 1 b. KY

12. **MARY JANE** b. 16 Nov 1815 Nelson, KY, d. June 1862, m. **EDWARD MADDOX** abt 1835. Edward b. abt 1813 KY, d. before 1860. Children: **DAVID A** b. 1844, **MARY W** b. 1845, **DELILAH A** b. 1846 m. **Mr. TINSLEY** b. abt 1846, **JOHN** b. 1849.

**Notes: 1860 US Federal Census**, Dist 1, Shelby, Kentucky  
Edward Maddox age 47, b. Kentucky, Farmer, land \$19,000, estate \$5,000  
Mary Jane age 45 b. Kentucky  
David A Maddox age 16  
Mary W Maddox age 15  
Delilah A Maddox, age 13  
John L Maddox, age 11

### **Washington County, KY**

This day **John Foster**, **Edward Maddox**, **Mary Jane** his wife and **Addison Foster** personally appeared before me and made oath that the testament contained in the above foregoing answer to a bill filed against them and others in the Nelson Circuit Court by **William M Foster** are made are true to the best of their recollection and belief - Given under my hand this 11 day of May 1842.  
John R Jones Clerk Washington Co Crt

13. **REDMOND GRIGSBY** b. 15 May 1819 Nelson, KY.

**Notes:** Some sources say Redmond died in 1822 but the estate sale of his father John in Nelson County shows that Redmond was alive in 1824 and inherited land and slaves.

**WILLIAM II**, son of **WILLIAM** (the Elder) & **HANNAH FOSTER**, born in Northumberland Co., Virginia, went with his parents to the Broadrun estate. Here he grew to manhood, met and married (another) **Elizabeth**, and their children were born: **WILLIAM III**, who married **JANE**, and **ELIZABETH** (Jr.), who married **#1 MR. CORNWELL**.

When Elizabeth married #1, she got a 150 acre dowry from her father. When Elizabeth married **#2, THOMAS LEACHMAN**, the dowry passed to her brother, William III. Then, at the death of her father, William, Elizabeth & Thomas inherited the home place and care of her mother till she too passed on.

Thomas and Elizabeth Leachman's children: - **FRANCES** (m. **Mr. WILSON**) - **ANN** (m. **MR. LORD**) - **ELIZABETH** (m. **THURMAN**) - **MARGARET** (m. **COE**), **JOHN, THOMAS**."

### **NOTES:**

**WILLIAM3 FOSTER, JR.** (WILLIAM2, GEORGE1—Most Foster gens believe this should be ROBERT1 instead of George) was born 15 Jul 1714 in Northumberland Co., VA, and died 10 Apr 1779 in Prince William Co., VA. He married ELIZABETH UNKNOWN Abt. 1735 in VA.

### **VIRGINIA CENSUS 1607 - 1890**

Prince William County  
William 1753, 1760, 1773, 1777

William Sr. 1767, 1777  
William Jr. 1767, 1777

**Prince William County Rentals, 1767:**

William Foster, Sr., 300 acres.  
Robert Foster, 400 acres.  
William Foster, Jr., 150 acres.

**Prince William County Rentals, 1773,** returned by Capt. Thomas Marshall:

William Foster, Sr., 300 acres.  
James Foster, 250 acres.  
William Foster, Jr., 150 acres.  
Thomas Foster, of Carter's estate, 227 acres.

**Prince William County Rentals, 1777:**

William Foster, Sr., 300 acres.  
James Foster 250 acres.  
William Foster (younger), 150 acres.  
William Foster, Jr., 150 acres.

**Prince William County Bonds:**

William Foster; William Foster, executor; James Bridges, Alex. Davidson, Wm Wyatt, sec. 7 Dec 1767.

William Foster; Thos Leachman, executor; Leonard Leachman and James Rose, sec. 5 July 1779.

**Prince William County Will Book G, p. 49:**

William Foster, written 27 Apr 1777, estate to wife, Elizabeth, after her death to Thomas Leachman and wife, Elizabeth; probated 5 Jul 1779.

Marriage of WILLIAM FOSTER and ELIZABETH UNKNOWN: Abt. 1735, VA

Children of WILLIAM FOSTER and ELIZABETH UNKNOWN are:

14. i. WILLIAM4 FOSTER III, b. Abt. 1735.
15. ii. ELIZABETH FOSTER, b. Abt. 1738.

William Foster is on the **Rent Roll of 1738** for Fauquier Co. Fauquier County was taken from Prince William Co., VA and named after Francis Fauquier, Gov. of Virginia.

An earlier Foster researcher believes the following about William, though the spouses differ from what Flavius reported. Gen. Ivan Leon Foster wrote:

"WILLIAM, the next in our line, was born in Stafford County, Virginia about 1720. It appears that he was twice married, first to Jean \_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_ and [second] to Mary \_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_. In 1768 he was security for Robert's widow, Sarah, and a witness on her deed to Benjamin Mason in 1771. He was a neighbor to James Foster in 1784. In 1780 he and his wife, Mary, deeded land to \_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_. William was listed as a voter in Prince William County in 1795. On February 2, 1798, William and Mary deeded 21 acres of land to Howson Hoos (Hooe). On January 6, 1806 they deeded 9 acres adjoining his former purchase to Elizabeth, widow of James Foster. I can account for one son, William, by the first wife of William and it is probable that the others listed below were sons of his by the second wife.

i. William (see later)

ii. Jeremiah, thought to have been a brother of William. He was a Captain of Virginia Troops during the Revolution.

Note: from Adrienne –Jeremiah Foster is shown in Prince William County Rentals and appears later in Clark County, Kentucky records of Lulbegrud Church.

iii. Joshua, a voter in 1795, in Prince William Co., Virginia

iv. Matthew, who witnessed a deed in P.W. County in 1798.

v. John, who with his wife, deeded land to John Thomas of North Carolina in 1806, may have been a full brother to William, and probably should be listed here as 'ii.' or 'iii.' The names of John and his wife, Elizabeth, appear in the records of Providence Church of Clark County, Kentucky for the year of 1811."

From: "FOSTER'S AND THEIR ANCESTRY" by Lt. (later Brig. Gen.) Ivan Leon Foster, Field Artillery, U.S. Army, 1927

**ISAAC**, 3<sup>rd</sup> son of WILLIAM & HANNAH ELIZABETH FOSTER born in Northumberland Co., Va., went with his parents to the Broadrun estate. Here he grew to manhood, met and married

**SARAH**, daughter of Edward & Elizabeth (Grigsby) Hughes. Isaac inherited 150 acres of land from his father, which he later sold to his brother, Robert.

Apr. 10, 1775, Isaac bought land from John Jones. This land lay at the junction of South Run and Broad Run, and is now under the waters of man-made Lake Manassas. (Note pgs. I & II, Grigsby-Foster Connection chapter).

In 1790 Isaac & Sarah sold this land to Snowden Horton, in a "twig & turf" ceremony, and immigrated to Monroe Co., W. Va., where they took up land on Swopes Knob. Seven years later Isaac gave this later land to his son, Nathaniel, and made his last move to Nicholas County, West Virginia.

During the latter part of the Revolutionary War, Thomas Hughes, Sarah's brother had built a fort on Laurel Creek, in Nicholas Co., near where Isaac & Sarah Foster now took up land, Isaac & Sarah's son, Nathaniel sold the Swopes Knob land a year later, in 1798, and erected a cabin near the one Isaac had built, and took over the running of the farm. A short time later, Isaac & Sarah's son Nimrod, also joined them in the area.

All of Isaac & Sarah Foster's children were born in Prince William Co., Virginia, and most of them joined Isaac in West Virginia. here at Bend of Gauley, W.Va., Isaac & Sarah (Hughes) Foster are buried."

**ISAAC FOSTER** b. 2 Jul 1719 Northumberland, Virginia d. 1814

**SARAH HUGHES** b. 21 Jun 1739 Prince William, Virginia d. 10 Apr 1822 Nicholas, Virginia.

They were married 1752 Prince William, Virginia.

#### **CHILDREN:**

**NIMROD** b. 2 Mar 1754 d. 13 Jun 1818 Nicholas, WV, m. Elizabeth or Winnie Brown

**JOSHUA** b. 26 Dec 1755 d. 1840 PW, VA, m. Nancy Foster 1780

**MARY POLLY** b. 17 Feb 1758 d. abt 1830 Nicholas, WV, m. Wm Hughes, 21 Apr 1777 PW, Va. , son of Thomas and Elizabeth Nellie Foster

**ISAAC JR.** b. 28 Dec 1760 d. bef 1850 PW VA, m. Susan or Sarah Leach, daughter of Johh Leach and Joanna Ellingwood;

**ELIZABETH** b. 16 Feb 1764 d. bef 1860 PW, VA, m. William Foote 26 Aug 1780

**GEORGE** (King) b. 6 Apr 1767 d. 1860 Monroe, WV, m. Sarah Conway 25 Aug 1786 Fauquier, VA

**WILLIAM** b. 31 May 1768 m. #1 Margaret Lilly 1802, m. #2 Violet Bowers 5 Nov 1795 Fauquier, VA

**JAMES** b. 28 Mar 1770 d. 3 Mar 1824, Monroe, WV, m. Elizabeth Hoge or Humphries (Flavius put Hoge but I believe it is Humphries unless this is a 2<sup>nd</sup> marr. For her) 1 Jan 1795 Greenbrier, VA

**NATHANIEL** b. 10 Mar 1772 d. 18 Mar 1854 Nicholas, WV, m. #1 **MARGARET MILLER** 12 Nov 1812 Kanawha, WV, m. #2 **MARGARET COMMERILL** abt 1808

**NANCY** b. 19 Feb 1774 d. Abt 1839 Nicholas, WV, m. **EDWARD HUGHES** son of Thomas Jr. 10 Oct 1793 Greenbrier, VA

**ENOCH** b. 12 Feb 1776 d. Jun 1850 Anderson, TN, m. **MARGARET PEGGY WALLACE** 31 Dec 1794, Monroe, WV

**MATTY OR WALLY OR WALTER** b. 8 Feb 1778 d. Bef 1860

**LINDSY OR MALINDA** b. 5 Mar 1780 d. 1814 Bend of Gauley, WV, m. #1 **EDWARD EAGLE** or **EAGLESON**, m. #2 **GEORGE FITZWATER** abt 1805

#### **NOTES:**

## **CONTENTS OF ISAAC FOSTER BIBLE**

**Edward Hughes** b ca. 1707 Northumberland Co. Va. d. "Meadow's" Gawley River Kanawah, Va (father Thomas) m. ca 1736

**Elizabeth Grigsby** b. ca 1710 St Pauls Parish, Stafford Va. d. bef. 1783 (same as Edward) dau. of James Grigsby and Susannah Redmond.

1. **Sarah Hughes** b. 21 Jun 1738 Prince William Co. Va. d. 10 Apr. 1822 m. ca. 1751 **Isaac Foster**. Children are listed as shown above.

**Pricially Cameron**, a baseborn girl child, born January 28, 1754, bound until age 18 to **Thos. Hart**, Junr. Witnesses: William Durham and Isaac Foster, July 23, 1753

In 1979 the Bible was the property of Creed V. Foster, (2001) and was 175 years old .

Much of their family data is also found in the "Grigsby Book."

### **"Sims' index to land grants in West Virginia"**

Isaac Foster, 326 acres, Back Creek, 1766, pg. 326

## **DETAILS ON CHILDREN OF ISAAC FOSTER AND SARAH HUGHES:**

**NIMROD** b. Mar. 2, 1754 d. 1820

**"Seedlings of William Foster"** by Flavius Foster, pg. 11

"Nimrod Foster was born and grew to manhood in Prince William Co., VA where he met and married Elizabeth Brown. In 1795 they moved to Monroe Co., W. VA and in 1800 to Nicholas County, VA where both are buried. Their children: **ISAAC – JOHN – SANDY (GRIGSBY) – MICHAEL -- MOLLY – PEYTON –TURLEY -- PRESLEY – ELIZABETH m. DAVID MILLER – DOCEA m. JAMES BOGGS**, who deserted her and their children, unnamed.

**"History of Nicholas County West Virginia"** by William Griffee Brown

publ. by The Dietz Press, Inc., Richmond, VA, 1954

page 318-319, Chapter XI, Pioneer Families

**FOSTER**, Scotch-Irish. Isaac Foster, ancestor of the family in Nicholas County, came from Monroe County in 1798, and located on what is known as the John R. McCutcheon place near Cross Lanes. His four sons, Isaac, Nathaniel, James and Nimrod, came with him. Isaac and James soon went West. Isaac Senior, and his son Nathaniel, bought land in the Bend of Gauley, where Nathaniel cleared out a large farm. He was twice married--By the first marriage there were two sons: Isaac and John. Isaac moved west, John located on what is now the Crawford farm. He had two daughters, Elizabeth Duncan and Sarah Crawford. He owned the Foster Mill on Meadow Creek, and by his will gave it to his grandson Andrew W. Duncan.

By his second marriage Nathaniel had seven children, four girls and three sons: Sarah, the youngest daughter, married David R. Hamilton. Andrew B. Foster, his son, located on McKees creek; his son Creed V. Foster, lived on the home place until his death; a son of Creed, Albert, still resides there. Redmond G. Foster had no children. For many years he lived on the mill lot and operated the Foster mill. James A., the other son of Nathaniel, moved to Colorado.

Nimrod Foster, located on the farm owned by Edward Hughes, later known as the John D. Groves place. He was a consumptive, and the records show he was released from work on the roads.

Nimrod Foster's will names Turly (Turley), Isaac, John, Paton (Peyton), Presley and Sandy as his sons.

Many of the descendants of Isaac Foster remain in Nicholas County."

**"A History of Monroe County, West Virginia,"** by Oren F. Morton

Pg. 316: Nimrod, Nathaniel, Isaac, John Foster all present at sale of Samuel Brown estate in 1794, also John & Elijah Cornwall.

**DETAILS ON NIMROD'S CHILDREN (note that there is some discrepancy regarding the dates and order of birth—more research needed):**

**ISAAC** (son of Nimrod) b. abt 1773

**SANDY (GRIGSBY)** son of Nimrod b. 1774 m. Martha Baker Handley 3 Mar 1791 Greenbrier, VA;  
**1810 VA Census-Monroe County**

Foster, Grigsby 20010-22010-01

Foster, James 41010-02010-00

Foster, John 22101-21101-00

Foster, Micles 20010-10100-00

**"Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia"**

Bedford Foster pg. 50 Wolf Creek 1797

Grigsby Foster pg. 293 Wts. Greenbrier 1799

Isaac Foster pg. 209 Swobe's Knob 1796

James Foster pg. 93 The Sinks 1800

**JOHN** (son of Nimrod) b. abt 1776;

Ancestry.com shows a death record for **John B Foster**, b. Greenbrier, Virginia, son of **Nimrod Foster**, who died 1 Sep 1855 in Greenup, Kentucky, at age 63, of a fever. He was married at the time of his death.

**Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1953** <<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Name: **John B Foster**

Death Date: 1 Sep 1855

Death Location: Greenup

Residence Location: Greenup

Age: 63

Gender: Male

Birth Date: abt 1792

Father's Name: **Nimrod Foster**

**MICHAEL MILES** (son of Nimrod) b. abt 1784 PW, VA, m. **MARY SCOTT** 1804 Monroe, VA;

**1810 VA Census-Monroe County (numbers correspond with census categories)**

Foster, Grigsby 20010-22010-01

Foster, James 41010-02010-00

Foster, John 22101-21101-00

Foster, Micles 20010-10100-00

**DOCEA (or DOCENA - daughter of Nimrod)** b. 1 Jul 1788 PW VA d. 2 Jan 1870 VA, m. **#1 JAMES BOGGS**, who deserted her and their children, unnamed. " Married **#2 WILLIAM HUGHES** (son of Edward Hughes and Nancy Foster, grandson of Thomas Hughes b. abt 1753). William b. abt 1795 VA d. abt 1880 VA.

**ELIZABETH** (daughter of Nimrod) b. abt 1789 m. **DAVID MILLER**

**MOLLY** (daughter of Nimrod) b. abt 1791

**PEYTON** (son of Nimrod) b. abt 1795 Monroe, WV, married **NANCY JOHNSON** 11 Jan 1815 Kanawha, WV, and had: Johnson Foster b. abt 1820, (with wife Mary Unknown—this has not been explained), Peyton married **#2, Sarah Sims** 6 Sep 1825 Nicholas, VA, and had: **JAMES, PEYTON, CHARLES, MARIAH**, who married **JORDAN HICKMAN**.

**NOTES on Peyton:**

**1820 Census, Southern District, Bedford, Virginia**



Peyton Foster  
William Foster (this is Peyton's paternal uncle)  
John Foster (Peyton's brother)

**1830 Census, Nicholas, Virginia (numbers correspond with census categories)**

Peyton Foster Males: 0-2-1-0-0-2 Females: 1-0-0-0-1-0-0-0

Nathaniel Foster (this is Peyton's uncle, brother of Nimrod Foster) Males: 1-2-1-1-0-0-0-1 Females: 0-1-1-1-1-0-1-0

**Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850** <<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Groom Name: Peyton Foster, Bride Name: Sarah Sims, Marriage Date: 6 Sep 1825, County: Nicholas, State: Virginia

**PRESLEY** (son of Nimrod) b. abt 1796 Monroe, WV d. 10 Sep 1873 Nicholas, VA  
Presley son of Nimrod & Elizabeth Foster, married **#1 Elizabeth Johnson**. All three (Johnson) wives were daughters of William & Amy Johnson. Elizabeth had children but I have no names. Presley married **#2 Lucretia**, daughter of **John and Polly Bailes**. Polly was the daughter of George (King) and Sarah Foster, page 14. Lucretia had a daughter Elizabeth Mary, who used the surname **Bailes** (Lucretia may have been previously married to a Bailes). Presley and Lucretia are buried near Kresslers Cross Lanes, in Nicholas Co., WV. Seedlings pg. 11-12

**PRESLEY FOSTER** b. 1796 d. Sept. 10, 1873

**LUCRETIA BAILES** b. 1811

Were married Feb. 9, 1850, W. Va., To this union were born:--

**ELIZABETH M.** bm. May 6, 1839 d. Mar. 31, 1926

**JANE** (Foster) b. 1841

**REBECCA** b. 1844

**MARTHA J.** b. 1846

**JAMES W.** b. 1849

**JAMES W** married **REBEZZA WALKER**, and had: -- **GEORGE -- ALFERD -- OKEY -- FRANCES -- WILLIAM -- JAMES JR. -- FANNY -- CHARLETTE -- PEYTON -- GROVER CLEVELAND.**

**1820 Census, Nicholas, Virginia**

Nathaniel Foster

James Foster (either Nathaniel's brother or his nephew --son of James Sr.)

Presley Foster (Nathaniel's nephew through his brother Nimrod)

**1850 Census, Western District, Nicholas, Virginia**

Presley Foster age 41, Farmer b. VA

Lucretia Foster, age 39 b. VA

Elizabeth Foster, age 11 b. VA

Rebecca Foster age 6 b. VA

Martha Foster age 2 b. VA

James Foster age 1 b. VA

On the same page is their uncle, Nathaniel Foster and his wife Margaret and sons Andrew and Allen.

**1860 Census, Nicholas, Nicholas, West Virginia**

Presley Foster age 63 b. VA

Lucretia age 49 b. VA

Rebecca A Foster age 16 b. VA

Martha J Foster age 14 b. VA

James W Foster age 10, farmer, land \$200, estate \$200 b. VA

**On same page:**

Redmond Foster age 33, farmer b. VA

Mary J Foster age 32 b. VA (wife)

Sarah A Ewing age 10 b. VA

**1870 Census, Grant, Nicholas, West Virginia**

Presley Foster age 72, farmer, land \$500, estate \$300 b. WV  
Lucretia Foster age 65 b. WV  
Martha J Foster age 23 b. WV  
James T Foster age 20 b. WV

“**FOSTER** Presley Foster, a son of Nimrod and Elizabeth (Brown) Foster, was born about 1796 and died September 10, 1873. He married Elizabeth Johnson March 12, 1822. He married Lucretia Biles February 9, 1840. Lucretia had a child before marriage. Child of Jonathan Pierson and Lucretia Bailes. (Step child of Presley Foster.) 33. (1). Elizabeth Mary b. May 6 1893 Children of Presley and Lucretia (Bailes) Foster. 34. (1). Rebecca A. b. 1846 35. (2). Martha J. b. 1848 m.----- Johnson 36. (3). James W. b. 1849 m. Rebecca Walker.” Source: WV living Fosters

**ELIZABETH M.** (daughter of Presley Foster and Lucretia Bailes—probably adopted) married Rev. **SAMUEL F. WILLIAMS**, and they lived in Clay Co., W. Va., where their children were born and they are buried.

**SAMUEL F WILLIAMS** b. Feb 12, 1833 d. Mar. 28, 1908  
**ELIZABETH M. (BAILES/FOSTER)** b. May 6, 1839 d. Mar. 31, 1926  
Were married Mar. 29, 1856, W. Va. To this union were born:--

**WILLIAM N.** b. 1856  
**LUCINDA J.** b. Sept. 5, 1858 d. Mar. 19, 1932 m. JOHN KENNAN  
**FRANCIS MARION** b. Apr. 26, 1866 m. LYDIA TAYLOR  
**ELCANY** (fem) b. Oct. 11, 1867 m. JOHN TAYLOR  
**MARTHA A.** b. Nov. 1, 1868 m. FRANK SANDERS  
**HARRIET A.** b. June 8, 1872 m. HOMER HUGHES  
**JOHN A.** b. Aug. 11, 1874 m. GEORGIA NUTTER  
**ROLIN** b. Nov. 11, 1876 m. JANE DANIELS  
**DAVID SHERIDAN** b. Dec. 11, 1878 d. July 7, 1968  
**SAMUEL SHERMAN** b. Dec 11, 1878

The Reverend, a Civil War Veteran, named two of his sons for Union generals, and #4 for a Revolutionary War General.

**DAVID SHERIDAN** (Son of Samuel F. Williams and Elizabeth Bailes/Foster), born in Kresslers Cross Lanes, W. Va., moved to Clay County where he met and married ELIZABETH JANE PERKINS. Their first three children were born in Clay Co., the others in Braxton County. David was a farmer and carpenter during the lax seasons. He is buried in Vinton, Ohio, Elizabeth in Walker Cemetery, Nicholas Co., W. Va.

**DAVID SHERIDAN WILLIAMS** b. Dec 11, 1878 d. July 7, 1968  
**ELIZABETH (PERKINS)** b. Mar. 3, 1875 d. July 18, 1910  
Were married Nov. 15, 1898 W. Va. To this union were born:--

**PATRICK H.** b. Sept. 19, 1899 d. Mar. 15, 1974 m. ALMA KAPP  
**WILLIAM O.** b. June 12, 1902 m. MARY FOSTER  
**ANNA M.** b. Nov. 30, 1900 m. FRED SMITH  
**SAMUEL O.** b. Apr.30, 1904 d. Apr. 19, 1967 m. AUGUST ISAACS  
**O' DELLA** b. Sept 9, 1905  
**RICHARD O.** b. June 22, 1907 m. DOROTHY STEELE

**O'DELLA** (daughter of David Sheridan Williams), born in Herald, W. Va., married **GUY SLADE SMITH** in Pond Gap. Their first three children were born in Ward, the other one in Charleston, all in Kanawha Co., W. Va. Here, too, Guy is buried.

**GUY GLADE SMITH** b. Oct. 8, 1901 Clark Co. So. Dakota d. Mar. 30, 1949

**O'DELLA (WILLIAMS)** b. Sept. 9, 1905 Ward, W. Va.

Were married Dec. 2, 1931 W. Va. To this union were born:--

**DONALD** b. July 29, 1932 m. **THELMA PARSONS**

**HELEN MAE** b. Sept 15, 1934 m. **DEAN STINSON**

**VONDA K.** b. Nov. 21, 1935 m. **JOHN CHILDRESS**

**GARTH R.** b. Oct. 30, 1938 m. **NANCY COFFMAN**

**HENEN MAE**, daughter of GUY & O'DELLA SMITH, was born in Ward, W. Va. In 1955 she arrived in Dallas, Texas, where she met and married **DEAN WILTON STINSON**. Dean is a Data Processing Consultant, and was born in Clark Co., South Dakota. They still live in Dallas, where their children are in school (1977). It was Helen M. who supplied this material on the Presley Foster family.

**DEAN WILTON STINSON** b. May 24, 1931

**HELEN (SMITH)** b. Sep 15, 1934

Were married Feb. 26, 1856, Texas. To this union were born:--

I don't like to cut a family off short. So, let's turn to page 14, and finish off NIMROD & ELIZABETH FOSTER'S thundering herd.

**MARY DAVID** b. May 30, 1958

**SHAWN ALEXIS** b. Dec 16, 1959

**DANA CATHERINE** b. Dec 16, 1959 (twin)

**LISA ALENE** b. July 29, 1961

End of Presley and Lucretia Foster family

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Back to Nimrod Foster's Family:

**TURLEY** (son of Nimrod Foster) b. abt 1800 -- Seedlings pg. 11: Turley married **Amy Johnson**, (sister of Nancy and Elizabeth Johnson), and had: **ALEXANDER** b. Sept 28, 1817 d. March 3, 1894. Alexander Foster married **SARAH FRANCIS SETTLE** Nov. 4, 1845. Their children:--  
**MARY M** b. Oct. 10, 1846; **HARLO H** b. Aug. 18, 1847; **EMELY** b. Mar. 16, 1848; **RACHEL M.** b. Sep 9, 1850; **ELIZABETH J.** b. May 3, 1852; **SARAH F** b. Feb. 11, 1854; **MARY F.** b. Apr. 17, 1856; **JAMES W** b. July 17, 1858; **GEORGE ALEXANDER** b. July 16, 1864.

**Other genealogists also attribute these children to Nimrod, without showing sources:**

Nicholas b. abt 1782 d. 1880

Alexander b. abt 1783 d. 1860 m. Sarah Simms

Joshua b. 1802 d. 1890.

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Back to Isaac Foster and Sarah Hughes' family:

**JOSHUA**, (2<sup>nd</sup> son of Isaac Foster b. 1719 and Sarah Hughes) b. 26 Dec 1755 d. 1840 PW VA. Joshua, born in Prince William Co., Va., where he grew to manhood, met and married **NANCY**

Unknown. In 1790 Joshua bought 130 acres of land from Mann Page, "lease for the natural lives of Joshua Foster, Nancy Foster, his wife, and Presley, his son." In 1800 Joshua sold this land, and joined his relatives in West Virginia. Joshua & Nancy Foster ended up in Mason Co., Kentucky, where they were listed in 1810, with three sons and one daughter, but I have only: **PRESLEY**. Presley, born in Prince William Co. Va. Was on the 1810-1850 census of Mason Co., KY., where he had four sons and three daughters-aged 40-50 in 1830."

**Note:** Other sources show that Joshua and Nancy had four children and lost three. Some genealogists believe that Nancy was a Foster cousin.

**MARY POLLY**, daughter of Isaac Foster and Sarah Hughes) b. 17 Feb 1758, m. **WILLIAM HUGHES** 21 Apr 1777 Prince William, VA. William was the son of Thomas Hughes b. 1736 and Elizabeth Nellie Foster. Mary and her husband were cousins and shared the same grandparents -- Edward Hughes and Elizabeth Grigsby. Their children come from One World Tree. Mary Polly and her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Nellie Foster, were also cousins, sharing the same grandparents (William Foster b. 1686 and Hannah Elizabeth). The intermarriage between families drove Flavius crazy (understandably) but this was common in all families before science began the study of genetics and governments outlawed marriages between 1<sup>st</sup> cousins.

**Children of Mary Polly and William Hughes:** Isaac b. abt 1780; **Jesse** b. abt 1782; **Toliver** b. abt 1784 m. **Susanna Gamble** 17 May 1807 Nicholas, KY (Kentucky Court and Other Records, Vol. I, Nelson & Nicholas Counties Marriages, pg. 131); **Francis Fannie** b. abt 1786; **Elizabeth** b. abt 1788; **William M.** b. 20 Jun 1791 d. 24 Dec 1859 Anderson, KY, m. #1 **Mary Polly Foster** 8 Oct 1823 Nelson, KY (Mary Foster b. 1802 KY d. 1830 Chaplin, Nelson, KY), m. #2 **Mary Elizabeth Sweazey** and had **Grayson** b. 18 Jun 1831, **Susan** b. 5 Oct 1832, **Valorous** b. 31 Oct 1833, **Lafayette** b. 16 Apr 1835, **Sarah** b. 10 Sep 1836, **Nancy** b. 1838, **John McClure** b. 12 Feb 1840, **Lavinia** b. 19 Mar 1842, **Joseph Toliver** b. 13 May 1844, **Fannie** b. 9 Jun 1846. Additional children of **Mary Polly** and **William Hughes:** **George** b. abt 1800, **Grayson** b. 22 Feb 1803.

**ISAAC JR.** (3<sup>rd</sup> son of Isaac Foster and Sarah Hughes) Isaac brought his wife and family to Nicholas Co., WV, then moved westward, and was "lost." In WV, his daughter, (Mary) Polly, married Alexander Brown **1805 (U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900.)** R.B. Brown of Seth, WV, is a descendant of Polly and Alexander Brown.

Later research reveals that Isaac married **SUSAN LEACH** (1742 PW VA – 1860 Nicholas, VA) abt 1782 and had Mary Polly Foster abt 1786.

**NOTES:** Isaac Fosters Jr's marriage and death are found on One World Tree at ancestry.com

"Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, 1775 1800, Vol. III," compiled by Gertrude E. Grey  
Pg. 31, R-156: "**Isaac Foster** of Frederick Co., assignee of Robert Aldridge, 114 acres on Spruce Run of Sleepy Creek in Frederick & Hampshire Counties. Surveyed by Richard Rigg, adjacent Charles MacIntire, the Warm Springs Rigg, Sir John's Rd., Robert Aldridge, John Cunningham, east side of Cacapehon Mt. 20 Mar 1779."

#### **1810 Federal US Census, Scott, Kentucky**

Isaac Foster

Adam Miller (next door to Isaac)

John Miller (" " )

#### **"Foster Genealogy: Fosters In The Revolution" by Pierce**

"**Isaac Foster Jr.** of Lunenburg, one of several men drafted from Worchester Co. Militia to go to Horse Neck under Col. Converse; drafted to Capt. William Edgell of Westminster."

"A History of Monroe County, West Virginia," by Oren F. Morton

Pg. 316: Nimrod, Nathaniel, Isaac, John Foster all present at sale of Samuel Brown estate in 1794, also John & Elijah Cornwall.

"A History of Monroe County, West Virginia," pg. 368

"William (Leach), a stonemason, came from Prince Edward (County) at the close of the Revolution with his wife, Susanna Hughes. He was accompanied by Leach Mann, a relative, and by the Gullett, Egner, and Fuller families. His settlement was on the Washington Nickell place in the Sinks, some of his close neighbors being James Gregory and John and William Brown. He owned slaves and left personal property valued at \$274.67. After his death in 1805 the widow and most of her children went to Kentucky, Joshua, Mary, and Elizabeth remaining in the Sinks...About 1815 some of the family came back as far as Charleston with a stone to mark their father's grave, but learning that the spot could not be identified they returned to Kentucky and have been lost sight of...Two sisters came with William Sr. to Monroe. **SUSAN married ISAAC FOSTER and Nancy married Alexander Clark.**"

### **CHILDREN OF MARY POLLY FOSTER b. abt 1786 AND ALEXANDER BROWN**

**(grandchildren of Isaac Foster b. 1760):** Virginia b. abt 1806; **Elizabeth** b. 12 Oct 1807 Monroe, WV m. **William Hamrick** 26 Jun 1834; **Peggy** b. abt 1809; **Sarah** b. abt 1809; **Rosa** b. 1810, **Mary** b. 1812, **John Wesley Brown** b. abt 1813 m. **Susan Neal**; **William** b. **1814**; **Edward D** b. 1817, **Amanda** b. 15 Feb 1818, **Alexander** b. 10 Nov 1818 m. **Rachel Nutter**; **Samuel** b. 1820; **Isaac** b. 1822; **Henry** b. 1824; **George** b. 1826; **Andrew** b. abt 1815.

**ELIZABETH** (daughter of Isaac Foster & Sarah Hughes) b. 16 Feb 1764 Prince William, VA d. Bef 1860 PW, VA, m. **WILLIAM FOOTE** 26 Aug 1780. William b. abt 1762.

### **NOTES: Abstracts of Fauquier County, Virginia (Court, Land, Wills & Financial)**

Fauquier Marriage Bonds

George Foster and Sarah Conway 26 Aug 1786

Ann Foster and George Robinson 25 Aug 1789

**Elizabeth Foster and William Foote** 26 Aug 1780

Andrew Foster and Jane Crouch 28 Aug 1789

**GEORGE (KING) FOSTER** (3<sup>rd</sup> son of Isaac Foster and Sarah Hughes) B. 6 Aug 1767 Prince William, VA, d. 1860 Monroe, WV, m. **#1 Sarah Conway** 25 Aug 1786 ("**Virginia Marriage Records Before 1824,**" [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) - **George Foster and Sarah Conway August 28, 1786.**) Sarah b. abt 1768 Fauquier, VA d. 1803. Married **#2 Jane Gullet** 5 May 1806 Monroe, VA (**Marriage Records Greenbrier and Monroe County 1776-1821 by Virgil Waterloo 05/08/1806 Monroe Co. George Foster / Jane Gullet.**)

**GEORGE**, 6<sup>th</sup> child of Isaac and Sarah Foster, was born and grew to manhood in Prince William Co., Virginia. He married Sarah Conway of neighboring Fauquier County. Some of their children were born in Prince William Co., the rest in Monroe Co., West VA, where the family ended up. Due to the abundant aid George gave in the formation of the county, he became known as "**King**" George.

Although he lived in town and did no farming, George kept four slaves. This was unusual, especially in Monroe Co, where there were few slave holders. After Sarah died, George married #2 Jane Gullet, mother of his son, Isaac's wife. There were no children.

**GEORGE FOSTER** b. Apr 6, 1767 Prince William, VA

**SARAH (CONWAY)** b. abt 1768 Fauquier, VA

Were married Aug. 28, 1786, Virginia, To this union were born:--**Conway** -- **Nathaniel** -- **Susanna** -- **Isaac** -- **James** -- **Polly** -- **Wathie**. Seedlings, pg. 14.

**POLLY, or MARY POLLY** b. 1788 Prince William, VA d. 1860 McKees Creek, WV, married **JOHN BAILES** 3 Mar 1807 in Kanawha Co., VA ( he is the father of Lucretia Bailes who married Presley

Foster, George King's nephew). John was born abt 1785 in Kanawha, VA and died in 1826 in Nicholas, WV.

### Children of Mary Polly and John Bailes:

**SUSANNA** b. 1808 m. DAVID FRAME 22 Feb 1821

**MARY ANN** b. 22 Jan 1808

**LUCRETIA** b. 1811 m. PRESLEY FOSTER, son of Nimrod Foster.

**JOHN** b. 1814 m. Deborah abt 1836 and had children: Isaac b. 1837, John b. 1838, Caroline b. 1840, Leftridge b. 1842, Rachael b. 1846, George b. 1847, Mary b. 1850.

**SOLOMON** b. 16 Oct 1815

**LEFTRIDGE** b. 1821

**GEORGE** b. 1826

**ISAAC FOSTER** (son of George "King") married **PEGGY GULLET**, in 1811, and had:--#1

**SARAH**, who married Winslow Ballard, in 1828, and had a son, **ISAAC FOSTER BALLARD**

Child #2 **MALINDA** who married Kayson Kessinger and had JAMES MCCLUNG KESSINGER 23 Feb 1845.

Child #3 **MARY JANE**, who married her cousin, Isaac, son of Nathaniel Foster. (Bottom line, this page in original book.) They moved to Ohio. **Children:** Margaret b. 1843; John W b. 1845; Mary Jane b. 1847; Isaac N. b. 1849.

#4 **GRIGSBY** b. 1815 Monroe, WV d. Bef 1887 Lucas, Iowa, m. **Mary Ann King** (abt 1816 -1880) and had children: **William A** b. 1838; **James Henry** b. abt 1840, m. **Alice** abt 1878; **Angeline H** b. abt 1842; **Sarah A** b. abt 1844; **Mary Jane** b. abt 1850; **Aston** b. abt 1852; **Louisa** b. abt 1854; **Samuel** b. abt 1856.

Members of the Ballard and Kessinger families still live in West Virginia, but I have failed to contact any of them.

### NOTES:

#### 1850 Census Dist. 39, Monroe, Virginia

Isaac Foster age 56, Shoemaker, b. VA

Peggy, age 56, Shoemaker, b. VA

George, age 83, b. VA

Mary S Ballard, age 15, b. VA

#### 1860 US Census Charlotte, Virginia

George Foster b. abt 1768

Amy Hudson

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"Virginia Marriage Records Before 1824," ancestry.com

George Foster and Sarah Conway August 28, 1786

1840 Census Union, Monroe Co. VA. , Grigsby Foster and family, children are the right age

#### 1850 Census, District 39 and a half, Monroe VA.

Grigsby Foster, Mary (wife), Angeline, Aston, Henry James, Louisa, Samuel, and Sarah, all the correct age.

### **1860 US Federal Census, Kanawha, Virginia**

Grigsby Foster age 45 b. VA  
Mary A Foster age 44 b. VA  
William A age 22 b. VA  
James H age 20 b. VA  
Angeline H age 18 b. VA  
Sarah A age 16 b. VA  
Mary age 10 b. VA

### **1880 US Federal Census, Dist 103, Lucas, Iowa**

Grigsby Foster age 68 b. VA, Farmer, both parents b. VA  
Mary Ann Foster age 66 b. VA, both parents b. Maryland  
James H age 38 b. VA, son, both parents b. VA  
Alice age 22 b. IN, daughter-in-law, both parents b. IN

“**Civil war records** show Grigsby Foster served West Virginia on the Union side, Company E, 7th Cavalry, His son-in-law Robert S. Gray also served. Later in Iowa they show up in the GAR in Iowa, both received a pension, and his son James enlisted with him and received a pension. In the 1870 Census Grigsby Foster, wife Mary, and sons James and Samuel are listed in Jackson, Jackson Ohio. The 1880 Census, Lucas, Lucas, IA. lists Grigsby and Mary living with their son James and his wife Alice., by the 1885 Iowa Census Mary is listed as widowed living with James and family. Note that NONE OF THE RECORDS SHOW HIS NAME AS GEORGE GRIGSBY FOSTER, ONLY GRIGSBY FOSTER. The Post name on the GAR I received for Robert S. Gray is Grigsby Foster, my theory is that his name is not George like I see in other trees. The marriage certificate of Sarah Ann Foster and Robert S. Gray does not list any parents, What I wanted was a copy of the original. I have seen TWO different listings for Grigsby's father, 1. Grigsby Foster b. 1773 and Isaac Foster "little Isaac" b. 1796. I have a print out from Monroe Co. VA. that states a Grigsby Foster on 5 Nov 1805 bought 68 acres between the little Mountain and Peters Mountain adjoining his own land, . also the 1810 census of Monroe, Monroe Virginia has a Grigsby Foster , this Grigsby married a Martha Baker Handley in 1791 in Rockingham Virginia by Elder John Alderson, is he my Grigsby's father ?” K Withrow

Adrienne believes but has not proved that K Withrow's ancestor Grigsby Foster is the son of Isaac Foster and Peggy Gullet.

**WILLIAM FOSTER** (7<sup>th</sup> child of Isaac Foster & Sarah Hughes), b. 31 May 1768, d. in Prince William Co., VA married #1 Margaret Lilly in 1802 and #2, Violet Bowers 5 Nov 1795.

#### **NOTES:**

##### **Abstracts of Fauquier County, Virginia (Court, Land, Wills & Financial)**

Fauquier Marriage Bonds pg. 50  
George Foster and Sarah Conway 25 Aug 1786  
Ann Foster and George Robinson 25 Aug 1789  
Elizabeth Foster and William Foote 26 Aug 1780  
Andrew Foster and Jane Crouch 28 Aug 1789  
Robert Foster and Millie Leake 25 Dec 1786

##### **William Foster and Violet Bowers 5 Nov 1795**

**JAMES FOSTER**, (8<sup>th</sup> child of Isaac and Sarah Hughes) b. 28 Mar 1770 Prince William, VA d. 3 Mar 1824 Monroe, WV, m. **Elizabeth Humphries** (Flavius thought it was Hoge but Humphries descendants disagree—could this be her 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage?) 1 Jan 1795 Greenbrier, VA (Marriage Records Greenbrier and Monroe County 1776-1821 by Virgil Waterloo - 01/01/1795 Monroe Co. James Fouser / Elizabeth **Humphess**). Elizabeth b. 1770 VA d. abt 1866 Monroe, WV.

#### **Children:**

**CATHERINE** b. 12 Oct 1795 m. James Evans Oct 20, 1814 Monroe, **WV** (Marriage Records Greenbrier and Monroe County 1776-1821 by Virgil Waterloo)

**ISABEL** b. Sep 1797 m. **Pleasant Morris** Jan 26 1818 (same source as above)

**EDWARD** b. 29 Jul 1799 m. **Mary Humphreys** 10 Aug 1819 (or Humphries)—same source

**JOHN** b. 1 Feb 1801

**WILLIAM** b. 25 May 1803

**ROBERT** b. 17 Jan 1805

**JAMES B** b. Abt 1807 m. **Mary Polly Fry** 15 Apr 1827, Giles, VA

**MADISON** b. 15 Sep 1809 m. **Catherine Fillinger** 24 Jun 1826 Giles, VA (rootsweb.com)

**RICHARD** b. abt 1812 m. **Zelpah Miller** 15 Jan 1837, Giles, VA (rootsweb.com)

**3 BABIES DIED IN INFANCY**

**Children of James B Foster and Mary Polly (Fry):**

**SARAH A** b. 1830

**GEORGE C** b. 1833

**ELIZA J** b. 1836

**ELIZABETH E** b. 1838

**JOHN E** b. 1840

**JAMES C** b. 1842

**ROBERT C** b. 1842

**MARY E** b, 1844

**ARMINDA S** b. 1848

**Children of Madison Foster and Catherine Fillinger:**

**JAMES** b. 1829

**ELIZABETH** b. 1830

**JACOB** b. 1832 m. Martha and had Lewis b. 1859; and William A. b. 1860

**MARTHA** b. 1834

**MARY** b. 1836

**MARGARET** b, 1737

**MICHAEL** b. 1840

**ELIZA** b. 1842

**JOHN** b. 20 Feb 1844 m. **Ann Roe Ferguson** 2 Aug 1866 and had: **Ida May** 13 Aug 1877;

**Charlie** b. Dec 1878; **Robert F** b. Mar 1882; **John G** b. Oct 1884.

**WILLIAM** b. 1846 m. **Rebecca** abt 1866 and had: **Lewis H** b. 1868; **Robert Lee** b. 1870; **W Rufus** b. 1783; **Alice** b. 1877; **Charles A** b. 1878.

**IDA MAY FOSTER**, daughter of John and Ann Roe Ferguson Foster above, b. 13 Aug 1877 Peterstown. WV, m. Walter Henderson Keister 23 Nov 1898 in Radford, VA.

**NOTES:**

**Marriage Records Greenbrier and Monroe County 1776-1821 by Virgil Waterloo**

12/04/1811 Monroe Co. **Isaac Foster** / Peggy Gullett

10/20/1814 Monroe Co. James Evans / **Katy Foster**

02/29/1816 Monroe Co. Mosses Hatly / **Polly Foster**

01/26/1818 Monroe Co. Pleasant Morris / **Isabell Foster**

08/10/1819 Monroe Co. **Edward Foster** / Mary Humphreys

**1820 Census, Nicholas, Virginia**

Nathaniel Foster

James Foster (either Nathaniel's brother or his nephew --son of James Sr.)

Presley Foster (Nathaniel's nephew through his brother Nimrod)

**1820 US Federal Census, Fauquier, Virginia**

Alexander Foster

James Foster

Molly Foster



(Alexander and Molly could be the children of Nimrod Foster, brother of James)

Source: "**The Soldiery of West Virginia:French and Indian War,**" by Virgil A. Lewis, M.A. State Historian and Archivist. Pg. 80: **James Foster** served in the Virginia Line from Monroe Co., West Virginia, pg. 80, annual allowance \$96. Pension began 5 Mar 1819, died 3 Mar 1824.

#### **NOTES ON MADISON FOSTER:**

##### **1850 VA Census-Monroe County**

#549 POB

Foster, Madison 45 Laborer VA

Catherine 48 b. VA

Jas. 21 Laborer b. VA

Eliz. 20 b. VA

Jacob 18 Laborer b. VA

Martha 16 b. VA

Mary 14 b. VA

Margaret 12 b. VA

Michael 10 b. VA

Eliza 8 b. VA

John 6 b. VA

Wm. 4 b. VA

Foster, James 43 Wheel Wright b. VA

Polly 43

Sarah A. 20

George C. 17 Farmer

Eliza J. 14

Elizabeth E. 12

John E. 10

James C. 8 {Twin}

Robert C. 8 {Twin}

Mary E. 6

Aminda S. 2

James, Sr. 62 None

##### **1860 VA Census-Monroe County**

#854 POB

Foster, Madison 52 Laborer VA \$50 Personal Property

Catherine 58 VA

John 16 VA

William 13 VA

##### **1870 WV Census-Monroe County, Red Sulphur Springs Peterstown**

Forest Hill District #237

Foster, Mathew (mispelled) 62

Catharine 60

Michael 30

Margrett 25

Briers, Martha 35

Charles 12

Melinda 10

This is Madison and Catherine with their wounded son, Michael>

##### **1880 WV Soundex (Monroe County)**

Red Sulphur District Peterstown

Age POB

Foster, John 36 WV

Ann 37 WV

Arthur 13 WV

Andrew 10 WV

Walter 9 WV

Charley 7 WV  
Ida M. 3 WV  
Foster, Matison 70 WV  
Catherine 78 VA

**Source: Rootsweb.com family tree:**

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~swva/The%20Descendants%20of%20James%20Foster5.htm>

**Madison4 FOSTER** (James3, Isaac2, William1) was born September 15, 1809 in Monroe Co., VA, and married Catherine Filenger, daughter of Jacob Filenger and Elizabeth Songer, June 15, 1825 in Giles Co., VA. Madison died November 7, 1885 at age 76 and is buried in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in Summers Co., WV. He was a laborer in 1850 in Monroe Co., VA and a farm laborer with \$50 in personal property in 1860 in the Red Sulphur District in Peterstown, VA. Madison lived in 1880 in the Red Sulphur District in Peterstown, WV. Madison and Catherine were living with son, John, and his family in 1880.

The marriage record reads, "Foster-Madison & Catherine Fillenger. 15 Jun 1828; perm-James Foster. wit-Robert Foster & James Lockerridge. Perm-23 Jun by Jacob (X) Fillinger. b-24 Jun by Robert Foster." Catherine FILENGER was born on June 16, 1802 in Monroe Co., VA.[7],[8] She died on June 7, 1887 at age 84 and is buried in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in Summers Co., W.V

**Children of Madison Foster and Catherine Filengers:**

1. James Foster; born 1829 in VA.
3. Jacob H. Foster born 1832 in Monroe Co., VA; married Martha A. Criner.
4. Martha Foster; born 1834 in VA.
5. Mary Foster; born 1836 in VA.
6. Nancy J. Foster; born July, 1837 in Monroe Co., VA;[14] married Wiley R. Ferguson, son of John Ferguson and Ann Dowdy, January 8, 1857 in Monroe Co., VA. (A troublesome marriage record, Wiley's parents are given as John and Nancy instead of John and Ann. Nancy J. Foster's parents are Madison Foster and Katherine Fillenger yet the census records don't list a Nancy J. as a daughter of Madison and Katherine.
7. Margaret Foster; born 1838 in VA.
8. Michael H. Foster; born 1841 in Red Sulfer District, Monroe Co., VA; died May 29, 1875 in Forest Hill, Summers Co., WVA. The cause of death was "shot in war;" the effects of his Civil War wound received at Hatcher's Run; buried at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in Summers Co., WV. Foster's unmarked grave was marked by a granite shaft six years after a marker to the memory of the Monroe Guards was dedicated 1907 in Summers Co., WV. He was a day laborer living with his older brother Jacob Foster in 1860 in Monroe Co., VA. He began military service on May 9, 1861 in Union, VA, when he enlisted in Co. D of the 27th VA INF (the Stonewall Brigade of Jackson's then Ewell's Corp).

**MICHAEL "MIKE" FOSTER**

Present until absent sick with typhoid fever in Charlottesville hospital October 13-31, 1861.  
Absent on leave November 16, 1861 for 20 days.  
Present January-February 1862.  
Absent sick in Lynchburg hospital March-April 1862.  
Absent without leave October 24-December 14, 1862.  
Present December 14, 1862 to February 1864.  
Issued clothing 3/31/65 then 4/20, 5/31, 9/17, 10/1, 11/1, and 12/1/64.  
Wounded In Action (hip, bladder and thigh) at Hatcher's Run on February 9, 1865.

The "Lexington Gazette" reported in 1893, "Mike Foster, Monroe Guards, 27th VA INF, (wounded repeatedly) was presented a laurel wreath by Gen. R. E. Lee as the bravest, and most efficient soldier in the Stonewall Brigade, while in the hospital in Richmond in 1863. He was wounded and captured at Hatcher's Run in 4/65 (sic). Gen. J. B. Gordon offered 50 Federal prisoners of war to get him back. He was terribly wounded and died from the effects at Forest Hill, WVA on May 22, 1875." Buried in Forest Hill, WVA Confederate Veterans Camp in Monroe Co., WVA named in his honor. "Distinguished for gallantry on every battlefield."

The 27th Virginia Infantry reports on page 4, "Of the 108 members of the company none achieved greater distinction than Michael Foster, a 21- year-old farmer, from Summers County. Contemporary accounts reveal that Foster was adjudged the bravest men in the company as well as in what came to be known as the Stonewall Brigade. The twin accolades resulted from a gesture by the ladies of Rockbridge County who sent five suits of clothes and a wreath to Stonewall Jackson instructing him to award a suit to the bravest soldier in each of his five regiments and the wreath to the most valorous man in the brigade.

Foster was captured late in the war and, it was written, was so highly regarded by John B. Gordon that the general offered 50 Federal prisoners in exchange for him. Mike died shortly after the war, allegedly as a result of his numerous wounds. Foster's grave remained unmarked until 1907, when old comrades dedicated a granite shaft "in the presence of one of the largest if not the largest crowds of people that ever assembled within the boundaries of the county." The monument to Foster was erected six years after a marker to the memory of the Monroe Guards was dedicated. Sponsors of the memorial expected that a highway would be rerouted into close proximity of the monument and erected it in a farmer's field. The highway department failed to cooperate and today the monument stands as a lonely sentinel in pasture land, a reminder of political mischief."

Later on page 78, "After two nights at Hamilton's Crossing the Stonewall Brigade commenced its march toward Chancellorsville for its rendezvous with Hooker's legions. A heavy fog blanketed the countryside when shortly after midnight on April 30, the columns took to the road. A short distance west of Frederickburg the graycoats diverged to the left on the Plank Road, where they bivouacked in the woods.

Four members of Company D, 27th Virginia, all of whom had enlisted at Union in Monroe County in May 1861 served as sharpshooters during this operation. They were Lieutenant John Tiffany, 21, who had been a student prior to the war; Mike Foster, 23, a prewar farmer; George Lynch, 23, also a farmer and Addison Leach, 28, a saddler. Writing to his parents, Tiffany described the activities of the sharpshooters on May 1: The first Brigade sharpshooters were thrown to the front on the first day of May where they continued until the fight was over without sleep or rest, in sight of the enemy all the time making many a shot tell a sorrowful tale to some family North.

Nothing but the love for one's country would cause men to undergo what we have done. Mike Foster distinguished himself for his accurate shooting, and watchfulness. When you heard his gun crack you knew one was hurt. If he did not kill him, you would hear him squeal from the pain of the wound." He was wounded in hip, bladder and thigh on February 9, 1865 at Hatcher's Run, VA.

#### **Children of Madison Foster continued:**

9. Eliza Foster; born 1842 in VA.

10. John Foster born February 20, 1844 in VA; married Ann R. Ferguson.

11. William Foster; born 1846 in VA.

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#### **NATHANIEL FOSTER, (9<sup>th</sup> child of Isaac and Sarah Hughes)**

Another source says he was the twin of his brother James, and was born 28 Mar 1770—but no backup data.

"Seedlings of William Foster," by Flavius Foster, pg. 14-15:

"Nathaniel, 9th child of Isaac & Sarah Foster, was born in Prince William Co., Va., and went with his parents to what is now Monroe Co., Western Virginia. When Isaac went to Nicholas County, in 1797, he gave his land, "Top of Swopes Knob" to Nathaniel. The following year, Nathaniel sold this land and joined his father. In Nicholas County Nathaniel met and married #1 Margaret Commerill, and had:--JOHN, July 5, 1809 - Sep 2 1885 -- ISAAC, Nov 20, 1810 -- NELLIE, Apr 15, 1812, who married Jacob Dotson."

"Nathaniel returned to Monroe County, just long enough to marry #2, Margaret Miller. All of Nathaniel's children were born in Nicholas Co., WV. Nathaniel and both Margaret Fosters are buried near Bend of Gauley, WV."

**NATHANIEL FOSTER** b. Mar. 10, 1772 d. Mar. 18, 1854. He married #1

**MARGARET COMERILL** abt 1808. Margaret b. abt 1775 d. abt 1812. **Children:**

**JOHN** b. 5 Jul 1809 d. 2 Sep 1885 Nicholas, WV, m. **Elizabeth** (b. 1822) and had Child #1

**Elizabeth** b. abt 1830, who m. **Mr. Duncan** and had Andrew V abt 1852 ; and Child #2 **Sarah** b. abt 1832 who m. **Mr. Crawford**.

**ISAAC** b. 20 Nov 1810 Nicholas, WV d. 1900 Monroe, WV, m. **Mary Jane Foster** (daughter of Isaac Foster and Peggy Gullett) 1 Jan 1843 Monroe, WV. Mary Jane b. 1814 Monroe, WV d. 1899. Children: **Margaret** b. 1843, **John W.** b. 1845, Mary Jane b. 1847, **Isaac N.** b. 1849.  
**NELLIE** b. 5 Apr 1812 Nicholas, WV, m. **Jacob Dotson** and had **Eliza, Anne,** and unknown child.

**NATHANIEL FOSTER** married (#2)  
**MARGARET MILLER** b. 1780 d. Feb. 16, 1878  
Were married 12 Nov 1812.

**Source:**

**Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850** <<http://www.ancestry.com/>  
about MARGARET MILLER  
Groom Name: NATHANIEL FOSTER  
Bride Name: MARGARET MILLER  
Marriage Date: 12 Nov 1812  
County: Kanawha  
State: Virginia

To this union were born:--

**SUSAN** b. Aug. 22, 1818  
**ANDREW B.** b. Dec. 6, 1819 d. July 24, 1896  
**SARAH** b. Mar. 20, 1822 m. David Hamilton  
**REDMOND GRIGSBY** b. Apr. 5, 1824 m. Mary King  
**JAMES ALLEN** b. Jan. 2, 1824  
**NANCY and MARY** died young."

**NOTES ON NATHANIEL FOSTER:**

"**A History of Monroe County, West Virginia,**" pg. 93 by Oren F. Morton  
"Nathaniel Foster--of Isaac Foster (father)--209 plus farm animals and household furniture--deed of gift--\$1--top of Swope's Knob--1797.  
John Foster--of Patrick (Ann) Boyd--116--1769"  
Pg. 316: Nimrod, Nathaniel, Isaac, John Foster all present at sale of Samuel Brown estate in 1794, also John & Elijah Cornwall.

**War of 1812:** Private, 23rd Regiment, Virginia Militia Brown's, Roll Box 74, Roll Exct: 602

**1820 Census, Nicholas, Virginia**

Nathaniel Foster  
James Foster (either Nathaniel's brother or his nephew --son of James Sr.)  
Presley Foster (Nathaniel's nephew through his brother Nimrod)

**1840 US Federal Census, Nicholas, Virginia**

Nathaniel Foster  
John Foster

**1850 Census, Western District, Nicholas, Virginia**

Nathaniel Foster age 76  
Margaret Foster, age 64  
Andrew Foster age 30  
Allen Foster age 24

**Richmond CO ,VA**

4. William Hughes b. ca. 1744 P.W. Va. m. ?  
5. Edward Hughes b. ca. 1746 P.W. Va. m. Nancy Foster  
6. James Hughes b ca 1748 P.W. Va. m. Mary (Foster.?)!

Sarah Hughes b. 21 Jun 1738 m. Isaac Foster b. 2 July 1719.

**Isaac Foster (Source: Grigsby Book)** died ca. 1814 at the Bend of the Gauley River in Kanawha (now Nicholas CO, WV) Sarah died 10 Apr. 1822, all their children were born in Prince William CO, VA.

1. Nimrod Foster b. 2 Mar. 1754 m. Elizabeth Brown d. before 4 Apr. 1820
2. Joshua Foster b. 26 Dec. 1755 m. Nancy ??
3. Mary Foster b. 17 Feb 1758 m. 21 Apr. 1777 James Hughes.
4. Isaac Foster b. 28 Dec. 1760 m. Susan Leach 5. Elizabeth Foster b. 16 Feb. 1764
6. George Foster b. 6 Aug 1767 m. 28 Aug 1786 Sarah Conway
7. William Foster b. 31 May 1768 m. 1801 Margaret Lilly
8. James Foster b. 28 Mar 1770 m. 5 Oct 1808 Elizabeth Hoge d. 26 Aug 1854 (this is Humphries not Hoge)
9. Nathaniel Foster b. 10 Mar. 1772 m. 1806 Margaret Commerill d. 26 Aug 1809 (Last name may have been Miller)
10. Nancy Foster b. 19 Feb 1774 m. 18 Dec. 1793 Edward Hughes d. June 1850
11. Enoch Foster b. 12 Feb 1776 m. 31 Dec 1794 Margaret Wallace
12. Walley Foster b. 8 Feb 1796.

The abstracts leave off one of the sons, and misspells the names of other sons. The current abstract names Winney, his wife, Sandy (probably Alexander), his son, Michael, his son, Zurley, his son, (should be Turley), his son Isaac, Molly (Mary?) his daughter, Elizabeth his daughter, Gypsy, his daughter, Paten (should be Payton), his son, and Propley (should be Presley), his son. Left out all together is his son Nichlos. Nimrod s will was probated 4/4/1820. FOSTER, Scotch-Irish,.

“**Isaac Foster**, the ancestor of the family in Nicholas County, came from Monroe County in 1798, and located on what is known as the John R. McCutcheon place near Cross Lanes. His 4 sons, Isaac, Nathaniel, James, and Nimrod, came with him. Isaac and James soon went West. Isaac senior, and his son, Nathaniel, bought land in the Bend of Gauley, where Nathaniel cleared out a large farm. He was twice married. By the first marriage there were two sons, Isaac and John. Isaac moved West, John located on what is now the Crawford farm. He had two daughters, Elizabeth Duncan and Sarah Crawford. He owned the mill on Meadow Creek, and by his will gave it to his grandson, Andrew W. Duncan. By his second marriage Nathaniel had seven children, four girls and three sons. Sarah, the youngest daughter, married David R. Hamilton. Andrew B. Foster, his son, located on McKees Creek: his son Creed V. Foster, lived on the home place until his death: a son of Creed, Albert still resides there. Redmond G. Foster had no children. For many years he lived on the mill lot and operated the Foster mill. James A., the other son of Nathaniel, moved to Colorado. Nimrod Foster, located on the farm owned by Edward Hughes, later known as the John D. Groves place. He was a consumptive; and was later released from work on the roads. Nimrod Foster s will names Turly, Isaac, John, Paton, Presley, and Sandy as his sons. Many of the descendants of Isaac Foster remain in Nicholas County. (Source: History!) Sorry readers, knowing that “History” is not a source, I do know from other sources that most of this statement is correct, which is why I included it.”--Adrienne

“**Historical Records of Old Frederick and Hampshire Counties Virginia** (revised)” by Wilmer L. Kerns  
Pg. 91 - Nathaniel Foster is listed as a charter member of Crooked Run Baptist Church, established 19 Dec 1789 with 44 members. Elizabeth Foster (wife of Jonathan) is also listed. The church was built on a mountain site along the great Wagon Road from Winchester to Romney, several hundred yards east of the residence of the Rev. John Arnold, overlooking Little Cacapon Valley. The first church building burned in 1861...Crooked Run Church was renamed Union Primitive Baptist Church in 1814. Today the congregation meets in a sanctuary located near the fire station in August, WV. Pastor of the church is Elder Douglas Heare. (I think this is our Nathaniel)

**SUSAN FOSTER** b. 1813, Nicholas, WV, (daughter of Nathaniel Foster and Margaret Miller), m. Macajah Smales abt 1843. Macajah was born 1815 Greenbrier, WV and died 15 May 1872. Their Children: **Lucy** b. 18 Jul 1839; **Nathan** b. 1842; **M C** b. 1845; **Joseph M** b. 1849; **Lewis** b. 1851.

**ANDREW BEIRNE (?) FOSTER** b. Dec 6, 1819, Nicholas, WV d. 24 Jul 1896 Nicholas, WV, (son of Nathaniel Foster and Margaret Miller), was born in Nicholas Co., WV where he grew to manhood, met and married **EDNA CAMPBELL**.. Andrew & Edna Foster spent their lives on a farm near Summersville, WV, where all their children were born. Today, their old farm lies under Summersville Lake.

**ANDREW B. FOSTER** b. Dec 6, 1819, Nicholas, WV d. 24 Jul 1896 Nicholas, WV  
**EDNA (CAMPBELL)** b. Apr. 14, 1827 d. Dec. 6, 1903

Were married 7 Dec 1850. To this union were born:--

**MILDRED JANE** b. Nov 1851 Summersville, WV d. 31 Aug 1922 Persinger, Nicholas, WV m. **N F Sparks**

**SARAH MARTHA** b. May 5, 1853 d. Mar 4, 1937

**CREED VAUGH** b. May 1, 1855 Summersville, WV d. 25 May 1945 Nicholas, WV m. **Susan Eliza Bays** –Children: **Albert C** b. 17 Apr 1886, **Newman B** b. 1888, **Ada B** b. Nov 1891, Infant.

**JOHN** b.

**JAMES** b.

**MARY SUSAN** b. May 27, 1871 d. Sept 1, 1939

**NORVEL LUTHER** b. Aug. 13, 1875 d. May 4, 1951 m. MARTHA BROCK

**CREED V FOSTER** was born on the old Summersville farm, where he grew to manhood, met and married Susan Bays. They lived in Gad, W. Va., where their son Albert was born. Albert married **Isie Skaggs**, Dec. 26, 1909, and had at least: -- **Newman** -- **Ada**. In 1967 the aforementioned Bible (Foster Bible) was owned by Newman and was examined by a Mrs. Simms." Note from Adrienne Potter: Flavius was mistaken in writing that Albert had "at least Newman & Ada." Newman and Ada were the children of Creed Foster, and not Albert. There are occasional small errors like this in Seedlings that are easy to fix. The 1930 Census lists the correct children of Albert.

#### **1900 US Federal Census, Grant, Nicholas, West Virginia, USA**

Creed V Foster, age 45 b. May 1855 WV

Eliza S Foster age 36, b. Jan 1864 WV, wife, 4 children born, 3 living

Albert C Foster age 14 b. Apr 1886 WV

Newman B age 11 b. Oct 1894 WV

Ada B age 9 b. Nov 1891 WV

#### **1920 US Federal Census, Summersville, Nicholas, West Virginia, USA**

C V Foster age 64

Susan Foster 56

A C Foster age 33, son

Isie Foster age 24, daughter-in-law

Andrew Foster age 1 yr. 10 mos., grandson

#### **1930 US Federal Census, Summersville, Nicholas, West Virginia, USA**

Creed V Foster age 74, married at age 27, b. WV, head

Susan E Foster age 66, married at age 19, b. WV, wife

Albert C Foster age 43, b. WV, married at age 22, head

Icie O foster age 38 b. WV, married at age 17, wife

Andrew C Foster age 12 b. WV, son

James A Foster age 7, b. WV, son

John E Foster age 4 and 6/12, b. WV, son

Norma L Foster age 2 yrs 1 mo., b. WV, daughter

Roll: WW2\_2283496

**ALBERT C FOSTER**, (son of Creed Vaugh Foster above), b. 1886 Gad, Nicholas, WV, d. 28 Jan 1974 Canvas, Nicholas, WV, married **Isie Skaggs** 26 Dec 1909 in Gad. Isie b. 20 Feb 1892 Sparks, Nicholas, WV d. 1993 Nicholas, WV.

**Children:**

**ANDREW CREED** b. 1918

**JAMES A** b.1923

**JOHN E** b. 1926

**NORMA LEE** b. 2 Mar 1928

**THOMAS ALLEN** b. 3 Nov 1931

**Notes on Albert C. Foster:**

**Social Security Death Index** <<http://www.ancestry.com/search/>

about Albert Foster

Name: Albert Foster

SSN: 234-80-8043

Last Residence: 26662 Canvas, Nicholas, West Virginia, United States of America

Born: 17 Apr 1886

Died: Jan 1974

State (Year) SSN issued: West Virginia (1965)

**U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942** <<http://www.ancestry.com/>

about Albert Campbell Foster

Name: Albert Campbell Foster

Birth Date: 17 Apr 1886

Birth Place: Gad

Residence: Nicholas, West Virginia

**MARY SUSAN FOSTER**, B. 28 May 1871 Summersville, WV d. 1 Sep 1939 Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, 6th child of Andrew & Edna Foster, was born on the farm near Summersville, W.V where she grew to adulthood, met and married Warren G. Huddleston. Warren was an engineer on a steam locomotive for the Hocking Valley RR. Warren and Mary lived in Winifrede till the N.Y. Central took over this railroad, at which time they moved to Pt. Pleasant, W.Va.

Warren & Mary were living in Pt. Pleasant when their two children died. In 1902, they moved to Middleton, Ohio, where Warren died. He is buried in Pt. Pleasant with two of his children. Mary Susan died in Louisville, KY., and is buried with her husband."

**WARREN HUDDLESTON** b. Mar 26, 1869 d. Oct 20, 1938

**MARY S. FOSTER** b. May 27, 1871 d. Sept 1, 1939

Were married Nov. 9, 1892 WV. To this union were born:

**BLANCH MABLE** b. Aug. 27, 1893 d. Apr 25, 1899

**JENNIE RAE** b. Dec 21, 1895 d. May 6, 1952

**CLYDE GUTHERIE** b. May 7, 1898 d. Apr. 7, 1899

**ANNE LAURA** b. July 20, 1902

**JENNIE R**, born in Winifrede, W.Va., went with her parents to Middleport, Ohio. Here, she met and married **Homer C. Galbroner**. Both their fathers worked for the railroad, and they met when Homer made a visit to his parents. Homer served as an artillery officer in WWI. After the war, he started his own auto repair service. Later, Homer became Zone Service manager for Chevrolet Motor Company, a job that took him to five states during his working career.

In June 1942, Homer was recalled to military service, and was stationed at Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot, near Ft. Lewis, Washington. Again discharged in 1945, Homer took his family to Melbourne, Florida. Here, both Homer and Jennie died, and are buried in Spring Cemetery, Carey, Ohio."

**HOMER C. GALBRONER** b. Aug. 22, 1897 d. Dec. 30, 1968

**JENNIE (HUDDLESTON)** b. Dec. 21, 1895 d. May 6, 1952

Were married Jan. 27, 1921, Ohio. To this union were born:

**Joanne** b. 21 May 1922,

**Clarie Louise** b. 8 Mar 1923

**JOANNE**, born in Gallipolis, OH, grew to adulthood in the many towns occupied by the family, as her father moved from assignment to assignment, called for by his job. In Melbourne, Florida, Joanne met and married **Glenn Allen Kirchman** (b. 1 Apr 1914), where they still live. Joanne furnished a good share of the findings on this branch of the Isaac & Sarah (Hughes) Foster family. (Marriage date: 1 Jun 1946)

**GLENN A. KIRCHMAN** b. Apr 1, 1914

**JOANNE (GALBRONER)** b. Nov. 16, 1953

Were married June 1, 1946. Florida. To this union were born:

**Allen Janda** b. 7 Mar 1951, and

**Glenn Werner** b. 16 Nov 1953.

**CLAIRE LOUISE** (2nd daughter of Homer and Jennie Huddleston Galbroner), grew up on the same family circuit as her sister, Joanne. In Ft. Pierce, Florida, where she still lives, Claire L. met, married and divorced, **Warren Henry Sherwood**. Their children:--**Warren Henry Jr.**, 20 May 1943, --**William Fanton**, 16 Dec, 1948 -- **Susan Claire**, Jan 24, 1951.

**ANNA L HUDDLESTON** (4<sup>th</sup> daughter of Warren Huddleston and Mary S Foster) married **LELAND RICHARD BOYLE** in Middlesport, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1925. He was born in Kankakee, Illinois, July 29, 1900. Their children, born in Highland Park, Michigan:--**LEE HUDDLESTON**, Sept 17, 1926 -- **BETTY ANN**, Apr 1, 1932.

**LEE H.** married **BETTY MARILYN KLINE**, June 21, 1951. She was born Jan. 14, 1927. Their children: -- **LEE HUDDLESTON JR.**, Jan. 10, 1953 -- **SUSAN CAROL**, May 1, 1955 --**JENNIFER ANN**, Jan. 4, 1957 -- **LISA ANN** Sept 20, 1965.

**BETTY A.** (daughter of Anna Huddleston and Leland Boyle) married **JOHN J MORIARTY Jr.** Their children -- **Mary Ann** b. 24 Apr 1960 -- **John J. III**, 10 10 Aug 1961 -- **Thomas Michael**, 23 May 1963 -- **Kathleen** b. 18 Mar 1966 --**Coleen** b. 17 Feb 1970. Seedlings of William Foster, pg. 18 (top of page)

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### **Back to children of Isaac Foster b. 1719 & Sarah Hughes:**

**ENOCH FOSTER**, 11<sup>th</sup> child of ISAAC & SARAH FOSTER, was born in Prince William Co., Virginia, and went with his parents to Monroe Co., W. Va. Here, he met and married **MARGARET**, daughter of JOHN & JANE (MILLER) **WALLACE**. Enoch and Margaret went to Nicholas County, where they bought 200 acres of land. A short time later, they sold this land and joined John and Jane Wallace in the trek to Anderson Co., Tennessee.

Their son Samuel and possibly another child was born in West Virginia. The rest were born in Anderson Co., Tenn. Both Enoch and Margaret Foster were on the 1850 census of Anderson County, but Enoch's Will was probated by his son, William Enoch, July 31, 1850 (Estate sale, not Will,) Margaret's death date is not known.

Thanks to Morris Foster, Pine Village, Indiana, most of the confusion surrounding the marriages of members of Enoch & Margaret (Wallace) Foster's families has been cleared up. Due to Enoch and



his eldest sons siring children during the same period, and using the same given names, past recorders have listed marriages to sons of Enoch that belong to his grandsons.

Thanks to Morris Foster, his cousin, Betty Bratt, Lynnfield, Mass., and a third "cousin," Wm. Longmire, Spring Hope, N.C., most of this material is being recorded here. By kindly letting me cannibalize their myriads of material, along with my own research, the families of Enoch & Margaret Foster are pretty well represented here.

Since we have birthdates of so few members of the below family, it is doubtful that they are in proper sequence.

**ENOCH FOSTER** b. Feb. 12, 1776 d. June 1850

**MARGARET (WALLACE)** b. 1780 d. 185?

Were married Dec. 31 1794 Monroe Co., WV. To this union were born:--

**SAMUEL** b. 1797 b. 1877 WV

**ISAAC** b. 1800

**JOSHUA** b. Jan. 10, 1802 d. July 28, 1875

**JOHN** b. 1803

**ROBERT** b. 1805

**JANE**

**ELIJAH** b. 1810

**ELIZABETH**

**SARAH**

**LINDA** b. 1818 m. Henry Wallace (1<sup>st</sup> cousin)

**Wm ENOCH** b. Oct. 5, 1820 d. Feb. 16, 1886

**MARGARET** b. 1824

**SUSANNAH** b. 1827

Some family trees show Elizabeth Foster b. 1827 (twin of Susannah?) and Sarah Foster b. 1831 as children of Enoch and Margaret, but they may have died young.

#### **NOTES on Enoch Foster:**

**U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900** <<http://www.ancestry.com/>

about Enoch Foster

Name: Enoch Foster

Gender: male

Birth Place: VA

Birth Year: 1776

Spouse Name: Margaret Wallace

Spouse Birth Place: VA

Spouse Birth Year: 1780

Marriage Year: 1795

Marriage State: VA

**Marriage Records Greenbrier and Monroe County 1776-1821** by Virgil Waterloo

12/31/1795 Monroe Co. Enoch Fauster / Margaret Wallis

Margaret Wallace Foster is in the 1850 Census, Subdivision 16, Anderson, Tenn.

**SAMUEL**, eldest son of **ENOCH & MARGARET FOSTER**, was born in either Monroe or Nicholas Co., WV, and came to Anderson Co., TN with his parents. Here, he grew to manhood, met and married RACHEL, daughter of ELIJAH & NANCY ADKINS. At that time, Samuel bought 200 acres of land from his father, where they raised their family. (Min. Bk. 1814-1819, pg. 256)

Rachel is buried in Cox cemetery, near Bethel, TN. But, neither Samuel's burial place or exact date of death are known, however, his Will was probated in June of 1877. After the death of Rachel, Samuel lived for a time, with his grandson, George W. Foster, where he was listed in the 1870 census.

In 1871 Samuel married **#2, Harriet McIlvain**, by whom the old stud sired a child at age 77-plus. This family will be recorded on pg 30 (original Seedlings). There are two daughters listed in the 1830-40 census, older than the children named in the following list, which I have failed to identify. Otherwise, the family seems complete." Original Seedlings Bk I Pg. 19

**SAMUEL FOSTER** b. 1797 Monroe Co. WV, d. 1877

**RACHEL ADKINS** b. Feb. 25, 1799 d. Apr. 4, 1866.

Were married 1818 Tennessee. To this union were born:

**DAUGHTER**

**DAUGHTER**

**LEVI** b. 1821

**JOSHUA** b. Nov. 30, 1824 d. Dec. 20, 1889

**NANCY** b. 1828

**ELIZABETH** b. 1830 d. 1855 m. **WILEY B. SARTEN**

**SAMUEL** b. 1834

**ELIJAH** b. Sep 13, 1836 d. Mar 12, 1905

Note: Samuel is in the 1870 Census living with his son George W. Foster. His will was probated in June 1877.

**LEVI** (son of Samuel and Rachel Foster) was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., TN. Here, too, he met and married Rhoda Baker, and their children were born. I don't know about their death or burial, because I haven't traced them past the 1860 census.

**LEVI FOSTER** b. 1821

**RHODA (BAKER)** b. 1822

Were married Dec. 5, 1840, Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**WILLIAM** b. Sept 1, 1841 d. Nov. 22, 1903

**MARY** b. May 6, 1845 m. **STEVEN WALLACE**

**NANCY** b. 1847

**CYNTHIA** b. 1849

**JOSHUA** b. 1853

**MARTHA** b. July 14, 1857 m. **J. T. COX**

**WILLIAM**, born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tenn. Met and married **ELIZA JANE HOLBERT**. Here, too, they lived out their lives and raised their children. Both are buried in the Zion Hill, Baptist Cemetery in Anderson County.

**WILLIAM FOSTER** b. Sept 1, 1841 d. Nov. 22, 1903

**ELIZA JANE (HOLBERT)** b. Aug. 20, 1841 d. Feb. 24, 1905

Were married 1861 Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**MARY E.** b. 1861 d. Nov. 22, 1903 m. **ELISHA WEAVER**  
**RUFUS G.** b. Nov. 7, 1862 d. July 3, 1940 M. **GERTRUDE WEST**  
**MARTHA E.** b. 1864 m. **SAMUEL FIELDER**  
**JOHN G.** b. Mar. 22, 1865 d. Oct. 9, 1919 m. **L.D. LONG**  
**SARAH ANN** b. 1867 m. **WILEY FIELDER**  
**SAMUEL L.** b. Mar. 2, 1871 d. Sept 17, 1936 m. **MARGARET HALE**  
**MARCENIA A.** b. Feb. 24, 1873 d. Feb. 23, 1961 m. **SAMUEL S. BROOKS**  
**JAMES E.** b. Feb. 18, 1875 d. Jan. 1, 1927 m. \_\_\_\_\_ **BRIDGES**  
**WILLIAM S.** b. 1877 d. 1964 m. **HETTIE STANLEY**  
**THEADOSIA** b. 1879 m. **JOHN HILL**  
**OLIVER (HAM)** b. Nov. 27, 1883 d. Feb. 1, 1953 m. **LYDIA ANDERSON**

**RUFUS G. FOSTER** (son of Rufus and Eliza Jane Holbert Foster) married **GERTRUDE WEST**; born June 26, 1869 d. June 4, 1962. Both are buried in the Zion Hill Baptist Cemetery. Their child:-- **ARTHUR EDGAR** (1892-1955). They were married 11-21-1884.

**SAMUEL L. FOSTER** married **MARGARET HALE**, born Oct. 12, 1876 d. Sept.9, 1948. They, too are buried in Zion Hill Cemetery. Children: -- **#1 HALEY**, Aug. 30, 1899 d. Oct. 11, 1962. She married **RAYMOND COX**, a cousin, who was born Sept 30, 1892 d. Dec. 15, 1930. **#2 WILLIAM W.**, March 22, 1906. Child **#3, EFFIE**.

**MARCENIA A.** married **SAMUEL S. BROOKS**, born Aug. 24, 1870 d. May 24, 1960. They, too are buried in Zion Hill Cemetery. Children:--**J. SHADE – WILLIAM L. – CORA – ROBERT (ROBEY)**.

Rev. J. **SHADE BROOKS**, born July 21, 1898, who retired after 55 years as a Baptist minister, lives in Clinton, Tenn. He married **ELLEN WRIGHT**; born Feb. 1, 1907 d. Aug. 22, 1977. Children: -- **RALPH – LOLA – JOSEPH – KYLE – THELMA – IMOGENE**.

#### **Back to children of Samuel and Rachel Adkins Foster:**

**JOSHUA**, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Samuel and Rachel Adkins Foster, was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tenn,. Here, too he met and married **PARLEY UNDERWOOD**, and their children were born. Joshua was a well-to-do farmer.

It is not known where Joshua and Parley are buried, but a clue may be found near Robertsville, Tennessee where Joshua's obituary was printed. However, Morris Foster noted that, "Robertsville was swallowed (sic) up by Oak Ridge." Joshua's estate was administered by his son Levi in January of 1890.

**JOSHUA FOSTER** b. Nov. 30, 1824 d. Dec. 20, 1889  
**PARLEY (UNDERWOOD)** b, Sept 26, 1826 d. July 21, 1895  
Were married 1842 Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**LEVI** b. Aug. 13, 1843 d. May 18, 1926  
**SARAH ANN** b. 1846 m. LOVE WALLACE  
**GEORGE W.** b. Dec. 18, 1848 d. Jan. 17, 1913  
**SAMUEL L.** b. 1852  
**JOHN B.** b. 1861 m. POLLY LOCKETT  
**ENOCH L.** b. Feb. 28, 1863 d. Mar. 13, 1929  
**ELIZABETH** b, 1864 m. W. L. COX

**JOSHUA B.** b. Nov. 27, 1865 d. June 26, 1897 m. SALLY DUPREE  
**WILLIAM b.** ? d. 1856  
**JAMES b.** 1858 d. 1863

**NOTES:**

Parley is in the **1850 Census Subdivision** 16, Anderson, Tenn.

**SARAH ANN**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child of JOSHUA & PARLEY FOSTER, married **#1 EPHRAIM F. BROWN** in Anderson Co., Tennessee Oct. 6, 1866. Soon after their children were born the family moved to Missouri. While returning from town, Ephraim's wagon hit an icy spot in the road and his wagon plunged into a river, where he died in the icy water. Children: -- **JOHN – MARTHA JANE** b. Jan.6, 1871 d. Sept 11, 1933.

After the death of Ephraim Sarah Ann returned to Anderson Co., Tennessee where she met and married **#2 WRIGHT LOVE WALLACE**, Feb. 25, 1876. Wright's parents were Linda Foster & Henry Wallace. Linda was the daughter of Enoch and Margaret (Wallace) Foster as well as Sarah's cousin. Children of Sarah and Love Wallace: -- **LOUISA – SIS – SAMUEL – RACHEL**

**MARTHA JANE BROWN**, daughter of Sarah and first husband Ephraim Brown, married **WILLIAM HENDERSON LAYKINS (LAKINS)** in 1894. William died Nov. 11, 1939. Children: -- **ELLA L.** b. May 13, 1895 – **BARNEY EDWARD** b. Apr. 29, 1900 – **WILLIAM McGUIRE** b. July 12, 1905 – **NELLIE GRAY** b. Aug. 20, 1913. She married **FRED HOWARD**. Martha & William are buried in Marlow, Tennessee.

**WILLIAM McGUIRE LAYKINS**, son of Martha & William Laykins, married **MABLE LUCILE BLACK** and had: -- **BILLIE MARIE** b. Aug. 1940. She married **JOHNNIE SHERMAN STOOKSBURY**.

**LEVI**, (son of Joshua and Parley Underwood Foster), born in Anderson Co., Tennessee, and went with or joined his Wallace-Foster relatives in the Warren-Benton County area of Indiana, where they moved in the early 1820's. In 1880, Levi was living in Benton Co., Indiana and in 1888, he was on a committee to raise funds for the Robertsville, Tenn. Subscription School. As noted earlier, Levi was administrator of his father's estate in 1889.

In Benton Co., Indiana, Levi met and married **MARY A. GAGE**, and their children were born. Their two older children are buried near Mary's parents, **John & Sarah Gage** in the Jones-Buswell Cemetery, Benton Co., Ind.

**LEVI FOSTER** b. Aug. 13, 1843 d. May 18, 1926  
**MARY (GAGE)** b. Feb. 2, 1849 d. Mar. 26, 1918  
Were married Nov. 1, 1866, Indiana. To this union were born:--

**ALFERD** b. 1871  
**ARTHUR** b. 1873  
**ERNEST** b. 1877  
**WILLIAM** b. 1878  
**IVA** b. 1868 d. 1861 m. SCHUYLER (1869-1870)?

Levi and Mary are buried in the Robertsville (Oak Ridge) Cemetery, Tenn.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON FOSTER**, , (3<sup>rd</sup> child of Joshua and Parley Underwood Foster), was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here, too he met and married **MARGARET WALLACE**, and their children were born. In 1870, George's grandfather Samuel Foster and a niece, Mary E. Foster were living with his family. George & Margaret Foster are buried in the old Robertsville Cemetery, inside Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**GEORGE W. FOSTER** b. Dec. 18, 1848 d. Jan. 17, 1913  
**MARGARET (WALLACE)** b. Feb. 2, 1846 d. Dec. 21, 1920  
Were married Feb. 19, 1868, Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**ELIZABETH B.** Jan. 2, 1869 d. 1893  
**JAMES E.** b. 1871  
**PARLEY T.** b. Aug. 2, 1872 d. Aug. 14, 1937  
**JOSHUA G.** b. Feb. 12, 1874 d. Dec. 29, 1960  
**HARRIET D.** b. 1876  
**JOHN G.** b. 1876  
**WILLIAM L.** b. July 2, 1879 d. Aug. 18, 1936  
**SHRELD A. J.** b. Dec. 18, 1883 d. Apr. 13, 1927  
**JESSE E.** b. Feb. 22, 1890 d. July 17, 1936  
**CALVIN W.** died in infancy.

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**JAMES E. FOSTER**, (son of George W.), married **LILLIE BEARDON** Aug. 12, 1906 -- **PARLEY T.** m. **HENRY SMITH**, Feb. 27, 1895. He was born May 30, 1873 -- **JOSHUA G.** m. **MATILDA GARDEN**, Aug. 14, 1898. She was born Mar. 19, 1880 d. Jan. 14, 1950 -- **WILLIAM L.** m. **MINNIE LEE**, who was born Nov. 21, 1887 -- **JESSE E. m. LULA MAE**\_\_\_\_, who was born Oct. 26, 1887. Family chart pg. 22.

**NOTES: 1850 Census** Subdivision 16, Anderson, Tennessee includes this family.

**George W. Foster's** great-grandmother Margaret Peggy Wallace was the aunt of his wife Margaret Wallace (b. 1846) (sister of James Wallace b. 1797). The age discrepancy found in these multi-generational relationships is due to James being the 8<sup>th</sup> child, born 17 years after his oldest sibling, Margaret Peggy b. 1780. In other words, Margaret's father was the brother of Margaret Peggy Wallace Foster, George's great-grandmother.

**SAMUEL L.**, 4<sup>th</sup> child of **JOSHUA & PARLEY (UNDERWOOD) FOSTER**, was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here, too he met and married **HARRIET ELIZABETH FOX**, and their four eldest children were born. Events didn't turn out like Samuel L. would have liked, so in 1886 he decided to take his family west. They ended up in Missouri, where his youngest child was born.

After Samuel's death and burial, "somewhere" in Missouri, Harriet returned to Anderson County, where she married #2, \_\_\_\_\_ Garner. No children were born to #2.

Since the youngest child of Samuel L. & Harriet Foster was born in late 1887, and a C. E. Fox was his children's guardian in 1890, when his father's estate was settled Samuel L. evidently died between those two dates.

**SAMUEL FOSTER** B. 1854  
**HARRIET FOX** b. abt 1856  
Were married in Tennessee around 1876. To this union were born:  
**WILLIAM** abt. 1877 TN

**EFFIE** abt 1880 TN

**J. ALONZO** abt 1883 TN

**ROSE** abt 1885 TN

**MARY MAUDE** b. Aug. 19, 1887 MO d. Sept. 1, 1962

**EFFIE**, daughter of Samuel and Harriett (Fox) Foster, married **#1, \_\_\_\_\_HOLLIFIELD**, and had:--**MURREL**, who married and had at least:--**CARL**. **EFFIE** married **#2, EDWARD PIKE**, and had twins:--**EARL & EDWARD Jr.**

**J. ALONZO** (son of Samuel Foster) married **#1 SCIOTA E. LONGMIRE**, but had no children. She died and Alonzo married **#2, GRACE BAKER**, and lived in Sweetwater, Tenn. Alonzo and Grace had: -- **MAUDE – GRACE –HELLEN**, and **J. ALONZO Jr.**, who married **JOHNNIE\_\_\_\_\_**, and had: -- **LINDA**.

**ROSE** (daughter of Samuel Foster) married **JOHN MOORE** and lived in Fountain City, Tenn. They had **CARL**, 1908 d. Apr. 3, 1978. He married **ETHEL MacINTURF**, and had: -- **CAROLINE – JEAN**.

**CAROLINE** (daughter of Carl Moore above) married **MACK HILL**, and had: -- **CARLOS – SUE – KELLY**.

**JEAN** (daughter of Rose Foster Moore), married **CARL NELSON** and had two sons (no names).

**MARY MAUDE**, last child of **SAMUEL L. & HARRIET (FOX) FOSTER**, was born in Missouri. After the death of her father, Mary was taken to Anderson Co., Tennessee, where she remained with her mother, till the latter's death. At that time Mary M. visited her brother, Alonzo & Sciota, where she met **WILLIAM LONGMIRE**.

Mary M. Foster & William Longmire married, and he built his bride a new house on part of the Longmire land which was settled circa 1800 near Andersonville, Tenn. Here their children were born, and Mary & William Longmire lived out their lives.

**WILLIAM LONGMIRE** b. Mar 25, 1878 d. Nov. 29, 1916

**MARY MAUD (FOSTER)** b. Aug. 19, 1887 d. Sept. 1, 1962

Were married Feb. 6, 1906, Tennessee. To this union were born: --

**ROBERT IRWIN** b. Nov. 25, 1906

**WILLIAM BRYAN** b. Aug. 26, 1908

**CLYDE ELMO** b. July 29, 1910

**SUSAN JANE** b. Mar. 31, 1912 m. **ATHENTON MOODY**

**GLEN FRANKLIN** b. Jan. 22, 1914 d. Jan. 30, 1916

**ROBERT IRWIN**, 1<sup>st</sup> child of **William & Mary M. (Foster) Longmire**, was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tenn. Here, too, he met and married **EVELYN HILL**, and their children were born. Robert Irwin graduated from the U. Of Tenn., and spent his life teaching math in the Anderson County schools. During her later life, Irwin & Evelyn spent time with his mother on the old Andersonville farm, till her death. Irwin is now retired (1979).

**ROBERT IRWIN LONGMIRE** b. Nov. 25, 1906

**EVELYN (HILL)** b. Feb. 9, 1911

Were married in Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**ROBERT IRWIN JR.** b. 1937 d. 1944

**MARY SUE** b. July 6, 1939

**LINDA LEE** b. Feb. 21, 1944

**JULIA ANN** b. Oct. 2, 1947

**MARY SUE LONGMIRE** was educated at Tenn. Wesleyan, during which time she met and married **LEONARD ARNOLD**. He was born May 5, 1937, and is a Methodist Minister. They live in Virginia, where Mary is a school teacher, and have:-- **LINDA ANN**, Dec. 2, 1961 – **KIMBERLY**, Apr. 1, 1965.

**LINDA LEE LONGMIRE**, educated at Tenn. Wesleyan, married **MIKE OVERSTREET**. They live in Virginia, where he teaches at V.P.I. and Linda teaches in the public schools. Mike was born Feb. 16, 1944. Their children: -- **ROBERT**, June 1, 1970 – **MATT**, Aug. 20, 1973.

Let's camp here on the Foster-Longmire trail till morning, and eat our A-B-C's – ashes, bacon & coffee.

**JULIA ANN LONGMIRE**, a graduate of Union U. in Kentucky, married **LOY BALL**, and have no children so far. They restored her great-grandmother Mary M. (Foster) Longmire's old home, where they now live. Julie teaches, and Loy is a principal in the Anderson Co. Tenn. school system.

**WILLIAM BRYAN**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child of **WILLIAM & MARY M. LONGMIRE**, was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tennessee. He graduated from Lincoln Memorial & Tenn. U. He married **ELSIE ALICE YADON**, a neighborhood girl. Except for 15 years in Virginia, where he owned and ran a dairy farm, William Bryan worked for TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) as a civil engineer, but is now retired, and living in Anderson Co., Tenn.

**WILLIAM BRYAN JR.** b. 16 Jul 1933

**JOSEPH YADON** b. 28 May 1935

**JOHN EDWARD** b. 2 Oct 1940

**HU FOSTER** b. 20 Mar 1945

**WILLIAM BRYAN JR.** was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tenn., except for the 15 years in Virginia, where his father owned a dairy farm. William B. did a lot of shifting around getting his final education; Randolph-Macon Men's College, Ashland, Va., U. of Richland, Va., and finally East Carolina U.

William married **EUNICE PHYLLIS MAY** of Spring Hops, N. C. For a time they lived in Richmond, Va., where their children were born. They now live in Spring Hope, where he is a principal in the Nash County N.C. School system. It was William B. Jr. who supplied the material on the Foster-Longmire family.

**SALLY MAY** b. Sept 11 1962

**WILLIAM BRIAN III** b. May 17, 1964

**ALFERD HENDERSON** b. Oct. 30, 1965

**JOSEPH YADON LONGMIRE**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child of **WILLIAM BRYAN & ELSIE LONGMIRE**, was born in Andersonville, Tennessee, Joseph Y. graduated from V. M. I., and married **BETTY JO HUDGINS**

of Blackstone, Virginia. They live in Hendersonville, Tennessee, where Joseph works for Atlas Powder Company. Their children are all in college.

**JOSEPH YADON LONGMIRE** b. May 28, 1935

**BETTY JO (HUDGINS)** b. Apr. 28, 1937

Were married in Virginia. To this Union were born: --

**ELIZABETH RANDOLPH** b. Aug. 23, 1956

**KIMBERLY FRASIER** b. Jan. 28, 1958

**JOSEPH YADON JR.** b. Aug. 20, 1959

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**JOHN EDWARD LONGMIRE**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child of WILLIAM B. & ELSIE LONGMIRE, was born in Paducah, Kentucky. He graduated from Virginia Commonwealth of Richmond, Virginia, and is now County Manager for Hanover Co., Va. John Edward married **REBECCA SPICER**, and live in Ashland, Va.

**JOHN EDWARD LONGMIRE** b. Oct. 2 1940

**REBECCA (SPICER)** b. June 25, 1938

Married in Virginia. To this union were born:

**YADON REED** b. May 19, 1964

**VIRGINIA BOND** b. May 5, 1966

**ABRAHAM SPICER** b. Jun 10, 1970

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**HU FOSTER**, 4<sup>th</sup> child of WILLIAM B. & ELSIE LONGMIRE, was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Hu graduated from East Tenn. U. While in the service of his country, Hu met and married **BRENDA MURRAY**, in Kansas City, Kansas. They live in Clinton, Tennessee, where Hu teaches mental properties at Oak Ridge.

**HU FOSTER LONGMIRE** b. Mar. 20, 1945

**BRENDA (MURRAY)** b. Oct. 31, 1950

Married in Tennessee. To this union were born:

**ROLINDA SUE** b. Sept 27, 1972

**HU FOSTER JR.** b. June 8, 1975

**KATHERINE ALICE** b. Oct. 5, 1978

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**CLYDE ELMO**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child of WILLIAM & MARY (FOSTER) LONGMIRE, was born in Anderson Co., Tennessee, and graduated from Lincoln Memorial U. Tenn. He married **#1 BESSIE HOWARD**, who was born July 26, 1920 d. Aug. 13, 1975. To this union was born: -- **DORIS JANE**, Aug. 7, 1936.

**DORIS J.** married **JOHN EDWARD REYNOLDS**, and now lived in Hendersonville, Tennessee, where she teaches school, and John in the University. Their children:--**JENNIFER**, Feb. 26, 1961 – **JEFFERY**, June 26, 1963.

**CLYDE E.** is now married to **#2 ELIZABETH R. WISELL**, and living in Hendersonville, Tenn., where he is retired from T.V.A. (Tennessee Valley Authority)



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**ELIZABETH FOSTER**, daughter of SAMUEL AND RACHEL (ADKINS) FOSTER, lived from about 1830 to 1855 and married **WILEY B. SARTEN** in Anderson Co., Tennessee, and had at least one child: -- ISAAC C. b. July 1849.

After Elizabeth's death, Wiley B. Sarten married #2, **MARTHA**\_\_\_\_\_, and moved to Missouri where their children were born. Both are buried in Denton Co., Texas. Children: -- **MARTHA** .b. 1867 – **MARY E.** b. 1872 – **CHARLES** b. 1873.

**ISAAC SARTEN**, son of Elizabeth Foster and Wiley B. Sarten, was born in Tennessee and went to Missouri and later to Texas with his father. Here he met and married **MATTIE** b. Dec. 1852, and their children were born: -- **RALPH** 1881-1955 – **WARNER** June 1883 – **UEL** – **JESSE**.  
**RALPH SARTEN**, son of ISAAC & MATTIE SARTEN married **MANDY B.** \_\_\_\_ and had: -- **LAWRENCE** – **LULA B.** – **SMITH L.** – **JESSIE L.** (daughter) – **RALPH Jr.**

**WARNER SARTEN**, son of Isaac & Mattie Sarten, married and had a son and a daughter.

**JESSE SARTEN**, daughter of Ralph and Mandy Sarten, married and had three sons and a daughter.

**UEL SARTEN**, son of Isaac & Mattie Sarten, was born in Ann, Texas and moved to Madill Oklahoma, where he met and married **SARAH K. PROFITT**, and their children were born. 1. **DELLA** b. Dec. 9, 1914 d. Jan. 2, 1977. 2. **FLORA LEA** b. Nov. 11, 1920.

**DELLA**, daughter of Uel and Sarah Sarten, married **GIPSON A. BROWN**, and had **NANCY C.** , who married \_\_\_\_\_ **MILLER**.

**FLORA**, daughter of Uel and Sarah Sarten, married **CLYDE V. PETRE** Aug. 14, 1960 and lives in Oklahoma. They have no children, but Clyde has two children from an earlier marriage. It was Flora who gave me this family data.

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**SAMUEL L.** 3<sup>rd</sup> son of SAMUEL (b. 1797) AND RACHEL (ADKINS) FOSTER, was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here, too he met and married **MARY JANE CARDEN**, and their children were born. Mary J. & Ancil Carden, pg. 45, were brother and sister.

**SAMUEL L. FOSTER** b. 1834 (Family chart pg. 19-20 in original Seedlings)

**MARY JANE (CARDEN)** b. 1836

Were married Jan. 1, 1857, Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**ELIZABETH** b. 1858

**REBECCA** b. 1860

**ELIJAH** b. 1864

**RUTH** b. 1867

**MARY J.** b. 1869

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**ELIJAH**, 4<sup>th</sup> son of SAMUEL (b. 1797) & RACHEL FOSTER, was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here, too he met and married **#1 MARTHA D. MOORE**, Jan. 21, 1858. Martha died soon after giving birth to: -- MARY E., in 1859. (Note para. 1, pg. 23 of original-- Mary E was living with George and Margaret (Wallace) Foster in the 1870 Census—George was the son of Joshua Foster, Elijah's brother.)

**ELIJAH FOSTER** married **#2 SARAH ENGLAND** in Anderson County, where their children were born. Elijah & Sarah are buried in the Cox Cemetery, just south of Bethel, Tennessee.

**ELIJAH FOSTER** b. Sept. 13, 1836 d. Mar. 12, 1905

**SARAH (ENGLAND)** b. May 16, 1839 d. Jan. 6, 1908

Were married Oct. 1, 1861, Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**WILLIAM R.** b. July 27, 1864 d. Aug. 2, 1934

**LEOMER** b. Aug. 26, 1866 d. June 10, 1948

**JOSHUA F.** b. June 17, 1868 d. Aug. 2, 1934

**GEORGE M.** b. Dec. 20, 1870 d. Apr. 9, 1958 m. IDA WILLIAMS

**SAMUEL LOVE** b. 1874 d. 1960 m. MELINDA DEW

**FLORA B.** b. May 26, 1879 d. Nov. 15, 1973 m. Wm. H. Beeler

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**WILLIAM R.** was born, grew to manhood, met and married **MARY G. WILLIAMS** in Anderson Co., Tennessee. They lived on a farm near Eagle Bend, Tenn. In his obituary, William listed his daughters as Mrs. C. D. Davis, etc. no given names. William & Mary are buried near his parents, Cox Cemetery.

**WILLIAM FOSTER** b. June 27, 1864 d. Aug. 2 1934

**MARY (WILLIAMS)** b. Nov. 22, 1864 d. Sept. 4, 1938

Were married Mar. 10, 1882, Tennessee. To this union were born:--

**WILLIAM E.** b. Nov. 2, 1896 d. Mar. 8, 1940 m. Bonnie\_\_\_\_\_

**JOSEPH E.**

**ALICE** m. C. D. Davis

**Daughter** m. A. Herrell

**MINNIE** m. Charles Elkins

**Daughter** m. Paul Bayless

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**LEOMER** (b. 1866, son of Elijah Foster b. 1836 and Sarah England) married ALICE\_\_\_\_\_, and had: **AUGUSTA L.** 1887-1944, who married **ETHEL BROWN**, born 1890. All four buried in Sarten Cemetery, Anderson Co., Tennessee.

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**JOSHUA F.** (son of Elijah and Sarah Foster) was born in Anderson Co., Tenn., married **ANNA BROOKS**, sister of Samuel (pg. 21 original Seedlings). Joshua & Anna are buried in the above Cox Cemetery. They had ten children, but I have only seven names.

**JOSHUA FOSTER** b. June 17, 1868 d. Aug. 2, 1934

**ANNA (BROOKS)** b. Sept 10, 1871 d. Nov. 28, 1956

Were married July 22, 1888, Tennessee. To this union were born: --

**CARRIE** b. Oct. 20, 1889 d. Jan. 6, 1970 m. A. W. Sexton  
**MYRTLE** b. Aug. 1, 1891 d. Nov. 27, 1960 m. #1 \_\_\_Foust, #2 \_\_\_Lindsay  
**WILEY** b. Nov. 1, 1893  
**MATTIE** b. 1899 d. 1977  
**FRANKIE**  
**DENNIS** b. 1907 d. 1976 m. Alice Cox  
**CLAUDE M.** \_\_\_Warfield

**MATTIE** married a cousin, **FRED WALLACE FOSTER**. Both are buried in Lafayette, Indiana.

**WILEY FOSTER**, born in Anderson Co., Tennessee, married his 2<sup>nd</sup> generation cousin, **EUNICE FOSTER**, below (daughter of William Foster b. 1875 and Etta Elkins—William is the son of Samuel Foster b. 1797 and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Harriett McIlvain). They moved to Boswell, Indiana where Wiley still lives, 1978. Eunice, b. Feb. 14, 1898 d. Nov. 5, 1966. They had a son, **JAMES**, who married and has two children, but I have no names.

After the death of his wife, **RACHEL ADKINS**, Samuel moved in with his grandson, George W. Foster, pg. 23. On Jan. 11, 1871, Samuel married **#2 HARRIET McILVAIN** (MacLin?), born in 1837. Both are buried in Anderson Co., Tennessee. They had one child: --

**WILLIAM DAVID FOSTER**, was born, married and his children were born in Anderson Co., Tenn. William D. married **ETTA ELKINS**, and moved to Indiana in 1911. They, and their deceased children are buried in the Boswell, Indiana Cemetery.

**WILLIAM DAVID FOSTER** b. 1875 d. Feb. 15, 1934  
**ETTA (ELKINS)** b. 1876 d. 1937  
Were married 1892 Tennessee. To this union were born: --

**M. STELLA** b. 1894 m. Livy Brantly  
**EDWARD C.** b. 1896 d. 1973 m. Mable Dew  
**EUNICE B.** b. Feb. 14, 1898 d. Oct. 5, 1966 m. Wiley Foster (her cousin)  
**WILLIAM P.** b. 1907 d. 1976 m. Annabelle Hetrick  
**MYRTLE** b. 1909  
**FLETCHER\*** b. 1910 m. Helen Jones  
**LETCHER\*** b. 1910 m. Clemma Wilhite  
(\*Twins)

This ends the families of SAMUEL & #1, RACHEL ADKINS and #2 HARRIET (McILVAIN) FOSTER.

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**JOSHUA**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child of **ENOCH & MARGARET (WALLACE) FOSTER**, was born and grew to manhood in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here, too he met and married **SARAH**, daughter of **GEORGE & SARAH SMITH**, and three of their children were born. Joshua farmed in Anderson County till 1826. At that time, Joshua & Sarah Foster joined grandfather, John, and other members of the Wallace family in a trek to Hendrick Co., Indiana. In 1848 Joshua & Sarah Foster moved to Warren Co., Ind., where they lived out their lives, and are buried in the Jones-Russell Cemetery.

**JOSHUA FOSTER** Jan. 8, 1802 d. July 27, 1875  
**SARAH (SMITH)** July 11, 1808 d. Jan. 23, 1888

Were married 1824 Tennessee. To this union were born: --

**HOUSTON S.** b. Mar. 24, 1825 d. 1865

**HORACE** b. Aug. 17, 1827 d. Dec. 1, 1903

**WILEY** b. June 30, 1928

**WILLIAM JEFFERSON** b. July 27, 1831

**HAYNIE J.** b. Apr. 26, 1833 d. May 28, 1900

**JOHN** b. Mar. 1, 1835

**GEORGE** b. Apr. 25, 1837

**ENOCH W.** b. Aug. 18, 1839 d. Apr. 14, 1921

**CAROLINE** b. July 29, 1841 m. Nelson Wright

**JOSHUA NELSON** b. Apr. 25, 1844

**MARTHA E.** b. Aug. 16, 1848 d. Dec. 17, 1933 m. #1 Wm. O. Smith, #2 M. A. Schoolcraft.

**HOUSTIN SAMUEL FOSTER**, son of Joshua & Sarah (Smith) Foster, was born in Anderson Co., Tenn., and came to Indiana with his parents. Here, he grew to adulthood, met and married #1 LUCINDA (WRIGHT). They farmed a while in Putman County, then returned to Warren County, Indiana. Houstin and his two children with death dates died within a short time of one another from Rocky Mountain spotted fever. They are buried in the Jones-Russel Cemetery, Warren Co., Ind. Where Houston's two wives are buried is unknown.

**HOUSTIN SAMUEL FOSTER** b. Mar. 24, 1825 d. Sept 1865

**LUCINDA (WRIGHT)** d. 1862

Were married 18 Jan 1849, Indiana. To this union were born: --

**JOSHUA** b. 1849

**SAMUEL T.** b. 1853

**BRADFORD** b. 1854 d. 1865

**WILEY O.** b. 1859 m. Emma M. Bowman

**HOUSTIN SAMUEL** married #2 **Mary E.** \_\_\_\_\_, and had: -- **CHARLES ROBERT** b. 1864 d. 6 Oct 1865.

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HORACE O., son of JOSHUA & SARAH (SMITH) FOSTER, was born in Anderson, Tennessee, and came to Indiana with his parents. Here, he grew to manhood, met and married MALINDA JANE ODLE, in Warren County. Both are buried in Pine Village, Indiana.

HORACE O. FOSTER

MALINDA JANE (ODLE)

Were married July 12, 1849, Indiana. To this union were born:--

THOMAS J. b. 1852 d. July 28, 1929

WILLIAM R. b. Sept 25, 1855 d. Mar. 8, 1919

JOSHUA S. b. 1858 d. 1930

LEWIS N. b. 1860

MARY E. b. 1861

LYDIA A. b. 1864 m. OLIVER SMITH

HOUSTON S. b. 1869 d. 1932 m. NANNIE STEWART

CHARLES W. D.

WESLEY P. b. 1872 d. 1926

MARGARET b. 1874 d. 1950 m. LUTHER S. OGBORN

**WILLIAM RICHARD**, son of Horace O. and Malinda (Odle) Foster, married **PEARL MAY DOTY**, in Warren Co., Indiana Apr. 4, 1909. Pearl was born July 22, 1879, d. Apr. 19, 1941, and is buried in West Lebanon, Ind. To this union were born three children who lived: -- **WILLIAM PAUL**, July 6, 1910 – **DONALD C.** 1913-1932 – **EMILY MAY**, May 6, 1915, who married **MARRION MOORE**.

**WILLIAM PAUL FOSTER** (son of William Richard Foster above) married **CELIA E. HARRIS**, July 2, 1937. She was born June 13, 1912. Their children: -- **RICHARD PAUL**, Dec. 10, 1941, who married **CAROLINE COTTRELL – THOMAS LYNN**, Mar. 5, 1944, who married **BILLIE ABERNATHY** -- **JOHN HOLLIS**, June 8, 1949.

**JOSHUA SYLVESTER**, (son of Horace O and Malinda Foster) married **MARY F. CUNDIFF**, who was b. 1865 d. 1932. Four children were born to this union: -- **NELLIE MYRTLE**, 1894, who married **CLINTON DELANEY**, b. 1894-1959 – **JAMES M.**, 1899-1960, who married **ELSIE V. McKINZIE**, b. 1902 – **WEBSTER** – **BERTHA**.

**WESLEY PAIGE FOSTER** (son of Horace O and Malinda Foster) married **OLIVE A. KISER**, May 7, 1901. She was born in 1882 d. 1964. Both are buried in Pine Village, Indiana. Their children: -- **PAULINE MALINDA**, 1901-1954, who married **TILSAN W. KING** – **CHESTER** 1904-1971 – **GERALDINE**, d. in infancy, -- **NAOMI LAVETA**.

**NAOMI LAVETA**, (daughter of Wesley Paige and Olive Foster) b. June 15, 1912, married **MORRIS McCULLOCK**, Aug. 4, 1935. He was born Oct. 11, 1910. Children: -- **CAROLYN KAY**, 1944, who married **GLEN THOMAS ALWARD** in 1967, and has: -- **WILLIAM ALAN** -- **ANDREA ALISSA**.

Family chart pg. 31 original Seedlings.

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**WILEY**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child of JOSHUA & SARAH (SMITH) FOSTER, was born in Hendricks Co., Indiana. He grew to manhood, met and married **ELIZABETH**\_\_\_\_\_, and they had two children: -- **WILLIAM**, 1849 – **JOHN W.** 1859.

Family chart pg. 31 (original Seedlings).

**WILLIAM J.** 4<sup>th</sup> son of JOSHUA & SARAH FOSTER, was born in Hendricks Co., Indiana, and married **MARY**\_\_\_\_\_, who was born in 1830. Their child: -- **ELVIRA JEFFERSON**, 1850.

**HAYNIE JANE**, 5<sup>th</sup> child of JOSHUA & SARAH FOSTER, was born in Hendricks Co., Indiana, and went with her parents to Warren County. Here, she grew to adulthood, met and married **WILLIAM FRIEND BROWN**. Here, too they raised their children, and are buried in the Jones-Russell Cemetery, Warren Co., Indiana.

**WILLIAM BROWN** b. Sep 20, 1825, d. Aug. 24, 1880

**HAYNIE (FOSTER)** b. Apr 26, 1833 d. May 28, 1900

Were married Oct. 4, 1849, Indiana. To this union were born: --

**EMARILIS CAROLYN** b. Sept 24, 1850 d. Aug. 5, 1927

**JOHN WESLEY** b. May 31, 1852 d. Nov. 10, 1928

**AUSTIN STEMBOLE** b. Mar. 18, 1854 d. Oct. 14, 1872

**SARAH JULIE** b. Apr 11, 1856 d. Nov. 8, 1872

**LAURETTA JANE** b. Aug. 9, 1859 d. Aug. 1, 1885

**PERLINA LUCINDA** b. Nov. 21, 1861 d. Mar. 15, 1864  
**WILLIAM LUTHER** b. Apr. 7, 1865 d. Nov. 8, 1940  
**JOSHUA NELSON** b. July 4, 1866 d. June 9, 1926  
**MARY ELLEN** b. Sept 25 1869 d. Sept 6, 1949  
**ARTHUR YOUNG** b. Mar. 19, 1872 d. Apr. 12, 1926  
**MARTHA ANN** b. May 9, 1874 d. Feb. 15, 1953

**JOHN WESLEY BROWN**, son of William and Haynie (Foster) Brown, married **REBECCA MARTINDALE**, Mar. 6, 1878 – **LAURETTA J.** married **CHARLES KIDNEY**, Sept 26, 1879 (Note from Adrienne: I believe this refers to the birth date of Laurette rather than the marriage date) – **JOSHUA N.** married **STELLA MOLER**, Nov. 27, 1901 – **MARY E.** married **Wm. LOCKWOOD** – **MARTHA A.** married **GEORGE WALDEN**, Feb. 4, 1903.

**EMARILIS C.** (daughter of William and Haynie (Foster) Brown) married **SAMUEL MARION SMITH**, June 8, 1875, (Cousin???)—Note from Adrienne: I am amazed at all the cousin relationships that Flavius revealed. Marion was born Nov. 9, 1848 d. July 31, 1930. They had one child: --

**ARTHUR VOL SMITH**, who was born and grew to manhood in the Benton Co., Indiana area. Here, too he met and married his 2<sup>nd</sup> generation cousin, **HAZEL DELL FOSTER**. She is the daughter of **WILEY L. & LYDIA FOSTER**, pg. 44 original Seedlings. Arthur and Hazel made their home in Boswell and West Lafayette, Ind. Arthur V. is buried in Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette.

**ARTHUR SMITH** b. Nov. 26, 1886 d. Feb. 21, 1972  
**HAZEL (FOSTER)** b. Aug. 31, 1902  
Were married Dec. 21, 1923, Illinois. To this union were born: --

**RUSSELL FOSTER** b. Dec. 6, 1924  
**BETTY LOUISE** b. Jan. 27, 1926  
**MARION LEE** b. Nov. 22, 1927  
**PATRICIA JOAN** b. Jan. 19, 1934  
**LINDA DIANE** b. Jan. 29, 1944

**RUSSEL F.** married **MARY WHITE**, June 1, 1952 – **MARION L.** married **JACQUELINE BUTTER**, Jan. 23, 1954 – **PATRICIA J.** married **ALPHA MEREL HAMS**, July 18, 1964 – **LINDA D.** married **THOMAS COLBY**, June 10, 1962

**BETTY LOUISE** b. 1926 was born, grew to adulthood and married in the Boswell, Indiana area. Here, too, she met and married **ALBERT V. BRATT JR.** In early 1978 Betty L. contacted me from her present home in Lynnfield, Massachusetts, at which time, she gave me this material on the families of William & Haynie Jane (Foster) Brown, and more.

**ALBERT V. BRATT** b. ?  
**BETTY (SMITH)** b. Jan. 27, 1926  
Were married Mar. 13, 1948, Indiana. To this union were born:--

**PAULA DIANE** (birthdates not given)  
**STEPHEN ALAN**  
**DONNA LEE**  
**TERESA DALE**

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**ENOCH WALLACE FOSTER**, 8<sup>th</sup> child of Joshua & Sarah (Smith) Foster, was born in Hendricks Co., Indiana, and went with his parents to Warren Co. Here, he grew to manhood, met and married **MARY McDADE**. Both her grandfathers served in the Rev. War; her father in the War of 1812.

Enoch & Mary farmed both their parents' land till 1880, when they bought their own land near Oxford, Ind. In 1910, they retired to Pine Village, Indiana, where Enoch took a job as school janitor. As a school employee, Enoch was so well-liked by children and parents alike, he became "Daddy Foster." Enoch & Mary are buried in the Boswell, Indiana Cemetery.

**ENOCH FOSTER** b. Aug. 18, 1839 d. Apr. 14, 1921

**MARY (McDADE)** b. Sept 18, 1836 d. June 12, 1913

Were married Jan. 30, 1862, Indiana. To this union were born: --

**DENNIS ELWOOD** b. Jan. 3, 1863 d. Aug. 8, 1945

**FRANKLIN W.** b. 1865 d. Dec. 16, 1926 m. **AUGUSTA GLASCOCK**

**CAREY B.** b. 1867

**EMMA J.** b. Jan. 20, 1870 d. 1954

**SCHUYLER C.** b. Mar. 20, 1872 m. **FANNY MOUNTS**

**LUCY** b. Oct. 17, 1873 d. Mar. 8, 1960 m. **DAN VAN EATON**

**EMMA J.** married **CHARLES YARBRO**, Feb. 23, 1893, and had a son: -- **AUDREY**, July 128, 1900, who married **PAULINE SELLERS**; no children.

**DENNIS ELWOOD FOSTER** was born on the family farm SW of Oxford, Indiana, where he grew to manhood. He married **EMMA C.**, daughter of **JAMES & MARTHA MILLS**, and rented a farm nearby. Later they bought a farm near Waveland, Ind., where they lived till 1904. At that time, Dennis E. went to work for Warren County as a road maintenance teamster. Dennis & Emma are buried in the Pine Village, Ind. Cemetery.

**DENNIS FOSTER** b. Jan. 3, 1863 d. Aug. 8, 1943

**EMMA C (MILLS)** b. Dec. 30, 1861 d. Dec. 20, 1943

Were married 28 Feb 1889, Indiana. To this union were born: --

**VICTOR MILLS** b. Jan. 5, 1890 d. Nov. 2, 1962

**LOYD CLINTON** b. Jan.17, 1891 d. Aug. 27, 1965

**BERNICE** died age 13.

**VICTOR MILLS FOSTER** grew to manhood on his parents' farm, and **married #1**, who soon died. Victor then entered the army during WWII, after which he returned to New York City, where he married and divorced **#2 AILEEN MALIA**, Oct. 29, 1919 (divorced at a later date I think-afp). To this last union was born: -- **FRANCES B.** who married **NICHOLAS BAUM**.

Returning to Indiana, Victor met and married **#3, LAURA MAE ALPAUGH**. Victor was a baker, and during the lean years after WWI, he followed his trade from job to job. They lived in New Mexico, Arizona, and ended up in Denver, Colorado. Victor & Laura loved to roam the hills and mountains prospecting.

**VICTOR MILLS FOSTER** b. Jan. 5, 1890 d. Nov. 2, 1962

**LAURA MAE ALPAUGH** b. Jun 5, 1898

Were married Sept 15, 1922, Indiana. To this union were born: --

**LILLIAN MAE** b. July 23, 1923

**PHYLIS JEAN** b. July 11, 1924

**BERNICE JOANN** b. Oct. 9, 1934

**R. KAY** b. Mar. 8, 1938

**LILLIAN MAE**, born in Albuquerque, N. M., married **EDWARD THOMAS WILSON** in Denver, Colorado. He was born, June 28, 1920. Both work for a wall and floor tile Co., in Denver.

Children: -- 1. **LINDA LEE** b. Mar. 18, 1947 who married **ROBERT MEREDITH**, May 15, 1974. He was born Aug. 19, 1944. ---2. **RODNEY EDWARD**, June 20, 1957 – 3. **PAMELA KAY**, May 25, 1952. (these last two are out of chronological order and the dates need to be verified.)

**PHYLIS JEAN**, born Phoenix, Arizona, married **JAMES LEE BROWN**, IN Denver, Mar. 9, 1950.

Child: -- **KATHIE LEE**, Sept 23, 1961.

**BERNICE JOANN**, born Lebanon, New Jersey, married & divorced \_\_\_\_**BITCHER**. Children: --

**SANDRA LEE**, Jan. 24, 1954 – #1 **ROBERT ALAN**, July 31, 1956 – #2 **WILLIAM ALAN**, Aug. 19, 1959.

**R. KAY** was born and still lives in Denver, Colo., where he works in the fire department, and moonlights as a cabinet maker. If he is a working man, holding more than one job, he is a "moonlighter." R. Kay married **NANCY PENNIE**, Feb. 7, 1958. She was born, May 3, 1941. Their children: -- # 1 **LAURA JEAN**, Mar. 7, 1963 – #2 **RUSSELL**, Mar. 21, 1970.

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**LOYD CLINTON FOSTER**, son of Dennis and Emma (Mills) Foster, was born and grew to manhood in Benton Co., Indiana, and married **ANNA M.**, daughter of **JAMES W. & EMILY METSKER**. From 1912 to 1917 they lived in the old maternal home in Pine Village, Ind. Known as the "Metsker Homestead." Loyd farmed, worked on the railroad, worked for the state highway department, and finally for a firm making radio cabinets, till retirement. Loyd & Anna were cremated and their ashes buried on the north bank of Pine Creek, near Pine Village, Indiana.

**LOYD CLINTON FOSTER** b. Jan. 17, 1891 d. Aug. 25, 1965

**ANNA (METSKER)** b. Jan. 19, 1894 d. Dec. 9, 1956

Were married Mar. 12, 1912, Indiana. To this union were born: --

**GERALD LOYD** b. Apr. 5, 1913 d. July 27, 1967

**WALLACE LEVEQUE** b. June 10, 1914 d. Mar. 21, 1962

**JAMES ELWOOD** b. Dec. 12, 1916

**MORRIS DALE** b. 13 Feb 1919

**MARY RUTH** b. Jan. 5, 1924

**CHARLES WAYNE** b. Aug. 2, 1926

**GERALD LOYD FOSTER** was born and grew to adulthood in the Pine Village, Ind. Area, and in 1932, joined the US Navy. He was attached to the destroyer squadron in San Diego, California, and rose to Chief Petty Officer rating. In WWII, Gerald was commissioned to the officer's ranks.

After WWII, Gerald worked for the Long Beach, Calif. Port Authority. He is buried in the Veterans Adm. Cemetery, Holland, California. His widow and daughter now live in North Carolina. Gerald L. married **PATRICIA**\_\_\_\_, in Calif., and had: -- **PATRICIA II**.



**WALLACE LEVEQUE FOSTER**, born and grew to manhood in the Pine Village, Ind. Area, got his first full-time job in Orange County, as game warden. Here, he met and married **DOROTHY LOUISE RIDDLE**. Wallace was in the See Bees during WWII, and later moved to San Jose, Calif. where his children were born. Here Wallace worked in the Soledad Prison, and later was parole officer for the northern part of California.

In a severe auto accident, Wallace received a head wound from which he never fully recovered. He is buried in the Los Gatos, California Cemetery. Dorothy still lives in San Jose, California with their children: -- **1. DOUGLAS LOYD**, Nov. 1, 1953 – **2. CRAIG LEVEQUE**, Mar. 8, 1959.

**JAMES ELWOOD FOSTER** was born and grew to manhood in Pine Village, Ind., and attended teacher's college. Except during his service in WWII, James taught and coached athletics until he retired in 1977. James E. married and divorced **#1 GEORGIANA STURGEON**, and had: -- **1. CHARLES EUGENE**, Dec. 11, 1946, **2. GARY DEAN**, Feb. 16, 1951. James Elwood Foster married **#2, DONNA (ALBRIGHT) JENKINS**.

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**MORRIS DALE FOSTER**, son of Loyd C and Anna (Metsker) Foster, is the man who did much of the research on the families of ENOCH & MARGARET (WALLACE) FOSTER's families. He was born on a farm 4 miles SE of Pine Village, Ind. Where the family had moved from the old "Metsker Homestead." Upon graduation from High School, Morris got a job with the US Dept. of Agriculture. Here he learned how to design and build farm ponds, drainage and soil erosion prevention systems.

In 1940, Morris joined the Air Force, military police section and was assigned to air fields in Illinois and Michigan. During his High School days, a new girl had moved into town, and it wasn't long before they were dating. **MORRIS & VIRGINIA IRENE ATKINSON** were married in St. Louis, Missouri, and remained together during the war.

After the war, Morris returned to his Agriculture Dept. job, till he retired in 1974 as a state-wide personnel officer. His wife, Virginia is a graduate of St. Margaret's Hospital School of Nursing. Today they live in Pine Village, Indiana enjoying their retirement and traveling around in genealogy research. (original Seedlings pg. 39)

**MORRIS DALE FOSTER** b. Feb. 12, 1919

**VIRGINIA (ATKINSON)** b. Apr. 24, 1918

Were married Apr. 19, 1941, Missouri. To this union were born: --

**REBECCA SUE** b. Oct. 3, 1941

**MORRIS MICHAEL** b. Apr. 13, 1943

**KENNARD PHILIP** b. Aug. 15, 1944

**SARAH LOU** b. Dec. 15, 1947

**REBECCA SUE** was born in Urbana, Illinois, married in Indianapolis, Indiana, **THOMAS LEE BARBER**, June 11, 1959. He was born in Beech Grove, Indiana Apr. 25, 1938. Thomas is an employee of Ford Motor Co., and Rebecca, a graduate nurse, works for the Marion Co. Home, Juleta, Ind.

**MORRIS MICHAEL** was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and married **PAMELA SUE EDER** in Acton, Indiana June 12, 1965. She, too was born in Beech Grove March 10, 1944. Morris is employed by General Telephone, and Pamela works in the Ossian Indiana bank, where they live.

**KENNARD PHILIP** was born in Urbana, Illinois and married in Indianapolis, Indiana to **MARGARET FRANCES GOFF** Mar 4, 1957. She was born Nov. 15, 1944. Kennard studied teaching at Ball State U., taught school a while, then studied law at Indiana U. He is now US Deputy District Attorney in Indianapolis, Ind.

**SARAH LOU**, born in Williamsport, Indiana, married **JAMES WAYNE FAIR** in Durand, Michigan Dec. 20, 1966. He was born in Marion Co., Indiana Aug. 25, 1947. They live in New Palestine, Indiana where James is employed by International Harvester Co.

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**MARY RUTH**, 5<sup>th</sup> child of Loyd & Anna Foster, was born in Warren Co. Indiana, married and divorced **#1 NORMAN DEVAN HILL**, and had: --**JERRY LEE** Mar. 15, 1946.

While working for Purdue University, Mary met and married **#2 WARREN D. NUTTEN**. Warren adopted Jerry Lee, and sired: -- **DOUGLAS ALLEN** Jan. 6, 1953 -- **JAMES**. Mary Ruth married **#3 HOLLIS H. HALL** in Monroe, Michigan Mar. 19, 1971. Hollis was a retired Ford Motor Co. employee who died Apr 25, 1978.

**JAMES HILL** (HALL?) (**NUTTEN**), son of Mary Ruth Foster (--I think—but this is not clear), married **PENNY HICKEY** Dec 17, 1970. They live in Toledo, Ohio, where he is employed by GMC.

**DOUGLAS ALLEN NUTTEN** married **ROSE MARIE THOR**, in Grafton, Wisconsin Aug. 5, 1972. He is a h. d. mechanic in Saukville, Wisconsin.

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**CHARLES WAYNE FOSTER**, 6<sup>th</sup> child of Loyd & Anna Foster, was born in Pine Village, Indiana. During WWII, he served in the Marine Corps on Sipan, Tinian (Taiwan?), and Okinawa, and his was the first American unit in war-torn Japan. While awaiting his 2<sup>nd</sup> discharge in Ft. Campbell, KY, he married his hometown girlfriend, in nearby Calhoun Falls, N. C.

Today Charles & **EVELYN EDITH (LEERKAMP)** Foster live in Newman, Illinois, where they own a home, plus a house and trailer house rentals.

**CHARLES W. FOSTER** b. Aug. 2, 1926

**EVELYN EDITH (LEERCAMP)** b. Aug. 20, 1927

Were married Dec. 31, 1949, N. Carolina. To this union were born: --

**RANDALL WAYNE** b. Sept 19, 1950

**DAVID LYNN** b. Aug. 26, 1951 d. June 1, 1974

**TERRY RAMON** b. Aug. 3, 1943

**CYNTHIA ANN** b. July 18, 1948

**SHARON JEAN** b. Nov. 12, 1963

**BRENDA YVONNE** b. Aug. 22, 1971

**RANDALL WAYNE** was born in Clarksville, Tennessee, came to Newman, Illinois with his parents, where he grew to manhood, met and married **DELORES ANN AYDELOTTE**, June 6, 1970. She was born July 5, 1951. They live in Quincy, Illinois, where he works for UPS.

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**CAROLINE FOSTER**, 9<sup>th</sup> child of JOSHUA & SARAH (SMITH) FOSTER, born in Hendricks Co., Ind. married **NELSON WRIGHT** Feb. 25, 1868 and had: --**ELLIS J. – OLIVER – CHARLES – JOHN – MARY J.**, plus two unnamed.

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**JOHN FOSTER**, 4<sup>th</sup> child of ENOCH & MARGARET FOSTER, was born, grew to manhood and married in Tennessee to **FINETTA JANE (UNDERWOOD?)**. It is thought that John & Finetta were the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Foster clan to go to Indiana. They lived in Putnam County till 1833, when they moved to Warren County and bought a 200-acre farm. John died between 1847 and 1850, when Finetta was living with their son. On Dec. 13, 1853 Finetta married **#2 JAMES KINCADE**.

ENOCH H. FOSTER, the only known child of John & Finetta Foster, born in Putnam Co., Indiana, went with his parents to Warren County, where he grew to manhood, met and married MARY GASKELL. In 1853, they moved across the state line into Vermillion Co., Illinois. In 1861, Enoch H. enlisted in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Reg. Illinois Volunteers. After the war, he returned to Indiana and bought a 120-acre farm in Warren County.

ENOCH H. FOSTER b. 1826

MARY (GASKELL) b. 1826

Were married 1846, Indiana. To this union were born: --

NANCY b. 1848

JAMES H b. died in infancy

WILLIAM b. 1858

MILTON b. 1860

JOHN MORTON b. 1865

MARY LUELLE b. 1868

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ROBERT, 5<sup>th</sup> child of ENOCH & MARGARET (WALLACE) FOSTER, was born in Anderson Co., Tennessee, where he grew to manhood and married. Some writers list his wife as MIA RIDENHOUR, yet the 1850-1860 census gives her name as SARAH. (I wonder what gives, here??)

ROBERT & Sarah evidently moved a lot, because their second and youngest children were born in Indiana, the others in Tennessee. According to the 1840 census, there are two sons for which I have no names.

ROBERT FOSTER b. 1805

SARAH (???) b. 1806

Were married in Tennessee. To this union were born: --

JOHN b. 1825

GEORGE W. b. 1827

SON b. 1830

SON, died young; 1832-1835

SAMUEL b. 1836 m. SARAH TEEGARDEN

REBECCA b. 1838 m. ISAAC ALLEN

DAVID B. b. 1841 m. R.E. STAFFORD

JAMES R b. 1844

JOSHUA W. b, 1847 m. RACHEL A. BENNET

JOHN FOSTER married ANNA\_\_\_\_, and lived in Warren Co., Indiana. They had at least two children: -- ELIZABETH b. 1868 – GEORGE b. Jan. 1870.

JAMES R FOSTER married SUSANNA A. HIBBS, in Fountain Co., Indiana Mar. 27, 1867 and had at least one child: -- JOSEPH J. b. 1868.

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WILLIAM ENOCH FOSTER, 11<sup>th</sup> child of ENOCH & MARGARET (WALLACE) FOSTER, was born in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here, he grew to manhood, met and married #1 MARTHA OVERTON, and their children were born. Martha is buried near Clinton, Tennessee.

WILLIAM ENOCH FOSTER I b. Oct. 5, 1820 d. Feb. 16, 1886  
MARTHA (OVERTON) b. May 6, 1826 d. May 21, 1855  
Were married Feb.17, 1840, Tennessee. To this union were born: --

WILLIAM b. Nov. 9, 1841 d. Dec. 6, 1862  
ANGILINE b. Dec. 18, 1844 d. Oct. 18, 1861  
JAMES b. Sept 9 1846  
MATTHEW N. b. Apr. 6, 1848  
RUFUS b. Dec. 17, 1849  
MARTHA JANE b. Dec 22, 1851 d. June 27, 1855

JAMES FOSTER married NANCY E. DAVIS in Anderson Co., Tennessee Jan. 4, 1866. Their children: -- 1. MARTHA J. b. 1867 – 2. DELIA A. b. 1869 – 3. WILLIAM ENOCH –b. 1872 -- 4. MARY A. b. 1876.

WILLIAM ENOCH FOSTER II b. 1872, son of James Foster above and grandson of William Enoch Foster I married Martha A (Wallace) in Tennessee. Family Chart:

WILLIAM ENOCH FOSTER II b. Mar. 2, 1872 d. Jan. 15, 1965  
MARTHA A. (WALLACE) b. Mar. 2, 1872 d. Feb. 5, 1935  
Were married Mar. 22, 1891 in Tennessee. To this union were born: --

HAUGHTY E. b. Aug. 1892 d. 1950  
HATTIE O. b. 1894 d. 1963  
CHARLES JAMES B. 1897 D. 1905  
FRED WALLACE b. May 5, 1905 d. Sept 17, 1977 m. MATTIE FOSTER (daughter of Joshua F and Anna Brooks Foster –her ggg-grandparents are Enoch and Margaret Wallace Foster.)  
JOHN EDGER b. Mar. 26, 1907  
HUBERT SAMUEL b. Jan. 27, 1910 m. Dorothy McTash

HAUGHTY E. married LANA LOWE in 1921, who was born in 1904 d. 1974. Their children: -- 1. VIRGIE – 2. CARL – 3. HAROLD – 4. RUBY – 5. REVA, who married CARL WATERMAN – 6. JOHN who married CAROLYN KERNER.

HATTIE O. married JAMES FRANKLIN REED, and had: -- 1. RALPH, who married MARIAN WOLFE – 2. CLYDE – 3. EARL – 4. DEAN.

MATHEW NELSON, son of William & Martha (Overton) Foster, married ROSE ELLEN BURKE, and had: -- RUFUS B. 1870.

After the death of Martha Overton, WILLIAM ENOCH FOSTER .B 1820 married #2 MARTHA BROWN, in Anderson Co., Tennessee. They moved to Fountain Co., Indiana around 1868-69. Both are buried on the Harve Foster Farm, near Cates, Indiana.

**SECOND FAMILY OF :**

**WILLIAM ENOCH FOSTER** b. 5 Oct 1820 d. Feb. 16, 1886

**MARTHA (BROWN)** b. Feb. 13, 1825 d. Dec. 24, 1917

Were married Nov. 18, 1855, Tennessee. To this union were born: --

**JOHN BELL** b. Sept 16, 1856 d. Aug. 13, 1946 m. SARAH ANN CONNER

**ELBERT** b. Nov. 13, 1857

**NANCY MALINDA** b. May 8, 1859

**ROSETTA** b. Apr. 4, 1860

**HARVEY** b. Sept 12, 1863 d. 1929 m. AMELIA IRWIN

**EMMA** b. Dec. 16, 1864 d. 1921 m. DAVID HAMBRIGHT

**CHARLES** b. Dec. 15, 1865 d. Aug. 8, 1866

**MILBERN** b. May 11, 1867

**SCOTT** b. Mar. 17, 1869

**CASSANDRA** b. Mar. 17, 1873 m. FRANK WHITE

**WILEY LEE** b. Dec. 23, 1875 d. Sept 10, 1949 m. LYDIA WEST

**JOHN BELL FOSTER** married **SARAH ANN CONNER**, in Missouri and had: -- **CHARLES A.** b. 1896 d. 1919.

William Enoch and Martha (Brown) Foster owned between 500 & 600 acres of land in Fountain Co., near Cates, Indiana. Their son, Harvey got part of this land as his share of the estate. It is quite likely that this share included the home area, and that Wm. E. & Martha so loved their home they wished to be buried on this land.

**HARVE FOSTER** married **AMELIA IRWIN** Nov. 24, 1895. She was born Sept 20, 1872.

**WILEY LEE FOSTER** was born near Cates in Fountain Co., Indiana. Here, too he grew to manhood, met and married **LYDIA**, daughter of **DRED** (could this be Fred?) & **JOANE WEST**. Here three of their children were born. Wiley L. & Lydia Foster are buried in the Boswell, Indiana, Cemetery.

**WILEY LEE FOSTER** b. Dec. 23, 1875 d. Sept 10, 1949

**LYDIA (WEST)** b. Aug. 31, 1881 d. Oct. 23, 1972

Were married Nov. 3, 1901, Indiana. To this union were born: --

**ELVIA MURIAL** b. June 23, 1898 d. June 23 1968 m. EDGAR VAN TRESS

**HAZEL DELL** b. Aug. 31 1902

**MARGARETTE O.** b. Apr. 15, 1905 d. Nov. 13, 1970 m. CHARLES NUNNALLY

**HAZEL DELL FOSTER**, daughter of WILEY LEE & LYDIA (WEST) FOSTER, was born in Fountain Co., Indiana where she grew to adulthood, married **ARTHUR VOL SMITH**, son of Samuel and Emerilis (Brown) Smith of Warren County. Emerilis Brown was the great-granddaughter of Enoch and Margaret (Wallace) Foster through Enoch's son Joshua and Joshua's daughter Haynie. Most of the material on the families of Wm. Enoch & Martha (Brown) Foster was furnished by Hazel D's daughter, Betty (Smith) Bratt. (Family chart pg. 19 of original Seedlings)

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**MARGARET FOSTER**, 12<sup>th</sup> child of ENOCH Sr. & MARGARET (WALLACE) foster, was born and grew to adulthood in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here, too she met and married **EDIN DALE**, and their children were born. Both are buried in Tennessee.

**EDIN DALE** b. 1820

**MARGARET (FOSTER)** b. 1823 d. 1878

Were married Mar. 21, 1844 Tennessee. To this union were born:

**ADALINE** b. 1845

**SUSAN** b. 1846

**MARY J.** b. 1849 d. Jan 6. 1924

**NANCY** b. 1852

**WILLIAM B.** b. 1854 m. SARAH HASKINS

**LOUISA** b. 1857

**RUFUS** b. 1860

**SARAH** b. 1865

**NANCY DALE** married **FRELAN W. HASKINS**, Dec. 24, 1873 and had: -- **SARAH MARGARET** 1886. Sarah M. married **JOSEPH M. STONECIPHER**, and had: -- **MYRTLE**. Myrtle married **JAMES W. HOWE**, and had: -- **MARY**, who married **WALTER D. UNDERWOOD**, and lives in Knoxville, Tennessee.

**SUSANNAH FOSTER**, youngest child of ENOCH & MARGARET (WALLACE) FOSTER, was born and lived out her life in Anderson Co., Tennessee. Here she met and married **ANCIL CARDEN**, brother of MARY J. (Note: Matilda Carden b. 1880, wife of Joshua G. Foster b. 1874, may be a descendant of Ancil or Mary J.—Joshua was a gg-grandson of Enoch and Margaret Foster through George, son of Joshua, son of Samuel David Foster)

**ANCIL CARDEN** b. 1829

**SUSANNA (FOSTER)** b. 1827

Were married July 21, 1850, Tennessee. To this union were born: --

**WILLIAM** b. 1851

**MARY** b. 1854

**JANE** b. 1859

**JOHN W.** b. 1861 m. **ELIZABETH MASONGILL** Apr. 4, 1879

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**LINDSY (MALINDA) FOSTER**, youngest child of ISAAC & SARAH (HUGHES) FOSTER, was born in Prince William Co., Virginia, and went to Nicholas Co. West Virginia with her parents. Here she grew to adulthood, met and married **#1 EDWARD EAGLE**, and had: -- **SARAH – ENOCH**. Lindsay married **#2 GEORGE FITZWATER**, after Edward's death. George was a militia officer, who spent so much time playing "soldier" he found little time to provide for his family. To this union were born a daughter and three sons, but I have no names. However, there was a grandson, **CLARK FITZWATER**, who sired a son, **OKEY**--who went by the name of **OKEY JOHNSON FOSTER**, through his 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, **SARAH MARTHA FOSTER**, daughter of Andrew Beirne & Edna (Campbell) Foster. Andrew's father: Nathaniel; Nathaniel's father Isaac Foster b. 1719.

**OKEY JOHNSON FOSTER** married **MARY EVERETTE SIMMS**, who was born in 1886. They married in Nicholas Co., W. Va., Feb. 2, 1906 and had: -- **DENNIS – PEARL – GLENN – FLORA – OKEY Jr.**

**DENNIS FOSTER** married **MADLINE HUGHES**, and had at least three children.  
**PEARL FOSTER**, married **VIRGIL GREY**, and had at least one child. I have no names for these children.

**ENOCH EAGLE**, Lindsay's son through Edward Eagle, lived in Clay Co, West Virginia, and married **CYNTHIA LILLY**.

**ENOCH EAGLE** b. Nov. 18, 1802

**CYNTHIA (LILLY)** b. Nov.14, 1810

Were married Mar. 22, 1827, West Virginia. To this union were born:

**POLLY** b. Jun 3, 1828

**GEORGE** b. Feb. 24, 1830 m. **MARGARET CHAPMAN**

**SALLY** b. Mar. 25, 1832

**DAVID** b. Mar. 11, 1834

**JOHN** b. Apr. 5, 1836

**CHARLES** b. Mar. 19, 1838

**ROTH** b. Mar. 25, 1840

**HULDIE** b. Sept. 8, 1842

**RACHEL** b. Jan. 8, 1845 m. **MARION WHEELER**

**CONRAD** b. May 25, 1847

**RHODIA** O. b. Sept 16, 1849 m. \_\_\_\_\_ **FITZWATER**

**NIMROD** b. Apr. 23, 1852

**ENOCH Jr.** b. Apr. 26, 1855 m. **MAHALZD WILSON** (perhaps Mahala?)

**CONRAD EAGLE** married **MARION WHEELER**, and had: -- **SALLY ANN** , Apr. 6, 1874 – **VIOLA** J. June 7, 1875 – **BENJAMIN** May 11, 1877 – **JACOB** Aug. 22, 1879 – **JOSEPH** July 3, 1880 – **LILLY** May 23, 1882 – **EDWARD B.** May 14, 1884 – **AMOS** Sept 26, 1885.

**JACOB EAGLE** married **MEDIA RATCLIFF** and had: -- **SUCLISTIC** Apr 27, 1921 – **WOODSON** Apr 29, 1923 – **ROY C.** Jan. 7, 1925 – **EVERETT** May 30, 1927 – **MADALLIN** Feb 6. 1929 – **JULINA** May 27, 1931.

**SUCLISTIC (SUE)** —\*\**Note from Adrienne: This gets the award for the most original name I've ever seen in all my genealogy research--* was born and spent the first 22 years in Clay Co. West Virginia. Here she met and married **CHESTER KYLE**. Both Sue's and Chester's maternal great-grandmothers were surname Hughes. They may have been related Hughes and also related to the Foster-Hughes line of Isaac & Sarah (Hughes) Foster.

Sue and Chester moved to Chase City, Virginia where he died, and Sue still lives. Their children: - **SEBERT R.** Aug. 30, 1937 – **VERLA SUE** July 13, 1940 – **KELLY M** Aug. 14, 1942 – **DALE** Dec. 23, 1943 – **NELLIE GAY** Nov. 9, 1945, plus five grandchildren, unnamed.

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This brings to a close all my material on the children of William and Hannah Foster, except for their youngest son, George, who is my sire. (I often wonder if there were any daughters?????)

Note from Adrienne: Book II of "Seedlings" is the longest of the two books, and lists all the descendants of George Foster b. 1723 and Margaret Grigsby. George was the son of William Foster "The Elder" and Hannah.

ADDENDUM:  
**OUR GRIGSBY FOSTER CONNECTION**  
by Flavius Foster

After years of research by many descendants, there is still much confusion and controversy regarding the lines of descent from John Grigsby – Old John. At this time this is the way our Foster-Grigsby lines of descent appear to me. (St. Paul's Parish Record, King George Co., Va. "John Grigsby, died Oct. 11, 1729 – reputed aged 107 years")

**JOHN GRIGSBY** was born in England, was a follower of Oliver Cromwell. When Oliver died in 1658 John Grigsby immigrated, retreated, or fled to Virginia Colony. It is not known when John married, but his wife was **JANE PROSSER**.

On Sept. 26, 1665 John Grigsby received a patent of land and another of 887 acres. Jan. 6, 1709 (DB. #3, pg. 234, Stafford Co.) When King George County was formed, from Stafford, the line divided the lands of John Grigsby. In his Will, Bk. G, pg. 17, Stafford, John divided his land amongst his sons. His children, named in the Will: -- JOHN Jr. – CHARLES – MARY ANN – THOMAS – WILLIAM – JAMES.

James Grigsby was the father of Redmond Grigsby, whose daughter Elizabeth married James Foster (son of Robert b. 1711, grandson of William The Elder b. 1686-7). James Grigsby was also the father of Elizabeth, wife of Edward Hughes, whose daughter Sarah married Isaac Foster, son of William The Elder. This ties the John Grigsby line into two lines of William & Hannah Elizabeth Foster.

Barring some confusion in later branches, five of John & Jane Grigsby's children have been pretty well traced. In the case of son William there is some defugely (yes, I had to look that up too and it wasn't in Webster's—it means inconsistency, it's spelled defugalty—for a guy who "can't spell" he has a pretty big vocabulary -afp), due to the fact that 2 DAR applications list the children given below to different sets of parents. One DAR application has to be wrong, perhaps both are. Therefore I am not sure our William Grigsby was or wasn't the son of Old John Grigsby. (This would be a fun one to solve-afp)

**WILLIAM GRIGSBY**, born in Stafford Co. Virginia ca 1685, married **URSLEY MANN**. Her father, James Mann, died in 1705 naming two children, Ursley and Margaret. William & Ursley Grigsby's children: -- JOHN – RICHARD – MARGARET – LETTICE – ANN – WILLIAM.

John may have married, but seems to have had no children. In his will, made between 1768-1772, John left land to brother, William. Also to his sister, Ann Grigsby-Howley, during life then to eldest living son of Richard Grigsby. Since this land was not left to Richard, instead to Ann, it leads me to believe he was dead at that time.

**RICHARD** married, and according to the signatures on the deed pertaining to the land above had the following children: -- WILLIAM – JOHN – BENJAMIN – JAMES. In 1773, Ann paid the tithes of William and John.



LETTICE, daughter of William Grigsby and Ursley Mann (3<sup>rd</sup> para. Above), married JOSHUA OWENS, Nov. 10, 1747, and had at least two children: -- GEORGE – JAMES.

ANN, daughter of William Grigsby and Ursley Mann, married WILLIAM ROWLEY; bond signed Mar. 18, 1783. According to the marriage dates of her sisters, Margaret & Lettice, Ann must have married in her mid-30's, and was probably William's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. In her Will made Sept. 18, 1793, probated Jan. 1794, Ann mentioned no children.

WILLIAM, son of William Grigsby and Ursley Mann, married and had at least one son, unnamed. In his Will of July 22, 1803, probated Feb. 2, 1804, William left all his estate to Grandsons DAVID & MILDING GRIGSBY (Mildred?).

MARGARET daughter of William Grigsby and Ursley Mann, married GEORGE FOSTER, and is my line. Their family is coming up. (Book II – huge family)

WILLIAM FOSTER – the Elder, is as far back as I have been able to go. However, indications are that he was the son of a GEORGE Foster who in 1652 took up land in old Northumberland Co., Virginia. And the George and Robert Foster who took up land near his patents at a later date were William's brothers. Note from Adrienne: Flavius contradicts this statement in Bk I, pg. 2, where he states that **Robert** is the father of William. Today most genealogists believe that Robert is the correct father. Robert had a son named George who married Mary Singleton, and George and Mary had a son named William born in 1733 who married Elizabeth Whitlock and settled in Charlotte Co., Virginia. These name similarities could account for some of the confusion regarding William's parentage:

WILLIAM FOSTER, the Elder married HANNAH ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_. Bond signed My, 1810 Northumberland Co., Virginia. Their children: -- ROBERT – WILLIAM Jr. – ISAAC – GEORGE, coming up. Their births and deaths, except for that of Isaac, are registered in St. Stephen's Parish Records and in a Bible owned by descendants of Robert Foster. The death of Isaac is in a Bible owned by one of his descendants in West Virginia. I have seen the Robert Foster Bible listing but not the Isaac Foster Bible listing, and I wish I could locate it. (Note from Adrienne: I have seen the Isaac Foster Bible listing and have a digital copy of it.)

On Aug. 28, 1725 William The Elder patented 641 acres of land in that part of Stafford Co., Virginia that is now Prince William County. Another purchase added 219 acres in Feb. 11, 1728. This land lies approximately 3 miles south and west of Manassas, a short distance from the Moor green Estates. (This is just an outline of the material given on pgs. 1-2, Book I.

GEORGE, youngest son of WILLIAM & HANNAH ELIZABETH FOSTER, was born in Northumberland Co., Virginia and taken to the Prince William land grant by his parents. Here, he grew to manhood, met and married MARGARET, daughter of WILLIAM & URSLEY (MANN) GRIGSBY. (Note: Their marriage bond was signed by John Grigsby who was her brother, not father as I noted in the 1977 version of this history.

On Nov. 24, 1735, George received a Deed of Gift of 150 acres of land from his father, adjoining that of his brother, William Foster Jr. In Colonial Virginia merchants imported all goods and bought all the planters' produce, mainly tobacco. Being in the middle of all the transactions the merchants grew very rich, taking rake-off coming and going. As a result, many small planters found their income didn't always meet their outgo.

George Foster was one of these small planters who, when the price of Tobacco leveled off at a lower figure than expected, was forced to mortgage his land to James Douglas, merchant.

George's fortune waxed and waned till his death of smallpox. At that time, he had cut his debt in half but still owed more than the land was worth.

At George's death his son William inherited the land and debt. At that time William was serving in the Continental Army, and after the war he abandoned the land. Due to the upheaval of the Revolutionary War all land transactions and debt claims due to British subjects were reviewed by commissions of the new government. Thus, it was several years before George Foster's estate was settled.

On Feb. 27, 1807 William & wife #2 Sarah Foster had immigrated to Kentucky and released their claims to the above land to his brother –in-law John Thomas. John & Ann Thomas then sold the land to Rutland Johnson and use the money to pay off the estate debt on July 4, 1808.

In reality I can't understand why the land was lost--unless it was due to the lack of ready cash in Virginia because of the war going on then. The inventory of George Foster's estate showed five cows, six yearling cows, nine pigs and 17 sheep for a total of 127 lbs. At that time the debt against the land was only 14 Lbs.

Naturally they would need the stock for food and milk but it seems they could have spared one or two to pay off the land. Unless, as noted above, no one had money to spare in 1778. Of course, there could have been reasons un-thought of by me. It sure is too late to worry about it now, right??

Margaret (Grigsby) Foster was on the personal property tax list from 1782 to Sept of 1795. Her Granddaughter, Lettice was listed as head of household on the April 1796 tax list. So Margaret died between those dates.

**GEORGE FOSTER** b. Aug. 14 1723 d. Jan. 3, 1778

**MARGARET (GRIGSBY)** d. 1795

Were married Dec. 22, 1746, Virginia. To this union were born:--

**WILLIAM** b, 1747 d. Feb. 7, 1824

**LETTICE**

**ANN**

**JOHN**

Some family trees also attribute **ROBERT** b. abt 1745 and **JAMES** b. abt 1750 to this family with the following sources:

#### **1783-1786 VA Tax Lists-Greenbrier County**

Fosster, John

Fosster, James

Foster, Robt.

#### **VIRGINIA CENSUS 1607 – 1890L Prince William County**

William 1753, 1760, 1773, 1777

William Sr. 1767, 1777

William Jr. 1767, 1777

James 1777, 1784

Isaac 1751, 1753, 1754, 1760, 1784

Thomas 1850

James of Robert

Robert 1753, 1754, 1762, 1767, 1783

Richard 1783  
Jeremiah Foster 1784

**1754 Dettingen Parish Records**

Paid to John Carr for keeping John Foster  
Paid to George Brett for keeping Robt. Foster

He may have married again 25 Dec 1786 to Millie Leake or this may be another Robert:

**Abstracts of Fauquier Virginia** pg. 50 -  
Robert Foster to Millie Leake 25 Dec 1786.

**ROBERT FOSTER** b. abt 1745 d. 1820 Nicholas , West Virginia m. Sarah unknown  
**JAMES FOSTER** b. abt 1750 Prince William Co. VA, d. abt 1820 PW VA

Little to nothing is known about James (could this be the James who died in Bourbon, KY in 1790?), but Robert married **SARAH** unknown abt 1768 and had **BEDFORD ADDISON** b. 1770 – **NELLIE** b. abt 1773 – **WILLIAM** b. abt 1776. Bedford Addison Foster married Elizabeth or Lissy Cornwell Nov 27, 1794 (**Source:** Marriage Records Greenbrier and Monroe County 1776-1821 by Virgil Waterloo: 11/27/1794 Monroe Co. Bedford Foster / Lissy Cornwell. ) Lissy was b. abt 1771. Children of Bedford and Lissy Foster: **JOHN B.** 9 Oct 1795 Greenbrier, VA d. 6 Jun 1876 Monroe, WV -- **MARY** b. abt 1803 Monroe, WV – **ELIZABTH** b. 1810 Monroe, WV.

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Isaac Foster pg. 209 Swobe's Knob 1796  
James Foster pg. 93 The Sinks 1800

**JOHN FOSTER** b. 1795, son of Bedford, married **MOLLY SCAGGS** 20 Mar 1816 Monroe, WV.  
Molly was b. 1789 Greenbrier Co., WV d. 3 Jun 1875 Monroe, WV. Children:

**ELLEN** b. 1820  
**JAMES ELLISON** b. 5 Dec 1820  
**ANDREW ANDERSON** b. 7 Nov 1822  
**GEORGE D** b. 1824  
**ESLEY MILTON** b. 18 Jan 1825  
**BEDFORD ADDISON** Jr. b. 2 Jul 1827  
**OLIVER HARRISON** b. 20 Dec 1829  
**JOHN ADDISON** b. abt 1830  
**OLIVE CARRIE** b. abt 1834

**WILLIAM FOSTER**, son of **GEORGE & MARGARET (GRIGSBY) FOSTER** is my line and has his own chapter.

**LETTICE**, daughter of George and Margaret (Grigsby) Foster, married **WILLIAM MUNDY** abt 1769. Lettice died Sept 1842 in Knox Tennessee and William died 15 Nov 1817, also in Knox. They had several children, but I have only two names: -- **ANN**, who married **JOHN MINOR** -- **MARGARET**, who married \_\_\_\_\_ **CLIFF**."

**ANN** married **JOHN THOMAS** and moved to Rockingham Co., North Carolina. (Is John Minor above a mistake or did she have two spouses? afp)

**JOHN** married **CHLOE** \_\_\_\_\_, and had at least one child: -- **JOHN Jr.** In his will (lost) William Foster The Elder gave John Sr. 200 acres of land. John, his family, his mother Margaret and her grandchildren lived on this land till 1791. At that time, John & Chloe Foster moved to a plot of land in Fauquier County, on Carter's Run, near Samuel Grigsby, Margaret's cousin. In 1794 John & Chloe sold the Prince William County land and bought the Carter Run land. On Nov. 26, 1809, John & Chloe Foster mortgaged – or sold – the Carter land and that is the last record I have found on them.

When John sold the P. W. County land, he made arrangements for his mother, Margaret to have use of the built-up portion during her lifetime. This provision was passed on to his niece, Lettice, after Margaret's death, till the last two children of his father, William's children became of age.

**WILLIAM FOSTER**, son of George and Margaret (Grigsby) Foster married **#1 SALLIE SLADE**, and had: -- HARRISON – **LETTICE** – **AARON** – **WILLARD**. After Sallie died, William remarried and migrated to Kentucky, taking Harrison with him. The rest of the children lived with William's mother, Margaret. At her death, Lettice cared for her two brothers till of age. Much more on William and his descendants in "Seedlings" Bk. II.

I have found no further record of either Lettice or Willard, after the 1803 tax list of P.W. Co., Va. Aaron, however, reappeared in Kentucky in 1799 when he witnessed his brother Harrison's marriage license. END