

Mon: 12.3.

Sheila,

I had a visit from Mr Mudge yesterday. He wanted a copy of the Hoston history book and I had one spare one which I let him have. The enclosed £10 is a donation to the History Group for the book. He also left the enclosed details about his Foster & Manner connections for the Hoston archives. He had found all the Foster graves in the churchyard, thanks to your directions and was thrilled!

Sheila H.

OUR FOSTER FAMILY ANCESTRY

Thomas Foster is the first recorded member of our Foster family. He died in 1597 and is buried at Horton in Ribblesdale, Yorkshire. He and his wife Alice had 5 children and their descendants continued to live in the Horton and adjacent Clapham and Austwick area. The Fosters were mainly farmers, stock rearing on the grasslands overlooked by the summits of Ingleborough and Pen y Ghent. As they acquired wealth, some family members bought additional property. 6 generations later in 1808 one such person, Thomas Foster of Clapham (born 1796) married Alice Hesleden, the daughter and heir of William Hesleden of Brackenbottom, Ribblesdale.

Their ambitious son, John William Foster (born 1812), used this wealth to successfully deal in livestock and buy and sell property. In 1842 he married Ann Ingilby (born 1823), the daughter of Thomas Ingilby of Lawkland Hall, Austwick, the Ingilby's having lived there since 1574. Later, John William Foster and his wife moved into Lawkland Hall with their 6 children and in time he became a Deputy Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Their youngest son, William Foster (born 1851) married Martha Rebecca Margaret Marriner (born 1852), known as Margaret in 1874. Their youngest daughter, Florence Foster (born 1860) married another Marriner, William Herbert Lister Marriner (born 1858), known as Herbert, in 1882.

The father of Margaret and Herbert Marriner was William Lister Marriner (1825-1906). He was the owner of the very successful Greengate Woollen Mill, Keighley, Yorkshire and a great benefactor to the town. He married three times and his first wife, Margaret Anderton, died in childbirth with her only child Margaret. He married secondly, Elizabeth Alston and she had 8 children, the eldest being Herbert who became an ear, nose and throat specialist in Bournemouth. On her death he married thirdly, Mary Butler and she had 4 sons, Norman, Raymond his twin Sydney and Kenneth. The family continued to manage the Woollen Mill after the death of their father until it was finally sold in 1957.

William Foster and his wife Margaret, also known as Nang Nang, had a wonderful life raising their 8 children. On leaving Lawkland Hall, they moved to farm Westward Parks, Cumberland, where Margaret Rebecca Foster (born 1876) and Aveline Ingilby Foster (born 1880) were born. Here, William Foster gave up farming after losing many sheep with a disease, possibly black tongue. He moved south to near Tenbury Wells, Shropshire to live as a country gentleman. They first rented Nash Court where Alice Joan Foster (born 1881) and Charles Alban Foster (born 1883) were born and then rented the nearby larger Stoke House for nearly 20 years. Here William Gerald Foster (born 1885), Ruth Ann Lister Foster (born 1886) Rhoda Mary Foster (born 1888) and Maud Mael Foster (born 1891) were all born. These 8 children had a privileged Victorian childhood in the countryside tutored by their loving Governess, Caroline Ruth Miller (born 1865), known as Mid. When they finally left Stoke House in 1905, she married Henry Alston Marriner (born 1861), the younger brother of Herbert Marriner,

William Foster and Ruth Miller were both enthusiastic photographers and their time at Stoke House is well recorded. William and Margaret Foster were keen for their six daughters to meet eligible suitors and they left Stoke House on the lower slopes of the Clee Hill and bought Beechwood House, Iffley, just outside Oxford.

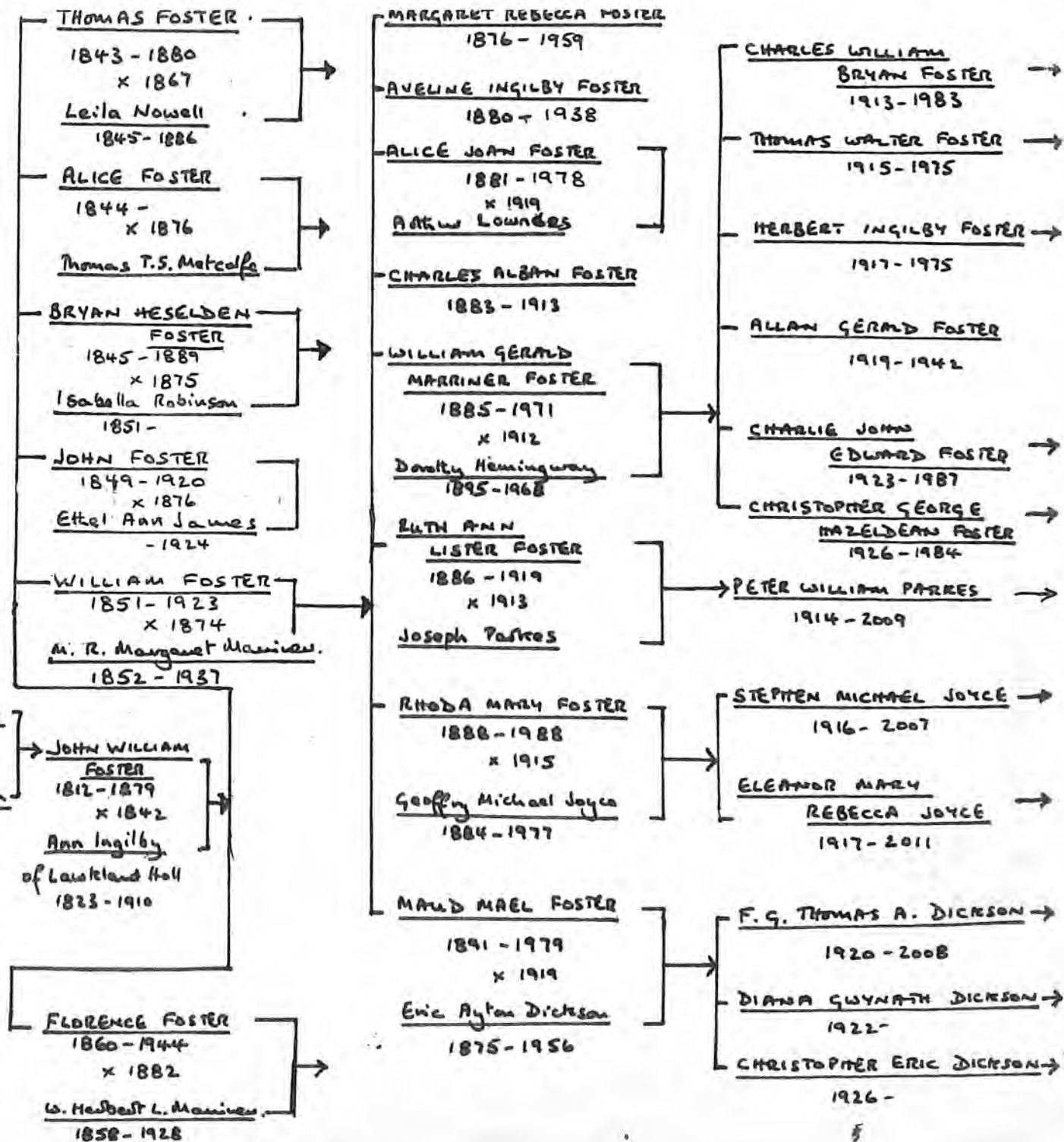
Charles Foster by then had joined the Worcester Regiment and after serving in South Africa and Ireland was posted to Sierra Leone, West Africa where he died of Yellow Fever in 1913. He was very interested in birds, butterflies and moths and after his death some of his collection was donated to the Oxford University Museum including the Alban Moth, named after him.

Gerald Foster emigrated to Canada in 1904 and married Dorothy Hemingway in 1912 and they had 6 sons; Bryan, Thomas, Herbert, Allan, Edward, and George. He took out his first quarter section in 1907 and by 1926 was farming three and half sections south of Whitewood, Saskatchewan before starting a garage business. Their fourth son, Allan, was killed in action over France in 1942 serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Margaret and Aveline Foster never married whilst Alice Foster (known as Joan) married doctor Arthur Lowndes in 1919. Ruth Foster (known as Nancy) married doctor Joseph Parkes in 1913 and had one child, Peter Parkes. Rhoda Foster married the clergyman Michael Joyce in 1915 and with their 2 children, Stephen and Eleanor, returned to the Tenbury Wells area to live at Boraston Rectory (1924-1959). Maud Foster married first Capt Reginald Pepys in 1914, a friend of her brother Charles, who was killed in action with most of his fellow Worcester Regiment soon afterwards. Secondly, she married Eric Dickson in 1919 who served in the Federated Malay States (F.M.S.) Colonial Civil Service and they had 3 children, Thomas, Diana and Christopher.

There are many descendants of these Foster family members in the UK, Canada and Australia. It is a fascinating family to research as it incorporates the diversity of yeoman farmers in the Yorkshire Dales, the Ingilby's of Lawkland Hall, the development of the Marriner Woollen Mills in Keighley, the life of a country gentleman with his large family and the pioneering ambitions of a family in Canada.

OUR FOSTER
FAMILY TREE



THOMAS FOSTER
of Horton in Ribblesdale
buried 1597
x
Alice
6 generations of
Fosters from Horton
in Ribblesdale

THOMAS FOSTER
1769-1829
x 1808
Alice Hesleden
1769-1818

JOHN WILLIAM FOSTER
1812-1879
x 1842
Ann Ingilby
of Lawkland Hall
1823-1910

FLORENCE FOSTER
1860-1944
x 1882
W. Herbert L. Marrison.
1858-1928

THE MARRINER / LISTER CONNECTION

Towards the end of the eighteenth century, two old established families in the West Riding of Yorkshire were moving towards union with each other – the Marriners of Kirkby Lonsdale and the Listers of Frizinghall near Bradford.

In about 1790 young William Marriner left his father's home at Kirkby Lonsdale to seek his fortune in the textile industry, which was establishing itself around Bradford and Halifax. He rode down Airedale until he came to Keighley, where he met a Mr Abel Smith who already had a cotton-spinning mill, (later changed to wool-spinning), powered by a water wheel fed by the little river Worth near where it enters the Aire river, (the old name for Keighly is Byworth). William Marriner joined Mr Smith at his mill and in 1792 married his niece and heiress Miss Flesher, so that on the death of Mr Smith he became owner of the mill. Their son, Benjamin Flesher Marriner, was born in 1795.

The Lister family had owned property at Frizinghall, near Bradford, since 1650 and probably before then. Captain James Lister died in 1782 and was succeeded by his only son Richard Fox Lister, who died unmarried and intestate in 1811, being the last Lister in the male line but the Frizinghall estate passed to his sister, Clarissa Willaimson Lister, who married David Spencer, a wool merchant of Keighley, (their little son Lister died at the age of three), so on Clarissa's death Frizinghall passed to her daughter Mary Ann (or Marion) Lister Spencer and she married Benjamin Flesher Marriner.

Their son, William Lister Marriner, was born in 1825 and inherited Greengate Mill, Keighley, from his father and the Frizinghall estate from his mother. He was a wealthy, benevolent man, a great benefactor to the town of Keighley and a Justice of the Peace. He died in 1906 at the age of 81 and the Frizinghall estate was sold. He married three times and had 13 children, two of whom died in infancy. By his first wife, Margaret Anderton, he had one daughter, Margaret, who married William Foster and had 8 children. By his second wife, Elizabeth Alston, he had 8 children and by his third wife, Mary Butler, he had 4 sons.

His eldest son Herbert Lister Marriner was a doctor and his son Bryan Lister Marriner went into the army and died in India, his only child a daughter, dying young. The next 5 sons - Benjamin Arthur, Henry Alston, Edgar Spencer, Frederick Flesher (who died in infancy) and Norman Butler all died childless, so it was the seventh son, Raymond Vincent Marriner, who took on the management of the mill at their father's death, (Edgar, Henry and Norman had all worked at the mill). Raymond was only 27 when he undertook management of the mill and under him the mill flourished. He was joined for a short time by his twin brother Sydney Fox Marriner and his nephew John Dalrymple Marriner, (who was killed flying in the RAF in 1941) and also by his son John Raymond Lister Marriner and his grandson Benjamin Lister Marriner but the mill, which had been in the family for nearly 200 years, was sold in 1957 and the Marriners left Keighley in 1972.

There are two other members of the family who bear the name Lister, one is Ben Lister Marriner's son James Toby Lister Marriner and the other is William Bryan Lister Hallam, a great-grandson of William Lister Marriner through his mother and her mother, Lucy Mael Marriner, 3rd daughter of William Lister Marriner.

This brings up-to-date the story of two old families proud of their traditions. It is believed that in the Civil War, a Captain James Lister of the day raised a troop of horses for King Charles I. The Marriner line can be traced back to Edmund Marriner in the reign of Elizabeth I and one wonders if he was one of the "Mariners of England" of the period and if he took his occupational name for his family?

Henry A N Hallam (born 1933) (Great grandson of William Lister Marriner).

x c.1850
 1st MARTHA ANDERTON → MARTHA REBECCA
 1829 - 1/6/1852 MARRINER 1852-1937
 x 1874
 WILLIAM FOSTER

WILLIAM LISTER MARRINER
 1825 - 1906

(MARRIED 3 TIMES)

x 1857
 2nd ELIZABETH ALSTON →

x 1878
 3rd MARY BUTLER →

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