

In Memoriam

THEODORE G. FOSTER

February 23, 1888 — October 17, 1960

Mr. Theodore (Ted) G. Foster, a member of the American Name Society since 1954, died in Lansing, Michigan, on October 17, 1960, after a long illness. Mr. Foster, who had lived in Lansing all his life, had his home at 2426 Strathmore Road. He was the son of Seymour Foster and Mary L. (Woodworth) Foster, Lansing pioneers.

Well known among Michigan's historians, Mr. Foster was an active member of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. He was a graduate of Old Lansing high school and attended Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Penna., and later attended the University of Michigan.

In 1908 he entered the employment of the Seager Engine Works, manufacturers of Olds single cylinder gasoline engines. In 1916 he helped organize the Pattengill-Foster real estate company and developed the Greencroft subdivision. He was instrumental in developing other real estate divisions in Lansing.

In 1912, he married Margaret Irene Pattengill, daughter of Henry R. Pattengill, former state superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Foster compiled an index of all Ingham County and Lansing city histories, in addition to writing many historical articles. For many years he was the author of the daily onomatological feature, "What's in a Name," carried by *The State Journal*, Lansing, Michigan. His extensive collection of material has been deposited in the Michigan State Library.

Mr. Foster has been a Sustaining Member of the American Name Society for six years, and has aided the Society in many ways beyond the call of a regular member. His encouragement and helpful suggestions have been a source of stimulation to the Society since its inception.

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