

# FOSTER FAMILY HISTORY

## John and Mary Foster

The 1841 English Census gives a snapshot view of John and Mary Foster and their family, living at Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire.

1841 English Census <sup>43</sup>									
PLACE	HOUSES	NAMES	AGE and SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born				
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Ashton-Under-Lyne	1	Elizabeth Foster	50		Lancashire				
		James do	17		Lancashire				
		Elizabeth do	15		Lancashire				
		William do	12		Lancashire				
		Hannah do	9		Lancashire				
		Robert do	5		Lancashire				
		John do	55		Lancashire				
		Mary do	50		Lancashire				
		Elizabeth do	32		Lancashire				
		William do	30		Lancashire				
		Robert do	25		Lancashire				
		John do	17		Lancashire				
		Mary Ann do	15		Lancashire				
		Joseph do	10		Lancashire				
		James do	5		Lancashire				
		William Coyle	35		Lancashire				
		Winifred Gunning	20		Lancashire				
		Mary Brennan	20		Lancashire				
		Elizabeth Jackson	20		Lancashire				
		Hannah Jackson	15		Lancashire				
		Charlotte Johnson	25		Lancashire				
		Helen Goddard	2		Lancashire				
		John do	55		Lancashire				
		Mary do	50		Lancashire				
TOTAL in Page 43	3		12	15					

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		Mary do	50		Lancashire				
TOTAL in Page 44	5		13	12					

The 1841 Census listed the Foster family living in Cavendish Street, Ashton Under Lyne:

<u>John Foster</u>	Age: 55yrs	Birth Year: c1786	Born: Lancashire
<u>Mary Foster</u>	Age: 50yrs	Birth Year: c1791	Born: Lancashire
<u>children</u>			
Elizabeth Foster	Age: 32yrs	Birth Year: c1809	Born: Lancashire
William Foster	Age: 30yrs	Birth Year: c1811	Born: Lancashire
Robert Foster	Age: 25yrs	Birth Year: c1816	not Lancashire
John Foster	Age: 17yrs	Birth Year: c1824	not Lancashire
Mary Ann Foster	Age: 15yrs	Birth Year: c1826	not Lancashire
Joseph Foster	Age: 10yrs	Birth Year: c1831	not Lancashire
James Foster	Age: 5yrs	Birth Year: c1836	not Lancashire

Other household residents included William Coyle (35), Winifred Gunning (20), Mary Brennan (20), Elizabeth Jackson (20), Hannah Jackson (15), Charlotte Johnson (25) and Helen Goddard (2). It is unknown as to whether any of these people had family connections or were simply boarding with John and Mary and their family.

## 1841 census - household transcription

Person: FOSTER, John

**Address:** Cavendish Street, Ashton Under Lyne

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Original census image					
Name	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation	Where Born
FOSTER, John	M	55	1786		Lancashire
FOSTER, Mary	F	50	1791		Lancashire
FOSTER, Elizabeth	F	32	1809		Lancashire
FOSTER, William	M	30	1811		Lancashire
FOSTER, Robert	M	25	1816		
FOSTER, John	M	17	1824		
FOSTER, Mary Ann	F	15	1826		
FOSTER, Joseph	M	10	1831		
FOSTER, James	M	5	1836		
COYLE, William	M	35	1806		Lancashire
GUNNING, Winifred	F	20	1821		Ireland
BRENNAN, Mary	F	20	1821		Ireland
JACKSON, Elizabeth	F	20	1821		Lancashire
JACKSON, Hannah	F	15	1826		Lancashire
JOHNSON, Charlotte	F	25	1816		Lancashire
GODDARD, Helen	F	20	1821		Lancashire

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Registration District:

Ashton &amp; Oldham

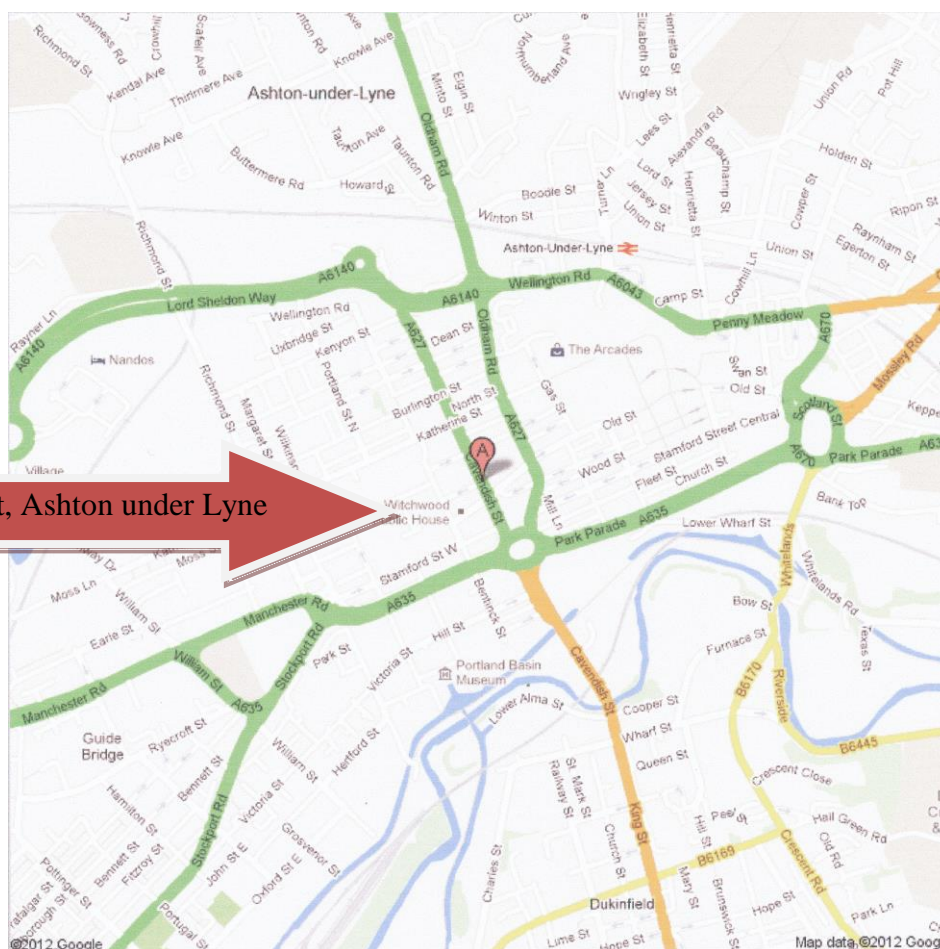
**Civil Parish:**  
Ashton Under Lyne

**Municipal Borough:**  
Ashton Under Lyne

**Address:**  
Cavendish Street, Ashton Under Lyne

**County:**  
Lancashire

**Cavendish Street, Ashton Under Lyne**



Leading on from the 1841 English Census further research reveals:

Mary Foster (nee Williams) was born in Wigan, Lancashire England and married John Foster at Wigan England on 20 April 1807.

## "England, Marriages, 1538–1973 , " Mary Williams, 1807

groom's name:	John Foster
groom's birth date:	
groom's birthplace:	
groom's age:	
bride's name:	<b>Mary Williams</b>
bride's birth date:	
bride's birthplace:	
bride's age:	
marriage date:	20 Apr 1807
marriage place:	Wigan, Lancashire, England
groom's father's name:	

Between 1807 and 1836 a number of children were raised by John and Mary as listed in the 1841 Census.

Later information reveals Mary may have given birth of up to 15 children.

Between 1841 and 1851 John Foster was to die as in the 1851 Census, Mary Foster was listed as a widow:

The United Kingdom Census of 1851 recorded the people residing in every household on the night of **Sunday 30 March 1851**.

As per the death certificate below it appears that John Foster died on 7 February 1851, just 3 weeks before the actual census was taken.

John Foster died at Worsborough Common (near the City of Barnsley, Yorkshire), aged 68 years. John Foster's occupation was listed as a weaver and it appears he may have died from asthma.

The informant was Joseph Foster (his son).



## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 5280461-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	Barnsley
1851 DEATH in the Sub-district of Worsbrough	in the County of York

Columns: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

No. When and where died Name and surname Sex Age Occupation Cause of death Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar

195	Seventh February 1851 Worsbrough Common	John Foster	Male	68 years	Weaver	As above not certified	Joseph H Foster Informant (Occupier deceased) Worsbrough Common	Seventh February 1851	Thomas Gunt Registrar
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the

15th

day of

November

2013

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The **1851 English Census** shows Mary Foster had by this stage moved back to Barnsley, Yorkshire where many of her children had been born:

Mary, now aged 63yrs was an innkeeper living in Wilkinson Houses, Worsborough, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

She was living with her unmarried 42 year old daughter Elizabeth, her son James Foster 18 years and a 14 year old servant boy Richard Ellis.

In the next door house was her 20 year old son Joseph and his young 18 year old wife Martha.

Pariish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House		Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851		Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, Deaf, or Dumb
278	Wilkinson Houses	Mary Foster	Head	Widow		63	Wm. Keeper	Lancashire Wigan	
		Elizabeth Foster	Daughter			42	Wm. Keeper's Daughter	Lancashire Wigan	
		James Foster	Son			18	Thames River Looms	Yorkshire Barnsley	
		Richard Ellis	Servant			14	Servant Boy	Yorkshire Barnsley	
279	Wilkinson Houses	Joseph Foster	Head	Married		20	Steam Loom Weaver	Yorkshire Barnsley	
		Martha Foster	Wife			18	Martha's Wife	Yorkshire Barnsley	

### 1851 census transcription details for: Wilkinson Houses

#### National Archive Reference:

RG number: **HO107**  
 Piece: **2333**  
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 Reg. District: **Barnsley**  
 Sub District: **Worsbrough**  
 Parish:  
 Enum. District: **1C**  
 Ecclesiastical District:  
 City/Municipal Borough:  
 Address: **Wilkinson Houses**  
 County: **Yorkshire (West riding)**

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation , Disability	Where Born
FOSTER, Mary	Head	Widow	F	63	1788	Inn Keeper	Wigan, Lancashire
FOSTER, Elizabeth	Daughter	Unmarried	F	42	1809	Inn Keepers Daughter	Wigan, Lancashire
FOSTER, James	Son	Unmarried	M	18	1833	Weaver Power Looms	Barnsley, Yorkshire
ELLIS, Richard	Servant		M	14	1837	Servant Boy	Barnsley, Yorkshire

### *Mary Foster - 1851 Census*

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Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation , Disability	Where Born
FOSTER, Joseph	Head	Married	M	20	1831	Steam Loom Weaver	Barnsley, Yorkshire
FOSTER, Martha	Wife	Married	F	18	1833	Weavers Wife	Worsbro, Yorkshire

### *Next door neighbour Joseph Foster - 1851 Census*



### Wilkinson Houses, Worsborough Common

In 2015 my wife Pam and I visited Worsborough looking for Wilkinson Houses. We met a Mrs Pearson in Wilkinson Street, Worsborough who invited us in for a “cuppa” and told us as much as she knew about the local area. Her house (pictured), in Wilkinson Street was obviously built much later than when Mary Foster lived there as the street was only opened in 1869.

It is believed however, that Wilkinson Houses may have originally existed in the nearby area.



Mrs Pearson and Pam Malone



Pam (in the rain) standing outside Mrs Pearson's home in Wilkinson Street, Worsborough, Yorkshire



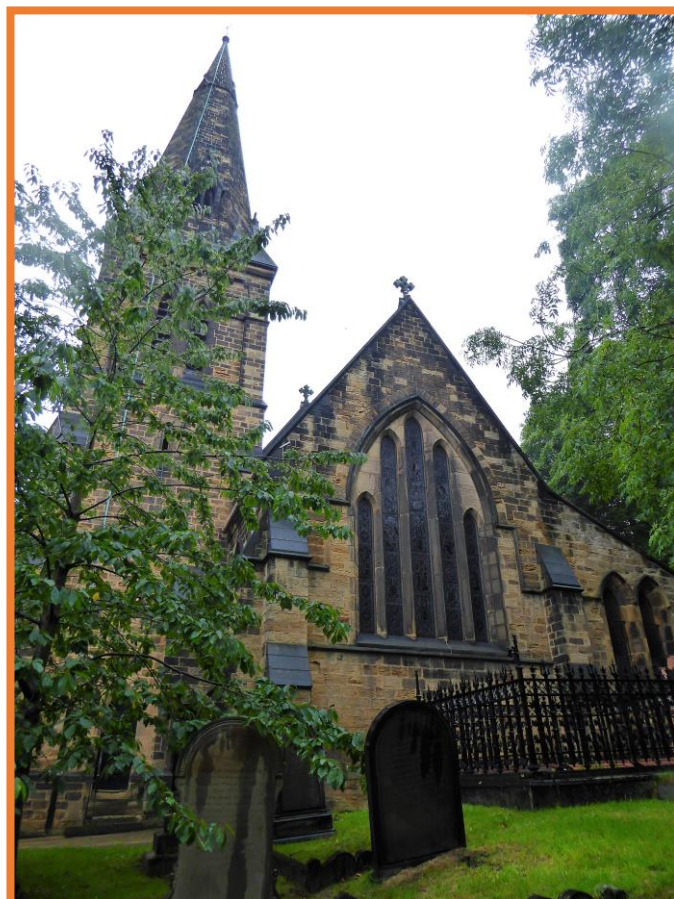
Wilkinson Houses were indeed extensive in numbers extending from No: 265 in the 1851 Census Schedule to No: 296 in the 1851 Census Schedule – (over 30 houses).

Mary Foster (No: 288 on the schedule) had as her neighbour Mr Robert Wilkinson (No: 287 on the schedule), the 74 year old “Proprietor of the Houses” plus his 39 year old nephew Joseph Wilkinson.

Parish or Township of <i>Worsbrough</i>		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
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					Males	Females			
285	Wilkinson Houses	William Mosson	Head	Mar	60		Farmer Labourer	Yorkshire Otley	
		Mary Mosson	Wife	Mar		58	Farmer's Wife	Yorkshire Doncaster	
		Geo Mosson	Son	Un	30		Farmer's Labourer	Yorkshire Bay of Wad	
		John Mosson	Son	Un	27		D <sup>r</sup> D <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>r</sup> D <sup>r</sup>	
		Charles Mosson	Lodger	Mar	35		Dyer	Yorkshire Doncaster	
		James Mosson	Grandson	Un	15		Miller	Yorkshire Barnsley	
		Mary Ann Fether	Daughter	Mar		25		Yorkshire Worsbrough	
286	Wilkinson Houses	Geo. Allen	Head	Mar	28		Coal Miner	Yorkshire Silkestone	
		Eliza Allen	Wife	Mar		19	Coal miner's Wife	Yorkshire Monk Bretton	
287	Wilkinson Houses	Mary Hitchon	Head	Mar	46		Weaver	Nottinghamshire Melkoth	
		Harriah Hitchon	Daughter			11	Scholar	Yorkshire W. Common	
		Martha Hitchon	D <sup>r</sup>			4	Scholar	Yorkshire W. Common	
288	Wilkinson Houses	William Whitley	Head	Mar	34		Farmer's Labourer	Yorkshire Pontefract	
		Sarah Whitley	Wife	Mar		28	Shop Hitchon	Yorkshire Worsbrough	
		Mary Ann D <sup>r</sup>	Daughter			11	Scholar	Yorkshire Worsbrough	
		Sarah D <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>r</sup>			1		Yorkshire Worsbrough	
289	Wilkinson Houses	Robert Wilkinson	Head	Mar	74		Proprietor of Houses	Yorkshire Rishworth	
		Joseph Wilkinson	Nephew	Un	39		Book Binder	Yorkshire Tadley	
Total of Houses		I S U B		Total of Persons		99			



St Thomas Church in Worsbrough Common





## Mary Foster – (following the death of her husband)

Evidence so far indicates that Mary Foster (nee Williams) arrived in Australia, as did several of her children, including her daughter Mary Ann Hardman (nee Foster).

*(In a death certificate amendment, the name Mary Williams [mother's name] was added to the death certificate of her daughter Mary Hardman by Thomas Foster, a nephew of Mary Hardman, of 20 Lincoln Street Stanmore)*

England  
Lancashire  
1 year in Victoria  
13 years N.S.W.

As stated on Mary Foster's death certificate, dated 15 June 1874, upon arrival in Australia she:

- Spent a year in Victoria before moving to New South Wales
- Spent 13 years living in New South Wales

The arrival of Mary Foster in Australia is unclear. It is presumed that she arrived in Melbourne as she spent her first in Victoria.

Mary Foster is likely to have arrived in Australia c1860 (at the height of the Victorian Goldrush).

- ✓ She was likely to have joined her daughter Mary Ann Hardman (nee Foster) who was with her husband John Hardman at Four Mile Flat, near Avoca on the Victorian goldfields.
- ✓ The discovery of gold at Lambing Flat (Young NSW) may have given the impulse to head into NSW.

Four Mile Flat Goldfields near Avoca, Vic



Lambing Flat Goldfields (Young) – Anti Chinese Riots





## **FOSTER FAMILY ARRIVALS IN AUSTRALIA**

*Many of the Foster family ventured to Australia, but research is incomplete:*

*Research by Maree Redman of Dharruk NSW has assisted greatly in uncovering many of the loose ends relating to the Foster Family.*

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Date of Birth</b></u>	<u><b>Arrival in Australia</b></u>	<u><b>Residence / Death</b></u>
<i>Elizabeth Foster (Simpson)</i>	<i>20 May 1909 Wigan, Lancashire</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Most likely Bathurst</i>
<i>William Foster</i>	<i>C1811 Lancashire</i>	<i>Ship "Marchioness of Londonderry" 10 Dec 1854</i>	<i>Gilmalari Birrell (mining area near Wellington NSW) – rheumatic fever – aged 46yrs</i>
<i>Margaret Foster (1)</i>	<i>6 Aug 1812 Wigan, Lancashire</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Died c1814 Wigan, Lancashire</i>
<i>Robert Foster</i>	<i>C1816 Barnsley, Yorkshire</i>	<i>Ship "Atkins" 2 Aug 1853 (Accompanied by brother-in-law John Hardman)</i>	<i>Lived at Bendick Murrell</i>
<i>Margaret Foster (2)</i>	<i>17 Aug 1816 Wigan, Lancashire</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Lived in England</i>
<i>John Foster</i>	<i>C1824 Barnsley, Yorkshire</i>	<i>Ship "Annie Wilson" April, 1862</i>	<i>Lived at Young NSW</i>
<i>Mary Ann Foster (Hardman)</i>	<i>1826 Barnsley, Yorkshire</i>	<i>Unknown Joined her husband John Hardman at Four Mile Flat Goldfield, Victoria c1857/58</i>	<i>Lived at Bendick Murrell &amp; later Monteagle NSW</i>
<i>John Foster</i>	<i>C1824 Barnsley, Yorkshire</i>	<i>Ship "Annie Wilson" April, 1862 (Deposit payment made by Robert Foster to bring the family to Australia)</i>	<i>Lived at Young NSW</i>
<i>Joseph Foster</i>	<i>C1831 Barnsley, Yorkshire</i>	<i>Ship "Marchioness of Londonderry" 10 Dec 1854</i>	<i>A carrier Died at "Warraweena Station" Gongolgon (near Bourke NSW)</i>
<i>James Chadwick Foster</i>	<i>C1833 Barnsley, Yorkshire</i>	<i>Ship "Marchioness of Londonderry" 10 Dec 1854</i>	<i>Lived at Bendick Murrell Died in Sydney</i>

Mary Foster is mentioned in Veronica McNamara's book "Beyond the Early Maps", selecting land at Bendick Murrell on 22 January 1867

**Early Selectors — Marengo.**

Joseph Graham — 9th April, 1874 — Marengo.

J.B. Donkin—16th April, 1874.

Camello Marina—18th June, 1874—later, opened the Commercial Hotel, Murrumburah.

Thomas Anderson—1874.

Henry Smith—1874.

James Leary—1874.

John Brotherson—1874.

Peter Rheinbierger—40 acres.

Sebastian Kohn. George Gailey. W. Haugh Jnr., J. Tarlington. P.M. Guinness—83 acres.

Mary McGrath — 22nd January, 1867 — Burrowa.

Emily Sheedy—1867 Monteagle County.

Thomas Commens—1867 Calabash.

Mary Foster—1867 Bendic Morrel.

Cathrine Hurley—1867 Fishers Creek.

Michael Kett—1867 Fishers Creek.

Michael Dwyer—1867 Fishers Creek.

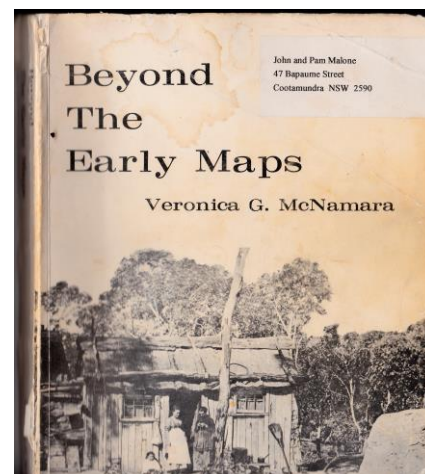
Laurence Terry—1867 Boro Creek.

William Levett — 1867 Monteagle County, Stony Creek.

Land Grant of 94 acres—County Monteagle, to Marton Manyon.

In 1880 — W.D. Cambell stood for Parliament against Mr. T.M. Scatterry.

One of the oldest families still remaining in the district is that of the late Mary Foster. Mary selected 22nd January, 1867, at Bendic Morrel. Mary's history is forgotten—as is the name of her husband.



In an article published below there is evidence of Mary Foster living in the Young area at Bendick Murrell:

## BURRANGONG CHRONICLE

YOUNG

Wednesday 26 May, 1875

### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

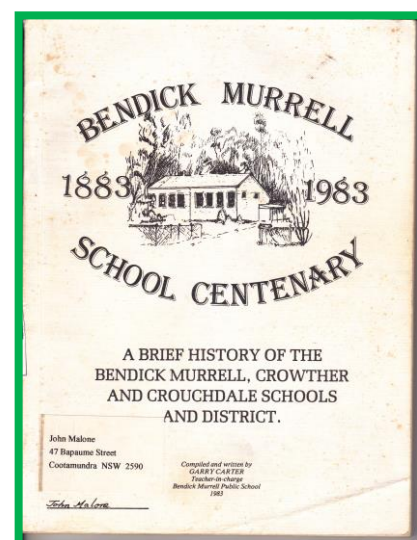
**MAINTENANCE** - Andrew Rowan was summoned by Ada Hardiman, for the support of an illegitimate child.

Part of the evidence is listed below:

“To Mr Gordon: I was minding sheep within a half mile of the defendant when he was with my sister the first time; I can recollect the event very well, because my grandmother died just afterwards; I have often spoken to defendant; I am fourteen years of age; I was not talking to defendants brother when defendant was talking to my sister; defendants brother assisted to take the wheat away.”

In the book “Bendick Murrell School Centenary” in an article reference to the “Kingsland” property, a Mrs Foster features:

*“One tale about Mrs Foster’s ghost lured many would be ghost hunters to “Kingsland” to sit sheltering in the pig sties up to 2am waiting to capture a glimpse of her ghost. The ghost in the form of a light was supposed to move across the paddock until its disappearance at a point on the fence. These outings were discontinued when a fire lit to keep the watchers warm caught a sty alight and burnt it down.”*





**Mary Foster (nee Williams)**

The photo is believed to be that of Mary Foster.

Close examination indicates the photo was taken by the  
Royal Studio, 78 William Street, Sydney.

Internet research lists the studio as operating between  
1841 and 1900.



Mary Foster died at Bendick Murrell on 15 June 1874. Her age was listed as 93 years but this is appears to be inaccurate.

The 1841 Census lists her age as 50 years (estimated birth year as 1791 - findmypast)

The 1851 Census lists her age as 63 years (estimated birth year as 1788 - findmypast)

If she married at Wigan in 1807 at 20 years of age (as stated on her death certificate), this would also give her an estimated birth year close to 1787-88.

Mary Foster's age at death is therefore more likely to be in the **87-88 year bracket**.

Her death certificate indicated Mary giving birth to **15 children**:

- 4 males living - Robert Foster, John Foster, Joseph Foster and James Foster
- 3 females living - Mary Ann (Hardman), Elizabeth ?
- 5 males deceased - William (died 1857 at Gilmalari near Wellington)
- 3 females deceased

Many of the children thus remain unaccounted for at this stage in time:

# NEW SOUTH WALES

REGISTRATION NUMBER

1874/ 008540

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995

## DEATH CERTIFICATE

Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
15 <sup>th</sup> June 1874	Mary Foster	Female 93 years	No known Complaint (1) old age (2) ——— (3) none (4) ———	(1) John Williams (2) Boatman (3) not known	Joseph Foster Sew Tenant Bendie Mone
Bendie Mone	None				

Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
(1) M. M. M. M. M.	18 June 1874 Catholic Cemetery	H. M. Funnigan Church of Rome	England Lancashire 1 year in Victoria 13 years N.S.W.	(1) Urgan England (2) 20 years (3) John Foster	4 males living 3 females living 5 males deceased 3 girls deceased 0438
(2) 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1874	Young	Joseph Foster			
(3) Young	Edmund Mitham	W. Ling Chai			

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REGISTRY OF BIRTHS  
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

SYDNEY 02 Nov 2012

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of particulars recorded in a  
Register in the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia

Greg Cerry

Registrar

## Death Certificate of Mary Foster (nee Williams)



Mary Foster – Death  
Australian Town and Country Journal – Saturday 27 June 1874

It was during a visit to Cootamundra by William and Elizabeth Armstrong (Brisbane) that other documents *[handed down through the Armstrong family]* emerged relating to Mary Foster



Pam Malone (nee Hardman), William Armstrong, Elizabeth Armstrong at Cootamundra

*Below is part of a typed letter written by Ada Jean Armstrong from Shanghai in 1939*

A True copy of "write-up" in "The Town and Country Journal"  
June 16th. 1874. (Australian Newspaper of that time)--  
Given to me, by Mary Ann Crookford, Grandaughter of Mary Foster, and  
first Cousin to my Mother, Emily, Constance Armstrong-nee Hardman,  
Grandaughter to Mary Foster mentioned hereunder... Given to me §  
3.5.1916.

COPY--

" On the 16th of June at her residence "Rosemount" Bendic Morrell,  
Via Young, N.S.W, Australia.

Mary relict of the late John Foster Esq of Wigan Lancashire  
England, aged 93 years, June 27th 1874.

Death of a nonagenarian.

Many of our readers (says the Burrangong Argus, a newspaper printed  
at Young) will learn with regret of the death of Mrs Foster an old  
lady who has lived in the district since the first opening of the  
Burrangong gold fields. She was born at Standishgate Wigan,  
Lancashire England on the 16th of March 1781 and she was therefore  
in her 94th year. She was the Grandaughter of Sir Andrew Chadwick,  
Baronet. of Ashton Villa and Dowager Hall, Ashton Under Lyne,  
Lancashire. Her marriage took place in 1807 and she had 15 children  
the eldest of whom is nearly 70. She has 40 grandchildren, and  
20 great-grandchildren; so that her descendents will number at the  
time of her death no less than 75.



*Mary Foster – Death*  
*Australian Town and Country Journal*  
*Saturday 27 June 1874*

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