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For many years, genealogists toiled away in libraries and archives to find documents that connected the dots of their lineage. But within the last decade, computers and the Internet have allowed them to go to more places and reach more people, to virtually extend their search farther afield. Also within the last decade, faster computing speeds and other technological wizardry have granted them admission to peer inside their DNA for the codes that reveal the telltale relationship of fathers and sons through the ages.

While dedicated genealogists still look for paper proof, others see the proof in their cells as ... good enough. In our Foster family’s case, there are some bumps in the road along about the 17th and early 18th centuries. There are some generational links where we don’t know if the father is Richard or Robert or John or someone else entirely. Nevertheless, today’s scientific capabilities show us that our grandfather Henry Howitt Foster (1851-1930) appears to be genetically linked to the foresters of Northumberland, England.

A passage from Dr. Billy Glen Foster’s *The Foster Family of Flanders, England, and America* includes more about the Forsters or Fosters of Northumberland and Bamburgh Castle:

“Sir John Forster must surely be one of the most colorful of all the Forsters. The date of his birth is uncertain, but he lived until 1602, so it cannot have been much before 1520. Even though his family was well established they were not particularly rich. His prospects, therefore, could not have been too rosy. And yet, before 1547, when he must have been around 30, he had a knighthood, was, by some accounts, Constable of Bamborough Castle (a royal appointment) and had amassed sufficient wealth to buy from Henry VIII all the church land in Bamborough ...
“Following are the children of Sir John and Jane Forster:

Julianna Forster, who married Sir Francis Russell Lord Warden of the East Marches of Scotland, created Lord Russell, son of Francis, Earl of Bedford, who was sworn by the Privy Council in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. She died in 1585.

Mary Forster, who married Sir Henry Stapelton, eldest son of Sir Robert Stapelton of Wighill in Yorkshire on 5 July 1599.

Grace Forster, who married Sir William Fenwick, High Sheriff of Northumberland in the 20th and 21st year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Nicholas Forster, the bastard son of Sir John by Isabel Sheppard, was Lord Blanchland and knight, Governor of Bamborough Castle, and lord of the manor, was High Sheriff of Northumberland in the 44th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. He married Jane, daughter of and heiress of Sir Anthony Radcliff. He died 22 July 1613; some say he married a Virginiaus.

Claud Forster... married Elizabeth Fenwick of Wallington and, bearing in mind that his Aunt Grace married Sir William Fenwick and his nephew Thomas Forster of Adderstone married a half sister of Elizabeth's, one might have supposed that these two families would be fairly close ...

“Claudius, like his grandfather, was appointed Constable of Bamborough Castle by Queen Elizabeth, and followed his father as Sheriff of Northumberland in 1612. By this time he had been given Bamborough Castle and the associated lands by James I. This carried with it the lordship of the manor, which gave him jurisdiction over a wide range of offenders and numerous rights and privileges.”

During the reign of Henry VIII, Claudius Forster was one of the king’s foresters, a gentleman appointed to examine and report on the state of the land and wildlife, especially venison, to ensure that there was no waste or improper use. Claudius was the warden of the Middle March, an officer of the peace, so to speak, on the march or border between Scotland and a region of Northumberland, England known as the Middle March.
What's in a Name?

The “foresters” are mentioned in the very first sentence of the Magna Carta, The Great Charter of English liberty granted (under considerable duress) by King John at Runnymede on June 15, 1215. John listed his officials who were to be bound by it. The first sentence of the preamble reads:

“John, by the grace of God, king of England, lord of Ireland, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and count of Anjou, to the archbishop, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justiciaries, foresters, sheriffs, stewards, servants, and to all his bailiffs and liege subjects, greetings.”

The profession of forester is more than a thousand years old. In fact, the story that has been amplified by the Internet is that it dates to 621 A.D. when a nobleman named Lyderici was appointed by Dagobert of Merovingia, King of Frankish Germany and Flanders as “Buc” or the Royal Forester of Flanders.

Lyderic Buc was the only son of Saluart, Prince of Dijon, and Madame Engarde, daughter of Girard, Lord of Rouessillon. Along with his new appointment as Royal Forester of Flanders, Lyderic was given his very own coat of arms. By Richilda, his wife, he had 15 children. Many of these children and their children inherited the title of forester.

Foresters took part in the Norman Invasion, which began in 1066 and lead to the crowning of the King of England and the birth of the modern nation. The new leaders of the occupied territory organized the tribes and ethnic clans that inhabited the country we know as England today. The territory was vast and the new leaders were especially challenged along its borders with the territories known as Wales and Scotland today. A string of castles were built and their occupants charged with establishing clout and subduing revolt.

The passage below is excerpted from Dr. Billy Glen Foster’s The Foster Family:

“William, known as ‘The Conqueror,’ was crowned king of England on Christmas Day, December 25, 1066. After the coronation and before proceeding to extend his conquest, he took steps to organize what he already held. Courts were set up; a charter, confirming the old liberties enjoyed under King Edward, was granted to the men of London; friends and supporters were rewarded and foes punished. The lands of those who had fought against him were seized and divided among himself and his followers ... Those who submitted were allowed to keep their lands, but only on payment of heavy fines. Henceforth there were to be no lands held in absolute ... ownership. Every landlord must hold, directly or indirectly, to the king. Each lord had to furnish a contingent of soldiers in proportion to the size of his grant. The feudal army, thus constituted, proved a powerful weapon in the king’s hands. Secondly, he secured every district which he conquered by a castle garrisoned with his own men.

“Richard of Flanders (soon to be called Richard Forrester) son of Baldwin V and brother-in-law to William, King of England and Duke of Normandy, was one of those nobles and friends that received land. Following the battle at Hastings, Richard, only sixteen was knighted for his services to William and received large land holdings in northern England and Scotland. Tradition has it that he was awarded lands in what is now in Northumberland County,
Bamborough (Bambough, Bamburgh), Northumberland; land known as Adderston (Herderston) ... 

“The largest Parish in Bamburgh, Northumberland, called Herderston, in the Subsidy Role of 1296 was the parent house of the great family of Forster, which spread over a large part of Northumberland, and was possessed by them for twelve generations.”

Before the Norman Conquest, surnames were not used. There were many Johns and Williams and Roberts who were identified by the place where they lived or their occupation. There were many Johns who lived by the rivers and Williams the millers. However the necessities of organizing a large country required the Normans to implement second or family names. Identification, governance, and inheritance lead the gentry and, in time, the common folk to take up the practice of using surnames.

There were foresters who took up the surname Forster in addition to the clan of Forsters descended from Lydic Buc of Flanders. DNA analysis has been used by modern Forsters or Fosters to establish their descent from this most famous forester of Flanders. Our DNA proves that we are, in fact, the descendants of the foresters who established themselves in Northumberland.

Northumberland Roots

Forsters continued to serve the Kings of England. Sir Richard Forster fought in the Hundred Years’ War against France with King Edward III at Bordeaux and Crecy. Richard participated in the Battle of Poictiers in 1356 and was knighted for his part in the battle.

Sir Richard’s son, William, was born about 1355 and married Elizabeth De Orde about 1400 in Buckton, Northumberland, England. William was knighted for service to King Henry V and served as a General in the battle against France.

Their son Thomas Forster married Joan De Elmerdon about 1430. Thomas and Joan’s son, also named Thomas Forster, married Elizabeth Featherstone of Stanhope Hall, Durham, England. They had Roger Forster, although records show that he spelled the name Foster rather than Forster. Roger Foster married Joan Hussey in 1540.

A Genealogy of the Descendants of Roger Foster of Edreston, Northumberland was compiled by Alkman Henryson Foster-Barham and published in London in 1897. Roger was 17 when he fled from Northumberland, as explained in a letter from Sir John Forster of Bamburgh, dated 17 April 1590. The letter below was written by Sir John to Roger Foster’s grandson, Thomas Foster of Hunsdon.
"Dear Cousin,

After right hearty commendations unto you, ye shall understand I have received your letter wherein you desire to know of your pedigree. Your grandfather, as ye have learned, was descended out of the house of Etherstone - whether he was the elder, second, or third, or fourth brother – and fled the country of Northumberland.

I assure you I can truly satisfy you therein. Your grandfather, called Roger Foster, was my great uncle. His father was called Thomas Forster and his mother's name was Featherstonehaugh. His eldest son was called Thomas Forster, my great-grandfather.

It happened that four of the said brethren had been at a-hunting and were riding homeward through a town called Newham. They and a company of Scottish Kerrs fell out and there began bloodshed and feuds which continued until there was but one Kerr living.

During this time my grandfather and yours and another brother of theirs called Nicholas Forster (mine being twenty years old, yours 17 years, and Nicholas, a child of 14) being a-hunting - were waited upon by one of the Kerrs and two of their alliance called Too and King. They set upon the three brothers and were thought to have slain them at a place near Branton where a cross still stands.

Two were slain there and Kerr fled. After the slaughter my grandfather fled to Ridsdale in the county because he was safe there and yours fled to southern parts."

At my house near Alnwick, 17th April 1590, your loving cousin,
John Forster."

Roger Foster’s son was Thomas Foster (1515-1599) of Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, England, who married Margaret Browning (1520-1599). Thomas and Margaret had a son who was also named Thomas Foster (1548-1612), who married Susannah Forster (1555-1625). We are descended from this family, whose descendants sought opportunity in the New World.

**Backstory: The World Inhabited by the Fosters**

The Fosters lived in an ever-changing world, as do we all. A little more background on the particular political strife that brought some Fosters to America is instructive, however. The passage below is excerpted from Dr. Billy Glen Foster’s *The Foster Family*:

“... the time was ripe for a portion of Europe to transplant itself permanently to North America. The burning question during the closing decades of the sixteenth century was which of the European states will succeed in becoming the mother of civilization in North America?

“The chances all seemed to favor Spain. Spain had ... laid claim to all of North America ... Her great advantage lay in the fact that she was by far the greatest maritime power of the earth. But
Spain was ill fitted to found empires and build nations. Her motives were too low. She sought, not to found self-supporting colonies, but to plunder the natives in her mad search for gold. For gold she slew the red man, for gold she enslaved the black man, and gold proved the ruin of Spain.

“For nearly a hundred years Spain had held undisputed sway in the New World. Neither England nor France had followed up their early discoveries with attempts at colonization. England during the sixteenth century was struggling with the Reformation and the political questions accompanying it; France was rent with civil and religious wars. Both were thus deterred for many years from giving serious attention to the new lands of the West, though both agreed in disputing the exclusive claims of Spain ...

“While Spain was declining through her own inherent weakness, France and England were rapidly rising. France had reached a season of peace and also a season of wide influence under the reign of that broad-minded statesman, King Henry of Navarre, the author of the Edict of Nantes. The French now began to occupy Acadia and the St. Lawrence Valley.

“But it is with the work of England that we are here concerned. The reformation in England had continued through the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, and, after a momentary reaction under Mary, had been completed under Elizabeth. The long reign of Good Queen Bess, ending in 1603, brought not only internal peace, a notable revival of industries at home and activity on the sea; it also raised the British nation to a first-class power. And the Spaniard at length found his match in the Briton.

“For five centuries, in their island home, the Norman and the Saxon, the Angle and the Jute, had commingled, until each had lost his identity in the producing of a race unsurpassed by any other in history – the English race; and this people now, at the close of a long and successful struggle for religious liberty, had taken a foremost place among the nations. England was now seized with a desire to expand and her attention was turned toward the New World.

“Various were the motives of the British in turning their attention to colony building. One of the chief causes was a feeling of rivalry with Spain ... the island was already overpopulated and needed an outlet for its surplus population. To these causes must be added the desire to search for gold, to find a northwest passage, and ... a belief that the colonies could be made to furnish certain commodities, such as silk and wine, which could not be produced in England.

“... Conscious of the strength of youth, Englishmen set forth upon the sea, and stood ready to dispute with Spain the dominion of the ocean. The Elizabethan Era is renowned in English history, not only for its literature, but for its growing power upon the sea, and especially for its hardy and skillful seamen ... the most momentous event of the century... the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

“Never before had Europe witnessed so vast a display of power upon the sea as that which Philip II now put forth in the ‘Invincible’ Armada. ... The Armada consisted of one hundred and thirty ships, the largest ever seen in Europe, bearing thirty thousand soldiers and three thousand heavy guns. Not only to chasten England for daring to claim a portion of the New World did
Philip send forth this fleet, but especially to force back into the Church the straying Briton who had wandered from the Catholic fold.

“Great was the excitement in the British Isles when the people knew of the hostile coming of the Armada ... the English rose to the occasion. Forty thousand soldiers were soon under arms. The English fleet was much smaller than the Spanish, but the ships were swifter, and above all, they were manned by such masters of the sea as Lord Howard of Effingham and Hawkins and Frobisher and Drake ... The gigantic fleet approached the Plymouth harbor in May, 1588, in the form of a grand crescent seven miles in extent. The English met the foe and destroyed many of their ships by making sudden dashes, then sailing beyond the reach of the Spanish guns, and again by sending fire ships among them. In a few weeks the Spanish fleet was greatly disabled ...

“The conquest of England was now abandoned, and the remnant of the Armada ... found a bed in the depths of the sea. ... Few events in history have been more far reaching in these results than the destruction of the Spanish Armada ... From this time the Empire declined steadily ...

“... As a maritime power England soon rose to the first place ... The defeat of the Spanish Armada has been pronounced the opening event in the history of United States. From that moment North America was open to colonization with little danger of hindrance from the Spaniards. Even before that event England had made a beginning of colonizing America, and the first Englishman to engage in it was Sir Humphrey Gilbert. Obtaining a charter from Queen Elizabeth, he made a heroic attempt to found a colony in Newfoundland; but Gilbert lost his life by shipwreck, and his mantle fell on the shoulders of ... Walter Raleigh.

“... He sent two exploring ships to the coast of North America, and they brought back glowing accounts of the beauty of the land and the gentleness of the natives. They had landed at Roanoke Island off the coast of North Carolina ... Raleigh's first colony was sent out in 1585 under Ralph Lane with one hundred and eight men, who settled on Roanoke Island; but after a year of hardships they were picked up and carried to England by Sir Francis Drake ... They brought back with them tobacco and the potato, and first introduced the use of these in England. Raleigh was disappointed at the failure of his colony and he determined to try again. In 1587 he sent a colony of one hundred and fifty, seventeen of whom were women, under John White, and soon after they landed at Roanoke, Virginia Dare was born ... The governor soon found it necessary to make a voyage to England, intending to return to his colony. But the war with Spain interfered, and three years passed before an English vessel reached Roanoke.

“When at last help came, the colony had utterly disappeared and its fate was never known ...

“Notwithstanding the fact that none of the colonies planted by Raleigh was permanent, he must be awarded the honor of securing the possession of North America to the English race, of making known the advantages of its soil and climate, and creating the spirit of colonization among his countrymen. It was Raleigh above all men who prepared the way for successful and permanent English colonization on the soil of the United States.

“At the beginning of the seventeenth century all the eastern portion of North America, which afterward became the thirteen original states, was known as Virginia. Great interest in American
Colonization was awakened throughout the kingdom by a little book on ‘Western Planting,’ inspired by Raleigh. Several voyages were made...

“... in 1606, two companies were formed, Virginia was divided into two parts and a part granted to each, the London Company and the Plymouth Company...

“Great haste was now made by the London Company in preparing for colonization in America, and on the 19th of December, 1606, three small ships bearing one hundred and five colonists and commanded by Christopher Newport, a famous sea captain, set out upon the wintry sea for the New World. The largest of the vessels, the Susan Constant, was of one hundred tons burden and the smallest of but twenty tons. The voyage was long and dreary, and it consumed the remainder of the winter. On reaching the American shore the weary voyagers were greeted by the singing of birds and the fragrance of flowers.

“Entering Chesapeake Bay they named the two projecting points at its sides, Cape Henry and Cape Charles, after the two young sons of the king. They chose out one of the great rivers flowing into the bay, left upon it the name of King James and followed it for about thirty miles, and founded a town which also they called after the name of their king. Thus was founded the first of the permanent settlements...

“Captain Newport, after spending some weeks exploring the James River, returned with his ships to England, promising to come again as soon as practicable. The colony was soon in a pitiable condition. Arriving too late to plant spring crops, and finding little cleared land fit for cultivation, the men were soon reduced to short rations. The allowance to each man for a day was a pint of worm eaten barley or wheat, made into pottage. Governor Wingfield lacked the ability to rule the men, and there were constant quarrels among them. To their other misfortunes was added a continual fear of Indian attacks; and owing to their exposure in the swamps and their lack of proper food, they were attacked by fevers. They died sometimes three or four in a night, and before the end of September half of the little colony, had found a grave in the wilderness.

“The entire colony would no doubt have perished before the return of Newport but for the courage and vigor of ... John Smith

“... he saved the colonists from starvation by trading with the Indians for corn. He succeeded above all others in keeping the men at work and thus laid the foundations for future prosperity. Smith later explored Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and afterward the New England coast and he made maps of them ...”

This is the New World that welcomed the Fosters.
Fosters and Their Kin in America

We are descended from the Forsters of Northumberland and were launched from turbulent 16th and 17th century times. Henry VIII broke with the Catholic Church and established himself as head of the Church of England at the same time that Martin Luther challenged Rome. Religious strife cause some to leave the Old World for religious reasons. Religious strife echoed through political and social order. As the modern world was born, rapid advances in technology allowed exploration of the New World and the warring powers sought their piece of its riches.

Gentry families like the Fosters had second, third, fourth, fifth, and more sons but by tradition only the first born inherited the land. Englishmen left the more populated eastern region of their island for the West Country along the border of England and Wales. They also immigrated to Ireland, as well as the North American colonies established in Virginia and Massachusetts.

In 1624 the Virginia Colony was taken over from the struggling Virginia Company entrepreneurs by the government. In 1642, the English Civil War between the Parliamentarians and the Royalist began and William Berkeley became the Royal Governor of Virginia. When Charles I was beheaded Berkeley promoted Virginia as a haven. Virginia’s population boomed.

Early Fosters in Colonial Virginia include a John Foster living at “the Indian thickett” and a John Foster living at "James Citye" in Virginia in 1623/4.

Among settlers living at "Elizabeth Cittie" in Virginia on Feb 07,1624/5 are Garnets. Family tradition has Susan of this family marrying James Richard Foster who are the parents of Robert (born 1651), John (born 1653) Foster, and other presumed children.

Garnett, Thomas . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 40 Arrived on the Swan in 1610
Garnett, Elizabeth . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 26 Arrived on the Neptune in 1618
Garnett, Susan . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 Born in Virginia

Documents list several Richard Fosters living in Virginia. There were several James and John Fosters There was a James Foster on the "America" in 1635 the same year Richard Foster arrived on the "Safety." Also in 1635, Francis Foster arrives on the "George." All of these arrivals in the Virginia Colony in the early years could be brothers, uncles, cousins, or neither. Meanwhile, Fosters were also arriving in the Massachusetts Colony.

A book compiled by a Foster descendant lists the following Foster immigrants to Virginia:
1635 Dorcus Foster; 1648 Edward Foster ; 1635 Francis Foster on the " George" ; 1653 Francis Foster ; 1643 Giles Foster ; 1638 Henry Foster; 1646 Henry Foster ; 1652 Henry Foster ; 1635 James Foster on "The America;" 1643 James Foster ; 1642 James Foster ; 1646 James Foster ; 1650 James Foster; 1652 James Foster; 1623 John Foster; 1623 John Foster; 1641 John Foster; 1654 John Foster 1698 John Foster (indentured servant );1635 Mark Foster;1635 Nicholas Foster ;1645 Perrett Foster ;1650 Phillip Foster; 1636 Phillip Foster : 1635 (Richard Foster age 16 on the Safety) ;1638 Richard Foster ; 1648 Richard Foster ; 1654 Robert Foster ; 1652 Thomas Foster ; 1654 Thomas Foster ; 1637 William Foster ; 1635 Zechariah Foster
Dr. Billy Glen Foster’s several volumes of Foster research published as *The Foster Family of Flanders, England, and America* is a source used by many Foster family researchers and, although it is not error free, it is the most comprehensive information currently available. He has sorted through documentation and reached the following conclusions:

One can broadly divide the migrants to the New World into two sorts. By far the largest category was servants. These were usually young people, mostly boys and youths without means, which were shipped free of charge to the Americas after signing a deed or indenture which assigned their labor to their shipper for a period of years. In America the contract was sold for money and land to established planters or merchants. The servant received board and lodging and usually was also promised a grant of land and sometimes one of money and equipment at the end of his term. Like many other seventeenth century colonial developments, this was a successful adaptation of older forms (the apprenticeship system and the annual hiring-out of servants).

A second group of immigrants, smaller in numbers (though exact figures are lacking), was planters sometime known as adventurers. These paid their own ways, “adventuring” their persons, money, and equipment. Many took families and servants with them. The land that they purchased or, more often, were granted in America, was theirs to farm as they wished. Richard, being the step-son of a rather wealthy Englishman would naturally fall into the adventurers’ category, or at least Bartholomew Hoskins, his step-father would.

Since there are several Richard Fosters in Lower Norfolk County in the early 1630-40s a researcher must be extremely careful not to apply just any activity to our immigrant. An example of this is the appearance in the literature that our immigrant was at one time called Captain Richard Foster and that he was a member of the House of Burgesses. Neither of these two is correct as we have already determined, with little doubt, that this Richard Foster was the son-in-law of Bartholomew Hoskins and our immigrant’s half-brother-in-law, having married, Dorcas Hoskins.

For several years there is no accounting for this Richard’s whereabouts after his arrival, except that he patented land in Gloucester County, Virginia. We must assume that he set to making improvements on the land as was necessary for him to keep the land. We almost also assume that sometime, within the next few years that he married. It has been stated and restated by many, including my self in the first edition, that he married Susan (Sussan) Garnett, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Garnett. I have seen no documentation or record of their marriage and the account can be traced back to the work of a professional genealogist by the name of Mrs. Lane of Atlanta, Georgia, deceased. Without proof that Susan Garnett was not his wife we can go on the assumption that Mrs. Lane’s research was correct.

A number of children have been assigned to Richard and (Susan?). These include:

1. Richard, born ca. 1643 Gloucester County, Virginia; died after 1704 in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia
2. James, born in ca 1645 Gloucester County, Virginia; died after 1794 Kingston Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia
3. William born ca 1647 Gloucester County, Virginia; died before 1737 Amelia Co., Virginia or in North Carolina

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4. Robert, born ca 1651 Gloucester County, Virginia; died 1716 Essex Co. Virginia

5. Thomas, born ca 1656 Gloucester County, Virginia;

6. John, born 1660 Gloucester County, Virginia; died ca 1734 Essex Co., Virginia

I have searched for years trying to determine the children of Richard and Susan. I have failed – with the exception of Robert, John, and possibly, Richard.

New information and genealogical tools, especially genetic genealogy anchored by DNA signatures, are quickly layering over Dr. Billy Glenn Foster’s work. New theories and good and bad data appear on the Internet to challenge and befuddle today’s researcher.

Records show that the Richard Foster (1619-1681), who may be our ancestor, was granted a land patent on head of the Southard Creek in Severne, in Mockjack Bay (Cavaliers and Pioneers Book 5, p. 490) on 1 April 1655. Sons Robert and John took up land in Essex. The Foster clan that descends from this group has documented proof of their ancestry from this point on. Again, Dr. Foster writes:

For many years there was a close association of several families, in particular the Foster, Garnett, and Smithers families in Kingston Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia. In 1692 several families from this area (including Robert Foster, his brother, John Foster, John Garnett, probably the brother-in-law of Robert Foster, and William Smithers) moved together to the newly organized County of Essex. John and Robert, brothers and probably the sons of the Richard Foster mentioned above were all living in Kingston Parish near Winter Harbor in 1678 and 1687.

The first definitive information we have of our Foster ancestry in America is Robert Foster and his brother, John. The Foster brothers, in 1692, each patented 200 acres of land, side by side, in Essex County, Virginia, having come from Kingston Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia. (Tyler’s Magazine, Vol.1, p. 259- 260) This land was part of a larger tract of land commonly called “Button’s Range” containing 3,650 acres originally granted to Thomas Button dated July 19, 1666, and was the land that was bequeathed by his last will to his brother, Robert Button and then conveyed to John Baker by an order of the President and Council at James City dated October 27, 1688.

We may be descended from the presumed brother of Robert and John, Richard, who stayed in Gloucester’s Kingston Parish. A descendant also named Richard appears in the Kingston Parish Register, 1749-1827. He married Susanna and is the father of Peter and James Foster. Our family descends from Peter Foster.

Peter’s brother may be Beverly Ransom Foster, born in Isle of Wight County in 1748. Peter is the administrator for William Foster, deceased, in Brunswick County, Virginia, (Court Order Book 26, page 284, dated 23 May 1815). The will states that William was a son of Beverly Ransom Foster and nephew to Peter. Peter’s daughter, Susannah Ransome Foster is the first cousin to her husband William Harold Foster. John H Foster was also mentioned in the same record. He is another son of Beverly Ransom Foster.
Recent DNA testing has shown that Foster descendants from Robert and John as well as a descendant of Beverly Ransom Foster have a common DNA pattern which means that they share common Foster ancestors. Modern Foster men with colonial Virginia Foster roots are also closely related to Fosters who left England in the early 1600s to settle in the Massachusetts colony.

Although we may not have all of our I’s dotted and T’s crossed, we know that we are all linked. Because we don’t know the exact lineage, I have begun our genealogy with our first documented ancestors, Richard and Susanna, parents of Peter Garnett Foster. This documentation comes from the Kingston Parish Register of births.

The genealogy that appears below needs a bit of explanation to clarify what seems to be an error, but is not. We are doubly descended through the Foster line presented here. In the second generation, note that Peter Garnett Foster and Nancy Ann Hall had a daughter, Nancy Ann. The daughter marries Robert Debnam. Years later, the grandson of Peter and Nancy Foster will marry the granddaughter of Robert and Nancy Debnam – Henry Howitt Foster and Catherine Belle Hodge are second cousins, once removed. They would have a child, my grandmother, Laura Belle Foster.

Grandma Foster is buried at Trinity Church in Foster, Mathews County, Virginia. Trinity is located at the headwaters of the East River, noted as the “Easternmost River Church” of Kingston Parish in the Preface to the *Kingston Parish Register, Gloucester and Mathews Counties, Virginia, 1749-1827.*
Descendants of Richard Foster

First Generation

1. Richard Foster married Susanna. Children from this marriage were:
   + 2 M i. Peter Garnett Foster was born on 22 Mar 1757 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia and died on 31 Dec 1819 in Mathews, Virginia at age 62.
   + 3 M ii. James Foster was born on 15 Dec 1759 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia.

Second Generation (Children)

2. Peter Garnett Foster (Richard 1) was born on 22 Mar 1757 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia and died on 31 Dec 1819 in Mathews, Virginia at age 62.

   Peter is listed in the First Census of the United States, 1784. His household included 5 “white souls,” 1 dwelling, and 3 other buildings. According to the 1787 Personal Property Tax List, Peter paid taxes on 1 White 16+, 1 Negro 16+, 1 Negro 12-16,” and 4 horses. He paid taxes on land and personal property in Mathews, Virginia, from 1791-1800. In 1810, his household included 2 males 10-16, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 45+, 1 female 0-10, 1 female 16-26, 1 female 45+, and 19 slaves.

   Peter married Nancy Ann Hall on 27 Oct 1776 in Gloucester, Virginia, daughter of Robert Hall and Nancy Johnston. Nancy was born on 19 Sep 1756 in Gloucester, Virginia and died on 1 Jan 1820 in Mathews, Virginia at age 63. Children from this marriage were:
     + 4 F i. Susannah Ransone Foster was born on 3 Sep 1777 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia.
     + 5 F ii. Nancy Ann Foster was born on 5 May 1780 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia and died on 20 Jun 1859 in Wake County, NC at age 79.
     + 6 F iii. Elizabeth Foster was born on 4 Oct 1782.
     + 7 M iv. Richard Foster was born on 26 Jan 1785 in Gloucester, Virginia and died on 2 Aug 1851 in Mathews, Virginia at age 66.
     + 8 M v. Peter Foster, Jr. was born on 11 May 1787.
     + 9 F vi. Mary Foster was born on 24 Oct 1789.
     + 10 M vii. William Edward Foster was born on 26 Sep 1795.
     + 11 F viii. Harriet Foster was born on 20 Oct 1798.

3. James Foster (Richard 1) was born on 15 Dec 1759 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia.

Historic References:

Peter G. Foster, Administrator of Robert Hall dec'd. Know all men by these presents, that I, Peter G. Foster, Administrator of Robert Hall deceased, who was a Sailing Master in the Virginia Navy of Revolutionary War; do
hereby constitute, nominate and appoint Thomas Green of Richmond true and lawful attorney, to prosecute any claims to Land or money that may be due from the State of Virginia & United States, or either, on account of the Revolutionary services of said Robert Hall; & to demand & receive from the proper offices in Richmond & Washington, any Land warrant or warrants so due, & to sell & assign the same, or to surrender them at the General Land office, in order to obtain Certificates of Scrip in lieu thereof, which he is authorized to receive, sell & assign. Or if said warrants be already surrendered then to demand & receive the certificates & to sell & assign the same.

If no Scrip can be obtained, he is authorized to receive warrants which may have been surrendered, and to locate or sell the same, as he may think best. Said attorney is also authorized to prosecute by suit or petition, & to demand & receive from the State of Virginia & the United States, any half pay or commutation & interest that may be due, particularly under the Act of 5th July 1832; and to substitute & appoint one or more attorneys under him, with a general or Special authority to do all he is permitted to do, & revoke the same at pleasure. I hereby ratify & confirm whatever said attorney or his substitutes may lawfully do in the premises. As witness my hand and seal this tenth day of May 1847.

In Mathews County Court, Monday the 10th day of May 1847.

It has been made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that Robert Hall, a master in the Navy in the revolutionary war, died intestate in the latter part of 1786 or in the early part of the year 1787 leaving Thomas Hall, Betsey Hall, who married Francis Brown, Nancy Hall, who married Peter Foster, Joicey Hall who married Mathias Gayle, and the children of Spencer Hall, his sole heirs at law. Thomas Hall died intestate in 1840, leaving Sarah Hurst the wife of William Hurst, Mary Gayle the wife of Joseph R. Gayle, Thomas Hall, Sarah Hall who married John Saunders and Thomas Hall the children of Robert Hall and John Hall a minor who was a son of John Hall - his sole heirs at law. Nancy Foster who died leaving Richard Foster, Peter Foster Jr., William Foster, Susan R. Foster who married William Foster who is since dead leaving two children Harriet & William Foster, Ann Foster who married Robert Debnam, Elizabeth Foster who married Joshua G. Brown who is since dead leaving five children, viz: Peyton I, Ann who married Beverly Waddle, Caroline who married Henry Baker, Selina F. who married Nathan Walker (and second?) Wilson R. Brown, and Polly Foster who married James Brownley his sole heirs at law:- Joicey Gale who was Joicey Hall died leaving Bartlett Gayle, Joshua Gayle, Nancy Gayle and Betsy Gayle his sole heirs at law. Betsy Brown who was Betsy Hall died leaving six children, viz: Robert Brown, Spencer H. Brown, Susan who married [1st name unknown] Oliver, Ann who married Joshua Gayle, Elizabeth Brown and Frances Brown who married [1st name unknown] Walden his sole heirs at law.

In Mathews County Quarterly Court, May 10, 1847.

On the motion of Peter G. Foster who made oath & together with Richard Foster his security, entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned according to Law, certificate is granted the said Peter G. Foster for obtaining letters of administration of the Estate of Robert Hall deceased in due form of Law.
Third Generation (Grandchildren)

4. Susannah Ransone Foster (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 3 Sep 1777 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia. Susannah married William Harold Foster. Children from this marriage were:
   + 12 M i. William Foster.
   + 13 F ii. Harriet Foster.

Genealogy Note: Peter Foster is the administrator for William Harold Foster, deceased, in Brunswick County, Virginia, (Court Order Book 26, page 284, dated 23 May 1815). William was a son of Beverly Ransom Foster and nephew to Peter G. Foster Sr. (father of Susannah Ransome Foster). Susannah is the first cousin to her husband, William Harold Foster. John H. Foster was also mentioned in the same record and was also one of Beverly Ransom's son’s. From this evidence we could document Beverly Ransom Foster and Peter Ransom Foster as brothers.

5. Nancy Ann Foster (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 5 May 1780 in Kingston Parish, Gloucester, Virginia and died on 20 Jun 1859 in Wake County, North Carolina at age 79. Nancy married Robert Debnam. Robert was born in Apr 1770 in Virginia and died in 1880 in Franklin County, North Carolina at age 110. Children from this marriage were:
   + 14 M i. Peter Foster Debnam.
   + 15 M ii. Bartholomew Yates Debnam.
   + 16 M iii. Robert Buckner Debnam.
   + 17 M iv. Edward Debnam.
   + 18 M v. James Albert Debnam.
   + 19 F vi. Catherine E. Debnam.
   + 20 M vii. Thomas Richard Debnam was born in 1806 in Virginia.
   + 21 F viii. Sarah Ann (Sally) Debnam was born in 1810 in NC and died in 1880 in Franklin County, North Carolina at age 70.

6. Elizabeth Foster (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 4 Oct 1782. Elizabeth married Joshua Gayle Brown, son of George Brown and Dorothy Gayle. Children from this marriage were:
   + 22 F i. Ann Brown.
   + 23 F ii. Caroline Brown.
   + 24 F iii. Selina Brown.

7. Richard Foster (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 26 Jan 1785 in Gloucester, Virginia and died on 2 Aug 1851 in Mathews, Virginia at age 66.

He was a prosperous farmer and in 1850, he had real estate valued at $12,000; 19 male and 11 female slaves; 500 acres where he grew wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, and sweet potatoes, and had an orchard
and garden; manufactured home products, made butter, and slaughtered animals; and owned 2 horse, 2 mules, 8 cows, 8 oxen, 25 cattle, 20 sheep, and 70 swine.

Richard married Pricilla Bailey Williams in North Carolina. Pricilla was born in 1786 in North Carolina and died on 13 Nov 1850 in Mathews, Virginia at age 64. She was buried in a cemetery on Route 650 in Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:

+ 27 M i. Peter G. Foster was born on 14 Jan 1811.
+ 28 F ii. Nancy Foster was born on 12 Apr 1813.
+ 29 M iii. Richard Wesley Foster was born on 1 May 1814 in Mathews County, Virginia and died on 1 Jun 1875 in Mathews County, Virginia at age 61.
+ 30 M iv. William G. Foster was born on 25 May 1817.
+ 31 M v. Joseph Finch Foster was born on 5 Aug 1819 at Rose Hill Farm in Mathews, Virginia and died on 13 Aug 1896 in Mathews, Virginia at age 77.
+ 32 M vi. Daniel Hall Foster, Sr. was born on 15 Feb 1824 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 19 Aug 1894 in Mathews, Virginia at age 70.
+ 33 M vii. Robert T. Foster was born on 11 Apr 1826 and died in 1858 in Mathews, Virginia at age 32.
+ 34 F viii. Elizabeth Foster was born on 13 Aug 1828, died on 13 Jun 1848 in Mathews, Virginia at age 19, and was buried in Jun 1848 in a cemetery on Route 650, Miles, Mathews, Virginia.

Historic References:

Tombstone Inscriptions (Cemetery located in Mathews, VA on Route 650):

In Memory of/ Richard Foster./ Who departed this life Augt. 2nd 1851,/ In the 67 year of his age./ The sweet remembrance of the just,/ shall flourish when he sleeps in dust/ And then in heaven, we'll all appear.

In / Memory of / PRISCILLA B. FOSTER / Who departed this life / Nov. 13th 1850 / In the 64 year of her age. / Sacred forever may the place be made / Our Father, Mother, Sisters / Unmoved and undisturbed till / Time shall end / The turf that's round them may / God defend.

Minute Book G, pg. 31. Dec. 1856 Court of Mathews Co. VA
Present William G. Foster and Albert Diggs, Justices. Absent Walter G. Lane a justice

It has been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court that Richard Foster one of the heirs of Robert Hall a master in the Navy in the Revolutionary War, died in 1851, leaving a will and the following children his heirs under said will, to-wit: Peter G. Foster, Nancy Foster, who has intermarried with A. I. Foster, Richard W. Foster, Wm. G. Foster, Joseph F. Foster, Daniel H. Foster and Robert T. Foster his heirs under said Will; and on application of the said parties by Daniel H. Foster their attorney it is ordered to be recorded.
8. Peter Foster, Jr. (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 11 May 1787. Peter married Elizabeth Keeble on 6 Dec 1810 in Mathews County, Virginia. The child from this marriage was:
   + 35 F i. Louisa J. Foster, Jr. was born on 9 Oct 1828.

9. Mary Foster (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 24 Oct 1789. Mary married James Brownley. Children from this marriage were:
   + 36 F i. Virginia Brownley.
   + 37 F ii. Mary S. Brownley.
   + 38 F iii. Pricilla Brownley.
   + 39 M iv. James R. Brownley was born in 1819.

10. William Edward Foster (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 26 Sep 1795. William married Mary Eleanor Wyatt.

11. Harriet Foster (*Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 20 Oct 1798.

Fourth Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

12. William Foster (*Susannah Ransone Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).

13. Harriet Foster (*Susannah Ransone Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).

14. Peter Foster Debnam (*Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).

15. Bartholomew Yates Debnam (*Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).


17. Edward Debnam (*Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).

18. James Albert Debnam (*Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).

19. Catherine E. Debnam (*Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).

20. Thomas Richard Debnam (*Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born in 1806 in Virginia. Thomas married Priscilla M. Macon on 13 May 1834 in Franklin County, North Carolina, daughter of Nathaniel Macon and Priscilla Glenn. Priscilla was born on 21 Jan 1812 in North Carolina and died on 11 Oct 1878 in Wake County, North Carolina at age 66. Children from this marriage were:
   + 40 F i. Nannie Glenn Debnam.
   + 41 F ii. Elizabeth Debnam was born on 2 Dec 1837 in North Carolina and died on 14 Sep 1900 at age 62.
   + 42 M iii. Walter Debnam was born in 1839.
   + 43 F iv. Priscilla Debnam was born in 1842.
+ 44 M v. Richard Debnam was born in 1842.
+ 45 M vi. Mary Debnam was born in 1844.
+ 46 F vii. Corea Elber Debnam was born in 1846 in Wake County, North Carolina and
died on 24 Oct 1905 at age 59.
+ 47 M viii. Nathaniel Debnam was born in 1848.
+ 48 F ix. Madeline Debnam was born on 16 Nov 1850 in Wake County, North Carolina
and died on 3 Apr 1885 at age 34.
+ 49 F x. Lelia Debnam was born in 1854.

21. Sarah Ann (Sally) Debnam (Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in
1810 in North Carolina and died in 1880 in Franklin County, North Carolina at age 70. Sarah
married William Williams, son of Abraham Iverson Williams and Nancy. William was born
in 1810 and died in 1880 in Franklin County, North Carolina at age 70. The child from this
marriage was:
+ 50 M i. Charles Frank Williams was born on 26 Nov 1848 in North Carolina and died
on 17 Aug 1926 in Franklin County, North Carolina at age 77.


27. Peter G. Foster (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 14 Jan 1811.

28. Nancy Foster (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 12 Apr 1813.

29. Richard Wesley Foster (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 1 May 1814 in
Mathews County, Virginia and died on 1 Jun 1875 in Mathews County, Virginia at age 61.
Richard married Frances Ann White, daughter of John White and Elizabeth Davenport.
Frances was born on 14 Apr 1813 and died on 25 Mar 1900 at age 86. Children from this
marriage were:
+ 51 M i. John Richard Foster.
+ 52 F ii. Priscilla Elizabeth Foster was born in 1847.

30. William G. Foster (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 25 May 1817.

31. Joseph Finch Foster (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 5 Aug 1819 at
Rose Hill Farm in Mathews, Virginia and died of cancer on 13 Aug 1896 in Mathews, Virginia
at age 77.
He was a farmer with 159 acres in wheat, corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and hay and had 2 horses, 4 cows, 2 ox, 3 cattle, 4 sheep, and 35 swine for butter, wool and slaughter. His real estate and personal property, including 11 slaves, was worth $16,000 in 1860.

Joseph married Anne Macon Hudgins, daughter of Lewis Hudgins and Elizabeth L. Williams. Anne was born on 28 Aug 1830 in Mathews, Virginia and died about 1859 in Mathews, Virginia about age 29. Children from this marriage were:

+ 53 M i. Henry Howitt Foster was born on 12 Sep 1851 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 1 Apr 1930 in Mathews, Virginia at age 78, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia.
+ 54 F ii. Ella E. Foster was born in 1853.
+ 55 M iii. Joseph Finch Foster was born in 1856 in Mathews, Virginia, USA, died in 1926 in Mathews, , Virginia, USA at age 70, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia.
+ 56 F iv. Ann E. Foster was born in 1859.

Joseph next married Nannie Glenn Debnam, daughter of Thomas Richard Debnam and Priscilla M. Macon. Children from this marriage were:

+ 57 M i. Richard D. Foster.
+ 58 F ii. Lillian C. Foster was born in 1876 in Wake County, North Carolina.

Historic Reference:

From Lewis Hudgins, 1797-1866, by Peter Wrike, in The Mathews County Antiquarium, Volume 1, Number 2, Winter 1997-98

Lewis Hudgins began his working life in his early teens as his family’s owner agent and seaman. He became an adult during the War of 1812. He first appeared in Mathews County in 1819 as captain of the Mathews built schooner, Martha Ann.

Lewis worked on ships and minimized his farm labor costs by carrying and selling his own crops. He acquired land on Stutts Creek in Mathews, built new vessels, and carried cargoes for family, friends, and others. Lewis used experienced seamen from Mathews to crew his ships. As his home at Fitchetts Wharf grew, he acquired slaves who worked alongside him in the field and in trade.

A 317 ton barque Victory was the largest ship he built. Others included the Constitution, Betsy and Sally, Ann, Commerce, and Experiment.

On the eve of the Civil War in 1861, Lewis was 64. When Virginia joined the Confederacy, some Mathews residents left for the Eastern Shore and Maryland. Many continued clandestine trade with Mathews. Lewis and his family were involved with the Confederate cause. He organized blockade runners to transfer incoming supplies to smaller boats that went up the Piankatank to Richmond. Union intelligent suspected Lewis Hudgins. They sent Union vessels to
capture his large schooner, seized foodstuffs, and captured slaves to be set freed at Union bases in the area (Yorktown, Fort Monroe). Lewis continued to aid the confederacy.

By October 1863 he had lost most of his animals and stored grains to Union forces. He had no slaves or vessels of any size. In September 1864 raids, the Union forces targeted his farm. They first struck the boats at Fitchetts Wharf, capturing large ones and destroying smaller ones along with nets and fishing gear. Soldiers surrounded his home while the destruction took place. Lewis Hudgins and his family watched the accumulations of a lifetime disappear.

The winter of 1864-65 was severe and the Hudgins family, like many in Mathews, were on the edge of starvation with virtually no means of subsistence. The war appeared to be lost and Lewis Hudgins was financially ruined. His hard but productive life and the war had drained him of energy. On the day after Christmas 1866, Lewis Hudgins died after a short illness.

His legacy was significant. He built almost 15% of Mathews County’s vessels constructed between 1825 and 1855. He brought trade and commerce to Mathews and the United States during a highly competitive early 1800s period. He made a significant contribution to the Confederacy by provisioning supplies to sustain the war and divert Union forces.

Lewis Hudgins is buried at the Fitchetts Wharf cemetery at the end of Route 642 in Mathews, VA.

32. Daniel Hall Foster, Sr. (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 15 Feb 1824 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 19 Aug 1894 in Mathews, Virginia at age 70. Daniel married Mary Eliza Diggs. Mary was born in 1843. Children from this marriage were:
   + 59 M i. Richard IVirginianhoe Foster.
   + 60 M ii. Albert Diggs Foster was born on 26 Jun 1873 in Mathews, Virginia.
   + 61 M iii. Daniel Hall Foster, Jr. was born on 11 Dec 1874.
33. Robert T. Foster (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 11 Apr 1826 and died in 1858 in Mathews, Virginia at age 32. Robert married Elizabeth Lee Hudgins, daughter of Lewis Hudgins and Elizabeth L. Williams. Elizabeth was born in 1833. Children from this marriage were:
   + 62 M i. Charles E. Foster was born on 5 Jan 1851.
   + 63 M ii. Benjamin Curtis Foster was born on 11 Jan 1853 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 9 Sep 1907 on board the steamer Alabama in the Chesapeake Bay at age 54.
   + 64 M iii. Clarence Foster was born on 27 Aug 1854 and died on 3 Nov 1915 in Baltimore, Maryland at age 61.

34. Elizabeth Foster (Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 13 Aug 1828, died on 13 Jun 1848 in Mathews, Virginia at age 19, and was buried in Jun 1848 in a cemetery on Route 650, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Elizabeth married Gabriel Frances Miller on 7 Oct 1846, son of Booker Miller and Margaret Emerson. Gabriel was born on 21 May 1821 and died in 1910 at age 89. The child from this marriage was:
   + 65 M i. Leven H. Miller was born on 29 Oct 1847 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 28 Jul 1937 in Mathews, Virginia at age 89.

35. Louisa J. Foster, Jr. (Peter 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 9 Oct 1828.

36. Virginia Brownley (Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).

37. Mary S. Brownley (Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).

38. Pricilla Brownley (Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).

39. James R. Brownley (Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1819. James married Mary Evans. Mary was born in 1828. Children from this marriage were:
   + 66 M i. Oscar H. Brownley was born in 1846.
   + 67 F ii. Ann Eliza Brownley was born on 17 Apr 1849 in Mathews County, Virginia and died on 21 Aug 1915 at age 66.
   + 68 F iii. Margaret J. Brownley was born in 1851 in Mathews, Virginia.
   + 69 M iv. Eugene W. Brownley was born in 1853, died in 1927 at age 74, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia.
   + 70 M v. William V. Brownley was born in 1857.
   + 71 F vi. Mary E. Brownley was born in 1858.
   + 72 M vii. Henry L. Brownley was born in 1866 in Mathews, Virginia and died in 1946 at age 80.
   + 73 F viii. Cora Lee Brownley was born in 1869 in Mathews, Virginia.
Fifth Generation (Great Great-Grandchildren)

40. Nannie Glenn Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1). Nannie married Joseph Finch Foster, son of Richard Foster and Pricilla Bailey Williams. Joseph was born on 5 Aug 1819 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 13 Aug 1896 in Mathews, Virginia at age 77. Children from this marriage were:
   + 74 M i. Richard D. Foster.
   + 75 F ii. Lillian C. Foster was born in 1876 in Wake County, North Carolina.

Genealogy Note: Nannie Glenn Debnam and Joseph Finch Foster were first cousins, once removed.

41. Elizabeth Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 2 Dec 1837 in North Carolina and died on 14 Sep 1900 at age 62. Elizabeth married Alonzo Ross Hodge on 15 Jul 1858, son of Henderson Allonza Hodge and Frances Marion Carpenter. The child from this marriage was:
   + 76 F i. Catherine Belle Hodge was born in 1863 and died on 3 Dec 1893 at age 30.

42. Walter Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1839.

43. Priscilla Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1842.

44. Richard Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1842.

45. Mary Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1844.

46. Corea Elber Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1846 in Wake County, North Carolina and died on 24 Oct 1905 at age 59. Corea married Joseph Finch Foster on 4 Jan 1887 in Mathews, Virginia, son of Joseph Finch Foster and Anne Macon Hudgins. Joseph was born in 1856 in Mathews, Virginia, died in 1926 in Mathews, Virginia, at age 70, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   + 77 M i. Neil Debnam Foster was born on 22 Apr 1887 and died on 22 Apr 1917 in Mathews, Virginia, at age 30.
   + 78 F ii. Elba Finch Foster was born on 28 May 1890 in Mathews, Virginia, and died in Norfolk, Virginia.

Genealogy Note: Corea and Joseph Finch Foster, Jr. were second cousins. Brothers Joseph Finch Foster Jr. and Henry Howitt Foster married sisters Corea Debnam and Madeline Debnam.

47. Nathaniel Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1848.
48. Madeline Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 16 Nov 1850 in Wake County, North Carolina and died on 3 Apr 1885 at age 34. Madeline married Henry Howitt Foster on 21 Dec 1871 in Wake County, North Carolina, son of Joseph Finch Foster and Anne Macon Hudgins. Henry was born on 12 Sep 1851 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 1 Apr 1930 in Mathews, Virginia at age 78, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   + 79 F i. Florence E. Foster was born on 21 Dec 1872 and died on 29 Oct 1873.
   + 80 F ii. Annie Macon Foster was born on 14 Mar 1873 and died on 20 Jan 1953 at age 79.
   + 81 F iii. Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster was born on 4 Dec 1875 and died on 5 Jun 1966 at age 90.
   + 82 M iv. Nathaniel Debnam Foster was born on 14 Aug 1877 in North Carolina, died in 1967 at age 90, and was buried in 1967 in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia.
   + 83 M v. T. Henry Foster was born on 28 Jan 1879 and died on 7 Apr 1897 at age 18.
   + 84 M vi. R. William Foster was born on 18 Oct 1880 and died on 9 Feb 1883 at age 2.
   + 85 F vii. Mary Sharpe Foster was born on 14 Feb 1882 and died on 10 Apr 1953 at age 71.
   + 86 M viii. Benjamin Woodland Foster was born on 5 Aug 1883 and died on 23 Jan 1963 at age 79.

Genealogy Note: Madeline and Henry were second cousins. Brothers Joseph Finch Foster Jr. and Henry Howitt Foster married sisters Corea Debnam and Madeline Debnam.

49. Lelia Debnam (Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1854.

50. Charles Frank Williams (Sarah Ann (Sally) Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 26 Nov 1848 in North Carolina and died on 17 Aug 1926 in Franklin County, North Carolina at age 77.

John married Virginia Ellen. Children from this marriage were:
   + 87 M i. Richard Wesley Foster.
   + 88 F ii. Mattie D. Foster was born on 25 Apr 1875.
   + 89 F iii. Georgieanna Foster was born on 8 Sep 1877 and died on 12 Jun 1958 at age 80.

52. Priscilla Elizabeth Foster (Richard Wesley 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1847. Priscilla married R.E. King.

53. Henry Howitt Foster (Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 12 Sep 1851 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 1 Apr 1930 in Mathews, Virginia at age 78, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Henry first married Madeline Debnam on 21 Dec 1871 in Wake County, North Carolina, daughter of Thomas Richard
Debnam and Priscilla M. Macon. Madeline was born on 16 Nov 1850 in Wake County, North Carolina, and died on 3 Apr 1885 at age 34. Children from this marriage were:

+ 93 F i. Florence E. Foster was born on 21 Dec 1872 and died on 29 Oct 1873.
+ 94 F ii. Annie Macon Foster was born on 14 Mar 1873 and died on 20 Jan 1953 at age 79.
+ 95 F iii. Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster was born on 4 Dec 1875 and died on 5 Jun 1966 at age 90.
+ 96 M iv. Nathaniel Debnam Foster was born on 14 Aug 1877 in North Carolina, died in 1967 at age 90, and was buried in 1967 in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia.
+ 97 M v. T. Henry Foster was born on 28 Jan 1879 and died on 7 Apr 1897 at age 18.
+ 98 M vi. R. William Foster was born on 18 Oct 1880 and died on 9 Feb 1883 at age 2.
+ 99 F vii. Mary Sharpe Foster was born on 14 Feb 1882 and died on 10 Apr 1953 at age 71.
+ 100 M viii. Benjamin Woodland Foster was born on 5 Aug 1883 and died on 23 Jan 1963 at age 79.

Henry next married Catherine Belle Hodge, daughter of Alonzo Ross Hodge and Elizabeth Debnam. Catherine was born in 1863 and died on 3 Dec 1893 at age 30. Children from this marriage were:

+ 90 M i. Howitt Hodge Foster.
+ 91 M ii. Alonzo (Lonnie) Finch Foster was born in 1888 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 17 Dec 1952 in Arlington, Virginia at age 64.
+ 92 F iii. Laura Belle Foster was born on 28 Jan 1890 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 20 Mar 1976 in Newport News, Virginia at age 86, and was buried at Trinity Church in Foster, Mathews, Virginia.

Genealogy Note: Henry and Madeline were second cousins. Henry and Catherine were second cousins once removed. Catherine is Madeline’s sister Elizabeth’s daughter, or Madeline and Henry’s niece.

Early 20th century view of Foster home in Bohannon, Mathews, Virginia.
Capt. Henry H. Foster, aged 79 years, died Tuesday afternoon, April 1st, after a long illness, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. A. White, of Mobjack, Va. He was one of Mathews' best citizens, a member of Emmanuel M. E. Church, and had many friends. Until several years ago when his health failed him he was actively engaged in the oyster and clam business.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. C. R. Thomas, Hicks Wharf; Mrs. M. G. Ransone, Pribble; Mrs. O. A. White, Mobjack, and Mrs. R. C. Jones, North. Four sons, Capt. Nathaniel D. Foster, Hicks Wharf; Capt. Benj. W. Foster, Mobjack; Alonzo F. Foster, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Howett Foster, of North Carolina. One sister, Mrs. Ella Miller, of Norfolk, Va., and a half sister, Mrs. Lillian Magett, of Newport News, Va., and a half brother, Richard D. Foster, of Norfolk, Va.
Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 P. M. at Providence M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. E. F. Hall. Interment was made in Providence Cemetery. The active pall bearers were, Capt. Nathaniel D. Foster, Capt. Benj. W. Foster, Messrs. O. A. White, C. R. Thomas, M. G. Ransone, and R. C. Jones. Honorary were Dr. Howitt Foster, Messrs. Alonzo Foster, Ford Ransone, and John T. Ransone.

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**54. Ella E. Foster** (*Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*)

was born in 1853. Ella married **William Moorman Miller** 23 Dec 1875, son of **John Emerson Miller** and **Mary Ann Elcott**. William was born on 7 Aug 1842. Children from this marriage were:  
+ 101 F i. **Mary Ann Miller**.  
+ 102 F ii. **Ada Emerson Miller**.  
+ 103 F iii. **Miller**.  
+ 104 F iv. **Marion Estelle Miller**.

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**55. Joseph Finch Foster** (*Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*)

was born in 1856 in Mathews, Virginia, died in 1926 in Mathews, Virginia, at age 70, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Joseph married **Corea Elber Debnam** on 4 Jan 1887 in Mathews, Virginia, daughter of **Thomas Richard Debnam** and **Priscilla M. Macon**. Joseph and Corea were second cousins. Corea was born in 1846 in Wake County, North Carolina and died on 24 Oct 1905 at age 59. Children from this marriage were:  
+ 105 M i. **Neil Debnam Foster** was born on 22 Apr 1887 and died on 22 Apr 1917 in Mathews, Virginia. at age 30.  
+ 106 F ii. **Elba Finch Foster** was born on 28 May 1890 in Mathews, VIRGINIA. and died in Norfolk, Virginia.  

Joseph next married **Edna E. Brownley** on 4 Oct 1908 in Mathews, Virginia, daughter of **Eugene W. Brownley** and **Emma C. Kirk**. Edna was born in 1884 and died in 1943 at age 59. Children from this marriage were:  
+ 107 M i. **Elliott Foster** was born in 1910.  
+ 108 M ii. **Eugene Foster** was born in 1911.  
+ 109 F iii. **Mildred Foster** was born in 1913.  
+ 110 M iv. **Clarence Foster** was born in 1915.  
+ 111 M v. **Warren Foster** was born in 1917.  
+ 112 M vi. **Edna Foster** was born in 1919.

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**56. Ann E. Foster** (*Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*)

was born in 1859. Ann married **Walter Muse Miller** on 9 Nov 1882 in Providence Church, Miles, Mathews, Virginia, son of **John Emerson Miller** and **Mary Ann Elcott**. Walter was born on 28 Jan 1853. Children from this marriage were:

58. Lillian C. Foster (Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1876 in Wake County, North Carolina. Lillian married Samuel Mcdowell Majett on 17 Oct 1900 in Providence Church, Miles, Mathews County, Virginia. Samuel was born in 1876 in Hertford County, North Carolina.


60. Albert Diggs Foster (Daniel Hall 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 26 Jun 1873 in Mathews, Virginia. Albert married Annie Glenn Miller on 25 Aug 1896 in Mathews, Virginia, daughter of Charles A. Miller and Sarah Georgie. Annie was born in 1876.

61. Daniel Hall Foster, Jr. (Daniel Hall 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 11 Dec 1874.

62. Charles E. Foster (Robert T. 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 5 Jan 1851.

63. Benjamin Curtis Foster (Robert T. 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 11 Jan 1853 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 9 Sep 1907 on board the Steamer Alabama in the Chesapeake Bay at age 54. Benjamin married Francis "Fannie" Freeman on 11 Nov 1880 in Providence Church, Miles, Mathews, Virginia, daughter of Joseph John Freeman and Mary Elizabeth Diggs. Francis was born in 1862 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 8 Apr 1958 in Mathews, Virginia at age 96. Children from this marriage were:
   + 117 M i. Robert Gordon Foster was born in 1881.
   + 118 M ii. Benjamin Freeman Foster was born on 24 Sep 1883 in Baltimore, Maryland and died in 1941 at age 58.

64. Clarence Foster (Robert T. 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 27 Aug 1854 and died on 3 Nov 1915 in Baltimore, Maryland at age 61. Clarence married Sarah Eureka Dulany. Sarah was born on 21 Nov 1855 and died on 25 Jun 1935 at age 79. Children from this marriage were:
   + 119 M i. William Dulany Foster.
   + 120 M ii. Clarence Dulany Foster.

65. Leven H. Miller (Elizabeth Foster 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 29 Oct 1847 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 28 Jul 1937 in Mathews, Virginia at age 89. Leven married Virginia Florence Billups on 25 Dec 1873 in Green Mansion, Mathews, Virginia, daughter of Thomas Billups and Elizabeth. Virginia was born on 2 Apr 1848 and died on 20 Dec 1913 at age 65. The child from this marriage was:
Amanda Bessie Miller was born in 1874 and died on 3 Jun 1929 in Norfolk, Virginia at age 55.

Green Plains (Mansion) on the North River

66. Oscar H. Brownley (James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1846.

67. Ann Eliza Brownley (James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 17 Apr 1849 in Mathews County, Virginia and died on 21 Aug 1915 at age 66. Ann married Hezekiah Lee White on 18 Apr 1877 in Mathews County, Virginia, son of Thomas E. White and Sarah E. Hezekiah was born in 1850 and died on 4 Oct 1936 at age 86.

68. Margaret J. Brownley (James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1851 in Mathews, Virginia.

69. Eugene W. Brownley (James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1853, died in 1927 at age 74, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Eugene married Emma C. Kirk on 23 May 1883 in Mathews, Virginia, daughter of Richard Kirk and Elizabeth Longing Grinnell. The child from this marriage was:
   + 122 F i. Edna E. Brownley was born in 1884 and died in 1943 at age 59.

70. William V. Brownley (James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1857.

71. Mary E. Brownley (James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1858.

72. Henry L. Brownley (James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1866 in Mathews, Virginia and died in 1946 at age 80. Henry married Martha "Mattie" Flippen on 26 Jun 1895 in Emmanuel Church, Mathews, Virginia, daughter of Thomas H. Flippen and Elizabeth. Martha was born on 6 Sep 1873 and died in 1965 at age 92. Children from this marriage were:
   + 123 M i. Howard Brownley was born in 1898.
   + 124 F ii. Mary Brownley was born in 1900, died in 1987 at age 87, and was buried in Pear Tree Cemetery, Onemo, Mathews, Virginia.
   + 125 F iii. Clarice Brownley was born on 10 Oct 1904 and died in Sep 2006 at age 101.
   + 126 F iv. Earline Brownley was born in 1910.
   + 127 F v. Ellen Virginia Brownley was born on 20 Jul 1914 and died on 22 Oct 1914.
73. **Cora Lee Brownley** (*James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born in 1869 in Mathews, Virginia. Cora married **Thomas Davis Blake** on 12 Jul 1893, son of **William J. Blake** and **Leigh J.**. Thomas was born in 1859 in Middlesex, Virginia.

**Sixth Generation (3rd Great-Grandchildren)**

74. **Richard D. Foster** (*Nannie Glenn Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*).

75. **Lillian C. Foster** (*Nannie Glenn Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born in 1876 in Wake County, North Carolina. Lillian married **Samuel Mc Dowell Majett** on 17 Oct 1900 in Providence Church, Miles, Mathews County, Virginia. Samuel was born in 1876 in Hertford County, North Carolina.

76. **Catherine Belle Hodge** (*Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born in 1863 and died on 3 Dec 1893 at age 30. Catherine married **Henry Howitt Foster**, son of **Joseph Finch Foster** and **Anne Macon Hudgins**. Henry was born on 12 Sep 1851 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 1 Apr 1930 in Mathews, Virginia at age 78, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   - + 128 M i. **Howitt Hodge Foster**.
   - + 129 M ii. **Alonzo (Lonnie) Finch Foster** was born in 1888 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 17 Dec 1952 in Arlington, Virginia at age 64.
   - + 130 F iii. **Laura Belle Foster** was born on 28 Jan 1890 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 20 Mar 1976 in Newport News, Virginia at age 86, and was buried in Trinity Cemetery, Foster, Mathews, Virginia.

77. **Neil Debnam Foster** (*Corea Elber Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 22 Apr 1887 and died on 22 Apr 1917 in Mathews, Virginia at age 30.

78. **Elba Finch Foster** (*Corea Elber Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 28 May 1890 in Mathews, VIRGINIA. and died in Norfolk, Virginia.

79. **Florence E. Foster** (*Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 21 Dec 1872 and died on 29 Oct 1873.

80. **Annie Macon Foster** (*Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 14 Mar 1873 and died on 20 Jan 1953 at age 79. Annie married **Charles Russell Thomas** on 27 Jan 1897. Charles died on 3 Sep 1932. Children from this marriage were:
   - + 131 F i. **Bertha Macon Thomas** was born on 15 Apr 1898 and died on 21 Jun 1942 at age 44.
   - + 132 F ii. **Helen Russell Thomas** was born on 7 Jun 1901.
81. Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster (Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 4 Dec 1875 and died on 5 Jun 1966 at age 90. Madeline married Malcolm Grey Ransone on 27 Dec 1894 in Mathews, Virginia, son of William A. Ransone and Almira Forrest. Malcolm was born on 15 Oct 1866 and died in 1939 at age 73. Children from this marriage were:
   + 133 M i. John Tucker Ransone.
   + 134 M ii. Welford Grey Ransone was born on 14 Apr 1897 and died on 29 Aug 1978 in Virginia at age 81.
   + 135 M iii. Stanley Forrest Ransone was born on 13 Sep 1899.

82. Nathaniel Debnam Foster (Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 14 Aug 1877 in North Carolina, died in 1967 at age 90, and was buried in 1967 in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Nathaniel married Elizabeth Jones Macon on 27 Jul 1904. Children from this marriage were:
   + 136 M i. Henry Macon Foster died in Dec 1970.
   + 137 M ii. Nathaniel Debnam Macon Foster.
   + 138 M iii. Edward Jones Macon Foster.
   + 139 F iv. Madeline Macon Foster died in Mar 1971.
   + 140 F v. Lucille Macon Foster was born on 3 Jan 1915.

83. T. Henry Foster (Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 28 Jan 1879 and died on 7 Apr 1897 at age 18.

84. R. William Foster (Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 18 Oct 1880 and died on 9 Feb 1883 at age 2.

85. Mary Sharpe Foster (Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 14 Feb 1882 and died on 10 Apr 1953 at age 71. Mary married Onia Absolom White on 11 Jun 1906, son of Cyrus Cary White and Perlinia F. Perkins. Onia was born on 31 Jan 1863 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 5 Jul 1936 in Mathews, Virginia at age 73. The child from this marriage was:
   + 141 F i. Frances Debnam White was born on 16 Jul 1909 in Mathews, Virginia and died in Feb 1998 in Mathews, Virginia at age 88.

86. Benjamin Woodland Foster (Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 5 Aug 1883 and died on 23 Jan 1963 at age 79. Benjamin married Stella Mae Lewis on 3 Feb 1915, daughter of Martin Luther Lewis and Beulah S. White. Stella was born on 7 Dec 1892 and died on 1 Nov 1990 at age 97. Children from this marriage were:
   + 142 F i. Anne Woodland Foster was born on 19 Jan 1916 and died on 14 Mar 2004 at age 88.
   + 143 F ii. Linda Marie Foster was born on 26 Jun 1918.

88. Mattie D. Foster (John Richard 5, Richard Wesley 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 25 Apr 1875.

89. Georgieanna Foster (John Richard 5, Richard Wesley 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 8 Sep 1877 and died on 12 Jun 1958 at age 80. Georgieanna married Milton Murray on 14 Oct 1896 in Central Methodist Church, Mathews, Virginia, son of Heron Campbell Murray and Cordelia Cary Williams. Milton was born on 13 Mar 1875, died on 16 Feb 1943 at age 67, and was buried in Feb 1943 in Williams Cemetery, Rt. 614, Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   + 144 M i. Benjamin Murray was born in 1903.
   + 145 M ii. Milton Murray was born in 1920 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 8 Mar 2005 at age 85.

90. Howitt Hodge Foster (Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1). Howitt married Minnie Lucy Rodwell. Children from this marriage were:
   + 146 F i. Laura Belle Foster was born on 9 Jul 1925.
   + 147 F ii. Pricilla Hodge Foster was born on 30 Sep 1932.

91. Alonzo (Lonnie) Finch Foster (Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1888 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 17 Dec 1952 in Arlington, Virginia at age 64. Alonzo married Genevive Harris. The child from this marriage was:
   + 148 F i. Ann Beverly Foster.

92. Laura Belle Foster (Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 28 Jan 1890 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 20 Mar 1976 in Newport News, Virginia at age 86, and was buried in Trinity Church Cemetery, Foster, Mathews, Virginia. Laura married Roland Christopher Jones on 21 Oct 1915 in Mathews, Virginia, son of Walter Gabriel Jones and Sara Elizabeth. Roland was born in 1886 in North, Mathews, Virginia, died in Sep 1963 in North, Mathews, Virginia, at age 77, and was buried in Trinity Church Cemetery, Foster, Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   + 149 M i. Roland Jones was born on 1 Jun 1917 and died in May 1938 at age 20.
   + 150 F ii. Catherine Elizabeth Jones was born on 9 Dec 1918, died on 6 Sep 1991 at age 72, and was buried in Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, Virginia.
   + 151 F iii. Mary Belle Jones was born on 12 Sep 1923 in Mathews, Virginia.
   + 152 M iv. Alonzo Foster Jones was born on 6 Jan 1926 and died on 6 Jan 1996 at age 70.

93. Florence E. Foster (Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 21 Dec 1872 and died on 29 Oct 1873.
94. **Annie Macon Foster** (*Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 14 Mar 1873 and died on 20 Jan 1953 at age 79. Annie married **Charles Russell Thomas** on 27 Jan 1897. Charles died on 3 Sep 1932. Children from this marriage were:
   + 153 F i. **Bertha Macon Thomas** was born on 15 Apr 1898 and died on 21 Jun 1942 at age 44.
   + 154 F ii. **Helen Russell Thomas** was born on 7 Jun 1901.

95. **Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster** (*Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 4 Dec 1875 and died on 5 Jun 1966 at age 90. Madeline married **Malcolm Grey Ransone** on 27 Dec 1894 in Mathews, Virginia, son of **William A. Ransone** and **Almira Forrest**. Malcolm was born on 15 Oct 1866 and died in 1939 at age 73. Children from this marriage were:
   + 155 M i. **John Tucker Ransone**.
   + 156 M ii. **Welford Grey Ransone** was born on 14 Apr 1897 and died on 29 Aug 1978 in Virginia at age 81.
   + 157 M iii. **Stanley Forrest Ransone** was born on 13 Sep 1899.

96. **Nathaniel Debnam Foster** (*Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 14 Aug 1877 in North Carolina, died in 1967 at age 90, and was buried in 1967 in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Nathaniel married **Elizabeth Jones Macon** on 27 Jul 1904. Children from this marriage were:
   + 158 M i. **Henry Macon Foster** died in Dec 1970.
   + 159 M ii. **Nathaniel Debnam Macon Foster**.
   + 160 M iii. **Edward Jones Macon Foster**.
   + 161 F iv. **Madeline Macon Foster** died in Mar 1971.
   + 162 F v. **Lucille Macon Foster** was born on 3 Jan 1915.

97. **T. Henry Foster** (*Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 28 Jan 1879 and died on 7 Apr 1897 at age 18.

98. **R. William Foster** (*Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 18 Oct 1880 and died on 9 Feb 1883 at age 2.

99. **Mary Sharpe Foster** (*Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 14 Feb 1882 and died on 10 Apr 1953 at age 71. Mary married **Onia Absolom White** on 11 Jun 1906, son of **Cyrus Cary White** and **Perlinia F. Perkins**. Onia was born on 31 Jan 1863 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 5 Jul 1936 in Mathews, Virginia at age 73. The child from this marriage was:
   + 163 F i. **Frances Debnam White** was born on 16 Jul 1909 in Mathews, Virginia and died in Feb 1998 in Mathews, Virginia at age 88.

100. **Benjamin Woodland Foster** (*Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1*) was born on 5 Aug 1883 and died on 23 Jan 1963 at age 79. Benjamin married **Stella Mae Lewis** on 3 Feb 1915, daughter of **Martin Luther Lewis** and **Beulah S. White**. Stella was born on 7 Dec 1892 and died on 1 Nov 1990 at age 97. Children from this marriage were:
+ 164 F i. **Anne Woodland Foster** was born on 19 Jan 1916 and died on 14 Mar 2004 at age 88.
+ 165 F ii. **Linda Marie Foster** was born on 26 Jun 1918.

**Historical References:**

**Mathews Journal**, August 9, 1906: “On the evening of August 5, a delightful launching party was given by Mr. Ben Foster of Bohannon. The party consisted for Misses Clara Miles, Dola Lawson, Effie Miles and Julia Cottrell, and Messrs. Garland Miles, Ned Foster and brother, James Peed and Ben Foster.”

**Mathews Journal**, March 27, 1924, Shipping news sent by the Mobjack correspondent: “The schooner ‘Alexandria Bond,’ Capt. B. W. Foster, is loading oysters for Ballard Fish & Oyster Co., Norfolk. From there he will go up the James for a load of seed stock.”

**Mathews Journal**, July 15, 1926: “Capt. B. W. Foster of Mobjack, of the schooner Alexander Bond, has just arrived from Baltimore, where he took a cargo of potatoes, bringing back wheat for Dr. Tabb at Cow Creek Mill.”

101. **Mary Ann Miller** (Ella E. Foster 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).

102. **Ada Emerson Miller** (Ella E. Foster 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).

103. **Miller** (Ella E. Foster 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1). Miller married **William J. Carter**.

104. **Marion Estelle Miller** (Ella E. Foster 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).
105. Neil Debnam Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 22 Apr 1887 and died on 22 Apr 1917 in Mathews, Virginia at age 30.

106. Elba Finch Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 28 May 1890 in Mathews, Virginia, and died in Norfolk, Virginia.

107. Elliott Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1910.

108. Eugene Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1911.

109. Mildred Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1913.

110. Clarence Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1915.

111. Warren Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1917.

112. Edna Foster (Joseph Finch 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1919.


117. Robert Gordon Foster (Benjamin Curtis 5, Robert T. 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1881.

118. Benjamin Freeman Foster (Benjamin Curtis 5, Robert T. 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 24 Sep 1883 in Baltimore, Maryland and died in 1941 at age 58.


121. Amanda Bessie Miller (Leven H. Miller 5, Elizabeth Foster 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1874 and died on 3 Jun 1929 in Norfolk, Virginia at age 55. Amanda married Benjamin Robert Bunting. Benjamin was born in 1870 and died in 1953 at age 83. The child from this marriage was:
+ 166 M i. Alfred Clay Bunting.

122. Edna E. Brownley (Eugene W. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1884 and died in 1943 at age 59. Edna married Joseph Finch Foster on 4 Oct 1908 in Mathews, Virginia, son of Joseph Finch Foster and Anne Macon Hudgins. Joseph was born in 1856 in Mathews, Virginia, died in 1926 in Mathews, Virginia, at age 70, and was buried in Providence Cemetery, Miles, Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
+ 167 M i. Elliott Foster was born in 1910.
+ 168 M ii. Eugene Foster was born in 1911.
+ 169 F iii. Mildred Foster was born in 1913.
+ 170 M iv. Clarence Foster was born in 1915.
+ 171 M v. Warren Foster was born in 1917.
+ 172 M vi. Edna Foster was born in 1919.

123. Howard Brownley (Henry L. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1898.

124. Mary Brownley (Henry L. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1900, died in 1987 at age 87, and was buried in Pear Tree Cemetery, Onemo, Mathews, Virginia. Mary married Edgar L. Diggs, son of William L. "Will Alec" Diggs and Alice A. Hudgins. Edgar was born in 1901, died in 1966 at age 65, and was buried in Pear Tree Cemetery, Onemo, Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
+ 173 F i. Lois Wilson Diggs.


Scrooch’s Market, Gwynn’s Island

126. Earline Brownley (Henry L. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1910.

127. Ellen Virginia Brownley (Henry L. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 20 Jul 1914 and died on 22 Oct 1914.
Seventh Generation (4th Great-Grandchildren)

128. Howitt Hodge Foster (Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).

Howitt married Minnie Lucy Rodwell. Children from this marriage were:
   + 175 F i. Laura Belle Foster was born on 9 Jul 1925.
   + 176 F ii. Pricilla Hodge Foster was born on 30 Sep 1932.

129. Alonzo (Lonnie) Finch Foster (Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1888 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 17 Dec 1952 in Arlington, Virginia at age 64. Alonzo married Genevive Harris. The child from this marriage was:
   + 177 F i. Ann Beverly Foster.

130. Laura Belle Foster (Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 28 Jan 1890 in Mathews, Virginia, died on 20 Mar 1976 in Newport News, Virginia at age 86, and was buried in Trinity Church Cemetery, Foster, Mathews, Virginia. Laura married Roland Christopher Jones on 21 Oct 1915 in Mathews, Virginia, son of Walter Gabriel Jones and Sara Elizabeth. Roland was born in 1886 in North, Mathews, Virginia and died in Sep 1963 in North, Mathews, Virginia at age 77. Children from this marriage were:
   + 178 M i. Roland Jones was born on 1 Jun 1917 and died in May 1938 at age 20.
   + 179 F ii. Catherine Elizabeth Jones was born on 9 Dec 1918, died on 6 Sep 1991 at age 72, and was buried in Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, Virginia.
   + 180 F iii. Mary Belle Jones was born on 12 Sep 1923 in Mathews, Virginia.
   + 181 M iv. Alonzo Foster Jones was born on 6 Jan 1926 and died on 6 Jan 1996 at age 70.

131. Bertha Macon Thomas (Annie Macon Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 15 Apr 1898 and died on 21 Jun 1942 at age 44. Bertha married Leihal A. Smith on 3 Jul 1920 in Mathews, Virginia. Leihal was born in 1891 in New Bern, North Carolina.

132. Helen Russell Thomas (Annie Macon Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 7 Jun 1901.

Helen married A. Stuart Hodges.


134. Welford Grey Ransone (Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 14 Apr 1897 and died on 29 Aug 1978 in Virginia at age 81.
135. Stanley Forrest Ransone (Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 13 Sep 1899.


140. Lucille Macon Foster (Nathaniel Debnam Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 3 Jan 1915. Lucille married John Franklin Marchant on 20 Apr 1940. John was born in Jun 1910 and died on 12 Aug 1976 in Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina at age 66. Children from this marriage were:
   + 182 M i. William Floyd Marchant was born on 3 Sep 1942 and died on 30 Dec 2000 at age 58.
   + 183 F ii. Priscilla Marchant was born on 22 Dec 1946.

141. Frances Debnam White (Mary Sharpe Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 16 Jul 1909 in Mathews, Virginia and died in Feb 1998 in Mathews, Virginia at age 88. Frances married Charles Bernard Anderton on 7 May 1935, son of Charles Bernard Anderton and Mary Lillian Robins. Charles was born on 2 May 1911 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 5 Jan 1989 in Mathews, Virginia at age 77. Children from this marriage were:
   + 184 F i. Mary Joan Anderton was born on 6 Jan 1936 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 11 Apr 2002 in Mathews, Virginia at age 66.
   + 185 M ii. Charles Ralph Anderton was born on 22 Oct 1943.

142. Anne Woodland Foster (Benjamin Woodland Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 19 Jan 1916 and died on 14 Mar 2004 at age 88. Anne married Allen Enos Foster on 31 Dec 1938. Allen was born on 14 Dec 1916 and died on 30 Nov 1978 at age 61. The child from this marriage was:
   + 186 M i. Allen Carl Foster was born on 30 Nov 1940.

143. Linda Marie Foster (Benjamin Woodland Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 26 Jun 1918.

144. Benjamin Murray (Georgieanna Foster 6, John Richard 5, Richard Wesley 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1903.
145. Milton Murray (Georgieanna Foster 6, John Richard 5, Richard Wesley 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born in 1920 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 8 Mar 2005 at age 85. Milton married Eugenia Richardson, daughter of Ellis Clarke Richardson and Mary Lucina Hudgins. Eugenia was born in 1915.

146. Laura Belle Foster (Howitt Hodge 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 9 Jul 1925. Laura married James Elnarr Reed on 20 Apr 1947. James was born on 3 Aug 1924 in Rosebud, TX. Children from this marriage were:
   + 187 F i. Pamela Grace Reed was born on 20 Jan 1949 in Gastonia, NC.
   + 188 M ii. James Elnarr Reed was born on 13 Apr 1950 in Gastonia, NC.
   + 189 F iii. Minnilue Foster Reed was born on 27 Apr 1957 in Gastonia, NC.

147. Pricilla Hodge Foster (Howitt Hodge 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 30 Sep 1932. Pricilla married Albert Duncan Cale on 18 Dec 1954. Albert was born on 18 Sep 1928. Children from this marriage were:
   + 190 M i. Franklin Foster Cale was born on 11 Aug 1958.
   + 191 M ii. Thomas Allen Cale was born on 28 Aug 1960.
   + 192 F iii. Nancy Catherine Cale was born on 18 Mar 1963.
   + 193 M iv. Daniel Duncan Cale was born on 10 May 1966.


149. Roland Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 1 Jun 1917 and died in May 1938 at age 20.

150. Catherine Elizabeth Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 9 Dec 1918, died on 6 Sep 1991 at age 72, and was buried in Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, Virginia. Catherine married Louis Anthony Zeitz on 13 Apr 1944. Louis died in Nov 1977. Children from this marriage were:
   + 194 M i. Louis Anthony Zeitz was born on 8 Dec 1946 and died in Oct 2001 at age 54.
   + 195 M ii. Richard Wayne Zeitz was born on 14 Mar 1949.

151. Mary Belle Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 12 Sep 1923 in Mathews, Virginia. Mary married Frank Raymond Lewis on 3 Apr 1948 in Yorktown, Virginia, son of Frank Raymond Lewis and Clemmie Forrest. Frank was born on 7 Jul 1922 in Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   + 196 F i. Mary Susan Lewis was born on 8 Aug 1952 in Richmond, Virginia.
   + 197 F ii. Sara Elizabeth Lewis was born on 18 Feb 1955 in Richmond, Virginia.

152. Alonzo Foster Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 6 Jan 1926, died on 6 Jan 1996 at age 70, and was buried in Quantico National Cemetery. Alonzo married Cora Matter. The child from this marriage was:
153. Bertha Macon Thomas (Annie Macon Foster 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 15 Apr 1898 and died on 21 Jun 1942 at age 44. Bertha married Leighal A. Smith on 3 Jul 1920 in Mathews, Virginia. Leighal was born in 1891 in New Bern, North Carolina.

154. Helen Russell Thomas (Annie Macon Foster 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 7 Jun 1901. Helen married A. Stuart Hodges.


156. Welford Grey Ransone (Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 14 Apr 1897 and died on 29 Aug 1978 in Virginia at age 81.

157. Stanley Forrest Ransone (Madeline (Mattie) Debnam Foster 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 13 Sep 1899.


162. Lucille Macon Foster (Nathaniel Debnam 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 3 Jan 1915. Lucille married John Franklin Marchant on 20 Apr 1940. John was born in Jun 1910 and died on 12 Aug 1976 in Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina at age 66. Children from this marriage were:
   + 199 M i. William Floyd Marchant was born on 3 Sep 1942 and died on 30 Dec 2000 at age 58.
   + 200 F ii. Priscilla Marchant was born on 22 Dec 1946.

163. Frances Debnam White (Mary Sharpe Foster 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 16 Jul 1909 in Mathews, Virginia and died in Feb 1998 in Mathews, Virginia at age 88. Frances married Charles Bernard Anderton on 7 May 1935, son of Charles Bernard Anderton and Mary Lillian Robins. Charles was born on 2 May
1911 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 5 Jan 1989 in Mathews, Virginia at age 77. Children from this marriage were:
   + 201 F i. **Mary Joan Anderton** was born on 6 Jan 1936 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 11 Apr 2002 in Mathews, Virginia at age 66.
   + 202 M ii. **Charles Ralph Anderton** was born on 22 Oct 1943.

Mary Joan Anderton

164. **Anne Woodland Foster** *(Benjamin Woodland 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 19 Jan 1916 and died on 14 Mar 2004 at age 88. Anne married **Allen Enos Foster** on 31 Dec 1938. Allen was born on 14 Dec 1916 and died on 30 Nov 1978 at age 61. The child from this marriage was:
   + 203 M i. **Allen Carl Foster** was born on 30 Nov 1940.

165. **Linda Marie Foster** *(Benjamin Woodland 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 26 Jun 1918.

166. **Alfred Clay Bunting** *(Amanda Bessie Miller 6, Leven H. Miller 5, Elizabeth Foster 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)*.

167. **Elliott Foster** *(Edna E. Brownley 6, Eugene W. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born in 1910.

168. **Eugene Foster** *(Edna E. Brownley 6, Eugene W. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born in 1911.

169. **Mildred Foster** *(Edna E. Brownley 6, Eugene W. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born in 1913.

170. **Clarence Foster** *(Edna E. Brownley 6, Eugene W. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born in 1915.

171. **Warren Foster** *(Edna E. Brownley 6, Eugene W. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born in 1917.

172. **Edna Foster** *(Edna E. Brownley 6, Eugene W. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born in 1919.

173. **Lois Wilson Diggs** *(Mary Brownley 6, Henry L. Brownley 5, James R. Brownley 4, Mary Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)*.

Eighth Generation (5th Great-Grandchildren)

175. Laura Belle Foster (Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 9 Jul 1925. Laura married James Elnarr Reed on 20 Apr 1947. James was born on 3 Aug 1924 in Rosebud, TX. Children from this marriage were:

+ 204 F i. Pamela Grace Reed was born on 20 Jan 1949 in Gastonia, NC.
+ 205 M ii. James Elnarr Reed was born on 13 Apr 1950 in Gastonia, NC.
+ 206 F iii. Minnilue Foster Reed was born on 27 Apr 1957 in Gastonia, NC.

176. Pricilla Hodge Foster (Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 30 Sep 1932. Pricilla married Albert Duncan Cale on 18 Dec 1954. Albert was born on 18 Sep 1928. Children from this marriage were:

+ 207 M i. Franklin Foster Cale was born on 11 Aug 1958.
+ 208 M ii. Thomas Allen Cale was born on 28 Aug 1960.
+ 209 F iii. Nancy Catherine Cale was born on 18 Mar 1963.
+ 210 M iv. Daniel Duncan Cale was born on 10 May 1966.


178. Roland Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 1 Jun 1917 and died in May 1938 at age 20.

179. Catherine Elizabeth Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 9 Dec 1918, died on 6 Sep 1991 at age 72, and was buried in Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, Virginia. Catherine married Louis Anthony Zeitz on 13 Apr 1944. Louis died in Nov 1977. Children from this marriage were:

+ 211 M i. Louis Anthony Zeitz was born on 8 Dec 1946 and died in Oct 2001 at age 54.
+ 212 M ii. Richard Wayne Zeitz was born on 14 Mar 1949.

180. Mary Belle Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 12 Sep 1923 in Mathews, Virginia. Mary married Frank Raymond Lewis on 3 Apr 1948 in Yorktown, Virginia, son of Frank Raymond Lewis and Clemmie Forrest. Frank was born on 7 Jul 1922 in Mathews, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
+ 213 F i. Mary Susan Lewis was born on 8 Aug 1952 in Richmond, Virginia.
+ 214 F ii. Sara Elizabeth Lewis was born on 18 Feb 1955 in Richmond, Virginia.

Sara Lewis, c. 1957

Minnie Rodwell Foster, Dr. Howitt Hodge Foster, Roland Jones holding Susan Lewis, and Laura Belle Foster Jones, c. 1952.

181. Alonzo Foster Jones (Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 6 Jan 1926, died on 6 Jan 1996 at age 70, and was buried in Quantico National Cemetery. Alonzo married Cora Matter. The child from this marriage was:
   + 215 F i. Debra Jones.

182. William Floyd Marchant (Lucille Macon Foster 7, Nathaniel Debnam Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 3 Sep 1942 and died on 30 Dec 2000 at age 58.

183. Priscilla Marchant (Lucille Macon Foster 7, Nathaniel Debnam Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 22 Dec 1946.

184. Mary Joan Anderton (Frances Debnam White 7, Mary Sharpe Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 6 Jan 1936 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 11 Apr 2002 in Mathews, Virginia at age 66. Mary married Hurst.
185. Charles Ralph Anderton (Frances Debnam White 7, Mary Sharpe Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 22 Oct 1943.

186. Allen Carl Foster (Anne Woodland Foster 7, Benjamin Woodland Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 30 Nov 1940. Allen married Susan Lynn Godsey. Susan was born on 2 Sep 1941. Children from this marriage were:
   + 216 M i. Allen Carl Foster was born on 23 Aug 1965.
   + 217 F ii. Kristi Keene Foster was born on 24 Mar 1971.

187. Pamela Grace Reed (Laura Belle Foster 8, Howitt Hodge 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 20 Jan 1949 in Gastonia, NC.

188. James Elnarr Reed (Laura Belle Foster 8, Howitt Hodge 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 13 Apr 1950 in Gastonia, NC.

189. Minnilue Foster Reed (Laura Belle Foster 8, Howitt Hodge 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 27 Apr 1957 in Gastonia, NC.

190. Franklin Foster Cale (Pricilla Hodge Foster 8, Howitt Hodge 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 11 Aug 1958.


193. Daniel Duncan Cale (Pricilla Hodge Foster 8, Howitt Hodge 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 10 May 1966.

194. Louis Anthony Zeitz (Catherine Elizabeth Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 8 Dec 1946 and died in Oct 2001 at age 54. Louis married Brenda. Children from this marriage were:
   + 218 M i. Alton Richard Zeitz.
   + 219 M ii. Shawn Christopher Zeitz.


196. Mary Susan Lewis (Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 8 Aug 1952 in Richmond, Virginia.
Mary married Thomas Cary Dutton on 12 Jul 1976, son of Wilbur Cary Dutton and Dorothea Countess Bristow. Thomas was born on 11 Oct 1950 in Richmond, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:

+ 220 M i. Raymond Jesse Dutton was born on 28 Jun 1979 in Williamsburg, Virginia.
+ 221 M ii. Mark Thomas Dutton was born on 16 Dec 1984 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

197. Sara Elizabeth Lewis (Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 18 Feb 1955 in Richmond, Virginia. Sara first married Stephen Hare Flanary on 7 May 1983 in Williamsburg, Virginia, son of Fred Monroe Flanary and Eleanor Bole Smith. Stephen was born on 2 Jun 1955 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:

+ 222 F i. Elizabeth Hare Lewis Flanary was born on 18 Mar 1987 in Williamsburg, Virginia.
+ 223 M ii. Lewis Stephen Flanary was born on 3 Jun 1989 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Sara next married Kenneth Jette Schmidt on 29 Dec 1997 in James City County, Virginia, son of Robert Herman Schmidt and Marian Zerila Jette. Kenneth was born on 6 Sep 1949 in Islip, NY.

198. Debra Jones (Alonzo Foster Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).

199. William Floyd Marchant (Lucille Macon Foster 7, Nathaniel Debnam 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 3 Sep 1942 and died on 30 Dec 2000 at age 58.

200. Priscilla Marchant (Lucille Macon Foster 7, Nathaniel Debnam 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 22 Dec 1946.

201. Mary Joan Anderton (Frances Debnam White 7, Mary Sharpe Foster 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 6 Jan 1936 in Mathews, Virginia and died on 11 Apr 2002 in Mathews, Virginia at age 66. Mary married Hurst.

202. Charles Ralph Anderton (Frances Debnam White 7, Mary Sharpe Foster 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 22 Oct 1943.

203. Allen Carl Foster (Anne Woodland Foster 7, Benjamin Woodland 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 30 Nov 1940. Allen married Susan Lynn Godsey. Susan was born on 2 Sep 1941. Children from this marriage were:

+ 224 M i. Allen Carl Foster was born on 23 Aug 1965.
+ 225 F ii. Kristi Keene Foster was born on 24 Mar 1971.
Ninth Generation (6th Great-Grandchildren)

204. Pamela Grace Reed (Laura Belle Foster 8, Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 20 Jan 1949 in Gastonia, North Carolina.

205. James Elnarr Reed (Laura Belle Foster 8, Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 13 Apr 1950 in Gastonia, North Carolina.

206. Minnilue Foster Reed (Laura Belle Foster 8, Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 27 Apr 1957 in Gastonia, North Carolina.

207. Franklin Foster Cale (Pricilla Hodge Foster 8, Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 11 Aug 1958.

208. Thomas Allen Cale (Pricilla Hodge Foster 8, Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 28 Aug 1960.

209. Nancy Catherine Cale (Pricilla Hodge Foster 8, Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 18 Mar 1963.

210. Daniel Duncan Cale (Pricilla Hodge Foster 8, Howitt Hodge Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 10 May 1966.

211. Louis Anthony Zeitz (Catherine Elizabeth Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 8 Dec 1946 and died in Oct 2001 at age 54. Louis married Brenda. Children from this marriage were:
   + 226 M i. Alton Richard Zeitz.
   + 227 M ii. Shawn Christopher Zeitz.


Sara Lewis and Richard Zeitz, November 2007
213. Mary Susan Lewis (Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 8 Aug 1952 in Richmond, Virginia. Mary married Thomas Cary Dutton on 12 Jul 1976, son of Wilbur Cary Dutton and Dorothea Countess Bristow. Thomas was born on 11 Oct 1950 in Richmond, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:

+ 228 M i. Raymond Jesse Dutton was born on 28 Jun 1979 in Williamsburg, Virginia.
+ 229 M ii. Mark Thomas Dutton was born on 16 Dec 1984 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

214. Sara Elizabeth Lewis (Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 18 Feb 1955 in Richmond, Virginia. Sara married Stephen Hare Flanary on 7 May 1983 in Williamsburg, Virginia, son of Fred Monroe Flanary and Eleanor Bole Smith. Stephen was born on 2 Jun 1955 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:

+ 230 F i. Elizabeth Hare Lewis Flanary was born on 18 Mar 1987 in Williamsburg, Virginia.
+ 231 M ii. Lewis Stephen Flanary was born on 3 Jun 1989 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Sara next married Kenneth Jette Schmidt on 29 Dec 1997 in James City County, Virginia, son of Robert Herman Schmidt and Marian Zerila Jette. Kenneth was born on 6 Sep 1949 in Islip, NY. Kenneth first married Teresa McKay. Children from this marriage were Matthew McKay Schmidt, born 20 Feb 1978, and Thomas McKay Schmidt, born 7 Sept 1980.

215. Debra Jones (Alonzo Foster Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1).
216. Allen Carl Foster (Allen Carl Foster 8, Anne Woodland Foster 7, Benjamin Woodland Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 23 Aug 1965.

217. Kristi Keene Foster (Allen Carl Foster 8, Anne Woodland Foster 7, Benjamin Woodland Foster 6, Madeline Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 24 Mar 1971.


220. Raymond Jesse Dutton (Mary Susan Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 28 Jun 1979 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Raymond married Heather Nicole Adams on 3 Aug 2003 in Gloucester, VIRGINIA, daughter of Douglas Jackson Adams and Vicky Lynn Hix. Heather was born on 7 Sep 1978 in Newport News, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   + 232 M i. Jackson Thomas Dutton was born on 17 Apr 2005 in Newport News, VIRGINIA.
   + 233 F ii. Emerson Grace Dutton was born on 22 Apr 2008 in Newport News, Virginia.


222. Elizabeth Hare Lewis Flanary (Sara Elizabeth Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 18 Mar 1987 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

223. Lewis Stephen Flanary (Sara Elizabeth Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1) was born on 3 Jun 1989 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Elizabeth and Lewis Flanary with grandparents Raymond and Mary Belle Lewis, Thanksgiving 2008
224. **Allen Carl Foster** *(Allen Carl Foster 8, Anne Woodland Foster 7, Benjamin Woodland 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 23 Aug 1965.

225. **Kristi Keene Foster** *(Allen Carl Foster 8, Anne Woodland Foster 7, Benjamin Woodland 6, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 24 Mar 1971.

**Tenth Generation (7th Great-Grandchildren)**

226. **Alton Richard Zeitz** *(Louis Anthony Zeitz 9, Catherine Elizabeth Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)*.

227. **Shawn Christopher Zeitz** *(Louis Anthony Zeitz 9, Catherine Elizabeth Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)*.

228. **Raymond Jesse Dutton** *(Mary Susan Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 28 Jun 1979 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Raymond married **Heather Nicole Adams** on 3 Aug 2003 in Gloucester, Virginia, daughter of **Douglas Jackson Adams** and **Vicky Lynn Hix**. Heather was born on 7 Sep 1978 in Newport News, Virginia. Children from this marriage were:
   + 234 M i. **Jackson Thomas Dutton** was born on 17 Apr 2005 in Newport News, Virginia.
   + 235 F ii. **Emerson Grace Dutton** was born on 22 Apr 2008 in Newport News, Virginia.

Left to right: Heather, Jackson, Jesse, and Emerson Dutton, October 2008

229. **Mark Thomas Dutton** *(Mary Susan Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 16 Dec 1984 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Mark married **Leigh Ann Johnson**, daughter of **George Thomas Johnson** and **Karen Darlene Moore**. Leigh was born on 22 Nov 1983 in Dyersburg, Tennessee.
230. **Elizabeth Hare Lewis Flanary** *(Sara Elizabeth Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 18 Mar 1987 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

231. **Lewis Stephen Flanary** *(Sara Elizabeth Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 3 Jun 1989 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Elizabeth & Lewis, August 31, 2007

232. **Jackson Thomas Dutton** *(Raymond Jesse Dutton 10, Mary Susan Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 17 Apr 2005 in Newport News, Virginia.

233. **Emerson Grace Dutton** *(Raymond Jesse Dutton 10, Mary Susan Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Henry Howitt 5, Joseph Finch 4, Richard 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 22 Apr 2008 in Newport News, Virginia.

**11th Generation (8th Great-Grandchildren)**

234. **Jackson Thomas Dutton** *(Raymond Jesse Dutton 10, Mary Susan Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 17 Apr 2005 in Newport News, Virginia.

235. **Emerson Grace Dutton** *(Raymond Jesse Dutton 10, Mary Susan Lewis 9, Mary Belle Jones 8, Laura Belle Foster 7, Catherine Belle Hodge 6, Elizabeth Debnam 5, Thomas Richard Debnam 4, Nancy Ann Foster 3, Peter Garnett 2, Richard 1)* was born on 22 Apr 2008 in Newport News, Virginia.