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# Cherokee Native Americans and Their Descendents - Descendants 7 दिसंबर 2021 ·

#### FOSTER CEMETERY

Lying in the pinewoods northeast of Monroeville is a small cemetery now overgrown with brambles of smilax, the thorny greenbrier much prized at Christmas, and all manner of plants that cling, puncture and scratch. Here lies the remains of a small portion of a pioneer family who settled this area before statehood. The little cemetery has four graves marked with impressive mortuary for early Alabama. It lies in Section 34, Township 7 North, Range 8 East.

The history of Monroe County is filled with stories of events and persons unknown. Learning of them from their kinsmen creates a deeper respect within me for our history. Nearby, across a county road, is the Old Limestone Baptist Cemetery commonly known as Bug Hill Cemetery. It is the site of the forerunner of the 1st Baptist Church of Monroeville, a place that will soon reach its bicentennial year. The names on the tombstones found there can be tied to families that lie in the Old Baptist Cemetery in Monroeville. There are no other signs of community remaining at this place.

I called it the Foster Cemetery for the people buried there. Three are Fosters and one is named McDaniel. Two were born before the American Revolution ended. We found Elizabeth Foster who was born in 1777. Her visiting descendants told that she was of Cherokee descent. From her family tree, we located William Benge Foster now living in Benton, Arkansas. His ancestor, John Foster, Jr., was a half-sibling of Elizabeth Foster. The family tree was traced back to include Capt. James Robert Benge, who, we learned, was known as The Red-Headed Warrior. He was also known as Bob Benge, Captain Benge, Chief Benge, Chief Bench, or just The Bench. If he had a Cherokee name, it is not known. Robert's father was John Benge, an Indian trader who lived among the Cherokee, and his mother was Wurteh who was part of an influential Cherokee family. His exploits are very similar to that of Jack Hague, Jr., known to early Alabamians as Savannah Jack. Benge was the scourge of white settlers along the Tennessee frontier. Robert Benge grew up to be the most notorious Cherokee in history. He was so feared in the central Appalachian areas of present-day Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee, that the settlers admonished their children by saying, "if you don't watch out, Captain Benge will get you." Bob Benge's mother, Murtah, bore a son to a man named Gist. The son was known as Sequoyah, the inventor of the Cherokee syllabary and half-brother of James Robert Benge and Elizabeth Foster.

Elizabeth Foster is believed to be daughter of Capt. John Foster, Sr. and Murtah. Elizabeth was the half sister of Capt. James Foster who fought at Horseshoe Bend. Capt. James Foster was born 1778 in Georgia and died 8/11/1843 in the Flint District of Oklahoma Indian Territory. (other records report b: 1776 d: Benton County, AR.) James Foster was married to Qualalukadjo Killachulla. Their brother was John Foster who served with the Light Dragoons Company under Capt. George Haig in the War of 1812.

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Other sources claim Nancy Lightfoot was the daughter of Ge Ho Ga, a Cherokee woman, and Capt. James Benge, father of James Robert Benge and Elizabeth Foster.

One unproven source states that Elizabeth was Elizabeth Colbert, wife of William Claiborne Foster. The Arthur Foster family who settled Monroe in 1816 have no known connections. A search of land records indicates Elizabeth Foster on 4/04/1825, patent 1876, purchased the E2 of NE4, Sec. 33 T7N, R8E. She added to her lands on 12/01/1831, patent # 8596, the W2 of SW4 Sec. 34, T7N, R8E. On 10/01/1835 she added, patent # 8597, the W2 of NW4, Sec. 33, T7N, R8E. Also, patent # 8598, the E2 of NW4, Sec. 33, T7N, R8E, patent # 20146, NW4 of NE4, Sec. 33, T7N, R8E. By this date Elizabeth Foster owned 400 acres. Her son, Richardson Foster, owned 160 acres in T6N, R8E and 80 acres in T7N, R8E that bordered his mother's land. The land was well watered by the head waters of Limestone Creek.

Death came to Richardson Foster in 1835 thus becoming the first marked burial at Foster Cemetery (3/31/1800-3/18/1835). Elizabeth Foster died later that year. (9/15/1777 – 11/02/1835). The daughter of Richardson Foster and A.M. (Amanda Melvina Hollingsworth) Foster was the next to be buried. She had not lived one year and her father died before she was born. (Richard Marie Foster 12/08/1835 – 9/13/1836) Anna McDaniel died in 1841. (8/10/1766-10/18/1841) The relationship of Anna McDaniel to the Fosters has not been determined.

Most of the Foster family drifted from Monroe County except Julia who married Anderson Manning and raised her family here. Amanda Melvina Foster, widow of Richardson Foster, married Charles Harris in Monroe County. Her father, Jacob Hollingsworth was a Quaker from Pennsylvania and and married his wife Sarah Martin in Franklin County, Georgia. Together, Jacob Hollingsworth and his wife led members of the Foster and Hollingsworth families to Louisiana. There, the families settled in Keatchie, Desoto Parish, Louisiana. Later, they established Forest Home Plantation at Four Forks, Caddo Parish, Louisiana The modern location is west of La. 169 at the end of Firetower Rd.

There was unfinished business in Monroe County dating from 1824. On 9/27/1824, James H. Draughon, executor of Robert Draughon, deceased, filled a bill in Chancery at Claiborne against Daniel Bozeman, Philemon Bozeman (son & father) and Jacob Hollingsworth (father-in-law of Daniel Bozeman). Draughon recovered a judgement against Daniel Bozeman for over \$3000, against Philemon Bozeman as security for a lesser sum, and against Jacob Hollingsworth for lands that were transferred by Daniel Bozeman for the purpose of defeating the complainant (Draughon) in his judgment. Draughon alleged fraud. Hollingsworth answered the bill and stated that in February 1824, he sold Daniel Bozeman three quarter sections of land at \$8.00 per acre, which he insists was a fair value, and the contract was made with a view of not defrauding anyone.

Source: July Term 1830, Bozeman Et Al versus Draughon, Executor 3, steward 24. Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Alabama, July Term 1830 & Those Made at the January Term 1831, At Law & in Equity, pg. 243-244-245-246 By George N. Stewart, Reporter, Appointed by the Court, Volume III, Tuskaloosa (sic).

The court ruled that the costs of the land \$8.00 per acre was 500 percent over the fair price of \$1.25 per acre and that Daniel Bozeman had transferred to Jacob Hollingsworth his entire estate including a mare, a colt, and 22 head of cattle plus a



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A small thorn ridden cemetery in Monroe County holds the remains of Elizabeth Foster, whose history was passed down orally through generations. It adds a footnote to American history and the history of Monroe County.

Hollingsworth Cemetery, near Preston, Caddo Parish, LA.

Thomas J. Foster 7/17/1834-1/28/1849 s/o Amanda Hollingsworth & Richardson Foster.

Elizabeth Lindsey Foster b: 12/19/1809 Monroe County, AL. d: 9/23/1863. Married 1829 Ala. to Samuel Hollingsworth.

Elizabeth Adeline Foster Fullilove 1/14/1831 Ala. -3/14/1914 Keatchie, Desota Parish, LA. d/o Richardson Foster & Amanda Melvina Hollingsworth married William Ludwell Fullilove.

Children of EAFF & WLF: Esbeline, Evelyn Amanda, Charles T.

William Ludwell Fullilove 8/30/1822 Lexington, Oglethorpe County, GA. -11/10/1876 Gloster, Desoto Parish, LA. (Officially separated from Elizabeth A. Foster in 1858) s/o John Tatum Fullilove II & Lucy Green. CSA veteran, Pvt., Crescent Regiment, La. Infantry.

Florence Fullilove d: 8/01/1861 9 years, 5 months, 21 days. d/o Elizabeth Foster & William L. Fullilove.

Amanda Melvina Foster 5/23/1812-5/18/1863 d/o Jacob Hollingsworth & Sarah Martin married 1st Richardson Foster, married 2nd 10/05/1837 to Charles Harris 5/31/1810-5/08/1874.

Armenta D. Harris 6/06/1841-12/13/1848. d/o Amanda Foster & Charles Harris Emily C. Harris, d/o Amanda Foster & Charles Harris.

Aramenta Hollingsworth d/o Jacob and Sarah Hollingsworth married Lewis Grissom Scrogins in Caddo Parish 12/10/1846.

Emily Caroline Foster d: 5/31/1857, consort of R.T. Gibbs of Conecuh County, AL. Married Dr. Robert Truehart Gibbs 12/29/1829.

Charles Flavel Gibbs, 1/28/1854-1/05/1855 s/o Dr. R.T. Gibbs & Emily Caroline Foster. g/s of Amanda Melvins Hollingsworth & ggs of Jacob Hollingsworth.

Mary Amelia Hollinsworth 10/05/1802-4/29/1864 consort of Flavel Foster.

Flavel Foster b: 12/07/1801 Ala. d: 1/05/1860 Arlatex, LA.

William Edwin Foster 3/01/1847-10/26/1873. Engaged to Miss Evie Lee who died and is buried next to W.E. Foster. s/o Flavel Foster & Mary Amelia Hollingsworth.

Mary Frances Foster b: 3/10/1841 d: 8/19/1849, d/o Flavel Foster & Mary A. Hollingsworth.

Evelyn Amanda Foster Schuler 1850-1932 married Ernest S. Schuler b: 3/08/1844 Germany d: 6/07/1907 Keatchie, LA.

Florence Schuler Cathey b: 6/04/1884 Keatchie, LA. d: 3/22/1981 Shreveport, LA. w/o Orin Camble Cathey b: 8/18/1885 Temple, Bell County, TX. d: 5/10/1969 Shreveport, LA. s/o Jack Cathey & Lenora Ann McCullough.

Samuel Hollingsworth 1806-1870.

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Thomas Hollingsworth 1820-1852.
Helen M. Hollingswort 1827-1848.
Jacob James Wimberk Hollingsworth 1829-1859.
Richard Allias Hollingsworth 1838-1863.

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