

1. Feb. 1926.

THE LEXINGTON HERALD

## Vivid Personality Memorialized In Tribute Paid by U. D. C. To Mrs. Harrison Gardner Foster

The following resolutions have been passed by the Lexington chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy:

The Lexington chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has suffered an irreparable loss in the sudden passing away of Mrs. Harrison Gardner Foster. The officers and members of the chapter can as yet scarcely realize that they will never again in this earthly life have the inspiration of her presence and her counsel. She was so filled with vitality and with unflagging enthusiasm for all the work of the chapter that her absence will be even more keenly felt as time goes on than is possible for us to grasp at this moment when our hearts are so saddened by the sense of personal loss and pain.

Mrs. Foster came of a family that has been illustrious in the history of the South throughout many generations, and she "the heir to a great name" added to her family's high reputation. She inherited her love of the South from her father and mother, and she early imbibed a respect for those sacred memories of the past that have enriched the mental consciousness of Kentuckians and of southerners at large.

As she grew older she studied history and biography with avidity, and throughout the course of her

life she was interested in all the records of the past that are the only sure means of providing a guide to the future. With her love of history, literature and the arts, Mrs. Foster combined a genius for organization and for affairs that gave her national recognition in many organizations and various fields of service. But, those who had the privilege of knowing her personally and claiming her as a friend, will think most tenderly of her constant kindness, her gaiety and courage. Her beauty of person, her charm and vivacity of manner will linger long in the memories of those who knew and loved her. She was greatly blessed in life and in her sudden passing to a higher and fuller existence she was spared pain and illness, and she leaves to her family and friends and the community as a whole, the undimmed impression of a vivid, radiant personality, abounding in the love of life in its many phases.

The Lexington chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy extends to the husband of Mrs. Foster and her children, family and relatives the deepest sympathy in this hour of their great sorrow.

MARGARET P. JOHNSTON,  
JULIA HUGHES SPURR,  
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## MRS. E. D. G. FOSTER DIES.

*Civ. Enquirer Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> '26*  
Lexington Woman Noted For Work

### With Political Societies.

Lexington, Ky., February 2 A. P.)—  
Elizabeth Dunster Gibson Foster,  
wife of Harrison Gardner Foster,  
died at her home tonight after a brief  
illness. A stroke of paralysis suffered  
last night caused her death.

Mrs. Foster was Secretary of the  
Lexington Chapter of the Kentucky  
Equal Rights Association, a member  
of the Lexington Chapter of the U.  
D. C., Vice Regent of the Bryant Sta-  
tion Chapter, D. A. R., member of the  
Kentucky Colonial Dames, Filson  
Club, of Louisville, and Historical So-  
ciety of the State of Kentucky, was a  
delegate to the Democratic Conven-  
tion in 1920 and a member of the  
Kentucky State Central Committee  
during that year.

Mrs. Foster received a request from  
Washington during the World War  
to organize the Navy League in Min-  
nesota and accomplished the work.  
Mrs. Foster lived in the far West for  
a number of years and was active in  
civic and social circles of Tacoma,  
Wash., during their residence there.

St. Paul Dispatch

3-7-1926

## MRS. HARRISON FOSTER DIES

Former St. Paul Woman Came of Distinguished Family.

News has been received in St. Paul of the death on February 2, of Mrs. Harrison Foster at Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Foster, who was Elizabeth Dunster Gibson, came of a distinguished Southern family, her father having been the late Colonel Hart Gibson of Lexington. She was a member of the Society of Colonial Dames and of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was married at Ingleside, the family estate at Lexington, to Harrison Gardner Foster, son of the late Senator Addison Gardner Foster of St. Paul and later of Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster spent their early married life in St. Paul, leaving here to live in Tacoma but returning some years later. Of recent years their time had been spent between Washington and Lexington.

Mrs. Foster was a woman of rare mental gifts, beauty of person and strength of character, her friends here recalled today. Wherever she lived she took an important part in intellectual, charitable and political activities. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Hart Gibson Foster of Lexington, Addison Gardner Foster of New York, and one daughter, Elizabeth Dunster Duncan Foster of Lexington.

# IN MEMORIAM

Whereas—Our Heavenly Father has called from her work upon earth our friend and co-worker, Mrs. Harrison Gardner Foster, the War Mothers of Fayette County Chapter wish to put on record their deep feeling of loss to the community of a valued and useful citizen, and to the Chapter a generous and loyal friend.

A charter member of the National Organization American War Mothers and at one time State President of Kentucky Chapter, no demand upon her time or generosity was unheeded. Her lofty patriotism and warm sympathy made her peculiarly fitted for the exacting and manifold duties of War Mother.

She was gracious and lovely, efficient and kind, with the firmness of a rock where principle was in question. Her home was her sanctuary and there her most sacred obligations.

It was our privilege to have known her well, and we will ever cherish the memory of her honored and useful life.

Be it therefore resolved, That the Fayette Chapter American War Mothers extend to the sorrowing family its deepest sympathy.

No words can lessen grief; but it is a solace to remember life's fitful fever over, she sleeps well.

"Father in Thy gracious keeping,  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

ALICE BRONSTON OLDHAM,  
LUCRETIA CLAY SIMPSON,  
MARY GOODLOE McDOWELL,  
MAUDE J. McCLINTOCK.

*Coxington Herald 7/7/26*

# MRS. FOSTER SUCCUMBS TO DAY'S ILLNESS

Nationally Known Leader in  
Women's Activities Dies at  
Ingleside, Historic An-  
cestral Home

FAILED TO RECOVER FROM  
STROKE OF PREVIOUS DAY

End Comes as Unexpected Blow  
to Family and Many  
Friends

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunster Gibson Foster, one of Lexington's most distinguished and accomplished women, expired last night near 8 o'clock after an illness of only a day. A paralytic stroke suffered Monday evening hastened the end, which came as a distressing shock to her family and friends.

Mrs. Foster, in apparent good health Monday evening, was chatting with members of her family when the stroke came. She lapsed into unconsciousness from which she never rallied.

Harrison Gardner Foster, her husband, Miss Dunster Duncan Foster, her only daughter, and Capt. Hart Gibson Foster, her son, were at the bedside when the end came.

In a life devoted to civic and social enterprises, Mrs. Foster consecrated nearly two score years to active service in many movements and lent her brilliant personality to the organization and promotion of various community causes. She was especially prominent in historical and political activities and has served with rare ability on a number of political committees.

#### Was Compiling Memoirs

Mrs. Foster was also possessed of distinctive literary ability and was engaged in compiling interesting memoirs up until a few months before her death.

Mrs. Foster was the second daughter and fourth child of Hart Gibson and Mary Duncan Gibson and was born at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Duncan, in this city. On June 6, 1889, at Ingleside, her girlhood home, which she recently acquired, she became the wife of Harrison Gardner Foster, of St. Paul, Minn.

The scion of an illustrious line of noble predecessors, Mrs. Foster carried on the traditions of her family with distinction. Her father, the late Col. Hart Gibson, was an adjutant general with Gen. A. Buford's brigade and accompanied Gen. John Morgan as adjutant-general on the notable Ohio raid. In 1870, Colonel Gibson and his brother-in-law, Henry T. Duncan, founded the Lexington Daily Press in Lexington.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Foster is survived by two sons, Capt. Hart Gibson Foster, of Lexington, and Capt. Addison Gardner Foster, of New York; and a daughter, Miss Dunster Duncan Foster, of Lexington. A grandson, Addison Gardner Foster III, also survives. One brother, Hart Gibson, of Miami, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. Frederick J. H. von Engleken, of Lexington, and Mrs. Richardson Gibson, of New York, also survive. A great-aunt, Miss Lily Duncan, of Lexington, who recently left for Miami, Fla., is another of the survivors.

#### Lived in Washington

Mrs. Foster was a sister of the late Duncan Gibson, one of Lexington's foremost citizens. Many other relatives throughout the Blue Grass who are members of the same distinctive line survive.

Mrs. Foster was privately educated, and at Sayre Institute. At 14 she entered the State University, remaining for four years and then studying music under R. deRoode. Her early ambition was for a career in music.

After her marriage on June 6, 1889, she moved with her husband

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Lexington Herald  
February 12, 1926

## Mrs. Harrison Gardner Foster

### Resolutions Passed by Gibson Confederate Memorial Association

#### In Loving Memory of Mrs. Harrison Gardner Foster

The Gibson Confederate Memorial Association sorrowfully records the passing of one of its officers and charter members, Mrs. Elizabeth Dunster Gibson Foster.

So worthy did she wear the crown of Southern womanhood, so true was she to the traditions and ideals of the Old South, and so devotedly and loyally had she served its sacred Cause, that in the lamented death of this radiant and beautiful Christian woman, all Confederate organizations are left the poorer, indeed.

Mrs. Foster brought to the study of the War Between the States, not only a sympathetic understanding, but an intellectual grasp of the political and industrial conditions, and of those baffling and varying undercurrents which informed the social life of the American republic, preceding and during the period of the Sixties.

A daughter of a Confederate officer, publicist and statesman, who with his five brothers, several of whom left the halls of their universities to engage in the War Between the States, serving and sacrificing for the maintainance of constitutional liberty, Mrs. Foster was, by association and education, familiar with the events of those heroic days, and it was her rare privilege, also, to hold the warm personal friendship of many of the eminent men and women who had helped make American history.

Descended from Cavalier ancestors who had won preferment in church and state, who had shed

lustre upon the profession of arms, and who were filled with the romance of pioneering, she was endowed with the qualities of courage, fidelity, and that ardent love of country which seemed woven into the very fibre of her being.

Feeling profoundly, working untiringly, in the World War, she sent her sons into battle with that finer spirit of courage and self abnegation that had marked the women of the Confederacy.

Truly, "the brave give birth to the brave."!

Kindly of heart, generous, cultured in the learning of the schools, and widely traveled, possessing an engaging charm and magnetism, Mrs. Foster counted her many friends, not only in her own country, but in Europe as well.

To her husband who had given her the most unfailing sympathy and aid in her many activities, and to her three children, her sons and young daughter, who so greatly mourn, the Gibson Confederate Memorial Association extends heartfelt condolences; to others of her immediate family, members of this Association, is offered the warmest, deepest sympathy and affection.

The organization will miss the inspiration of her gracious presence, the wisdom of her counsel, and the zeal which she always brought to bear upon any work undertaken.

In persons and character, vividly did she exemplify the legend:

"Noblesse Oblige."

MRS. C. D. CHENAULT, president.  
MRS. WILLIAM RODES,  
MRS. GRANT E. LILLY,  
MRS. GEORGE R. MASTIN.

## FORMER TACOMA WOMAN IS DEAD

Word was received Wednesday morning by friends of Harrison G. Foster announcing the death of his wife, Dunster Gibson Foster, at the family home, Ingleside, Lexington, Ky., on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Foster is the oldest son of the late Senator and Mrs. Addison G. Foster of Tacoma, and, with Mrs. Foster and their children, was also a resident here in years gone by.

Recently the family home has been in St. Paul, in Washington, D. C., and, during the last year, in Lexington, where the ancestral home of Mrs. Foster's people was restored. The close connection with Tacoma friends has been kept since early days, so that many here will be saddened by word of Mrs. Foster's passing.

Surviving her are her husband, two sons, Addison, in New York, and Gibson, in Lexington, and one daughter, Dunster, named for her mother.

cards beautifully engraved, have been issued:

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Morrison Byers announce the marriage of their daughter Virginia Ellen

to Dr. Frank Fowler Harris On Thursday, February eleventh Nineteen hundred twenty-six Lexington, Kentucky At Home 1715 Duncan Avenue Chattanooga, Tenn.

Begin the New Year right by using Ballard's Obelisk Flour. adv.

Mrs. Marks Hostess for Chapter Meeting

The Captain John McKinley Chapter, D. A. R., held the February meeting with Mrs. Samuel Marks at her home on South Hanover avenue, Thursday, February 11, the regular meeting having been postponed from the fourth on account of the death of Mrs. Foster.

After the usual reports were given the following delegates were elected to the state conference,

which convenes in Louisville during the month of March:

Mrs. William Rodes, by virtue of her office of regent; Mrs. Edward L. Rogers, delegate.

Alternates—Mrs. Charles Finley Jones, Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mrs. Jere L. Tarlton, Mrs. O. L. Steel, Mrs. Frank Gentry, Mrs. Samuel Marks, Mrs. Horace H. Wilson, Mrs. B. B. Wilson, Miss Varina D. Hanna, Miss Virginia Hanna,

The delegates to the National Congress in April were also elected at this time and are as follows: Mrs. William Rodes, regent; Mrs. Charles Finley Jones, delegate; alternates, Mrs. Nat Corbin, Mrs. E. L. Rogers, Miss E. Bertha Chinn, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. O. L. Steele, Miss Mildred Carter, Miss Marian Elise White, Dr. Josephine Hunt, Miss Dorothea Case, Miss Annie May Field, Mrs. William Rodes, II.

After the business session Mrs. C. F. Jones recited beautifully, "The Rising," by Thomas J. Reed, which portrayed the stirring events at the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

Those present enjoyed a social hour with the hostess, who served delicious refreshments, and was assisted by Misses Sally Marks and Lillie Davis.

The following resolutions were adopted on the death of Mrs. Harrison Gardner Foster, who passed to life eternal February 2, 1926:

"Oh happy soul! be thankful now and rest;

Heaven is a goodly Land And God is love, and those He loves are blest.

Now thou dost understand; The least thou hast is better than the best

That thou didst hope for, Now upon thine eyes, the new life opens fair.

Before thy feet the blessed journey lies

Through homelands everywhere, And Heaven to thee is all a sweet surprise."

Whereas God in His infinite mercy and wisdom has called into

His presence Elizabeth Dunster Gibson Foster, and while our hearts are sad at her passing, in the height of her glorious womanhood, we realize that our loss is her eternal gain, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That the Captain John McKinley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution has lost one of its most loyal and valued members and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family; to the local papers and be placed on the minutes of the chapter.

Thursday, February 11, 1926, Lexington, Ky.



# Social and P

## "The Right of Way"

A down life's rugged roadway  
Over the broad expanse,  
Leafing boughs are beck'ning,  
And, the clouds in their shaping  
mass  
Are leading us on our journey  
To the curve in the road perchance,  
Where earth-worn, time-spent pil-  
grims  
Have counted the milestones passed.

Eternal! Unending pathway,  
Bright flowers bloom sweet at thy  
side  
The thorn and the thistle may touch  
us  
Yet—ever in love we abide.  
With life as a great commission  
The spirit rides free to the call  
For the curve in the road gives  
shelter  
And death to us comes—not at all.

—E. D. G. Foster.

The above poem was written by Mrs. Harrison Gardner Foster, whose death last week caused such sadness in the community, and sent with a note to a friend.

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## The GREEN TREE

Opp. Kentucky

If I ever give my Sweetheart  
Only the pleasure they gave me  
to make them I will be satisfied

ing the campaign of that year. At the convention of 1919, she was elected State War Mother of Kentucky, the first in the state to receive that distinction. She received a request from Washington during the World War to organize the Navy League in Minnesota, which was done and a record of this transaction is included in the historical achievements of the state.

#### Tribute Paid in History

In the last edition of Kerr's History of Kentucky a tribute is paid to Mrs. Foster as one of Kentucky's eminent women. This tribute follows:

"Mrs. Foster is a most blended likeness of her father, the late Col. Hart Gibson and of her mother, Mary Duncan Gibson. From the one has been perpetuated in her unusual mental capacity, philosophy and ideals, while from the other the feminine qualities of grace, charm of manner, dignity, magnetism and an inspiring mother in the growth and development of her children.

"Mrs. Foster's early married life in the Far West at a time soon after Washington became a state, awakened in her that which inspired her forebearers in the development and establishment of Virginia and Kentucky. The experience of these constructive days, so far from the centers of affairs and from her native heath, and inspired by the romance of industry and pioneering, brought to her the diversified interests of the development of a new country, and in always being a student of history and political economy, together with an inborn alertness and sense of psychological insight, at once impressed her personality upon the hearts and minds of the then handful of pioneers who had migrated west and settled in or about Tacoma.

Being by natural inheritance possessed of the rare quality of leadership, gift of language and direct reasoning, she was forced to be recognized by those with whom she came in contact as an unusual woman with unusual ability. Through her sense of duty to her children and the demands for the making of a home for them and her husband, her efforts along the lines of municipal and state development were restricted, notwithstanding her opinion and advice were often solicited.

#### Was Inspiration to Others

"This experience brought to her a force, earnestness, intensity and directness which one attributes more to man. Seldom does the sense of loyalty which Mrs. Foster possesses come to woman or man, and with her convictions she has never sacrificed a principle or belief for friendships or kind thoughts. Every one who comes within her presence is inspired by her charm, grace and force of character—always ready to help those in need of spiritual enlightenment, and to add that indescribable something which encourages man or woman to attempt and to accomplish. With all this, her cultured appreciation of art and music has given her the ability to see and know the beauty of life and accomplishment, and with her personality and association, to vest in others hope and belief."

Mrs. Foster was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian church and her activities in this sphere were as intense and able as in others.

Funeral arrangements have not been made and members of the fam-

ily said last night that plans were pending the arrival of Mrs. Foster's youngest son, Capt. Addison Foster, of New York, who left his home Monday night after he was notified that his mother was stricken. Captain Foster will arrive in Lexington sometime this morning. Mrs. Richardson Gibson, a sister, and Mrs. Bartlett Arkell, a cousin, both of New York, will arrive during the afternoon.

## MRS. H. G. FOSTER DIES AFTER ILLNESS OF DAY

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to Tacoma, Washington. She cooperated with her husband and aided him in many ways in the prominent part he took in the development of the far west. She was a charter member and president of the Ladies' Musical Club of Tacoma, was one of the founders and organizers of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the state of Washington, and in that state and elsewhere has been prominent in the organization, having been a delegate to national committee and serving on state and national committees.

She was a member and historian of the Colonial Dames of Washington, a past officer in the Dixie chapter of United Daughters of Confederacy, and participated in all initial work with distinction as well as making valuable literary contributions to the organization.

#### Was Nationally Prominent

When suffrage was granted to women in Washington she served as an official of the Pierce County Women's Democratic club, and was national secretary and treasurer of the National Council of Women Voters, participating actively in two conventions at San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyo. She was vice-president at large of this organization, representing 4,000,000 women. She was elected delegate of the Third district of Washington to the National Democratic convention at St. Louis in 1916, and was one of the two women members on the notification committee to Vice-President Marshall in that year.

In Kentucky, Mrs. Foster was secretary of the Lexington chapter of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, under Miss Laura Clay, a member of the Lexington chapter of U. D. C., vice-regent of the Bryan Station chapter of the D. A. R., member of the Kentucky Colonial Dames and also the Washington chapter, and the Filson club, of Louisville.

Mrs. Foster was also an active member of the Historical Society of Kentucky and extended her ability and influence to the sphere of political activities. She was a delegate to the state Democratic convention in 1920, and a member of the state central committee dur-

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After the Lord's Prayer, led by the chaplain, Mrs. T. E. Moore, silent prayer was made, all standing in memory of this noble Christian woman. Tributes were offered her memory by Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. G. W. Muir, Miss Julia Spurr, Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Lilly and Mrs. Mastin. Again, Mrs. Roy W. McKinney, of Paducah, ex-president general, and Mrs. John L. Woodbury, of Louisville, the historian general of the U. D. C., both of whom had been associated with Mrs. Foster in patriotic work, spoke eloquently of her. It became, they said, a great and sad privilege to share in this memorial and to offer their own tributes to her honored memory, and in this first chapter in Kentucky they had known and loved many of its members. The solemn service was impressive and beautiful.

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The Stone Mountain committee reported several orders of the pamphlet, "Force or Consent," two of which came from Moline, Ill., and Greenwich, Conn., where a chapter of the U. D. C. is being formed. This being the third New England state where faithful Confederate women are forming chapters, all assistance is gladly tendered.

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## FORMER TACOMAN DIES IN KENTUCKY

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Mrs. Foster is survived by her husband, who is the son of the late Senator and Mrs. Addison G. Foster of Tacoma; two sons, Addison in New York and Gibson in Lexington, and one daughter, Dunster Foster.

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