

# **The Foster Family**

## **of Fisher's Grant, Pictou county, Nova Scotia**



**A genealogy and history of the Foster family of the late 18th century to the 20th century that settled in Fisher's Grant (Pictou Landing area) of Nova Scotia**

**Shipbuilders and Seafarers**

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Cover: A photograph of the modern schooner Bluenose II. One of the main type of ship that was built in Nova Scotia in the past and present. The Foster family, among other types, built schooners and were also ship captains on them.

Source:

1. Photograph of the schooner, Bluenose II. From the Nova Scotia Canada website at <https://www.novascotia.com/see-do/tours/bluenose-ii/2330>. Searched August 22, 2018 Wednesday 3:31 PM.

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## Ramblings

No new information was added to this version, as I first wanted a PDF version of the November-December 2003 work done. Once this PDF version is uploaded to my site, then I will be adding new information to the work and make further updated versions to upload.

In this version, I did changed the format to the way I do Word/PDF documents now. All in Georgia font style instead of the old Arial font. All the dates are changed from the month-day-year format to day-month-year format.

I was planning to do this sooner or later, but decided to work on it now.

After I done the 2003 version, I went on to other projects. Did occasional checking for any new stuff concerning the Foster family. The fact that I don't know where John Foster was born and the names of his parents kept me checking for new information.

Around 2013, I came across an article about the schooner Clotilda.

The story about the ship that brought the last cargo of slaves from Africa to America. I was very surprised that story centered at Mobile, Alabama and that the ship captain on that infamous voyage was a Captain William Foster.

I had traced a William Foster of the third generation (son of George Foster<sup>2</sup>, son of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) to Mobile, Alabama. He was born<sup>1</sup> in Fisher's Grant, Nova Scotia and went with his parents to Massachusetts and then Rhode Islands.

William Foster came to Mobile, Alabama in the 1840's and became a shipbuilder there. I then was certain that William Foster the shipbuilder was the same as William Foster the ship captain of the Clotilda. As we know that the Foster family of Nova Scotia were shipbuilders and seafarers.

But because the name "William Foster" is sort of common, I had to find further proof that the two were same person. But then due to lack of stuff available online, I wasn't able to solve the issue.

Then in May 2018, I received an urgent email from my Nova Scotian cousin (but I didn't get to see the email until beginning of July as I was in transit of moving to another state and didn't have internet connection for about two months).

He alerted me to an article that was in a Halifax newspaper, The Chronicle Herald, May 23rd, 2018, it was written by John DeMont. (It turned out as I was going through the backlog of the unread emails, that John DeMont wrote an email to me a few days earlier checking to see if I had further information on the subject)

I opened the PDF that was attached and the article was about this new book that recently came out and it was about the schooner Clotilda and it mentioned that the William Foster the shipbuilder in Mobile, Alabama was the Captain of the Clotilda. I rushed to get the book to see if the author found further evidences to link the two William Foster.

Then received the book:

Dreams of Africa in Alabama

The Slave Ship Clotilda and the Story of the Last Africans brought to America

By Sylviane A. Diouf, 2018

I looked through the book and found that Sylviane Diouf found an article mentioning the ship Clotilda in a 1855 Mobile, Alabama newspaper. It stated that W. Foster of Mobile was the shipbuilder that built the schooner Clotilda !!

And another information that linked William Foster to Timothy Meaher, in partnership of another ship that William Foster built.

Timothy Meaher was the one that financed the voyage. William Foster was the one that built the ship Clotilda and was its captain on the infamous voyage to Africa and back with the last cargo of slaves brought to America. The voyage didn't go smoothly, the crew mutinied four times and Capt. Foster had to deal with it each time.

I have found other newspaper articles concerning the other Fosters and their ships, that will be added in the next edition of this work.

Special thanks to the following who helped with the Foster family history:

**Charles Foster Gill** of Alberta, Canada. He is a descendant of Mary Foster, of Paul Foster, of William Foster, of John Foster.

**John Miles** of Texas. He is a descendant of William Foster, of Paul Foster, of John Foster.

**David Christie** of Nova Scotia, Canada. He is a descendant of Ann Foster, of Mitchel Foster, of George Foster, of William Foster, of John Foster.

1st generation

## John Foster (before 1767 - 1825)

Loyalist from America

1. **JOHN FOSTER** was born 1767 or earlier (age 50 or over in the 1817 Census) and died before January 25, 1825 at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

It is not known where John Foster was born nor is it known who were his parents. Also the name of his wife is not known but she was still living in 1818 when John Foster had his will made.

John Foster and his family have been in Nova Scotia, since the 1790's or earlier.

But also the Foster family spent some time living in St. John's Island (Prince Edward Island).

The 1881 Census of Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia lists John Foster's youngest son, George Foster as a widower, age 85 years old, living in the household of Mrs. Catherine Ivey, a widow. The census list George Foster as being born in Prince Edward Island.

According to the 1798 Census of St. John's Island (Prince Edward Island), in Lot 64, there was listed a Mrs. Foster with 4 males under 16 years old. Mrs. Foster would be in the category Females 16-60 years old.

John Foster and his oldest son were probably away at the time of the census of 1798 was taken.

When you look at the map of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, you will see that Lot 64 or Murray Harbour of Prince Edward Island is the closest point on the Island to Pictou across the sea.

According to a website about the History of Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Island: ".....The first census of Prince Edward Island, taken in 1798 by order of his Excellency Governor Fanning, gives as the sole residents of Lot 64 Nicholas Hugh, with a family of three; William Sencabaugh, with a family of five; and Mrs. Foster, with a family of five. These were all American Loyalists...."

Sometime later, the Foster family was in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. The earliest deeds record of John Foster is 1813. The deed for land in Fisher's Grant from John Patterson Sr.

The 1813 deed is the first record of the Foster family being in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. They may have been there earlier. All we know is that son Paul Foster was born in Nova Scotia in 1794.

The Will of John Foster was written February 14, 1818 and proved 25th day of January 1825. The executors were George Ives and James Carmichael.

Because of the Foster surname being rather common, it makes the search of finding out where John Foster was born difficult.

He could of been a Loyalist.

## Children of John Foster and his wife

2. **HENRY FOSTER**, oldest son.

3. **JOHN FOSTER**

John Foster, Junior, in 1807, was licensed to operate a ferry between Pictou and Fisher's Grant, a ferry which carried people and towed swimming horses and oxen at a charge of 6d a head.

From Patterson's History, Pg. 209 "John Foster licensed to keep ferry at Fisher's Grant, that he shall not charge more than 15d. for a single person, 9d. apiece for four, 6d. apiece over four, and for swimming across oxen or horses 1sh. 6d. per head".

There is a deed entry in 1830, John Foster from Hugh Denoon for land in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County Nova Scotia.

4. + **WILLIAM FOSTER** was born 2 May 1792.

William married Isabella McDougall.

5. + **PAUL FOSTER** was born 9 December 1794.

Paul married Mary McKay.

6. + **GEORGE FOSTER** was born ca 1796 in Prince Edward Island.

George married Margaret --- ? ---.

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2nd generation

## William Foster (1792 - 1855)

Husband of Isabella McDougall

4. **WILLIAM FOSTER** (of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 May 1792 and died in 18 May 1855, age 63, at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Father: John Foster (No. 1)

Mother: (name not known)

William Foster married **ISABELLA MCDUGALL**. Isabella was born on February 11, 1796 at Fisher's Grant and died August 30, 1870 at age 74 in Fisher's Grant. She was a daughter of John and Margaret McDougall.

In the 1817 Census of Nova Scotia, William Foster and his wife is listed as having 3 sons. In 1822, the sons, Henry and John Foster, were in Hugh Dunbar's school at Fisher's Grant.

There are several deeds transactions involving William Foster in Fisher's Grant. From Alexander Kennedy in 1818. From Duncan Grant in 1838. To Donald Ross in 1839. To Henry Foster in 1840. Also One with John Foster to and from George Smith in 1836.

In the fourth quarter of 1844, the Bark "Lucretia" of Providence, Rhode Island, with John S. Adamson as its Master, arrived at Providence after a voyage from Pictou, Nova Scotia on November 11, 1844. In the Passenger lists was William Foster, age 50, Shipwright and Henry Foster, age 30, Shipwright.

There were several other Fosters going down to Providence, Rhode Island in the 1840's to 1860's mainly for the shipbuilding industry.

William Foster died in May 18, 1855, age 63, at Fisher's Grant.

Isabella Foster died of paralysis in August 30, 1870 at the age of 74 years. According to the death record, her son, Smith Foster, was the informant. The death record also mentioned that Isabella's parents were John and Margaret McDougall.

Both William Foster and his wife Isabella are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

William and Isabella Foster, named their first five sons, with the same names and in same order as his father John Foster did before.

## Children of William and Isabella (McDougall) Foster

7. **HENRY FOSTER** was born 7 November 1813 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died in 10 January 1860 at the age of 46 years. Henry Foster is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

Henry Foster was one of the two sons of William that was in Hugh Dunbar's school at Fisher's Grant in 1822.

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8. + **JOHN FOSTER** was born 20 July 1815.

John married Margaret Fraser.

9. **WILLIAM FOSTER** was born 16 June 1817 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died in December 6, 1900 at the age of 83 years.

He was a ship captain. In 1842, a season in which two ferry lines operated between Pictou and Fisher's Grant; one boat, operated by William Foster, was half decked for stormy weather.

In 1866 there was a deeds record of William Foster of Fisher's Grant, yeoman, to John Foster of the same place, Farmer.

In 1881, Smith Foster, age 41, a Ferryman, his brother, William Foster, age 63, a Master Mariner, his sister, Margaret, age 38 were living in the Foster home at Fisher's Grant. Also living with them was Christiana McDougall.

William Foster is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

10. + **PAUL FOSTER** was born 9 June 1819.

Paul married Catherine McKay.

11. + **GEORGE FOSTER** was born 12 April 1821.

George married Mary --- ? ---.

12. + **ANN FOSTER** was born 8 March 1823.

Ann married John Nairn.

13. + **DANIEL FOSTER** was born 3 May 1825.

Daniel married Waity A. Humphries.

14. **DAVID FOSTER** was born 12 April 1827 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

On 17 August 1850 a ship arrived in Providence, Rhode Island from Pictou, Nova Scotia. In the passenger list, was David Foster, age 22.

15. **JAMES FOSTER** was born 10 May 1829 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died August 19, 1847 at the age of 18 years. James Foster is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

16. + **SAMUEL ARCHIBALD FOSTER** was born 15 February 1831.

Samuel married Eliza Catherine Doyle.

17. + **CHARLES R. FOSTER** was born 13 December 1832.

Charles married Annie Bell --- ? ---.

18. **CHRISTIAN ISABELLA MCDOUGALL** adopted by the Foster family, was born 15 September 1833 in Nova Scotia and died August 29, 1922 at age 89 years in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Christy Bell McDougall lived all her life with the Foster family, so it is apparent that she was adopted by William and Isabella Foster. She was a cousin of the family. In Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, there is a stone that has the following:

“Christian Fraser wife of James McDougall died 15 sep 1832 aged 42” and “Christy McDougall 1833 - 1922”

It would appear that, James McDougall and Christian Fraser, were the parents of Christy McDougall, but the problem is the dates, Christian Fraser McDougall died September 15, 1832 and Christy McDougall was born 1833. There must be some errors in the dates. If she is the mother of Christy, then it appears that she may have died at the time of the birth of the daughter.

James McDougall was a brother of William Foster's wife Isabella.

In 1871, Smith Foster, age 30, a Ferryman, her sister, Margaret Foster, age 28, a Seamstress, and their cousin, Christie Bell McDougall, age 38, a servant, were living at Fisher's Grant in the family home that was William and Isabella Foster's.

Also living with them in 1871 was three other people, William Allison McDougall, age 12, Robert Fraser, age 40, and James McGregor, age 30. (I wonder if William Allison McDougall was a son of Christy ?)

In 1881, Smith Foster, age 41, a Ferryman, his brother, William Foster, age 63, a Master Mariner, his sister, Margaret, age 38 were living in the Foster home at Fisher's Grant. Also living with them was Christiana McDougall, age 47.

In 1901, Smith Foster, age 61, a Farmer, his sister, Margaret Foster, age 59, and their cousin, Christy McDougall, age 65 were living in Fisher's Grant.

19. **THOMAS R. FOSTER** was born 19 May 1835.

Thomas married Mary Mikahale Robinson. Thomas R. Foster is covered in more details in the next generation

20. + **JOSEPH FOSTER** was born 28 November 1837.

Joseph married Jessie --- ? ---.

21. **SMITH FOSTER** was born 17 February 1840 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Smith Foster, age 30, a Ferryman, her sister, Margaret Foster, age 28, a Seamstress, and their cousin, Christie Bell McDougall. age 38, a servant, were living at Fisher's Grant in the family home that was William and Isabella Foster's.

Also living with them in 1871 was three other people, William Allison McDougall, age 12, Robert Fraser, age 40, and James McGregor, age 30.

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In 1901, Smith Foster, age 61, a Farmer, his sister, Margaret Foster, age 59, and their cousin, Christy McDougall, age 65 were living in Fisher's Grant.

Smith Foster died in February 6, 1907 in Fisher's Grant at the age of 67 years. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

22. **MARGARET CATHERINE FOSTER** was born 24 July 1842 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Smith Foster, age 30, a Ferryman, his sister, Margaret Foster, age 28, a Seamstress, and their cousin, Christie Bell McDougall. age 38, a servant, were living at Fisher's Grant in the family home that was William and Isabella Foster's.

Also living with them in 1871 was three other people, William Allison McDougall, age 12, Robert Fraser, age 40, and James McGregor, age 30.

In 1881, Smith Foster, age 41, a Ferryman, his brother, William Foster, age 63, a Master Mariner, his sister, Margaret, age 38 were living in the Foster home at Fisher's Grant. Also living with them was Christiana McDougall, age 47.

In 1901, Smith Foster, age 61, a Farmer, his sister, Margaret Foster, age 59, and their cousin, Christy McDougall, age 65 were living in Fisher's Grant.

Margaret C. Foster died January 30, 1908 at age 66 years in Fisher's Grant. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

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2nd generation

## Paul Foster (1794 - 1886)

Husband of Mary McKay

5. **PAUL FOSTER** (of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 December 1794 in Nova Scotia and died 19 February 1886 (the 20th another source) at Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

Father: John Foster (No. 1)

Mother: (name not known)

Paul Foster Sr. married **MARY MCKAY** Mary was born in 1803 and died in 1860 at age 57 years at Fisher's Grant, Nova Scotia. She was a daughter of Donald and Mary McKay. In the Will of Donald McKay, proved the 14th day of June 1826, he mentioned a daughter by the name "Mary Foster". Base on the will, Mary McKay married Paul Foster by 1826.

Paul Foster, Sr. was a farmer at Fisher's Grant and owned land there. Paul Foster received land in 1824 from his father. In 1827 there was a deeds transaction from Paul Foster to Wm. Liddell for land in Fisher's Grant. Then in 1832 there was a deeds transaction from Paul Foster to Wm. Matheson for land also in Fisher's Grant.

Paul Foster is listed in the Pictou County Census of 1838 as a Farmer.

Paul Foster Senior was one of the Executors of the Will of William McDougall, ferryman. the Will was dated March 1, 1845 and proven March 28, 1845.

In 1860, Paul's wife Mary died, she was 57 years old.

In 1871, Paul Foster Sr., age 75, Widower, and a Farmer was at Fisher's Grant. Also with Paul Foster Sr. was his sons Henry and Joseph R. Foster.

Shortly before 1881, Paul Foster and his son, Joseph R. Foster left Fisher's Grant and they joined up with the other sons Paul J. and William E. Foster who were already in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

In the 1884 Census of the City of Taylor, Paul Foster Sr. is 90 years old and living in the household of the son, Joseph R. Foster. Paul died in February 20, 1886 at the age of 92 (cemetery stone says Feb. 19, 1886).

Paul Foster's wife, Mary, is buried at the Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing and Paul Foster is buried in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

## Children of Paul and Mary (McKay) Foster

There may be other children born in the period of 1826 (or earlier) to 1833.

23. + **WILLIAM E. FOSTER** was born 16 May 1834.

William married Diadama Jane Owens.

24. **HENRY FOSTER** was born in 1835 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Henry was baptized August 2, 1835 at Prince Street Presbyterian Church in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Henry, age 34, was living at his father's place in Fisher's Grant. Henry Foster was a Painter.

25. + **CATHERINE FOSTER** was born in 1838.

Catherine married Joseph H. Ivey.

26. + **PAUL J. FOSTER** was born 17 February 1841.

Paul married 1st Mary Jane Powell and 2nd May --- ? ---.

27. + **JOSEPH RODERICK FOSTER** was born in 1845.

Joseph married Agnes --- ? ---.

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2nd generation

## George Foster (1796 - after 1881)

Husband of Margaret --- ? ---

6. **GEORGE FOSTER** (of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born ca. 1796 in Prince Edward Island and died after 1881.

Father: John Foster (No. 1)

Mother: (name not known)

In the Will of his father, John Foster, written in 1818 and proved 1825. It mentioned "George Foster my youngest son" also "to my son George Foster, the lot of land he now hold lying on the Malignant Brook in the County of Sydney".

George Foster married **MARGARET** --- ? --- before 1822. Margaret was born ca. 1802 in Nova Scotia and died before 1881.

In 1829 a steamboat, the "Richard Smith" was launched at George Foster's shipyard at Fisher's Grant for the General Mining Association and it began service on Pictou Harbor and the East River until it was replaced in 1836.

The "Richard Smith was also put into service between Pictou and Charlottetown, the ship's first master was Capt. MacKenzie. From the newspaper, Colonial Patriot (Pictou) Sat. 1 May 1830 mentioned "Last week the Prince Edward Island Packet commenced plying between this port and the Island. She has excellent accommodations for passengers, and will continue to run regularly once a week, until the navigation closes in the fall"

George Foster was drawn to the shipbuilding industry in Rhode Island in the United States.

His son William Foster was the first to go to Providence, Rhode Island, in the second quarter of 1844, the Brig "Lucretia" with John S. Adamson as its Master, arrived at Providence, Rhode Island after a voyage from Pictou, Nova Scotia on June 3, 1844. In the Passenger lists was a William Foster, age 25, carpenter.

On July 20, 1844, a ship arrived at Providence, Rhode Island from Pictou. On board was George Foster, age 48, a carpenter. With him was his son, John Foster, age 22, a carpenter.

On July 3, 1845, the Bark "Lucretia", that came from Pictou, Nova Scotia, arrived in the Port of Providence and aboard the ship as passengers were Margaret Foster and her

children Catherine, George, Charles, Walter, Henry, Mary, and an infant daughter (Lilly Foster). They joined up with George Foster who was already in Rhode Island.

In the 1850 Census of Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, we find George Foster, age 53 a ship carpenter, his wife Margaret age 48, and 8 of their children. Four of George Foster's sons were also listed as ship carpenters. The Fosters were listed as born in "Nova Scotia"

In the 1860 Census of the 5th Ward of Providence, Rhode Island, we find at the household of "Laurence Burchet" (Lafayette Burdick), George Foster age 64 a carpenter, his wife Margaret age 58, and their daughters Mary and Lilly. Lafayette Burdick married George and Margaret Foster's daughter Ann. The Fosters and Ann Burdick were listed as born in "Pictou"

The 1881 Census of Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia lists George Foster, a widower, age 85 years old, living in the household of Mrs. Catherine Ivey, a widow. The census list George Foster as being born in Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Catherine Ivey was a niece of George Foster, a daughter of Paul Foster Sr.

We do not know when or where George Foster or his wife died or is buried

## Children of George and Margaret (--- ? ---) Foster

28. + **ANN FOSTER** was born ca. 1822 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Ann married Lafayette Burdick.

29. **JOHN M. FOSTER** was born ca. 1822 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

John Foster, age 22, a carpenter, went with his father, George Foster, to Providence, Rhode Island on July 20, 1844. In 1850, John M. Foster, age 27 a ship carpenter, was living with his parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts.

30. x **WILLIAM FOSTER** was born ca. 1825 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

William married Adelaide Vanderslice. He is covered in more details in the next generation.

31. + **CATHERINE FOSTER** was born ca. 1828 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Catherine married Purchase D. Jewett.

32. **GEORGE FOSTER** was born ca. 1830 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1850, George Foster Jr., age 20 a ship carpenter, was living with his parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts.

33. **CHARLES FOSTER** was born ca. 1832 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1850, Charles Foster, age 18 a ship carpenter, was living with his parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts.

In the 1860 census of Nathansville, Conecuh County, Alabama, there was a Charles Foster age 27 born in Nova Scotia in the household of William Shield, age 36 carpenter. Charles Foster was listed as a Wood Cutter. This is probably the same Charles Foster. His brothers, William and Walter Foster, were in Mobile, Alabama in 1860.

34. + **WALTER FOSTER** was born ca. 1834 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Walter married 1st Mrs. Anna McCarthy and 2nd Emma Kairk.

35. **HENRY FOSTER** was born ca. 1836 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1850, Henry Foster, age 14, was living with his parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts.

36. **MARY FOSTER** was born ca. 1841 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1850, Mary Foster, age 9, was living with her parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts. In 1860, Mary Foster, age 18, was living with her parents in Providence, Rhode Island in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Lafayette Burdick.

37. **LILLY FOSTER** was born ca. 1843 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1850, Lilly Foster, age 7, was living with her parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts. In 1860, Lilly Foster, age 16, was living with her parents in Providence, Rhode Island in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Lafayette Burdick.

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3rd generation

## John Foster (1815 - 1893)

Husband of Margaret Fraser

8. **JOHN FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born in 20 July 1815 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died in 1893.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

John Foster was one of the two sons of William that was in Hugh Dunbar's school at Fisher's Grant in 1822.

John Foster married **MARGARET FRASER** before 1846. Margaret was born [December?] 26, 1819 in Nova Scotia and died in 1911 at the age of 91 years old.

In 1871, John Foster and his wife, Margaret, and four children were at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. John Foster was a Farmer.

In 1881, John Foster, his wife Margaret, and daughter Catherine, were living at Fisher's Grant. John Foster, age 65, was a Farmer.

In 1901, Margaret Foster, age 81, widow, was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and James Scott at Fisher's Grant.

John and Margaret Foster are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

## Children of John and Margaret (Fraser) Foster

38. **ISABELLA FOSTER** was born in 1846 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Isabella, age 25, was living with her parents at Fisher's Grant. Isabella was a Seamstress.

39. + **WILLIAM JAMES FOSTER** was born in 1851 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

William married Henrietta McArthur.

40. **MARGARET ANN FOSTER** was born in 1853 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Margaret, age 18, was living with her parents at Fisher's Grant.

41. **CATHERINE FOSTER** was born 1856 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Catherine, age 15, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant. In 1881, Catherine, age 24, was living with her parents at Fisher's Grant.

Catherine married James Scott.

James was born 31 August 1842 in Nova Scotia and died in 1932. James Scott was a widower before he married Catherine Foster. James Scott is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

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3rd generation

## Paul Foster (1819 - 1898)

Husband of Catherine McKay

10. **PAUL FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 June 1819 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died in 12 November 1898 (November 15th according to grave stone) in Fisher's Grant.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

Paul Foster married **CATHERINE MCKAY** on 21 November 1839. Catherine was born 1814 in Nova Scotia and died 1 January 1896 at the age of 82. (another source says 21 February 1896), The 1 January 1896 date comes the Presbyterian Witness Newspaper.

The marriage notice in the newspaper mentioned that Paul Foster was of Fisher's Grant and Catherine McKay was of Narrows.

In 1871, Paul Foster, his wife Catherine, and their 4 children were at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Paul Foster, age 52, was a Farmer.

In 1881, Paul Foster, his wife Catherine, and daughter, "Nellie", were living at Fisher's Grant. Paul Foster was a Farmer.

Both Paul and Catherine Foster are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

### Children of Paul and Catherine (McKay) Foster:

42. **ISABELLA FOSTER** was born 1843 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. In 1871, Isabella, age 28, was living with her parents at Fisher's Grant. Isabella Foster was a Seamstress.

43. **JAMES WILLIAM FOSTER** was born 1848 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.



In 1871, James, age 23, was living with his parents at Fisher's Grant. James W. Foster was a Seaman. He was listed as a Seaman in the 1881 census.

In the Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Nova Scotia, is a stone for a J. W. Foster who died in Norfolk, Virginia in 1888 at the age of 40 years.

The following is from Charles Foster Gill, July 11 2001 letter --

"Captain J. W. Foster was the Master of the Canadian Barque XEMA. A gold watch was presented by the President of the United States to Captain Foster for his efforts in rescuing the crew of the American Schooner Richard Rhodes. The watch is being passed down through James Foster's sister Mary Ann's male descendants, all of which bear the Christian name "Foster"....."

" .... unfortunately there is no date on the watch .... but the presentation very likely took place in the 1880's under the presidencies of Chester Arthur or Grover Cleveland"

44. + **MARY ANN FOSTER** was born 20 June 1850 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Mary married Charles J. Gill.

45. **ELLEN FOSTER** was born 2 April 1854 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, "Helen", age 17, was living with her parents at Fisher's Grant. In 1881, "Nellie", age 26, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, Ellen Foster, age 47, was living at Fisher's Grant. Her parents both died in the previous 2 to 4 years. Ellen Foster was alone in 1901 and was a Farmer.

Ellen Foster died in 1902 at the age of 47 years and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

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3rd generation

## George Foster (1821 - ?)

Husband of Mary ---?---

11. **GEORGE FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 April 1821 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

George Foster married **MARY** --- ? --- . Mary was born 15 December 1822 (according to family bible) in Nova Scotia and died 1922.

In 1871, the family is at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, George Foster and his wife, Mary, and seven children. George Foster was a farmer.

George Foster died before 1901.

In 1901, David Foster, age 34 and his mother, Mary Foster, age 76, a widow, were the only ones left of the family at their farm. David Foster was a Farmer

George and Mary Foster are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

## Children of George and Mary (---?---) Foster

46. **JAMES FOSTER** was born 7 August 1847 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, James, age 23, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant. James Foster was a Saddler.

James Foster died 13 September 1889 at the age of 42 years.

47. **WILLIAM FOSTER** was born 29 February 1849 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, William, age 21, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant. William Foster was a Saddler.

48. **ANNIE FOSTER** was born 24 March 1851 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Annie, age 19, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant. Annie Foster was a seamstress.

Annie Foster died in 2 July 1888 at the age of 37 years.

49. **GEORGE FOSTER** was born 12 January 1853 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died there 27 May 1860 at the age of seven. George Foster is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

50. + **MITCHEL FOSTER** was born 11 September 1854.

Mitchel married Jemima Powell.

51. **MARY BELL FOSTER** was born 2 September 1856 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Mary, age 14, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

52. **MARGARET FOSTER** was born 4 July 1858 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died there 19 March 1867 at the age of 8 years. Maggie Foster is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

53. **"BABY SISTER" FOSTER** was born 3 April 1861 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died there 7 May 1861 at age 1 month.

54. **GEORGINA FOSTER** was born 2 February 1864 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Georgina, age 6, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

55. **DAVID HENRY FOSTER** was born 5 February 1866 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, "Donald" Henry, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, David Foster, age 34 and his mother, Mary Foster, age 76, a widow, were the only ones left of the family at their farm. David Foster was a Farmer.

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3rd generation

## Ann Foster (1823 - 1889)

Wife of John Nairn

12. **ANN FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) (also known as Anna) was born 8 March 1823 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died in 11 April 1889 age 66 years at Fisher's Grant.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

Anna Foster married **JOHN NAIRN** before 1852. John Nairn was born 1815 in Pictou, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died in 7 September 1885 at Pictou Landing (Fisher's Grant), Nova Scotia. He was a son of James and Agnes (McNeil) Nairn.

John Nairn's father, James Nairn, died when they were living in Pictou when he was 3 years old. His mother, Agnes, then married Peter Christie and they moved across the harbour to Fisher's Grant in the 1820's to 1830's.

In 1833, John Nairn's grandfather, John McNeil Sr., died and in his Will, John McNeil Sr. left his grandson, John Nairn, ten pounds.

John Nairn became a Ferryman with a ship going back and forth across the harbour from Fisher's Grant to Pictou transporting people, horses, cattle, and supplies.

Also he has been buying properties in different locations according to deeds records from the years 1844 to 1866.

In 14 January 1846 a petition was made by John McPherson and John Nairn, both of Fisher's Grant. John McPherson and John Nairn were licensed ferrymen and they petitioned to the Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia in the General Assembly.

It mentioned the ongoing problem that an unlicensed ferryman, Donald McDougall, was operating a ferry between Pictou and Fisher's Grant and took away about half the earnings that would otherwise gone to John McPherson and John Nairn.

Donald McDougall continued even that he was summoned and convicted of several offense.

"...That no Sooner did the said Donald McDougall find that he could not ferry in opposition to your petitioners for hire than he fell upon a new plan and fixed a box in the stern of his boat on which the words "poor box" were painted and there was an aperture in it into which those who encouraged his boat or took passage therein were in the habit of dropping the fare .... "

The results of this petition is not known.

On 4 February 1856 another Petition from John McPherson and John Nairn, ferrymen was started. “..... That the Ferry Wharf at Fisher’s Grant is in great want of Repairs and Extention. That it is now landed up so that Boats cannot land sometimes at low tides at the outer end of said Wharf.....”

The petition asks for a sum so they can do repair and extension. It is signed by 55 of Fisher’s Grant’s men. The results of this petition is not known.

John Nairn was in the ferry business for many years and later became a Ship Captain.

In 1861 John Nairn and his family, a total of 4 males and 2 females were living in Fisher’s Grant.

Construction of the railroad to Pictou Landing in 1867 brought the large iron steamship, May Flower, into service for InterColonial Railway (ICR) between the railhead at Pictou Landing (Fisher’s Grant) and Pictou, a service which connected train passengers, freight, and mail.

The May Flower carried sixty passengers in her Saloon. It was a large steam ferry that was 125 feet long and a beam of 23 1/2 feet.

In 14 April 1871, John Nairn, age 54 and his wife Ann Nairn age 47 and their 5 children were living in Fisher’s Grant. John Nairn was a Captain

In McAlpine’s Maritime Provinces, 1871, it listed Captain John Nairn as master mariner. In Lovell’s Province of Nova Scotia Directory of 1871, it listed at Fisher’s Grant, Captain John Nairn, Pictou ferryboat.

From a List of Patrons in the 1879 Pictou county Atlas it mentioned “Nairn, Capt. John Capt. of the Mayflower born in N.S.”

In 1881, John Nairn, age 65, and his wife Ann Nairn, age 60, and three of their children were living in Fisher’s Grant. John Nairn was a Steamboat Captain.

John and Anna Nairn’s son, John George, died at the age of 28 years.

John Nairn died in 1885. The obituary mentioned “NAIRN - At Pictou Landing, September 7th, Capt. John Nairn in his 70th year”.

John Nairn’s will is dated 22nd day of June 1883 and proved and registered 19th September 1885. It was probably written shortly after the death of his son John George Nairn.

“..... I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann all my personal property remaining after my lawful debts are paid ..... I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann all my Real Estate to be held in trust during her natural life for my two daughters Anna Bell and Catherine Bain and at her death to be equally divided between them, Share and Share alike..... I hereby nominate and appoint my Son James Nairn to be my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament ....”

Anna Foster died in 1889 at the age of 66 in Fisher’s Grant.

At Greenwood Cemetery in Pictou Landing, Nova Scotia, there is a stone:

John Nairn died 1885 age 70 yrs

wf. Anna Foster died 1889 age 66 yrs

John G. Nairn died 1883 age 28 yrs

Concerning the steamship May Flower, it was built in 1868 at Pictou by Sandford Fleming of Halifax. After its service for ICR, it was sold in 1879 and renamed the May Queen. The ship was destroyed by fire June 8, 1898 in Baddeck Harbour.

## Children of John and Anna (Foster) Nairn

56. + **JAMES WILLIAM NAIRN** was born 1852 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

James married Julia E. Spencer.

57. **ANNA BELL NAIRN** was born 1853 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Anna Bell age 18 was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant. She was a Seamstress.

In 1881, Annabella, age 27, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant. Anna Bell was mentioned in the will of her father, dated 22 June 1883.

58. **JOHN GEORGE NAIRN** was born 1855 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, John George age 16 was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1881, John, age 26 was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

John G. Nairn died in 1883 at the age of 28 years and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

59. + **JOHNSON ARCHIBALD NAIRN** was born 1858 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Johnson married Ann Petina Wall.

60. **MARGARET CATHERINE NAIRN** was born 1862 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Margaret Catherine age 9 was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1881, Catherine, age 18, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.



Catherine Bain was mentioned in the will of her father dated 22 June 1883.

Did Catherine married a Mr. Bain ?

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3rd generation

## Daniel Foster (1825 - 1891)

Husband of Waity A. Humphries

13. **DANIEL FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 May 1825 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died 4 November 1891 at age 66 years.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

In the third quarter of 1844, the Brig "Lucretia", with John S. Adamson as its Master, arrived at Providence, Rhode Island after a voyage from Pictou, Nova Scotia on 9 September 1844. In the Passenger lists was Daniel Foster, age 19, Shipwright. Also in the list was his cousin Ann Foster, age 22, Servant; Jane Foster, age 18, Servant (do not know how she is related to the Foster family); and David McDougall, age 23, Farmer (probably a cousin).

In the second quarter of 1846, the Brig "Rainbow", British, with Israel Church as its Master, arrived at Providence, Rhode Island after a voyage from Pictou, Nova Scotia on 23 June 1846. In the Passenger lists was Daniel Foster, age 21, Ship Carpenter.

In the late 1840's, Daniel Foster went to Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island where he was in the shipbuilding business. His brother Thomas R. Foster went there too.

In 1850, Daniel Foster age 24, shipwright was living with the family of Waite Humphrey age 45 in Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island. Daniel soon married one of Waite Humphrey's daughters.

Daniel Foster married **WAITY A. HUMPHRIES** on 14 December 1851 at Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island. Waity was born ca. 1826 in Rhode Island. She was a daughter of Waite Humphrey, her father's name is not known. He was probably dead by 1850, since Waite Humphrey (age 45) was the head of the family.

In 1853, a Clipper Ship named "Pride of the Ocean" was launched at Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island. It was built by Daniel Foster. It was owned by Cady, Aldrich & Reid of the port of Providence, Rhode Island.

Daniel Foster's wife Waity died 24 April 1861 in Warren, Bristol Co., Rhode Island. She is buried at South Burial Ground in Warren.

In 1857, Daniel and Thomas Foster decided to move to Hawaii to try the shipbuilding business in the Pacific. It appears that Thomas Foster was the main brother involved in

the Shipbuilding business in Hawaii (See Thomas R. Foster for more about the business in Hawaii)

In 1880, Daniel Foster was in Oakland, Alameda County, California. Daniel is age 54 and is a Coal Dealer. Daniel's son and daughter, William and Hattie are present. They have a Chinese cook living with them, his name was Jo, age 20 born in China.

There was also another family living with them, Margarett and Nellie Fuller. Nellie was also born in Sandwich Island (Hawaii).

## Children of Daniel and Waite (Humphries) Foster

61. **(UNNAMED MALE) FOSTER** was born 10 June 1854 in Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island. Probably died at birth.

62. **WILLIAM FOSTER** was born 24 May 1856 in Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island.

In 1880, William, age 24, a lawyer, is living at his father's home in Oakland, Alameda County, California. According to the census information, William Foster was married, but like the father, the wife was not listed.

63. **HATTIE FOSTER** was born 1861 Sandwich Island (Hawaii).

In the 1880 census, Hattie, age 19, is listed at her father's home in Oakland, Alameda, California.

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3rd generation

## Samuel Archibald Foster (1833 - 1898)

Husband of Eliza Catherine Doyle

16. **SAMUEL ARCHIBALD FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 February 1831 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died at Fisher's Grant on 24 August 1898 at age 67 years.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

Samuel A. Foster was baptized at Prince Street Presbyterian church, Pictou in 1831.

Samuel married **ELIZA CATHERINE DOYLE**. Eliza was born in 22 July 1847 in Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Samuel A. Foster, his wife Elisa Catharine were at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Samuel Foster was a Seaman.

In 1881, Samuel A. Foster, his wife Eliza and their two children, Hayward and Ella were living at Fisher's Grant, Pictou county, Nova Scotia. Samuel Foster was a Merchant.

In 1901, Eliza Foster, and her children Ella and Smith Foster were living in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Also living with them was her adopted son, William Faulkner.

Both Samuel and Eliza Foster are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

### Children of Samuel A. and Eliza C. (Doyle) Foster

64. **A. HAYWOOD FOSTER** was born 1872 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, A. Hayward, age 9, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

65. **ELLA FOSTER** was born 25 October 1873 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Ella, age 7, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, Ella, age 27, was living with her mother at Fisher's Grant.

66. **SMITH FOSTER** was born 7 November 1881 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1901, Smith, age 19, was living with her mother at Fisher's Grant. Smith Foster was a Farm laborer.

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3rd generation

## Charles R. Foster (1832 - 1879)

Husband of Annie Bell ---?---

17. **CHARLES R. FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 December 1832 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died 14 January 1879 in Buenos Aires, Argentina at age 47 years.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

Charles was baptized at Prince Street Presbyterian church, Pictou in 1833

Charles R. Foster married **ANNIE BELL** --- ? --- .

Annie was born 1820 in Nova Scotia.

In the 1871 Census of Pictou, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Charles R. Foster is listed with his wife, Anniebell, and son Samuel. Charles R. Foster was a ship captain.

From the Halifax Morning Chronicle of March 5, 1879: Died - Capt. Charles R. Foster, of Pictou, commanding the Nova Scotia brig. "TRUST", died suddenly of heart disease, at Buenos Ayres, on the 14th January.

## Children of Charles R. and Annie B. (---?---) Foster

67. **SAMUEL FOSTER** was born 1861 in Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Samuel, age 10, was living with his parents in Pictou, Pictou county, Nova Scotia.

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3rd generation

## Thomas R. Foster (1835 - 1889)

Husband of Mary Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson

19. **THOMAS R. FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>3</sup>) was born 19 May 1835 at Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died 20 August 1889 in San Francisco, California at age 54 years.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

Thomas R. Foster went to work with for his brother, Daniel Foster, in his shipbuilding business in Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island in the 1850's

In 1857, Daniel and Thomas Foster decided to move to Hawaii to try the shipbuilding business in the Pacific. It appears that Thomas Foster was the main brother involved in the Shipbuilding business in Hawaii

Thomas Foster married **MARY ELIZABETH MIKAHALA ROBINSON**, the eldest daughter of James Robinson, the prominent local ship builder, in 1861.

James Robinson, an Englishman, who arrived in Honolulu in 1820, established a ship building business and leased major O`ahu lands prior to the Great Mahele. Following the Great Mahele, the land was purchased by Robinson.

Today in Hawaii the Robinson influence still exist. The Mark A. Robinson Trust, the current landholdings include 2,860 acres of primarily commercial, residential and agricultural usage.

On March 4, 1866, the Brennen barque Libelle, under command of Captain Tobias, went ashore on the east reef at Wake Island. On board were several prominent passengers and a cargo valued at over \$300,000.

Several vessels went to Wake Island to salvage the cargo, which included several hundred flasks of quicksilver. The sloop Hokulele, with a party headed by T.R. Foster, left Honolulu May 9, 1867, reached Wake on May 31st, left there June 22, and returned to Honolulu July 29, 1867 with 247 flasks of quicksilver.

Thomas Foster, Captain, returned to Wake Island with eight Hawaiian divers , landed at Wake Island from the Hawaiian schooner Moi Wahine in September, 1867.

Three days after their arrival their schooner, with Captain Zenas Bent in command, mate Wight, and a crew of five, was driven to sea by a gale and not heard again.

The salvage party was rescued by the English brig Cleo, Captain Cargell, in March, 1868, and returned to Honolulu on April 29, with 240 flasks of quicksilver, some copper, anchor and chain.

Captain Thomas R. Foster was having a fleet of steamers built by Hall Brothers at Port Ludlow, Washington. His steamers were the James Makee (June, 1879), C. R. Bishop (1880) and Iwalani (March, 1881).

In 1883, Foster's fleet became known as the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company. Mail among the islands in the 1880's and 1890's was carried almost solely by the steamers operated by Thomas Foster and two other companies.

The Foster Botanical Garden is the oldest in Hawaii and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Garden originated in 1853 when the Hawaiian Queen, Kalama, leased land to William Hillebrand, a German physician and botanist who built his home here and planted trees that now grace the area.

Mr. Hillibrand who started the botanical garden in Honolulu, sold his Hawaiian home in 1880 to a neighbor, a young entrepreneur from Nova Scotia and his part-Hawaiian wife, Thomas and Mary Foster.

With financial help from Mary's father, the Fosters bought property just mauka of the Hillebrands' driveway near the intersection of Nu'uuanu Avenue and School Street. There, they built a modest residence and settled down. Years later in 1880 when Hillebrand decided not to return to Hawai'i, he sold the house and gardens to the Fosters.

In 1884, the Fosters removed the existing Hillebrand house and built a mansion with a 5-story tower which would allow Thomas to see his passing ships. Mary enjoyed the gardens and spent much of her time renovating them. One of her contributions was the building of an auwai, or canal system for irrigation. The gardens remained a place for the Foster family to play and relax.

Thomas passed away five years later in 1889 and left Mary alone. For several years, Mary chose to live at her sister's home. With the Nu'uuanu house empty, the Foster gardens fell into a state of disrepair. Mary later returned, but found the tangles of the garden appealing and refused to have them thinned. She continued to add to the gardens and is responsible for the exceptional Bo Tree found in the garden today, a specimen propagated from what is believed to be the oldest historical tree in the world.

Another figure of great importance to Foster Botanical Garden was Harold L. Lyon. Lyon moved to Hawai'i from Minnesota in 1907 to work for the Hawaii Sugar Planters Association (HSPA). Besides working on projects to cure diseases afflicting sugar cane, Lyon also worked on projects that sought to reforest the watershed areas of the island, an issue important to sugar planters. Lyon was a botanist who specialized in trees and it is understandable how the towering trees of the Foster gardens enticed him to seek out Mary Foster and develop a formal relationship with the widow.

Through encouragement from Lyon, Mary decided the gardens were special, yet were in need of constant maintenance to repair years of neglect. In an agreement which helped the sugar planters, but was also an opportunity for Mary to ensure Lyon would remain on-site to supervise her gardens, Mary leased the HSPA nearly two acres of her property fronting Vineyard Street as an addition to their nursery. Her only stipulation required that the HSPA gardens were made to complement her already existing gardens. As a result, the grounds were graded and one of the first HSPA experiment stations was established at the property. By 1925, Lyon had developed what he considered the best-equipped plant nursery in the Hawaiian Islands.

In the 1930 Census of Honolulu we find Mary Mikahale Foster, age 86, widow, living at the home of her sister, Victoria Ward at the corner of King and Ward Street. She was listed as a Manager - General Merchandise.

Victoria Ward and her husband, Curtis Perry Ward, once owned an estate comprising over 100 acres in central Honolulu. At its greatest extent, these lands stretched all the way from Thomas Square to the shore. Until Hawaiian property laws changed in the 1870's, the Ward's stewardship responsibilities included all of the fringing reef fronting their property as well as fishing rights that extended indefinitely out to sea. Victoria was born in Nu'uuanu in 1846, the daughter of English shipbuilder, James Robinson and his wife, Rebecca Previer, a woman of Hawaiian ancestry whose chiefly lineage had roots in Ka'u, Hilo and Honokowai, Maui.

On December 19, 1930, Mary Foster died at the age of 86. She bequeathed her home and gardens (approximately 5 acres) to the City of Honolulu. She placed a stipulation on the transferal of the property that required the City and County of Honolulu to "accept and forever keep and properly maintain the (gardens) as a public and tropical park to be known and called Foster Park" and left \$10,000 for initial improvements.

The Department of Parks was able to accept the gift and Foster Park and Gardens opened its doors to the public on November 30, 1931.

Dr. Harold Lyon, the first director of Foster Garden, introduced thousands of new plants and trees to Hawaii, and started the famous orchid collection. Paul Weissich, director from 1957 to 1989, expanded Foster Garden to 14 acres of native plants and introduced plants in the heart of bustling downtown Honolulu, and developed four additional sites on Oahu Island to create the 650-acre Honolulu Botanical Gardens system.

The five gardens feature rare species from tropical environments ranging from desert to rainforest.

Thomas and Mary Foster did not have any children. But the Foster Botanical Gardens and Park is still around to remind us about them.

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3rd generation

## Joseph Foster (1837 - 1917)

Husband of Jessie ---?---

20. **JOSEPH FOSTER** (of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 November 1837 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died 26 February 1917.

Father: William Foster (No. 4)

Mother: Isabella McDougall

Joseph Foster married **JESSIE** --?-- .

Jessie was born in July 1840 in Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Joseph Foster and his wife, Jessie, and their two children were at Fisher's Grant. Joseph Foster, age 33, was a Ship Captain.

In 1881, Joseph Foster, his wife Jessie, and their 6 children were living at Fisher's Grant. Joseph Foster was a Ship Captain.

In 1901, Joseph Foster, his wife, Jessie, and two of their children were living at Fisher's Grant. Joseph Foster was in seafaring.

Joseph and Jessie Foster are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing.

## Children of Joseph and Jessie (---?---) Foster

68. **THOMAS FOSTER** was born 1867 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Thomas, age 4, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1881, Thomas Foster, age 13, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

69. **EFFIE FOSTER** was born 1869 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Effie, age 2, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1881, Effie, age 12, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

70. **ARTHUR FOSTER** was born 1875 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Arthur, age 6, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

71. **JOSEPH FOSTER** was born 22 August 1876 in U.S.A. (in the 1901 census it is Nova Scotia).

In 1881, Joseph, age 4, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, Joseph, age 24, was living with his parents at Fisher's Grant. Joseph Foster was a Seaman.

72. **JESSIE FOSTER** was born 1878 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Jessie, age 3, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, Jessie, age 22, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

73. **ELIZA A. H. FOSTER** was born 1880 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Eliza, age 1, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

Eliza A. H. Foster, died at the age of 11 years and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

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3rd generation

## William E. Foster (1834 - 1886)

Husband of Diadama Jane Owens

23. **WILLIAM E. FOSTER** (of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 May 1834 (1836 another source) in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada and died 24 December 1886 (1887 another source) in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Father: Paul Foster (No. 5)

Mother: Mary McKay

William Foster was baptized 15 July 1834 at Prince Street Presbyterian Church in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

William married **DIADAMA JANE OWENS**.

Diadama (also known as Dama) was born 23 May 1852 at Clearfield, Clearfield, Pennsylvania and died 18 September 1937 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas. She was a daughter of Aaron and Emily (Estes) Owens.

William E. Foster probably left Fisher's Grant, Nova Scotia in the 1860's and went to Minnesota. William met Diadama Owens in Hutchinson, McLeod County, Minnesota where she was living with her widowed mother. They probably got married in 1870.

During the time of the 1870 Census, W. M. and Damma J. Foster were living in Acoma, McLeod County, Minnesota. According to the census, it is erroneously listed that W. M. Foster was born in Massachusetts.

In 1880, William and Dama J. Foster with their 3 children were living in Swan Lake, Meeker County, Minnesota. William Foster was listed as a farmer.

In 1884, William Foster and family moved from Hutchinson, Minnesota to Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

From an article in the Taylor Press 1956, it mentioned "Mr. Foster was in the hauling business and the family home was located where the Lone Star Gas Company office is located today, and Mr. Foster owned that block including the corner where the Methodist church is now."

In Taylor, he was joined up with his brothers, Paul J. Foster, Joseph R. Foster, and their father, Paul Foster, Senior who was in his late 80's at that time.

In the 1884 Census of the city of Taylor, William Foster's is listed there. William was a Carpenter.

In the 1890 Census of the City of Taylor, Williamson, Texas, Dama Foster is listed with her 4 children.

In the 1900 Census of Williamson County, Texas, Walter and Roxia Smith, were listed with their two daughters Mary and Mildred. Also living with them were, John P. Smith the father and D. J. Foster the mother-in-law.

Diadama Foster married 2nd to John Poindexter Smith after 1900. John P. Smith was born 14 October 1836 in Tennessee and died 18 July 1906 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas. John P. Smith was married before and had a son Walter C. Smith, who married Diadama Foster's daughter.

In the 1920 Census we find Dama J. Smith in Precinct 1, Bexar County, Texas, she was a widow 65 years old.

Diadama Smith died at Taylor 18 September 1937.

## Children of William and Diadama (Owens) Foster

74. + **EMILY ANN FOSTER** was born 21 January 1871 in Hutchinson, McLeod County, Minnesota.

Emily married William T. Hume.

75. + **ROXA EDITH FOSTER** was born 29 August 1873 in Hutchinson, McLeod County, Minnesota.

Roxa married Walter C. Smith.

76. + **NEWTON WILLIAM FOSTER** was born 21 November 1876 in Dassel, McLeod county, Minnesota.

Newton married Louise --- ? ----.

77. **JOSEPH FOSTER** was born 12 July 1879 in Dassel, McLeod County, Minnesota and died there in September 1880.

78. + **ROSCOE RODERICK FOSTER** was born 8 February 1885 in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

Roscoe married Gertrude Camille Kibler.



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3rd generation

## Catherine Foster (1838 - ?)

Wife of Joseph H. Ivey

25. **CATHERINE FOSTER** (of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 1838 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Father: Paul Foster (No. 5)

Mother: Mary McKay

Catherine was baptized 18 March 1838 at Prince Street Presbyterian Church in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Catherine Foster made at least two trips to Providence, Rhode Island according to passenger lists. Catherine Foster, age 19, servant, arrived at Providence, R. I. on 20 August 1857. Catherine Foster, age 22, House Maid, arrived at Providence, R.I. on 17 September 1860.

Catherine married **JOSEPH H. IVEY** around 1867. Captain Joseph H. Ivey was born ca. 1834 a native of Liverpool, Lancashire, England.

Capt. Joseph H. Ivey died on 3 June 1876 at the age of 42 years and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou Co., Nova Scotia. It is noted that there is a Masonic symbol on his grave stone.

In the 1881 census, Catherine Ivey, widow, was listed with her two children, Alice and Henry Ivey. Also listed with her was, George Foster, age 85. George Foster was Catherine Ivey's Uncle (brother of Paul Foster Sr.)

Catherine Ivey is also buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou Co., Nova Scotia.

## Children of Joseph and Catherine (Foster) Ivey

79. **JOSEPH E. IVEY** was born 1868 and died 25 December 1868 at the age of 8 months and 9 days. Joseph Jr. is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou Co., Nova Scotia.

80. **ALICE M. C. IVEY** was born 29 October 1870 in Pictou, Pictou Co., Nova Scotia. In the 1881 census, Alice age 10, is listed with her mother at Fisher's Grant.

81. **HENRY R. F. IVEY** was born 1874 in Nova Scotia.

In the 1881 census, Henry age 7, is listed with his mother at Fisher's Grant, Pictou Co., Nova Scotia.

In the 1930 Census of Sherman, Grant County, Kansas, we find Henry Ivey, age 58, single, a lodger at the household of Owen B. McColm. Henry Ivey was a Farmhand laborer.

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3rd generation

## Paul J. Foster (1841 - ?)

Husband of Mary Jane Powell and May ---?---

26. **PAUL J. FOSTER** (of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 February 1841 at Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Father: Paul Foster (No. 5)

Mother: Mary McKay

Paul Foster, Jr. was baptized 27 June 1841 at Prince Street Presbyterian Church in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

William Gordon of Fisher's Grant gave to Paul Foster, Jr. 1/2 acre of land according to William Gordon's Will proved 27 November 1856.

Paul Foster married **MARY JANE POWELL**.

Mary was born 22 June 1841 in Nova Scotia and died 22 May 1881 age 39 years 11 months in Texas.

In 1871, Paul Foster Jr. and his wife Mary are at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Paul was a Farmer.

By 1883 Paul Foster married 2nd to a young lady, **MAY** ---- ? ----- .

May was born 1867 in Tennessee.

In the 1884 Census of the City of Taylor, Williamson, Texas, Paul Foster is listed as a Blacksmith.

In the 1890 Census of the city of Taylor, Paul Foster is again listed as a Blacksmith.

From a newspaper article of 1956 about Robert Ray Foster, it mentioned " the elder Fosters (P. J. and son Ivey) had a blacksmith shop in Forth Worth and later in Taylor".

In 1900, Paul J. Foster age 57 a widower and his two sons from his second marriage were living in Union township, Washita County, Oklahoma. Paul J. Foster was a Blacksmith.

## Children of Paul J. and Mary J. (Powell) Foster

82. + **LAURA NOVILLA FOSTER** was born 25 June 1873 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

Laura married George Milton Burke.

83. + **IVEY RODERICK FOSTER** was born 1875 in Nova Scotia.

Ivey married Cora --- ? ---.

84. **WARREN FOSTER** was born 1877 in Texas.

Warren Foster at age 7 is listed with the family in the 1884 Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Also listed with the parents in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Warren is listed age 9.

## Children of Paul J. and May (---?---) Foster

85. **HARLEY FOSTER** was born 1883 in Texas.

Harley Foster at age 1 is listed with the family in the 1884 Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Also listed with the parent in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Harley is listed age 5.

In 1900, Harley, age 16, was living with his father in Union Township, Washita County, Oklahoma. Harley was a Blacksmith.

(In the 1920 census, there is a Harley A. Foster, age 35, a Lodger, in a Hotel in Grand Avenue, Oklahoma, Oklahoma Co., Oklahoma. The census indicates that Harley Foster was married. This Harley Foster is born in Texas with father born in Texas and mother born Texas. The discrepancy is the parents birth locations) (source - 1920 census of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Co., Oklahoma, ED No. 154, Image 1, Ancestry.com).

(In the 1930 census, there is a Harley Foster, age 46, a boarder, in Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri. The census indicates that Harley Foster was married. This Harley Foster is born in Texas with father born in Massachusetts and mother born Tennessee. The only discrepancy is that our Harley Foster's father was born in Nova Scotia) (source - 1930 census of Missouri, Lafayette County, Lexington, District 20, Image 16, Ancestry.com).

86. + **EDGAR D. FOSTER** was born 1887 in Texas.

He married Pearl Lillian ---?-----.

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3rd generation

## Joseph Roderick Foster (1846 - 1898)

Husband of Agnes --- ? ---

27. **JOSEPH RODERICK FOSTER** (of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 1846 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died 17 December 1898 at Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

Father: Paul Foster (No. 5)

Mother: Mary McKay

Joseph Foster was baptized 23 September 1845 at Prince Street Presbyterian Church in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

In 1870, Joseph R. Foster age 23 and Mathew Sproull age 35, both House Carpenters were living in the household of Frank Folda a General Merchant in Colfax County, Nebraska. (Mathew Sproull is a Fisher's Grant, N.S. person too and possible relative of Joseph Foster)

They went back to Nova Scotia soon.

In 1871, Joseph, age 24, was living at his father's farm at Fisher's Grant. Joseph R. Foster was a Joiner.

Joseph Foster married **AGNES** ---- ? ---- before 1876.

Agnes was born August 1846 in Nova Scotia and died 4 August 1901 in Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas.

In the 1884 Census of the City of Taylor, Williamson, Texas, Joseph R. Foster is listed as a Carpenter. His father, Paul Foster Sr. age 90, was living with them.

In the 1890 Census of the City of Taylor, Williamson, Texas, Joseph R. Foster is again listed as a Carpenter. Joseph Foster died in December 17, 1898 at Taylor at age 52.

In the 1900 Census of Williamson County, Texas, Agnes Foster, a widow, age 63 is listed with her 5 children.

Both Joseph and Agnes Foster are buried in the cemetery in Taylor, Texas.

## Children of Joseph R. and Agnes (---?---) Foster

87. **EDNA FOSTER** was born October 1876 in Texas.

Edna Foster at age 8 is listed with the family in the 1884 Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Also listed with the parents in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Edna is listed age 12.

In 1900, Edna, age 23, school teacher, is living with her widowed mother in Taylor.

88. **ISABEL PAULINE FOSTER** was born August 1876 in Texas.

Isabel Foster at age 6 is listed with the family in the 1884 Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Also listed with the parents in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Isabel is listed age 11.

In 1900, Pauline, age 21, is living with her widowed mother in Taylor.

89. **MARY J. FOSTER** was born October 1879 in Texas.

Mary Foster at age 5 is listed with the family in the 1884 Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Also listed with the parents in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Mary is listed age 9.

In 1900, Mary, age 20, dressmaker, is living with her widowed mother in Taylor.

In the same cemetery group of Joseph and Agnes Foster in Taylor, Texas is also the following two names: Mary J. Hafner died 12 June 1953 and Carl J. Hafner died 15 October 1918. This is probably Mary J. Foster and her husband or son ?

90. + **HERBERT W. FOSTER** was born April 1881.

Herbert married Lelia Avery.

91. **AGNES. J. FOSTER** was born June 1882 in Texas.

Agnes Foster at age 2 is listed with the family in the 1884 Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Also listed with the parents in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Agnes is listed age 7.

In 1900, Agnes, age 17, drygoods saleswoman, is living with her widowed mother in Taylor.

Miss Agnes Foster died 30 March 1959 and is buried in the cemetery in Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas.

Sources:



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3rd generation

## Ann Foster (1822 - 1890)

Wife of Lafayette Burdick

28. **ANN FOSTER** (of George Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) born 1822 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died 4 December 1890 in Rhode Island.

Father: George Foster (No. 6)

Mother: Margaret --- ? ---

In the third quarter of 1844, the Brig "Lucretia", with John S. Adamson as its Master, arrived at Providence, Rhode Island after a voyage from Pictou, Nova Scotia on September 9, 1844. In the Passenger lists was Ann Foster, age 22, Servant. Also on the same list was, her cousin Daniel Foster, age 19, Shipwright; Jane Foster, age 18, Servant (do not know how she is related to the Foster family).

Ann Foster married **LAFAYETTE BURDICK** around 1849 in Rhode Island. Lafayette was born in Connecticut around 1823 (age 37 1860 Census) or 1825 (age 55 1880 Census) and died April 26, 1894 in Rhode Island.

In the 1860 census of the 5th Ward of Providence, Rhode Island, we find "Laurence Burchet" (Lafayette Burdick) age 37 born in Connecticut, his wife Ann age 38 born "Pictou", and their three children. Lafayette Burdick was listed as a Teamster.

Also living with them in 1860 was Ann Burdick's parent's family, George and Margaret Foster and their children Mary and Lilly.

Lafayette Burdick served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was a Wagoner when he was induced and by the time he was discharged he was a private. Lafayette was in the 1st Company of the 11th Rhode Island Infantry.

In the 1880 census of East Providence, Rhode Island, we find Lafayette Burdick age 55 born in Connecticut, his wife Ann age 54 born in Nova Scotia, and 6 of their children. Also two son-in-laws, Thomas Johnson and Royal Leach, and two grandsons were living with the Burdicks.

## Children of Lafayette and Ann (Foster) Burdick

92. **ADELAIDE BURDICK** was born 1850 in Rhode Island.

In 1860, Adelaide age 9 was living with her parents in the 5th Ward of Providence, Rhode Island.

Adelaide Burdick married Thomas Johnson before 1880..

In 1880, Thomas Johnson, age 35 born in New York a watchmaker, and Adelaide Johnson, age 30, were living in Lafayette Burdick's home in East Providence, Rhode Island.

93. + **SARAH BURDICK** was born 1852 in Rhode Island.

Sarah Burdick married Royal B. Leach.

94. **MARGARETTA BURDICK** was born 1854 in Rhode Island.

Margaretta Burdick died on 13 June 1859 at the age of 5 years.

95. **ALFRED BURDICK** was born 1 July 1857 in Rhode Island.

Alfred Burdick died on June 1, 1858 at the age of 11 months in Rhode Island.

96. **CHARLES H. BURDICK** was born 14 March 1859 in Rhode Island.

In 1860, Charles age 1 was living with his parents in the 5th Ward of Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1880, Charles Burdick, age 20 a Roll Coverer, was living with his parents in East Providence, Rhode Island.

Charles H. Burdick died in Rhode Island on August 6, 1900

97. **LAFAYETTE BURDICK** was born 5 October 1861 in Rhode Island.

Lafayette Burdick died on 22 August 1867 at the age of 5 years in Rhode Island.

98. **NANCY BURDICK** was born 7 June 1863 in Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island.

In 1880, Nannie Burdick, age 17, was living with her parents in East Providence, Rhode Island. Nannie Burdick was working in a Jewelry shop.

99. **HARRIET PERRY BURDICK** was born 23 February 1866 in Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island.

In 1880, Hattie Burdick, age 15 was living with her parents in East Providence, Rhode Island.

100. **LILLIE AUGUSTA BURDICK** was born 5 April 1868 in Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island.

In 1880, Lillie Burdick, age 11 was living with her parents in East Providence, Rhode Island.

101. **LAURA S. BURDICK** died 28 December 1871 in Rhode Island.

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7. Birth record of Harriet Perry Burdick, 1866 FamilySearch IGI Index v5.0 Source FHL Film No. 0914404 V. 7-8 FamilySearch.org
8. Birth record of Lillie Augusta Burdick, 1868 FamilySearch IGI Index v5.0 Source FHL Film No. 0914405 V. 9-10 FamilySearch.org
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3rd generation

## William Foster (1825 - ?)

Husband of Adelaide Vanderslice

30. **WILLIAM FOSTER** (of George Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug 1825 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Father: George Foster (No. 6)

Mother: Margaret --- ? ---

In the second quarter of 1844, the Brig "Lucretia" with John S. Adamson as its Master, arrived at Providence, Rhode Island after a voyage from Pictou, Nova Scotia on June 3, 1844. In the Passenger lists was a William Foster, age 25, carpenter.

Somewhere in the 1840's to 1850's, William Foster went to Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.

In 1860, we find William Foster, age 35, shipbuilder, in the household of Jacob and Mary Vanderslice in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama. Mr. Vanderslice was a Carpenter. The 1860 Census was dated August 27th 1860. A few days later, William Foster married one of Jacob and Mary Vanderslice's daughters.

William Foster married **ADELAIDE VANDERSLICE** on 6 September 1860 in Montgomery County, Alabama. She was born in Alabama in Aug. 1840. She was a daughter of Jacob and Mary J. Vanderslice.

In 1861, there was of Deeds record of William Foster. Power of Attorney from William Foster of the City of Mobile in Alabama to George Foster, Shipbuilder, of Pictou, N.S. for him to sell his land and buildings in Fisher's Grant road containing 100 acres more or less. Made 31 Dec. 1860, Reg'd 10 June 1861. Witness, "Walton" Foster (most likely Walter not Walton), Mobile, Alabama .

A second record, 1861. Power of Attorney from William Foster of County of Mobile, Alabama, to George Foster of Providence, R.I. "to enter into and take possession of the following tract of land....in County of Pictou, Province of Nova Scotia .... in the vicinity of the town of New Glasgow and near to the Fisher's Grant road and containing about fifty-four acres more or less..." to sell it for him. Made 27 Mar 1861. Reg'd 10 June 1861.

In 1871, William Foster age 41 and his wife Martha age 25 were living in Beat 3, Mobile County, Alabama. William was a shipbuilder. Also living with them was a Frank Moog

age 46 Carpenter born in Germany. The Fosters were living next door to Martha's parents, Jacob Vanderslice age 78 Carpenter and Mary Vanderslice age 58.

In the 1880 Census, we find the William and Adalaide Foster at Whistler, Mobile County, Alabama. William Foster, born in Nova Scotia and a ship Builder. There was a sister-in-law living with them, Sarah F. Vanderslice, age 34 born in Alabama.

Next door to the Foster household was Margaret E. Vanderslice and her son Frank Vanderslice. Whistler is actually part of the city of Mobile according to the modern day maps.

In the 1900 Census of Whistler, Mobile County, Alabama. William Foster age 74, born Aug 1825 in Nova Scotia, it indicates that William's parent were both born in Nova Scotia. William Foster was listed as a Ship builder and been in the country since 1844. His wife "Martha", age 59, born Aug 1840.

Also in 1900, Margaret Vanderslice, boarder, age 64 was living with the Fosters.

**[Note added 2018:**

William Foster was the shipbuilder of the schooner Clotilda and its Captain on the voyage bringing the last cargo of slaves from Africa to America ]

William and Martha Foster did not have any children.

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3. U.S. 1860 Census of Alabama, Mobile County, Mobile, Image 172, Ancestry.com, family of Jacob and Mary Vanderslice.
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3rd generation

## Catherine Foster (ca. 1828 - ?)

Wife of Purchase D. Jewett

31. **CATHERINE FOSTER** (of George Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born ca. 1828 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Father: George Foster (No. 6)

Mother: Margaret --- ? ---

On July 3, 1845, the Bark "Lucretia", that came from Pictou, Nova Scotia, arrived in the Port of Providence and aboard the ship as one of the passengers was Catherine Foster, age 17. She was with her mother, and brothers and sisters. They were joining up with George Foster and another brother who went to Rhode Island earlier.

In 1850, Catherine Foster, age 21, was living with her parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts.

Catherine Foster, also known as Katy, married **PURCHASE D. JEWETT** on 2 June 1857 in Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island.

Purchase Jewett was an older man and Catherine was probably his second wife.

In 1870, Purchase Jewett, age 60, his wife Catherine, age 37, and their son were living in the 5th Ward of Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island. Purchase Jewett was a carpenter.

In 1880, Purchase Jewett, age 72, his wife Catherine, age 50, and their son were living in Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island. Purchase Jewett was a carpenter.

## Children of Purchase D. and Catherine (Foster) Jewett

102. **GEORGE M. JEWETT** was born 11 April 1858 in Cranston, Providence County, Rhode Island.

In 1870, George M. Jewett, age 12, was living with his parents in Providence, RI, he was attending school.

In 1880, George M. Jewett, age 22, was living with his parents in Providence, RI. George was a Polisher of Jewelry.

Sources:

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5. 1870 Census of Rhode Island, Providence County, Providence, Ward 5, Image 38. Ancestry.com. Family of Purchase Jewett (name listed as Purchase Jewitt).
6. 1880 Census of Rhode Island, Providence County, Providence Source FHL Film No. 1255212 NA Film No. T9-1212. Family of Purchase Jewett (name listed as Penchase Jewett)



3rd generation

## Walter Foster (1834 - ?)

Husband of Mrs. Anna McCarthy and Emma Kairk

34. **WALTER FOSTER** (of George Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born ca. 1834 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Father: George Foster (No. 6)

Mother: Margaret --- ? ---

On 3 July 1845, the Bark "Lucretia", that came from Pictou, Nova Scotia, arrived in the Port of Providence and aboard the ship as one of the passengers was Walter Foster, age 11. She was with her mother, and brothers and sisters. They were joining up with George Foster and another brother who went to Rhode Island earlier.

In 1850, Walter Foster, age 16 a ship carpenter, was living with his parents in Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts.

In the 1850's, Walter Foster left Nova Scotia and went to Mobile, Mobile county, Alabama. His brother, William Foster was their too.

Walter married 1st. **MRS. ANNA MCCARTHY** on 31 May 1858 in Mobile, Alabama. Anna was born ca. 1842 in New York state.

In the 1860 Census, we find Walter and Anna Foster and their daughter, Margaret, at Ward 6, Mobile, Mobile Co., Alabama. Walter, age 24, is listed as a Ship Carpenter. Next door to them was the family of James and Ann McCarthy and two children. The father and mother were born in Ireland. They are probably the parents of Walter Foster's wife.

Walter Foster married 2nd **EMMA KAIRK** on 26 July 1864 in Mobile, Alabama. Emma was born in Alabama ca. 1837. Her mother was born in Prussia.

Between 1868 and 1870 the family moved to Mississippi.

In 1870, "Willie" (Walter) age 34 and his wife Emma age 27 and his three children were living in Shieldsborough, Hancock County, Mississippi. Willie was a Carpenter.

In 1880, at Biloxi, Harrison Co., Mississippi, Walter Foster was 44 years old and his occupation was R.R. work (probably Rail Road). Living with the Foster family was Francis Luther an Aunt and widow, she was age 50 and born in Prussia.

## Children of Walter and Anna Foster

103. **MARGARET E. FOSTER** was born 1859 in Mobile, Mobile co., Alabama.

In 1860, Margaret, age 1, was with her parents in Ward 6 of Mobile, Alabama.

In 1870, "May" age 11 was living with her father and stepmother in Shieldsborough, Hancock County, Mississippi.

She was not listed with the family in Biloxi, Mississippi in 1880, she may have been married by then.

## Children of Walter and Emma (Kairk) Foster

104. **LILLY FOSTER** was born 1866 in Mobile, Mobile Co., Alabama.

In 1870, Lilly age 4 was living with her parents in Shieldsborough, Hancock County, Mississippi.

In 1880, Lilly, age 14, was with her parents in Biloxi, Harrison Co., Mississippi.

105. **ROSA FOSTER** was born 1868 in Mobile, Mobile Co., Alabama.

In 1870, "Martha" age 2 was living with her parents in Shieldsborough, Hancock County, Mississippi.

In 1880, Rosa, age 12, was with her parents in Biloxi, Harrison Co., Mississippi.

106. **FANNIE FOSTER** was born 1872 in Mississippi.

In 1880, Fannie, age 8, was with her parents in Biloxi, Harrison Co., Mississippi.

107. **LOUISA FOSTER** was born 1874 in Mississippi.

In 1880, Louisa, age 6, was with her parents in Biloxi, Harrison Co., Mississippi.

Sources:

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5. Marriage, Walter Foster & Emma Kairk, 1864 FamilySearch International Genealogical Index v5.0, North America, FamilySearch.com.
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4th generation

## William James Foster (1850 - 1925)

Husband of Henrietta McArthur

39. **WILLIAM JAMES FOSTER** (of John Foster<sup>3</sup>, of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 February 1851 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died in 1925.

Father: John Foster (No. 8)

Mother: Margaret Fraser

In 1871, William, age 20, was living with his parents at Fisher's Grant. William J. Foster was listed as a Farm laborer.

William J. Foster married **HENRIETTA MCARTHUR**.

Henrietta was born May 1855 in Nova Scotia and died in 1918.

In 1881, William James Foster, his wife Henrietta, and their three children, were living at Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. William J. Foster was a Conductor for I.C.R. (InterColonial Railway).

In the New Glasgow newspaper, The Enterprise, dated September 29, 1888 is this comment "Railway Conductor Foster is on the road every day from 6am to 10pm - long hours for any man".

In 1901, William J. Foster, his wife, Henrietta, and 6 of their children were in Fisher's Grant. William Foster, 58, is a Farmer.

William and Henrietta Foster are buried at Greenwood cemetery, Pictou Landing, Nova Scotia.

### Children of William and Henrietta (McArthur) Foster

108. **EMMA FOSTER** was born 11 November 1873 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Emma, age 6, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

Emma Foster married a Mr. Faulkner.

In 1901, Emma Faulkner, age 28, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant. Emma was married at the time but her husband was not at Fisher's Grant.

109. **CHARLES HERBERT FOSTER** was born 1 July 1875 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Charles Herbert, age 5, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, Charles, age 25, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant. Charles was a Mail Clerk.

110. **MAUDE DOROTHY FOSTER** was born 24 February 1878 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Maude, age 3, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, Maude, age 23, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

Maude married Joseph L. Eaton.

Joseph was born in 1881 and died in 1940. Maude died in 1929. Both Joseph and Maude Eaton are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

111. **BELBA FOSTER** was born 13 January 1881 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1901, Belba, age 19, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

112. **ELIZA FOSTER** was born 19 May 1892 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1901, Eliza, age 8, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

113. **JANE FOSTER** was born 2 August 1896 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1901, Jane, age 2, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

Sources:

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4th generation

## Mary Ann Foster (1850 - 1941)

Wife of Charles J. Gill

44. **MARY ANN FOSTER** (of Paul Foster<sup>3</sup>, of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 June 1850 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou, Nova Scotia and died 24 October 1941.

Father: Paul Foster (No. 10)

Mother: Catherine McKay

In 1871, Mary, age 19, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant. Mary Ann Foster was a servant.

Mary Foster married **CHARLES J. GILL**. on 16 November 1889.

Charles was born 1850 in England and died 1904. He was a son of James and Louisa Gill.

At the time of their marriage they were living in Boston, Massachusetts. Charles Gill was a Teamster and Mary was a nurse. In 1892, they were in Newton, Massachusetts where Charles Gill was a bookkeeper. By 1895 the family was back in Pictou where their daughter Rosa was born.

Charles Gill died in 1904 and is buried at Duff Cemetery, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Mary Gill is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Nova Scotia.

### Children of Charles and Mary (Foster) Gill

114. + **JAMES FOSTER GILL** was born 15 March 1892 at Newton, Massachusetts and died 21 October 1966.

115. **ROSA LOUISE GILL** was born 28 September 1895 at Pictou, Nova Scotia and died October 1895 age 5 weeks.

Sources:

1. 1871 Census of Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, 3-15-16. Paul Foster's family.
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4. Charles Foster Gill family notes.



4th generation

## Mitchel Foster (1854 - 1880)

Husband of Jemima Powell

50. **MITCHEL FOSTER** (of George Foster<sup>3</sup>, of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) born 11 September 1854 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died 12 December 1880.

Father: George Foster (No. 11)

Mother: Mary --- ? ---

In 1871, Mitchel, age 16, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant, he was a Farm servant.

Mitchel Foster married **JEMIMA POWELL** around 1874.

Jemima was born 18 July 1856 in Nova Scotia and died 2 June 1935 in Rhode Island.

Mitchel Foster died 12 December 1880 at the age of 26 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou county, Nova Scotia.

In 1881, Jemima Foster, age 25, widower, and her daughter, Ann were living in the home of John and Martha Ann Dee. John Dee's wife was Martha Ann Powell, she probably was a sister of Jemima Foster.

Jemima Foster remarried with **MICHAEL MCKINNON** by 1883.

He was born 1857 in Nova Scotia. His parents were born in Scotland. Michael McKinnon died between 1920 and 1930 in Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island. He was a Blacksmith.

In 1883, Jemima and her husband and her two oldest daughters from Mitchel Foster went to the United States. They moved to Providence, Providence Co., Rhode Island. Her youngest daughter from Mitchel Foster, Annie, who was a young child at the time, was left behind to live with her grandfather's brother and sister, Smith and Margaret Foster, in Fisher's Grant, Nova Scotia.

In 1910, Michael McKinnon, age 52, a blacksmith and his wife Jemima, age 53 and their 3 sons were living in Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1920, Michael McKinnon, age 63, a blacksmith and his wife Jemima age 64, were living in Providence, Rhode Island. Also living with them were, their 2 sons and a daughter-in-law.

In 1930 in Providence, Rhode Island, Jemima McKinnon, age 73 and widowed was living in the household of son John F. McKinnon age 48 a trainer at College. Also in the household was son William age 37 a Lieutenant in a Fire Department, his wife Ellen age 35 and his daughter Hope E. McKinnon age 9.

## Children of Mitchell and Jemima (Powell) Foster

116. **ELLA MAY FOSTER** was born 2 March 1875 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

117. + **MARGARET GEORGINA FOSTER** was born 29 April 1877 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Known as Maggie.

Margaret married Charles H. Huggins.

118. + **ANN CATHERINE FOSTER** was born 29 June 1879 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Known as Annie.

Ann married John Robert Christie.

## Children of Michael and Jemima (Powell) McKinnon

1. **RODERICK MCKINNON** was born 1884 in Rhode Island.

In 1910, Roderick, age 26, a Ship "Chandler", was living with his parents in Providence, Rhode Island.

2. **JOHN F. MCKINNON** was born 1885 in Rhode Island.

In 1910, John, age 24, was living with his parents in Providence, Rhode Island. John was a Bench hand in a Jewelry shop.

In 1920, John F. age 35, was living with his parents in Providence, R. I. John F. McKinnon was an Athletic Trainer at a College

In 1930, John F. McKinnon age 48 single, was living in Providence, Rhode Island.

3. + **WILLIAM MCKINNON** was born 1894 in Rhode Island.

In 1910, William, age 16, was living with his parents in Providence, Rhode Island.

William was a toolmaker in a Jewelry shop.

He married by 1920 Helen ---?-----.

In 1920, William age 26 and his wife Helen age 25 were living in the home of his parents in Providence, Rhode Island. William McKinnon was a Fireman.

In 1930, in Providence, R.I., in the household of his brother, John F. McKinnon, was William age 37 a Lieutenant in a Fire Department, his wife Ellen age 35 and his daughter Hope E. McKinnon age 9.

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7. 1930 Census of Rhode Island, Providence Co., Providence District No. 147, Image 27, 201/151/199. The family of John F. McKinnon. Ancestry.com.

4th generation

## James William Nairn (1852 - 1921)

Husband of Julia E. Spencer

56. **JAMES WILLIAM NAIRN** (of Ann Foster<sup>3</sup>, of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born in 6 November 1852 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died 20 June 1921 in Truro, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.

Father: John Nairn

Mother: Ann Foster (No. 12)

James Nairn was born and raised in Fisher's Grant, Nova Scotia.

In April 14, 1871, James William Nairn, age 19, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant. He was a Farmer.

By 1879, James moved to Londonderry, Colchester County, Nova Scotia and was by that time a train engineer.

James W. Nairn married **JULIA E. SPENCER** on 31 December 1879 at Londonderry, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia.

Julia was born in 12 December 1854 in Londonderry and died 19 June 1907 probably at Truro, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia. She was a daughter of John C. and Sarah Spencer. Julia's father was a Railway Station Agent.

In 1881, James Nairn age 29 and his wife Julia age 26 were living in Truro, Colchester, County, Nova Scotia. J. W. Nairn was a Engine Driver.

James Nairn was made the sole Executor of his father's Will, dated June 22, 1883 and Proven and Registered September 19, 1885.

In 1885, James and Julia Nairn's son Frank died at the age of 3 years.

In 1891, James W. Nairn age 39 and his wife Julia age 36 and their two children were living in Truro, Colchester, County, Nova Scotia.

In 1901, James Nairn age 48 and his wife Julia age 46 and their two children were living in Truro, Colchester, County, Nova Scotia.

James and Julia Nairn are buried in Robie St. Cemetery in Truro, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia.

## Children of James W. and Julia E. (Spencer) Nairn

119. **FRANK SPENCER NAIRN** was born 1882 and died 14 October 1885 in Truro, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia at age 3 years. Frank is buried at Robie St. Cemetery in Truro.

120. **WINIFRED NAIRN** was born 10 January 1886 in Truro, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia.

In 1891, Winifred age 5 was living with her parents in Truro.

In 1901, Winifred age 15 was living with her parents in Truro. Winifred and her brother, Jack Nairn, lived in Sydney (Nova Scotia?) for years.

121. **JAMES or JOHN NAIRN** born 1 November 1888 in Truro, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia.

In 1891, "John" age 3 was living with her parents in Truro.

In 1901, "James" age 13 was living with his parents in Truro.

Jack Nairn and her sister, Winifred, lived in Sydney (Nova Scotia?) for years.

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4th generation

## Johnson Archibald Nairn (1858 - 1911)

Husband of Ann Petina Wall

59. **JOHNSON ARCHIBALD NAIRN** (of Ann Foster<sup>3</sup>, of William Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 January 1858 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia and died 28 August 1911 in New York City, N.Y.

Father: John Nairn

Mother: Ann Foster (No. 12)

Johnson Archibald Nairn was born and raised in Fisher's Grant, Nova Scotia.

In April 14, 1871, Johnson Archibald Nairn, age 13, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

His father was a ship captain. Johnson Nairn probably met Annie Wall in the late 1870s when the Wall Family moved from Pictou across the harbor to Pictou Landing.

Annie Wall's father, Isaac Wall, was the switchman for the I.C.R. at Pictou Landing. Johnson's father, John Nairn, was the captain of the I.C.R. Steamship Mayflower that picked up people and freight at the railhead at Pictou Landing and transported them across the harbor to Pictou.

Eventually Annie Wall's brother, Judson Wall, joined the I.C.R. and became a train engineer. Johnson Nairn's brother, James W. Nairn, became a train engineer too. So the Wall family and the Nairn family had several connections with the Intercolonial Railway.

Johnson Nairn around 1880 went to New York City. Johnson found a place to live and took a job as a machinist. In 1881, Johnson Nairn returned to Pictou Landing to marry Annie Wall.

Johnson A. Nairn married **ANN PETINA WALL** on 21 September 1881 at Pictou Landing, Nova Scotia.

Annie Wall was born 28 July 1860 at Freetown, Prince Edward Island and died 8 August 1942 at the age of 82 years in Ridgewood, New Jersey. She was a daughter of Isaac Wall and Jane Van Buskirk.

Then the two of them went back to New York City. Johnson and Annie were living at 427 Grand Street in New York City.

Johnson Nairn made his intentions of becoming a U.S. Citizen on October 1, 1885, they were then living at 168 Clinton Street, New York City. He was granted citizenship on the 22nd day of October 1888. His witness was Nathan J. Wadhaus who knew him since June 1882.

Johnson was for a while a member of the Royal Arcanum, a lodge in New York City. It was similar to the Masonic lodges. Johnson had a gold watch chain with a medallion attached to the chain. The medallion has a crown on it which is the symbol of the Royal Arcanum.

Over the years Johnson moved up to higher positions. He started as a machinist, then became a mechanical engineer, and it was mentioned in the family that he later became superintendent of a shipyard probably located in New York City or Brooklyn in New York or in Newark or Hoboken area of New Jersey. The exact location is not known.

By the year 1900 they were living at 344 Kosciusko Street in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1908 to 1911 they were living at 784 Quincy Drive. Annie Nairn may have been a member of the Green Avenue Baptist Church of Brooklyn.

According to the family, there was a story about Johnson Nairn. Before, or in 1911, there was a labor strike going on in which some violence broke out at the shipyard where Johnson Nairn was a superintendent. Johnson, because he was a boss, had to worry a lot about the situation and also work a lot harder.

In August of 1911, Johnson fell very ill and was suffering convulsions which led to his death on 28 August 1911. In the New York Times issue of 30 August 1911 "Johnson A. Nairn - 784 Quincy Street Aug. 28 Funeral notice later"

Annie Petina Nairn remained a widow for the next 31 years. Later Annie Nairn lived at President Street in Brooklyn. Two of her grand-children Everett H. Hendrickson and Mildred Nairn Hendrickson were born at that location.

In 1930, Anne P. Nairn was living with her daughter, Mildred Wallworth, and her family in Glen Rock, Bergen County, New Jersey. My father, Robert Wallworth, remembers his grandmother living with them when he was a kid.

My father, Robert Wallworth, also remembers Mr. Van Buskirk, a relative came to New Jersey to visit Annie Nairn. He remembers that he had a bushy mustache. He also remembers that Annie Nairn had many visits from her sister Ruby Whiston, with her husband the Reverend Robert Whiston, and another sister Janie Fisher during the 1930s. Annie Nairn told her grandchildren stories about the family, about the Walls, the Nairns and the Van Buskirks and about the family being Tories during the Revolution.

Annie Nairn later lived at 17 Christopher Place, Ridgewood, N.J. at the Hendrickson home until she died three years later on August 8, 1942 at the age of 82 years.

Johnson and Annie Nairn are both buried at Maple Grove Cemetery at Kew Gardens, Long Island, N.Y. Johnson was buried on August 31, 1911 and Annie was buried August 11, 1942.

## Children of Johnson A. and Ann P. (Wall) Nairn

122. + **OLGA MAY NAIRN** was born 17 June 1883 in Brooklyn, New York. Olga Nairn married Everett H. Hendrickson Sr.

123. + **MILDRED JANE NAIRN** was born 28 July 1889 in Brooklyn, New York. Mildred Nairn married Alfred H. Wallworth.

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12. Stories about the family told from memory of Robert N. Wallworth.
13. Stories about the family told from memory of Donald and Norma Wallworth, Jan. 1982.
14. Letter from Maple Grove Cemetery, Kew Gardens, New York May 5, 1982 Nairn burial plots.
15. Letter from Mrs. Mildred Swanson January 25, 1992.



4th generation

## Emily Ann Foster (1871 - 1953)

Wife of William T. Hume

74. **EMILY ANN FOSTER** (of William E. Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 January 1871 in Hutchinson, McLeod County, Minnesota and died 18 June 1953 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Father: William E. Foster (No. 23)

Mother: Diadama Jane Owens

Emily Ann Foster (known as Emma) was with the family in Swan Lake, Meeker County, Minnesota in 1880.

Between 1880 to 1884, they moved to Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

In the 1884 Census of the city of Taylor, Williamson, Emily Foster age 13 is listed with her parents family. Emma age 18 is also listed with her widowed mother in the 1890 Census of the city of Taylor.

According to a newspaper article about her father, William Foster, 1956, Emily attended a private school called McFarland School.

Emily Ann Foster married **WILLIAM T. HUME**.

William was born 16 February 1866.

In the 1930 Census, William and Emily Hume were living in Alamo Heights, Bexar County, Texas. William Hume was listed as a Claims Agent ? for Steam Rail Road ? (the handwriting was hard to decipher in the 1930 Census)

Emily lived in San Antonio, Texas and was buried in Taylor, Williamson, Texas

## Children of William T. and Emily A. (Foster) Hume

124. **ELEANOR HUME**

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2. 1880 Census of Minnesota, Meeker County, Swan Lake, ED No. 57 Pg. 19, Ancestry.com
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4th generation

## Roxa Edith Foster (1873 - 1966)

Wife of Walter C. Smith

75. **ROXA EDITH FOSTER** (of William E. Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 August 1873 in Hutchinson, McLeod, Minnesota and died 24 October 1966 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Father: William E. Foster (No. 23)

Mother: Diadama Jane Owens

Roxa Edith Foster was with the family in Swan Lake, Meeker County, Minnesota in 1880.

Between 1880 to 1885, they moved to Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

In the 1884 Census of the city of Taylor, Williamson, Roxa Foster age 11 is listed with her parents family.

Roxy age 16 is also listed with her widowed mother in the 1890 Census of the city of Taylor.

Roxa E. Foster married **WALTER C. SMITH** on 22 February 1893 in Williamson County, Texas.

Walter was born June 26, 1866 in Williamson county, Texas.

According to a newspaper article about her father, William Foster, of 1956 it mentioned that Mrs. Walter Smith is the only child of William Foster remaining in Taylor, Texas and that she attended the first public school in Taylor.

The 1956 article also mentioned "Mr. & Mrs. Walter Smith lived in the old two story frame house that can be seen from the road when they first married. They moved to town in 1898 and lived in a small cottage replaced in 1905 by their present brick home."

In the 1900 Census of Williamson County, Texas, Walter and Roxia Smith, were listed with their two daughters Mary and Mildred. Also living with them were, John P. Smith the father and D. J. Foster the mother-in-law.

In the 1920 Census in Precinct 6 of Williamson County, Texas, Walter and Roxa Smith were listed with their two daughters, Mary and Mildred. Walter Smith was a Farmer.

In the 1930 Census, Walter and Roxa Smith were living in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas. Walter Smith was listed as a Farmer.

## Children of Walter C. and Roxa E. (Foster) Smith

125. **MARY EDITH SMITH** was born 13 January 1895 in Williamson County, Texas. In 1900, Mary was living with the parents in Williamson County, Texas. In 1920, Mary, age 24, a school teacher, was living with her parents in Precinct 6, Williamson County, Texas.

126. **MILDRED WALTER SMITH** was born 29 January 1899 in Williamson County, Texas.

In 1900, Mildred was living with the parents in Williamson County, Texas.

In 1920, Mildred was living with her parents in Precinct 6, Williamson County, Texas.

### Sources:

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2. 1880 Census of Minnesota, Meeker County, Swan Lake, ED No. 57 Pg. 19, Ancestry.com
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8. Taylor Press, newspaper article about William Foster, November 23, 1956. From John Myles.

4th generation

## Newton William Foster (1876 - ?)

Husband of Louise ---?---

76. **NEWTON WILLIAM FOSTER** (of William E. Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) born 21 November 1876 in Dassel, McLeod, Minnesota and died 20 April 1949 in Cook County, Illinois.

Father: William E. Foster (No. 23)

Mother: Diadama Jane Owens

Newton W. Foster was listed in the 1880 Census with the family in Swan Lake, Meecker, Minnesota, he was 4 years old.

Between 1880 to 1884, they moved to Taylor, Williamson County, Texas

In the 1884 City Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas, Newton is listed with the family and is 8 years old.

Newton at age 12 was also listed with his widowed mother in the 1890 Census of Taylor.

By 1900 or earlier Newton Foster moved to Illinois.

Newton W. Foster married **LOUISE** ----- ? ----- . She was born 1876 in Illinois, her parents were born in Germany.

In 1920 Census of Chicago, Cook, Illinois, Newton Foster is listed with his wife, Louise, and 3 children, Mildred, Beatrice, and Hume. Newton Foster was a (----?----) Printing.

### Children of Newton and Louise (---?---) Foster:

127. **MILDRED FOSTER** was born 1902 in Illinois.

In 1920, Mildred, age 18, was living with her parents in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

128. **BEATRICE FOSTER** was born 1904 in Illinois.

In 1920, Beatrice, age 16, was living with her parents in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

129. **HUME FOSTER** a son born 1909 in Illinois.

In 1920, Hume, age 11, was living with the parents in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

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4th generation

## Roscoe Roderick Foster (1885 - ?)

Husband of Gertrude Camille Kibler

78. **ROSCOE RODERICK FOSTER** (of William E. Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 February 1885 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Father: William E. Foster (No. 23)

Mother: Diadama Jane Owens

Roscoe was the only one of William and Dama Foster's children to be born in Taylor. Roscoe Foster at age 4 was listed with his widowed mother in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Before 1915, Roscoe R. Foster moved to El Paso County, Texas.

Roscoe married **GERTRUDE CAMILLE KIBLER** on 29 November 1915. Camille Kibler was born 29 September 1895 in Waco, McLennan County, Texas.

She was a daughter of John Albert Kibler and Pearle Satterfield.

In the 1920 census, we find Roscoe Roderick Foster age 35 in Precinct 2 of El Paso County, Texas. Roscoe was a Mining Engineer in the Copper Mines. But his wife, Camille Foster, and their daughter Faith Foster age 3 were in the same Precinct but living with her mother and stepfather, Thomas and Pearle Parker.

It is not known if Roscoe had died or if they got a divorce (Roscoe Foster was not located yet in the 1930 census).

Camille married next to **ROY EDSON CRAIG** in 15 August 1928.

Roy E. Craig was born 1895 in Ohio.

In the 1930 census for El Paso, Texas we find Roy E. Craig and his wife Camille and Faith Foster age 13. Also living with them was Pearle S. Parker, Camille's mother. Roy and Camille Craig divorced in 1935.

## Children of Roscoe R. and G. Camille Foster

130. **FAITH FOSTER** born 1917 in Texas.

In 1920, Faith Foster, age 3, was living with her mother at her grandmother and step-grandfather, Pearl and Thomas Parker, in Precinct 2, El Paso county, Texas.

In 1930, Faith Foster was living with her mother and Step-father in El Paso, Texas

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2. Information submitted by Linda C. York Feb 6, 2003 Ancestry.com
3. 1890 Census of the city of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, from John Myles 9-13-2002.
4. 1920 Census of Texas, El Paso County, Precinct 2, ED No. 94, Image 9, Ancestry.com Roscoe Rodric Foster.
5. 1920 Census of Texas, El Paso County, Precinct 2, ED No. 94, Image 39, Ancestry.com
6. 1930 Census of Texas, El Paso County, El Paso, District 47, Image 4, Ancestry.com



4th generation

## Laura Novilla Foster (1873 - 1952)

Wife of George Milton Burke

82. **LAURA NOVILLA FOSTER** ( of Paul J. Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 June 1873 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts and died between November 8 to 10 1952 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Father: Paul J. Foster (No. 26)

Mother: Mary Jane Powell

Laura Foster who was born in Boston, Massachusetts came to Taylor, Williamson, Texas with her parents in the 1880's.

In the 1884 Census of the city of Taylor, Williamson, Laura Foster age 11 is listed with her parents family. Laura age 15 is also listed with her parents in the 1890 Census of the city of Taylor.

Laura married **GEORGE MILTON BURKE** on 14 September 1895 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

George M. Burke was born 24 December 1863 in Illinois and died 12 July 1936 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas. He was a son of John K. Burke and Elizabeth A. Gillespie.

In the 1920 Census, George M. Burke, age 56, wife, Laura N. age 46 and their 2 children, Foster and Laura were living in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas. George Burke was a Plumber.

In the 1930 census, George Burke, age 67, and his two children, Laura and Foster were living in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas. George was a Plumber. The census indicated that George Burke was a widower. But the fact was that Laura Burke died in 1952.

Further checking of the 1930 census did located her. Laura Burke, age 56 and divorced, was a patient at the Austin State Hospital in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Children of George and Laura (Foster) Burke:

131 + **MARY ELIZABETH BURKE** was born 22 April 1899 in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

She married Randell Smith Cobb.

132. **FOSTER A. BURKE** was born 21 September 1906 in Texas and died 29 August 1985 in Texas.

In 1920, Foster A. Burke was age 13 and living with his parents in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

In 1930, Foster Burke was age "21" and living with his father in Taylor, Williamson county, Texas.

133. **LAURA LEE BURKE** was born 1913 in Texas.

In 1930, Laura Burke was age 17 and living with her father in Taylor, Williamson, Texas.

Sources:

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3. 1890 Census of the city of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, from John Myles 9-13-2002.
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5. 1930 Census of Texas, Williamson County, Taylor, District 18, Image 26, Ancestry.com. Family of George Burke and children Foster and Laura.
6. 1930 Census of Texas, Travis County, Austin, District 10, Image 23, Ancestry.com. Laura Burke.
7. Social Security Death Index. Foster Burke 1985

4th generation

## Ivey Roderick Foster (1875 - ?)

Husband of Cora ---?---

83. **IVEY RODERICK FOSTER** (of Paul J. Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 1875 in Canada and died 3 March 1953.

Father: Paul J. Foster (No. 26)

Mother: Mary Jane Powell

Ivey Foster at age 9 is listed with the family in the 1884 Census of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

Also listed with the parents in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Ivey Foster is listed age 13.

Ivey R. Foster married **CORA** ----- ? ----- .

Cora was born 1885 in Texas and died 15 September 1970.

Ivey Foster became a citizen of the United States in 1915.

In the 1920 Census, Ivey R. Foster and his wife Cora and their two sons Ivey and Robert, were living in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas. Ivey R. Foster, age 42, who was born in Nova Scotia, became a citizen of the United States in 1916. Ivey Foster was a Manager.

In the 1930 Census, Ivey and Cora Foster and their son Robert were living at Davis Street in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas. Ivey Foster was in the Laundry Business. Also living with the family was Ivey's mother-in-law, (Min ?) Phillips.

In a 1956 newspaper article about Robert Ray Foster, it mentioned that Paul J. Foster and his son Ivey Foster had a blacksmith shop in Taylor, Texas. The shop burned down in 1903 and when the building was rebuilt, the Fosters decided to enter the laundry business. The laundry business employed 17 people in 1956. Ivey Foster's son Robert Ray Foster was running the business in 1956.

Both Ivey and Cora Foster are buried in the cemetery in Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas.

### Children of Ivey R. and Cora (---?---) Foster

134. **IVEY FOSTER** was born 1908 in Texas.

In 1920, Ivey Foster Jr., age 12, was living with his parents in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

Ivey Foster died in 22 January 1927 and is buried in the cemetery at Taylor, Texas.

135. + **ROBERT RAY FOSTER** was born 14 March 1913 in Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas.

Robert married Edna Richardson.

Sources:

1. 1884 Census of the city of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, from John Myles 9-13-2002.
2. 1890 Census of the city of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, from John Myles 9-13-2002.
3. Index to Naturalization Records for Williamson County, Texas, Ivey Roderick Foster 1915.
4. 1920 Census of Texas, Williamson County, Taylor, E. D. No. 170, Image 16. Ivey Foster's family.
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6. Taylor Press, newspaper article about Robert Ray Foster, November 23, 1956. From John Myles.
7. Digital Photos of Gravestones in Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas. Ivey Foster, Mrs. Ivey (Cora) Foster, and Ivey Foster Junior. From John Myles.

4th generation

## Edgar D. Foster (1887 - ?)

Husband of Pearl L. ---?---

86. **EDGAR D. FOSTER** (of Paul J. Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 1887 in Texas.

Father: Paul J. Foster (No. 26)

Mother: Mary Jane Powell

Edgar Foster at age 3 is listed with the family in the 1890 Census of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

In 1900, Edgar, age 14, was living with his father in Union Township, Washita County, Oklahoma. Edgar was a Blacksmith.

Edgar moved to Massachusetts, it is not clear when he moved there but the oldest son, Edgar D. Foster, Jr. was born in Massachusetts in 1915

Edgar Foster married **PEARL L.** --- ? --- before 1915.

Pearl was born 1896 in Maine.

In the 1920 Census, Edgar Foster and his wife, Lillian and their 3 children Edgar Jr., David, and Ellen were living in Belmont Street, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Edgar Foster was a laborer in the shipbuilding industry.

In the 1930 Census, Edgar D. Foster, his wife, and 8 children were living at Dolphin Ave. in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Edgar Foster, age 43, was listed as a Lather Plasterer.

From the Social Security Death Index, there is a Edgar Foster born October 16, 1887 died November 1963. S.S. Card issued in Massachusetts, Death in Massachusetts.

## Children of Edgar D. and Pearl A. (---?---) Foster

136. **EDGAR D. FOSTER** was born 1915 in Massachusetts.

In 1920, Edgar Jr., age 3, was living with his parents in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

In 1930, Edgar Jr., age 15, was living with his parent in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

137. **DAVID D. FOSTER** was born 1918 in Massachusetts.

In 1920, David, age 2, was living with his parents in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

In 1930, David, age 12, was living with his parents in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

138. **HELEN FOSTER** was born 1919 in Massachusetts.

In 1920, "Ellen", age 1, was living with her parents in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

In 1930, Helen, age 11, was living with her parents in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

139. **RUTH FOSTER** was born 1921 in Massachusetts.

In 1930, Ruth, age 9, was living with her parents in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

140. **HARLEY FOSTER** was born 1922 in Massachusetts.

In 1930, Harley, age 8, was living with his parents in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

141. **PAUL FOSTER** was born 1927 in Massachusetts.

In 1930, Paul, age 3, was living with his parents in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

142. **WALTER FOSTER** was born 1928 in Massachusetts.

In 1930, Walter, age 2, was living with his parents in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

143. **PEARL FOSTER** was born 1929 - 1930 in Massachusetts.

In 1930, Pearl, age 8 months, was living with her parents in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

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3. 1920 Census of Massachusetts, Middlesex County, Malden, E.D. 256, Image 1, Ancestry.com. Family Edgar Foster.
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4th generation

## Herbert W. Foster (1881 - ?)

Husband of Lelia Avery

90. **HERBERT W. FOSTER** (of Joseph Roderick Foster<sup>3</sup>, of Paul Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born April 1881 in Texas.

Father: Joseph Roderick Foster (No. 27)

Mother: Agnes ---?---

In 1884, Herbert Foster, age 3, is living with his parents in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

In 1890, Herbert, age 8, is living with his parents. In 1900, Herbert, age 19, grocery salesman, is living with his widowed mother in Taylor.

Sometime before 1920, Herbert Foster, moved to Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

Herbert W. Foster married **LELIA AVERY** by 1920.

Lelia was a daughter of Virginia W. Avery. (The father's name is not known as Virginia W. Avery was a widow in 1920).

In 1920, Herbert W. Foster and his wife, Lelia, were living at the home of Lelia's mother, Virginia Avery, and her sister and brother Cora and Eugene Avery. Herbert Foster, age 38, was a Sales Manager. This was in Amarillo, Potter county, Texas.

In 1930, at Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, Herbert W. Foster and his wife Lelia, and their two children, Herbert Jr. and Agnes were living at the home of Lelia's mother, Virginia Avery. Herbert age 48 was a stockman at the ranch.

### Children of Herbert and Lelia (Avery) Foster

144. **HERBERT W. FOSTER** was born 1920 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. In 1930, Herbert, age 10, was living with his parents at his grandmother's place in Amarillo.

145. **AGNES FOSTER** was born 1925 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.



In 1930, Agnes, age 5, was living with her parents at her grandmother's place in Amarillo.

Sources:

1. 1884 Census of the City of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, from John Myles 9-13-2002.
2. 1890 Census of the City of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, from John Myles 9-13-2002.
3. 1900 Census of Texas, Williamson County, All townships, E.D. No. 136, Image 11. Agnes Foster's family.
4. 1920 Census of Texas, Potter County, Amarillo, E.D. No. 203, Image 34, Ancestry.com. Virginia Avery's household, with Herbert and Lelia Foster.
5. 1930 Census of Texas, Potter County, Amarillo, District 12, Images 54 & 55, Ancestry.com. Virginia Avery's household, with Herbert and Lelia Foster.

4th generation

## Sarah Burdick (1852 - ?)

Wife of Royal Bellows Leach

93. **SARAH BURDICK** (of Ann Foster<sup>3</sup>, of George Foster<sup>2</sup>, of John Foster<sup>1</sup>) was born 1852 in Rhode Island.

Father: Lafayette Burdick

Mother: Ann Foster (No. 28)

In 1860 census, Sarah age 8 was living with her parents in the 5th Ward of Providence, Rhode Island.

Sarah Burdick married **ROYAL BELLOWS LEACH** before 1875.

Royal B. Leach was born on 31 January 1843 Middlebury, Addison Co., Vermont. He was a son of Hiram Leach and Eliza Parker.

In 1880, the Leach family were living in the home of Lafayette and Ann Burdick, Sarah's parents in East Providence, Rhode Island. Royal Leach age 35 born in Vermont, his wife Sarah age 28, and their two sons.

## Children of Royal and Sarah (Burdick) Leach

146. **ROYAL BELLOWS LEACH** was born 26 November 1874 in Providence, Providence Co, Rhode Island.

In 1880, Royal B. Leach, age 5, was living with his parents in the Lafayette Burdick family home in East Providence, Rhode Island.

147. **CHARLES H. LEACH** was born 19 October 1877 in Providence County, Rhode Island.

In 1880, Charles H. Leach, age 2, was living with his parents in the Lafayette Burdick family home in East Providence, Rhode Island.

**Sources:**

1. Birth record of Royal Bellows Leach, 1843 FamilySearch IGI Index v5.0 Source FHL Film No. 962062 (Information submitted by a member of the LDS Church) FamilySearch.org
2. 1860 Census of Rhode Island, Providence County, 5th Ward City of Providence, Roll 1210 Book 1, Page 196a, Image 150, Geanelogy.com. Lafayette Burdick's and George Foster's families. (Lafayette Burdick was listed as "Laurence Burchet").
3. Birth record of Royal Bellows Leach, 1874 FamilySearch IGI Index v5.0 Source FHL Film No. 0914405 V. 9-10 FamilySearch.org
4. Birth record of Charles L. Leach, 1877 FamilySearch IGI Index v5.0 Source (Information submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church) FamilySearch.org
5. 1880 Census of Rhode Island, Providence County, East Providence, FHL Film 1255214, NA Film T9-1214 Page No. 218B, Familysearch.com Lafayette Burdick family, including Johnson and Leach members.

## Research Notes:

### John Foster (died 1825)

Because of the Foster name being rather common, it makes the search of finding out where John Foster was born harder.

He could be a Loyalist or a British soldier in the American Revolution. Or he could be straight from England. Also there are a couple of Foster families that settled in Nova Scotia in the 1750's to 1760's but our John Foster doesn't fit in that family from what records I seen so far.

The following are some John Fosters that I came across, but there is no evidence to say that one of them is our John Foster.

1. From the Loyalist Institute website, we have the following John Fosters' found:

A. King's Royal Regiment of New York Losses. "An Estimate of the Losses real and Personal sustain'd by Capt. John McDonell's Compy. 1st. Batn. King's Royal Regt. of N. York since the commencement of the War, thro' their Loyalty to the King & government"  
John Foster, Farmer, of Tryon county, 130. - - New York Currency

B. Emmerick's Chasseurs Muirson's Troop. "Muster Roll of Capt. Sylvester MUIRSONs Troop of Lt. Dragoons Commanded by Lieut. Col. EMMERICK October 24th, 1778"  
John Foster 24 July 1778 Sick in Hospital

C. Royal Artillery regiment Memorial, a letter written to Lord Sidney.

"The Memorial of the Officers, Artificers, & Labourers of the Civil Branch of the Ordnance"

".....That his Excellency would be pleas'd to order that an allotment of Lands may be granted and set apart for them, in Nova Scotia, where they may shelter themselves and their families, when the Service shall no longer have occasion for them and their Labours....."

Under a list of "Drivers" is listed John Foster. It indicates that he doesn't have a wife or children.

2. From the webpage of Bill Martin, King's Royal Regiment of New York, from the book "Lunenburgh, or the old Eastern District" by J.F. Pringle, Judge County Court. Published in 1890.

"The following list was obtained from the late Donald Aeneas McDonell, Warden of the Provincial Penetentiary, who was the grandson of Captain John McDonell"

"List of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Grenadier Company, of the First Battalion of the Kings Royal Regiment New York, in the year 1782:"

In the listing of Privates: John Foster

Sources:

1. King's Royal Regiment of New York Losses, Loyalist Institute website, [www.royalprovincial.com/military/rhist/krrny/krrloss.htm](http://www.royalprovincial.com/military/rhist/krrny/krrloss.htm).
2. Emmerick's Chasseurs Muirson's Troop, Loyalist Institute website, [www.royalprovincial.com/military/musters/emmerick/emmuir1.htm](http://www.royalprovincial.com/military/musters/emmerick/emmuir1.htm).
3. Royal Artillery Regiment Memorial, Loyalist Institute website, [www.royalprovincial.com/military/civil/rar/rarmem1.htm](http://www.royalprovincial.com/military/civil/rar/rarmem1.htm).
4. King's Royal Regiment of New York, Webpage of Bill Martin, [www.tbaytel.net/bmartin/](http://www.tbaytel.net/bmartin/) or [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wjmartin/](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wjmartin/).

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Since there is Paul Foster Senior and there is Paul Foster son of William Foster having children around this time, it is not clear which Paul Foster is the father.

Foster, John C., d. or bur. 1849. Pictou, no age, kin Paul. Source, Prince St. Presb. -- drowned.

Sources:

1. Listed in the MARBLE, A. E. Deaths, burials and probate of Nova Scotians, 1800-1850, from primary sources. Halifax, N.S., Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, 1999. 4v. from Vol. 2 F-J. From John Miles September 13, 2002

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It is not known how Jessie (Foster) Sproull fits in the family

**(2018 note added** --- according to two or three family trees on Ancestry.com, they have Jessie Foster as a daughter of Paul Foster and Mary McKay)

## Jessie Foster (1828 - 1916)

Wife of Mathew G. Sproull

1. **JESSIE FOSTER** was born 1828 and died 1916.

Father: unknown

Mother: unknown

Jessie Foster married **MATHEW G. SPROULL**.

Mathew Sproull was born 1836 in Nova Scotia and died 1913.

John Foster and wife sold lands in Fisher's Grant to Mathew G. Sproull in 1865, to John T. Sproull in 1874, and Wm. J. Sproull in 1879. Paul Foster, Senior sold land in Fisher's Grant to Edwin Sproull.

In 1870, Joseph R. Foster age 23 and Mathew Sproull age 35, both House Carpenters were living in the household of Frank Folda a General Merchant in Colfax County, Nebraska.

They went back to Nova Scotia soon.

In 1871, Mathew G. Sproull, his wife Jessie and their three children were living at Fisher's Grant, Pictou county, Nova Scotia. Mathew Sproull, age 35, was a Carpenter.

In 1881, Mathew G. Sproull, age 45, his wife Jessie, age 51 and two of their children were living in Fisher's Grant. Mathew Sproull was a builder.

In 1901, Matthew G. Sproull, his wife Jessie, and their son, Charles, were living in Fisher's Grant, Pictou county, Nova Scotia. Mathew Sproull, age 65, was a Farmer. Also living with them in 1901, was two "Domestic" William McDonald, age 14 and Liddia Campbell, age 20.

Both Mathew and Jessie Sproull are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

## Children of Mathew and Jessie (Foster) Sproull

1. **FOSTER KAY SPROULL** was born ca. 1853 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Foster, age 8, was living with his parents at Fisher's Grant.

Foster K. Sproull died in 1880 at age 17 years 7 months and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

2. **GEORGE EDWIN SPROULL** was born ca. 1861 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

George E. Sproull died 1865 at age 4 years 6 months is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

3. **JESSIE ISABELLA SPROULL** was born ca. 1865 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Jessie, age 6, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1881, Jessie Isabel, age 16, was living with her parents in Fisher's Grant.

4. **CHARLES JAMES SPROULL** was born ca. 1869 in Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

In 1871, Charles, age 2, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1881, Charles, age 12, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant.

In 1901, Charles, age 31, was living with his parents in Fisher's Grant. Charles was a Sand Dealer.

Sources:

1. Deed's Index, Pictou County.

2. Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Transcription records.

3. 1870 Census of Nebraska, Colfax County, All Townships, Image 14. Post Office Schiyler 140/119 Frank Fulda household with Joseph R. Foster and Mathew Sproull. Ancestry.com.

4. 1871 Census of Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Pg 10, 33/34. The family of Mathew Sproull.

5. 1881 Census of Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, FHL Film 1375811 NA Film No. C-13175 Dist. 20, Sub Dist G, Div. 1, Page No. 8, Household No. 34. From familysearch.org

6. 1901 Census of Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Dist. 38, m, schedule 1, Ref: RG31 Microfilm No. T-6454, online, Canada Archives. Page 2, 17/17. Family of Mathew G. Sproull.

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It is not known where Priscilla Foster fits in the Foster family.

## Priscilla Foster (1840 - 1911)

Wife of William Christie

1. **PRISCILLA FOSTER** was born 23 August 1840 in Nova Scotia and died 1911.

Father: unknown

Mother: unknown

Priscilla Foster married **WILLIAM CHRISTIE**.

William Christie was born 1 January 1829 in Nova Scotia and died 1904.

They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, Nova Scotia.

Sources:

1. From the Christie family history.