**Addenda to the genealogy book titled: “Wolfe Family**

**of Pickaway and Ross Counties, Ohio”**

**Addendum #1:** Copies of genealogy book titled: “Wolfe Family of Pickaway and Ross Counties, Ohio and related Worthen, Foster, List, Fischer and Dresbach Family Lines” were distributed to the following people in early December 2014:

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**Addendum #2:** Further research on the Foster family line has resulted in finding a brief article that establishes the existence of some of the early Foster family members. This article is copied in its entirety below:

"History of Whitingham" by Clark Jillson: A Short Early History of Whitingham, Vermont taken from Vermont Historical Gazeteer, Vol. 5, edited by Maria Hemenway

On the 7th of January 1767, a petition was presented to the lieutenant govenor of New York by Nathan Whiting, Samuel Fitch, Eleazer Fitch, James Smedley, David Baldwin, Andrew Myers, Samuel Whiting, Robert Aiton, Amos Hitchcock and Nathan Haines Whiting, covering a part of the "Cumberland Township". After three years, because the matter was delayed, on January 26, 1770, Col. Nathan Whiting renewed the petition. It was granted on the 12th of March 1770 to seven British soldiers, who were rewarded by their fidelity in the King's service. The town was chartered with the name Whitingham".

The town lies in the southern part of Vermont with its southern border along the Massachusetts line.

Silas Hamilton was one of the first settlers. He came from Warren, Mass and was engaged in Shay's Rebellion for which he was punished. Vermont became the refuge for many of the insurgents including Shay himself. About the same time, Robert Bratten removed from Colraine, Mass to Whitingham and began farming. Mr. Hamilton became the first representative from Whitingham to the Legistlature of Vermont in 1778.

Life was hard for the early settlers who had to travel through the forest by marked trees and transport their grain all the way down to Greenfield, Massachusetts on foot, to have it ground. The first birth in town was John Nelson, Jr. and the first death was Thomas Riddle. Mr. Riddle was from Connecticut and was in Whitingham to visit and took ill. Because of the burden of transporting back to his home, he was buried in Whitingham.

Witchcraft came to town when an elderly women by the name of Lamphear was said to have cast a spell on her neighbor. Evidently the "Salem" witches were still on the minds of the people.

A meeting house was framed and raised during the summer and autumn of 1799 by Levi Conant of Halifax, and was finished off later by Justus Hall, also of Halifax. The Centre Village, as it was called, filled an important place in the lives of the people for many years. They met for meetings there, worshiped there on the Sabbath, shopped, and gathered together as a town in this place. The first store in this vicinity was built by William and Joseph Goodnow in 1804. The most prosperous days of the "Centre Village" were between 1815 - 1835. Around 1838, trade in this area began to decline as people moved to Jacksonville, which was a small village in the northeastern part of Whitingham. Jacksonville soon became the most important business center of the town and remains to this day, the most prominent village in Whitingham.

The earliest trace of any settlement in this place, called Jacksonville, was about 1808. There were three families living there at that time, the Patrick Peebles family, **Obed Foster**, and a man by the name of Mr. Brown. People began settling here so rapidly that it was given the name "New Boston". Laban J. Childs from Wilmington, came here about 1838 and with **Charles Foster**, ran a grocery store. The lumber business was begun by Capt. Elias Stone and **Willard Foster**. But it is said that Parley Starr and Martin Brown were the two most influential people in town during this period of growth. By 1841, Jacksonville was the center of business in the town of Jacksonville.

Among the names of the early families of the town of Whitingham were Nathan and Amos Green, who came from Hampden, Massachusetts. The Brown family was also well represented as five brothers and one sister, whose husband's name was Brown came to Whitingham from Ipswich, NH. They were all members of the Baptist Church. Other families were the Waste family, with Bezaleel Waste, the paternal ancestor, the Silas Richard Stickney family from Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Other family names were Brigham, Chase, Preston, Tainter, Roberts, Carley and Parker.

**Addendum #3:** A book titled “Some Facts About - The Early History of Whitingham, Vermont” by Hon. A. Augustine Butterfield published in 1916. Butterfield was about 72-years old at the time he published this book. It appears that the Hon. A. Augustine Butterfield drew liberally on the same materials or possibly even the writings of Clark Jillson who died before 1894 and whose book is found in Addendum #4 below. Addendum #4 carries a brief biographical sketch of Butterfield on page 238. Jabez Foster would have been 162-years old (dead 98-years) when Butterfield’s book was published. Members of the Foster family are mentioned at least six times in the book on pages 60, 66, 67, 71, 79, and 80. These references are extracted below:

Page 60 – “Jonas Brown and a life long resident of this town, in his interesting work “History of Whitingham” tells us that, “We have been told by Rev. Ebenezer Davis, **Col. Obed Foster** and Alfred Green that they had learned from their fathers, who were amongst the first settlers and spent their whole life in Whitingham, that the first opening in the forest of what is now the town of Whitingham, was made on the hill, on or near old Hezekiah Whitner farm west of the Seymour Houghton place.”

Page 66 – Referring to the 1780 Whitingham, Vermont town meeting: “March 30, 1780, the following persons were made freemen by taking the freeman’s oath: [Note: a list of 20 men followed]. In 1781, [Note: a list of 19 more men followed. One of the names was **Jabez Foster**] Jabez Foster would have been about 26-years old in 1780.

Page 67 – Referring to the 1781 Whitingham, Vermont town meeting: “In 1781 the grand list shows the following names: [Note: a list of 55 names of men followed. One of the names was **Jabez Foster**]

Page 70-71 – “In taking the census of the United States in 1790 the head of the family was put down, and in columns, free white males 16 years old and upward, free white males under 16 years, free white females, all other free persons, slaves. Whitingham was as follows: [Note: a list of 78 names followed. One of the names was **Jabez Foster** who showed 1 free white male over 16 (who would have been Jabez Foster); 5 males under 16; and 1 female (Jabez Foster’s wife who was likely Esther Bliss)]

Page 79 – “Samuel Day, James Roberts and **Jabez Foster** were the building committee.”

Page 80 – “A meeting June 5, [1800] chose James Glass, Samuel Day and **Jabez Foster** a committee to “Supply the house with Preaching the Insuing Year” and voted to accept the meeting house.”

Note that the Federal Census for the year 1810 which was reported using about the same reporting categories outlined in the page 80 entry above, shows that Jabez Foster had 100 slaves and his son, Obed Foster, had 60 slaves. These census data are in the “Wolfe Family” book on pages 90 and 86 for Jabez and Obed, respectively. As of 1 January 2015 the explanation of these numbers of slaves is still unresolved.

**Addendum #4:** A book titled “Green Leaves from Whitingham, Vermont: a history of the town” by Clark Jillson published 1894 appears to be one of the first histories of Whitingham. It is recommended to readers as a resource for the turbulent origins of Whitingham, Vermont. This book was never completed by the author who died before it was finished. It was published in 1894 by his children. The preface speaks for itself.

**PREFACE.**

In presenting this book to the public we do so at the earnest request of the author’s many friends. A few words of explanation may be necessary.

The author began the History of Whitingham, his native town, several years ago, but a severe illness, from which he never recovered, brought the work to an unexpected standstill.

Unfortunately no manuscript had been prepared for its completion, but the last twelve pages were ready for the press, and the work of printing them had been done at the private press of the author’s much esteemed friend, Mr. Franklin P. Rice.

As far as completed, this work is an accurate History of the town, and can be relied upon as such. The author spent much time in careful research, and the labor connected with the printing of this volume, excepting the last twelve pages, was performed by his hands.

We therefore present the book to the public for its historical value, and especially to preserve the handiwork of our beloved father.

Signed: Franklin C. Jillson, Mary Jillson. 1894

This book, “Green Leaves from Whitingham, Vermont: a history of the town” by Clark Jillson, mentions various roles played in the administration and operation of the town of Whitingham, Vermont and surroundings by Jabez Foster. Some of the references are copied below:

Page 68 – “At the Annual Town Meeting on March 26th 1781, *Voted* that …. Amos Shumway, **Jabez Foster**, Constables. --- Abner Moor, **Jabez Foster**, Leonard Pike, Thomas Sterns, John Nelson, P Juror.

Page 69 – “Daniel Wilcox, Thos. Hunt, **Jabez Foster**, Henry Lee, Amasa Shumway, Select men.” --- “John Butler, Bille Clark, **Jabez Foster**, Nehemiah Sprague, Highway Surveyors.”

Page 70 – “The Grand List of 1781 shows who paid the taxes at that time, and indicates to some extent the population of the town, as follows: [A list of 55 names follow. One of the names was that of **Jabez Foster**.]