

## **Robert Foster**

Born: 30 Jan 1802 near St. Stephens Chapel in London England.

Died:

Married: 1<sup>st</sup> **Gusta Smith** of London England

Son: **Charles** who died in Arkansas

Robert crossed the Atlantic in the Packet "Philadelphia" in 1835. He landed in New York and later located in Detroit, Michigan. Robert then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where he published a paper the "Western Farmer and Gardner in 1843. He was a well read and educated man having one of the most complete libraries and paintings in that part of the country. Robert was also a self taught artist, Millwright and draftsman. He served as Chief Engineer under the Confederate General S. B. Buckner during the Civil War. He traveled all over the world and was with Walker in his Central American Revolution. He later married **Martha Shrum** in 1852 who was born in Bledsoe County, Tennessee 14 Aug 1828. She was the daughter of **Moses Shrum**.

2<sup>nd</sup> wife – **Martha Shrum Foster** had 7 children.

**Mary Jane Foster** married **Ben Easley Wilson Harris**

**Martha Foster** married **George W. Harris**

**Ellen Foster** married **Newton Fults**

**Sarah Foster** married **William Price**

**Elizabeth Foster** married **Dr. W. R. C. Booher** a physician living near Bristol, Tenn.

**Francis Foster** died in childhood

**Robert Foster**

See William Martin Harris for additional information.