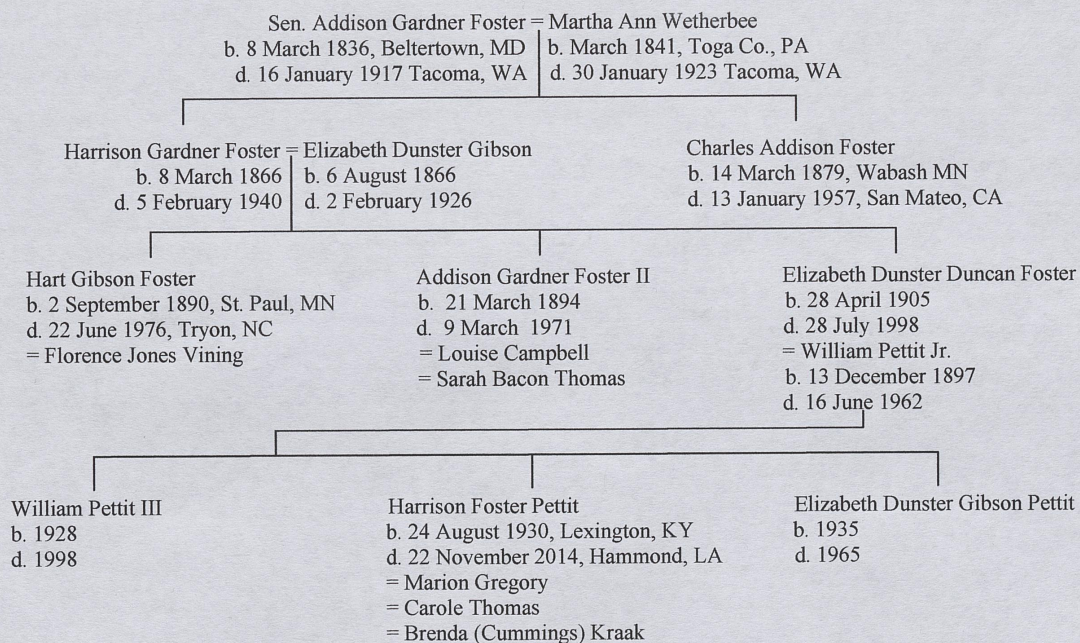


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## FAMILY ORIGIN AND COAT OF ARMS

Motto: "Si Fractus Fortis"  
(Though broken, brave)

Arms: Argent: a chevron vert  
between three bugle-horns  
sable, stringed gules.

Crest: An arm embowered in armor,  
holding a broken tilting spear  
proper.

## FOSTER

When surnames first came into being they were often taken from one's occupation and in the case of the Foster family, it seems apparent that it signifies one whose duty it was to care for the game and trees of the forest. Later it was shortened to Foster from the original Forester.

One of the most noted members of the family in ancient times was Sir John Foster who accompanied King Richard, the Lion-Hearted to Palestine for which he attained knighthood. Several other members of the Foster family took part in the Crusades.

One of the earliest members of the Foster family to come to the New World were Sergeant and William Foster who arrived in 1634 and settled in Massachusetts. They became prominent landowners and members of the family branched out all over New England.

Descendants of this distinguished family can be found throughout our nation. Many of whom are prominent in the arts and sciences as well as the business world.

431 Isaac  
857 Isaac Jr  
1605 Samuel  
42 Jacob  
157 John  
6 Isaac B. England.  
1 Reginald & imitations of

2<sup>nd</sup> March 9 Feb 1662 died 1726  
1726  
1726

Mr. Joseph Wood P. 1697  
25 Nov 1668 & 1678.  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1700  
16 Mar 1679

1st AM. Hannah Poole  
Died 1692  
of  
Seyabell

Dungen  
Lubaan  
Lanson B.H.  
W.T. MacPhee  
F.H. J. von Engelken.

Charles Addison Foster  
18 Mar 1899  
Mrs. Antoinette Elkins

Harrison Gardner Foster m Elizabeth Diantha Gibson  
8 Mar 1866 - 6 Jun 1899. 6 Aug. 1867 - 2 Feb 1926

James C. Foster  
Ed. Moore  
Ed. Moore Jr.  
Hanna W. 1925

Hart Gibson Foster - Florence Jones  
1840 - 1894.  
2 Sept. 12 Nov.

Addison Gardner Foster - 21 Mar 1894  
Louise (Campbell) Foster  
Sarah Bacon (Bampton)  
3d Mar.

Dunster (Foster) Pettit 28 Apr 1901  
William Pettit Sr. 1928

James Campbell Foster -  
Workington  
Chester C. Foster

William Pettit III - 1928  
Elmer Jones

Harrison Foster  
Pettit - George Pettit  
Rudolph B.

Rossie Stephen W. Addison  
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Oak Forest 7th July 1865

My Dear Hart

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> June has been received. I have one from Sarah of the same date which I have already answered & what I have said to her would answer quite as well for you, so far as my notions may suit the circumstances which surround you both. I should be glad indeed to be able to make a single suggestion of value to either or both, I try to give the best advice my knowledge and experience enable <sup>me</sup> to do.

I feel as if the revolution had just begun - a revolution more important than the one attempted by arms because the one is but temporary the other is to be permanent if any thing can be really permanent in a government of what is popularly called the people.

Perhaps my age makes me less hopeful of the future than if I were younger. I do not believe for instance that the agitation about the negro has more than begun and what we have had in the past is scarcely a foretaste of what is to be in the future. The negro being free according to military orders he now becomes a party in the impending political war and as he will have open grounds to advance & to lead I do not see how strife & bloodshed can be avoided. If the central government at Washington with a Yankee at the head is to control the status of the negro then does the white man become the serf & the black man the master



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but on the other hand if the States are to govern in this matter  
then there may be hope for a time, but the strife will in that  
Case become more fierce & as I apprehend more bloody, until  
the Central power controlled by the Yankee gains all they want  
for the Negro, which is perfect equality to the Negro in every  
respect: All this you see victimizes the South - The is now poor,  
bankrupt & with there much indebted, homeless - for during  
this political agitation very little work will be done by  
any body since left by the Negro, who will think of nothing  
but his future prospects and his present ease.

So much as necessary to the Crisis I state of  
your situation: Owners of land in States where white labor can  
be used to advantage should I think keep it - it is the best of  
all investments because it will give a good support & it is safe.  
In the present unsettled state of affairs of every description safety  
is the great & paramount idea: I think such plans as "Hutcheson"  
& "Soldiers Forest" should be held with a deathly grasp & I  
only wish I held such: but in the present calamitous state of the  
Country brought on by insensate hate & crazy fanaticism  
no one must expect surplus gains - Small profits & painstaking  
industries must be the order of the day: The object aimed  
at has been to destroy the whole class of Country gentlemen  
and it has been effectually accomplished - That class is  
doomed to disappear entirely & for the present times if this  
class are to be the most oppressed, the most unhappy of  
any other persons in Society - because they can not  
adapt themselves to the new order of things & if they  
could they have not the means to enable them to go on.

open confiscation of their Negro property having taken place & if not actual Confiscation of lands such a reduction of value as will render those who are in debt utterly unable to pay debts created when their estates were unimpaired -

I am not of those who have any faith in free negro plantation labor for sugar certainly and Cotton also for years if ever - The Negro is the only race that can stand the heat of our open fields - If we are to depend upon Voluntary Negro or white labor in this latitude and in our business the thing is absurd: Hence it is my purpose to examine the Yazoo property & adjacent plantations that those of May say who may prefer to rent and enlarge that property, may try it - It is worth while for Young Men who have fresh energies & buoyant hopes to try their fortunes where they may make something and will have nothing to lose

We are still planting Corn as fast as we can with about 50 hands altogether; quite as many as wanted - but the cut worm is bad & the chances rather slim for crops - but we must try & make bread.

My advice to all young men in the South will be either to use their education just as they do at the North to make bread with, or else to take the handle of the Plow - Education as an experiment is an exploded idea - We are to be all trading - in mind or in matter & God knows - so the sooner the Young Men understand this the better.

Then we are to have now but blacker women 120  
ladies - coarse ungainly persons, hard hands,  
broad feet, limbs all of a size from the foot  
to the body - no manners - but indifference to  
to - psalm singing, spiritual songs of allegorical  
Negro philistinism - (New Orleans has been overrun  
with them during the war and <sup>the</sup> country has had  
its share in the character of School Masses  
whose devotion to increase of population has  
ruined many of their owners if not inferiors.  
Now all this blessing is more than  
the older population can stand and they are making  
their final exit rapidly -

The weather is becoming showing the  
advent of the rainy season so favourable in former  
part for our rich cane fields but now alas! to fall  
on barren fields -

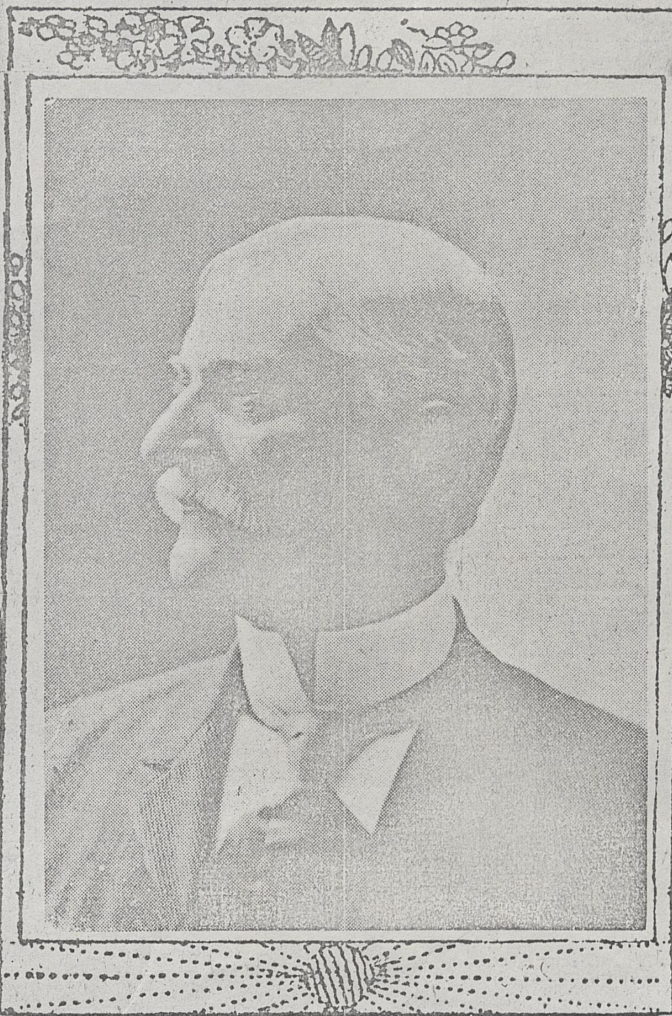
I conclude by thanking you for the  
picture of your little daughter - I never saw finer  
specimens of young negotiable than those of Duncan  
& Lewisiana - I admire Duncan the most just  
now. I am truly proud of their looks but given  
what I hear their looks are not equal to their mental  
understands - How much I would give to see and  
enjoy them as I should!  
My best love to Mary and  
Kindest remembrances for all  
Yr. ever aff. Father -

4 Jan 1904

THE SAINT PAUL, PIO

## GOES PEACEFULLY TO REST

Col. Hart Gibson, Distinguished Kentuckian, Passes  
Away at the Home of His Daughter, Mrs.  
Harrison E. Foster.



COL. HART GIBSON, LEXINGTON, KY.

Distinguished Kentuckian, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harrison G. Foster, in St. Paul.

Col. Hart Gibson of Lexington, Ky., who died Sunday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harrison G. Foster, 297 Laurel avenue, was one of the most distinguished men of the South, and he was related to several of the most prominent Kentucky families.

Although it was known for some time that he was suffering with a fatal illness, heart and kidney trouble, his death was unexpected. He was about the house Sunday, and even Sunday night there was no indication that the end was near. But at 11:25, while he was about to sit in a chair, he sank suddenly and peacefully into death.

Col. Gibson came to St. Paul a month ago in the hope that the change would benefit his health, but the disease had advanced too far to have the chance to him any permanent good. At his death, he was survived by his daughter, Mrs. Harrison G. Foster, and his son, Duncan Gibson of Lexington.

### Native of Kentucky.

Col. Hart Gibson was born at Shawnee Springs, Mercer county, Kentucky, May 25, 1835. He was the son of Tobias Gibson and Louisiana Breckenridge Hart. He graduated from Transylvania university at an early age and entered Yale university, where he graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts in the class of '55. He then entered Harvard law school, taking his degree, and afterward gave three years to study in the German university at Heidelberg, finishing his travels in

Europe, visiting the principal capitals. He returned to Kentucky, read law with Black Kinkead and was admitted to the bar. Col. Gibson never followed the profession of law, but lived and died a gentleman of the old school. He had a brilliant and analytical mind and was always a student and scholar and a true philosopher. He entered the Confederate army under Gen. Buford. He was adjutant under Gen. John Morgan and with him was captured and confined in prison. Col. Gibson married in 1859 Miss Mary Duncan, daughter of Maj. Henry Duncan of Lexington, Ky., and he is survived by her and five children—Duncan Gibson of Lexington, Mrs. Louisiana Breckenridge Maxfield, widow of William T. Maxfield, formerly of St. Paul, and who is now in Japan; Mrs. Harrison G. Foster of St. Paul; Hart Gibson, Jr., of Lexington; and Mrs. Richardson Gibson of Lexington.

Col. Gibson never gave himself up to politics, although his tastes and qualifications of mind led him in this direction. He spent most of his life quietly on his magnificent country place, Ingleside, near Lexington. He served at different times in the upper and lower houses of the Kentucky legislature with John G. Carlisle, William McKenzie and other prominent men of the state. Col. Gibson came of a long line of distinguished ancestry conspicuous in American history. He was one of the most brilliant and intellectual men the South has ever produced. Quiet in his tastes, he lived and died a soldier and true representative of the South.