

Foster Family buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Wisconsin

Original Plat, Block 1, lot 209

Grave 1, Elmer E. Foster, Son of Fred O. and Hattie A., 3 months 13 days, April 16, 1864

Grave 2, Willie Foster

Grave 3, Fred O. Foster, 1836-August 4, 1916

Grave 4, Harriet A. Foster, wife of Fred O., 1842 – June 21, 1933

Grave 5, Willie Siver, son of William A. and D., 10 months 23 days, died February 23, 1855

Grave 6, Warren Foster, 1800 – 1886

Grave 7, Phebe A. Foster 1802 – 1886

Grave 8, Saldman W. Foster, 1838 -1864

A Voice Out of the West

Elgin Iowa, Dec. 1910

To the Editor of the Enterprise:

Dear Sir--I received a copy of the Enterprise a day or two ago, and on looking through its columns I found but two names that were familiar to me. I used to live at Evansville and knew everybody far and near for twenty miles around.

My father moved there on July 7, 1846 and we stopped at the home of John W. Sayle, one mile west of the burg, as it was called then.

At that time there were only two houses and a log school house. The school house stood across the street from the Central house barn, and a little northeast of it stood a little log house while across the street south stood a double log house. That was the size of the town at that time.

That fall my father moved into the east half of the double log house, and James Kingdon lived in the west end. The rooms were about twenty feet square with an attic overhead and a ladder to get up and down by, with old Mother Earth for a floor. There were ten in our family and seven in Mr. Kingdon's and at that time there wasn't a stove in Rock County.

My father bought forty acres of land half a mile south of the burg, and lived on that in a log house for eight years, then sold the east half and built on the other half, where he lived for one year and died on the 23rd of September 1852.

About 1856, the Spencer house (now the Central house) was built. I was one who helped to score all the timber in the house and a man by the name of Preston did the other work. The house was opened with a dance on the 25th of December 1857, by a man named Granise.

I was twenty years of age at that time and worked for Granise half a month for eight dollars, big wages at that time.

Four of my uncles, Hiram Griffith, Erastus Quivey, James Earl and J. W. Foster built the saw and grist mill, but I don't remember the year; it must have been in 1847 or 1848. Uncle Erastus Quivey moved to Oregon in 1851 or '52 I think.

I see that Byron Campbell is still there and W. Walker, and Frank Allen and Steve Baker, but I learn that Levi Leonard has passed to the great beyond. He was a very good man. He gave me some very good advice in 1861 when I started across the plains to California to visit a sister. I shall never forget him. He was like a father to me and helped our family in many ways. When I left there he lived a mile east of town. I knew his wife, Miss Chappel, when she taught school. At that time I was sick and could not go to school.

Well, I think this will be enough for the waste basket.

Erastus Enos.

December 21, 1910, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Town of Union, Rock County, Wisconsin, History

At the election of 1845 it was voted that territorial taxes for the years 1843 and 1844 be applied in liquidation of the debts against the town, and the compensation of town officers be 50 cents a day.

The election resulted as follows:

Board of Supervisors; David R. Bent chmn; John Cook and Alfred Pierce; Treasurer, Wilbur Potter; Town Clerk, John T. Baker; Assessors, A. J. Sutherland, John Winston and David Johnson. Commissioners of

Highway, A. B. Vaughn, Geo. Darrance and Philander Davis; School commissioners, Isaac Andrus, Harrison Stebbins and Warren Foster; collector; Almon Osborn; Constables, Nelson Winston, Allen Miner and Almon Osborn.

In 1849. Supervisors, Alanson B. Vaughn, chmn, Peter Aller, Ira Jones; Justices, Aaron Rowley, Warren Foster, Samuel Lewis, A. B. Vaughn; ; Clerk, Rufus P. Ranson; Superintendent, Thos. Wardall; Assessor, Leander Hoskins; Treasurer, John Dawson; Constables, Moses R. Lester, Samuel N. Smith, Zenas W. Bevier.; Justices, A. B. Vaughn, Samuel Lewis, Aaron Rowley, Warren Foster.

May 17, 1898, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 2, 3, and 4. Evansville, Wisconsin

Registered Voters In the Town of Union October 30, 1867

Foster, Oren F.

October 30, 1867, The Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Foster, who died within a few hours of each other at Elroy, Friday, and were received by their friends here by the Saturday afternoon express, and immediately taken to the cemetery for interment. A telegram had been dispatched immediately upon their death but was not delivered here until eight o'clock Saturday morning, not in time to notify out of town friends, nor those living in town. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbs had barely time to make the needed preparations for burial, consequently many who would like to have attended the obsequies could not do so from having no knowledge of the death, and those who did know had barely time to arrange for receiving their aged and deceased friends and arrange for burial.

Their respective ages were 86 and 83 years. They were temporary residents of Evansville, some four years ago, living with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Gibbs, but subsequently had lived with a son at Elroy where they died on the same day and within a few hours of each other. In living they were united, and in death they were not separated.

Mr. Warren Foster was the fifth on the roll of charter members of Union Lodge, A. F. & A. Masons when the lodge was instituted December 7th, 1850, and served as secretary and the lodge would have accorded their aged brother the funeral right in its most pronounced form had the members been apprised of his death at a reasonable hour for preparation.

There now remains but one single person whose name honors that mystic scroll and that is our worthy townsman, Dr. John M. Evans. We are unable at this time to give anything of a biography of these ten worthy signers were it proper to do so now, but will give their names in the order given on the charter: Morris McMillan M; Calvin R. Evans, S. W.; Alanson B. Vaughan, J. W.; John D. Seaver, Warren Foster, Sec.; John Hayden, John W. Fisher, John M. Evans, Stephen Martin, John Pooler. The lodge was instituted December 7th, 1850.

Evansville Weekly Review, December 10, 1886, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Passed Away

Mrs. Mary Foster Tupper, aged 76 years, departed this life at her home about four miles north-east of this city, Friday morning, Jan. 31, 1902, from congestion of the lungs.

The deceased had been in her usual health up to a short time before her death, which was a sudden shock to her many friends as well as relatives. She was born March 1, 1827, came to the town of Union with her parents in November 1844. Her husband preceded her to the promised land about ten years and she now leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss of a kind devoted mother, which they all fully realize and have the deepest sympathy of their many friends. The funeral was held at the home, Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. M. Short

officiating and all that was mortal was laid to rest in the cemetery of this city.
February 11, 1902, p. 3, col. 7, Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

OBITUARY

Mr. Frank Gibbs, aged 71 years, died from a stroke of paralysis at his home on Madison Street, Thursday morning at 1 o'clock.

The deceased was born in Sackets Harbor, N. Y. Was brought to what is known as the old Gibbs homestead at Gibbs' Lake in Porter township when about 16 years of age, sick in bed with rheumatism. Moved to what is known as his old farm on the prairie in 1860, where the family resided four years and then moved to this city, where they have since resided continuously since.

Mr. Gibbs was married to Miss Annis Foster, Sept. 7, 1859; the fruits of which are two children, Ella, now the wife of I. A. Libby, and Frank, Jr., proprietor of Oak Grove Dairy. Aside from his wife and these two children, he leaves a brother Joseph and sister, Mrs. Carrington, now residing on the old homestead. All of whom have the deepest sympathy of a host of friends in this their great bereavement.

The deceased has been an invalid from disease of the stomach for more than twenty years, but his real final illness dates only from New Year's morning, when he suddenly became worse and passed away as stated. he was a kind, indulgent husband and father, who has a wide circle of sympathizing friends.

The funeral will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with his nephews for bearers. Rev. C. A. Wilson officiating clergyman, W. F. Biglow undertaker.
The Enterprise, January 8, 1904, Evansville, Wisconsin

Evansville, Aug. 5. The remains of F. O. Foster, who died at his home in Baraboo Thursday afternoon at 4:30, were brought to this city this afternoon for interment. Brief funeral services were held at the grave. Interment being at Maple Hill cemetery. Mr. Foster spent his childhood and youth on a farm a few miles west of this city, and is remembered by most local residents. He was 79 years of age and is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Harriet Siver of this city; three daughters and two sons; also two sisters, Mrs. Frank Gibbs and Mrs. Hannah Sievers. He was an uncle to Frank Tupper, Mrs. O. C. Colony, Frank Bullard and Mrs. H. G. Smith, all of this city.
August 5, 1916, Janesville Gazette, "Evansville News", Evansville, Wisconsin

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BELOIT PIONEER IS BURIED IN EVANSVILLE

[GAZETTE NEWS SERVICE]

Evansville—Mrs. Harriet Foster, 91, died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maude DeRemer, Beloit. Mrs. Foster was formerly Harriet Siver and was the widow of Owen Foster. She is survived by five children, Boyd Foster, Baraboo; Irvin Foster, Ridgewood, N. J.; Mrs. J. Hastert, Mrs. William Ludwig and Mrs. Maude De Remer, Beloit; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; also a number of relatives in Evansville. She was a member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in the Rosman-Uehling-Kinzer chapel, Beloit. The Rev. Ira E. Schlagenhauf, pastor of the Methodist church there, officiated, and burial was in Maple Hill cemetery, Evansville.

June 24, 1933, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin