

## Chapter 12 The Simon Foscue Family

Haliburton Josephus Foscue, the husband of Clara Julia Humphrey, was descended from a large Foscue family from Jones County, NC. A long line of Foscues lived in Virginia, an eventually migrated to Hyde County, NC. Simon and Richard Foscue, two sons of a Hyde County Simon Foscue settled on the Trent River in what was then Craven County.<sup>1</sup>

**Simon Foscue** (1734 – 1814) was married three times. He married first, a widow, Sarah Sanderson Brock in 1759. Their children were:

- A. Stephen Foscue 1761 – (died young)
- B. Phoebe Foscue 1763 - (died young)
- C. Frederic Foscue 1766 – married Dorie Simmons in 1788.
  - 1. Benjamin Foscue – migrated to Alabama
  - 2. Augustus Foscue – migrated to Alabama
  - 3. Nathan Foscue m. Susan Hatch Oldfield
- D. Rachel Foscue

Simon married second, Nancy Mitchell (1749 – 1793) in 1779. Their children:

- A. Simon Foscue 1780 – 1830 m. Christiana Rhem in 1803.
- B. Dorcas Foscue (1782 – 1869) afflicted, never married
- C. Lewis Foscue (1784) never married
- D. Sarah Foscue (1787-1852) married Frederick Foy.

Simon married third, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson in 1800. Their children were:

- A. Stephen Foscue
- B. Susannah Foscue m. George Oldfield
- C. Betsey
- D. Amos Foscue m. Elizabeth Foscue

Simon Foscue's son, Simon (1780-1830) by his second marriage to Nancy Mitchell built the brick house (c. 1805) between Pollocksville and Rhems which still stands in 2002, a restored public historic site.

**Nathan Foscue**, Simon's son by his first marriage (see above), was the ancestor of Haliburton Foscue.

**Nathan Foscue** married **Susan Hatch Oldfield**. Their children were:

- 1. Josephine Foscue (1833 – 1884) m. Franklin Foy.
  - 2. Susan Caroline Foscue (1815-) m. E. Becton Isler.
  - 3. Cyrus Ytobide Foscue (1837-1910) m. Harriet Foy.
  - 4. Edgar Macon Foscue (1810 – 1890) m. Linda T. Wooten.
  - 5. Sarah Elvira Foscue 1842-1884) m. John W. Wooten.
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6. Josephus Nathan Foscue (1845 – 1914) m. Sarah E. Smith.

Nathan and his family above appear in the 1850 Jones County census.<sup>2</sup> Nathan was listed as a farmer living in the Beaver Dam District with an estate value of \$4,875 and the owner of 47 slaves.<sup>3</sup>

**The children of Nathan Foscue and Sarah E. Smith were:**

1. Julian Manly Foscue m. Sula Coston.
2. Augustus C. Foscue m. Kirtle Foy.
3. Haliburton Josephus Foscue (1881-1939) m. Clara J. Humphrey.
4. Lillian E. Foscue (1870-1956) never married.
5. Wilbur Foscue (1886-1969) never married.

*See Chapter 9, The Clara Julia Humphrey Foscue Family.*

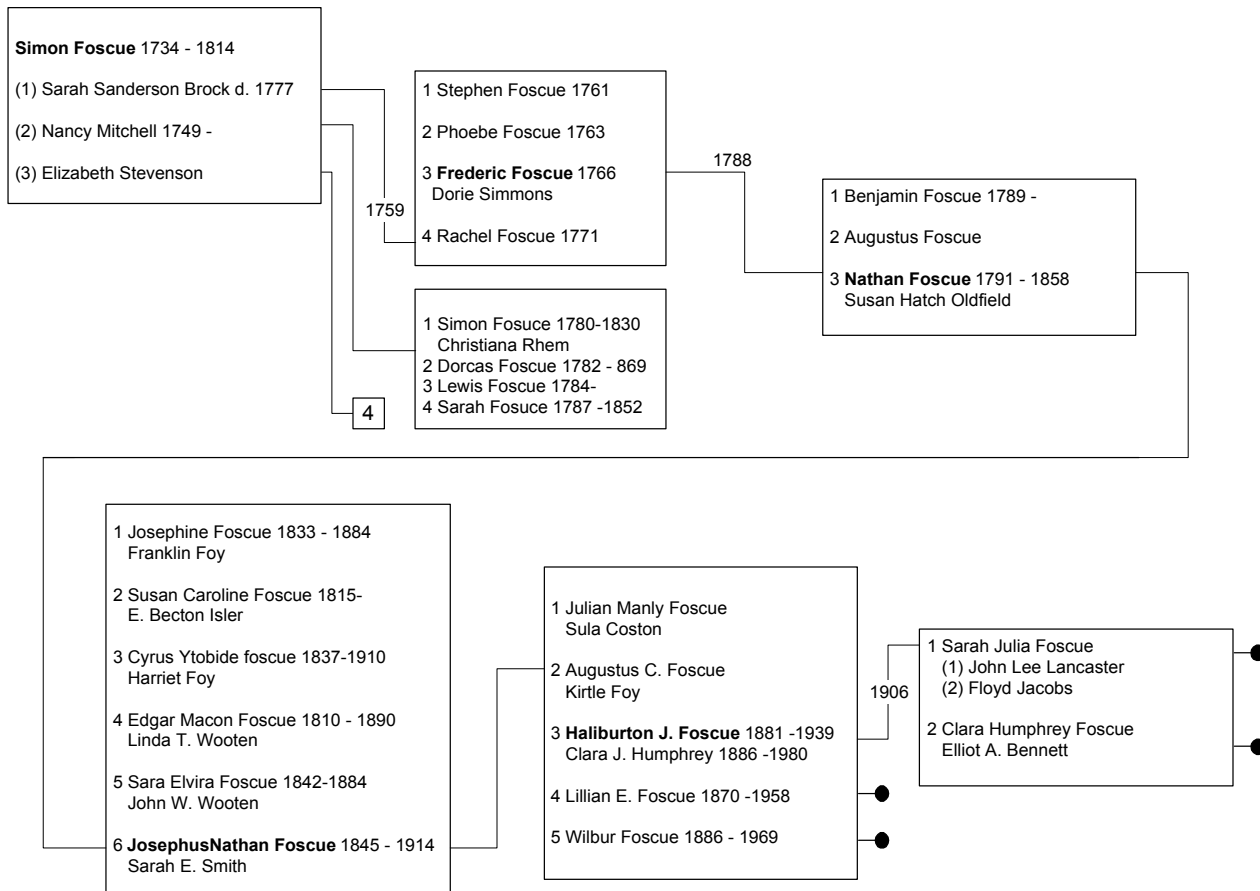
*See Appendix D, Excerpts from The History of Jones County.*



**Figure 70 The Simon Foscue House, 1804**

*Built by Simon Foscue's son Simon, the home has been restored and made a public historic site. Located on US Highway 17, 3 miles south of Pollocksville, North Carolina.*

## Overview of the Simon Foscue Family



**Figure 71 Overview of the Simon Foscue Family**

*Migrating from Virginia in the 1700s the Foscue family were prominent in the late 1700s and 1800s in Jones County.*

### Endnotes Chapter 12 The Simon Foscue Family

<sup>1</sup> The History and Genealogy of Jones County. Articles F54and F55. Craven County Library.  
<sup>2</sup> 1850 Jones County Census. Page 120B. Microfilm. Craven County Library.  
<sup>3</sup> 1850 Jones County Census. Schedule 2, Page 16. Microfilm. Craven County Library.