

Foscue Letters—letter 1

Frederick Foscue to his son Benjamin at the death of his wife (Eliza's mother), 23 Sept 1829.

October 21st 1829

Sir,

I received your letter dated 26th September your ____ & children ____ I commiserate with you all for but must submit to the will, of the Lord. As to bringing your two little boys Frederick and Francis, you must assuredly bring them, that day is past with me old age and often taken with a fit of the colic debilitates me from going such a journey and Nathan could not be persuaded, you Mother & myself have been quite unable the latter part of the summer & fall, but have recovered measurably, our crops here a [are] tolerable though the storm was hard in the month of august did a great damage & left all my riv is field (?)—The great failure for the want of a circulating (?) medium, make the times here truly distressing. Cotton are selling here at one & half cent in the seed & the provision of every kind in proportion but the poor still suffer.

Our old negro Jinny died last summer supposed from over drinking at well of cold water she being hot, the rest of the family are as they was—I went to the spring quarterly meeting on bachelors creek Elder Heath there informed me that you son Benj'm Foscue had forsaken his church and had joined the freewill Baptist. I shook my head by the way of unbelief he then refered me to a litter wrote by one McCalliway I informed the Whitesak meeting of it they expressed their unbelief and Daniel Smith was to write you on the subject---

Amos Foscue are married to the Eldest daughter of William Foscue and they both are on your poson (?) ?ands. Simon goes on as usual---

The Baptist association took place last week, a great assembly people I think there are a revival. I am with respect yours (flourished always?) Fredk Foscue

PS (?) perhaps you had better come early on account of the cold with them children -----

F Foscue

Sir B Foscue

Foscue Letters—letter 2

State of North Carolina

Jones County

To all men whom it may concern that Frederick Foscue of the County and State aforesaid are a respectable inhabitant of the said county of Jones and that Benjamin Foscue has passed a his son and that the negroes named in his deed—(viz) Abram Emmy Grace Lippio & Sarah were gifted to him the said Benjamin for his own emolument (?) and use not for the purpose of speculation and as the said Benjamin Foscue wishes to remove to the Allibama or some where in the Massippa Territory Therefore humbly with that the said Benjamin Foscue may pass unmolested through any Sate or Govournment in the United States

Witness our hands this 9th of October 1817

Enoch Foy JP

Durant hatch JP

North Carolina

Jones County

I certify that Enoch Foy Esq and Durant Hatch Jr Esq by whom the _____ certify is signed We are acting Justeses of the peace in and for said County at the R_____ _abs of the are said acts from ____ my hand and post of office at Trenton the 15th October 1817---

Jas Harrison CG

State of North Carolina

Jones County

I hereby certify that James Harrison Esquire, who has signed the above is the Clerk of the County Court for this County and that due respect is given the same.

“Given _____ my hand this October 13th 1817----“

Robert P _____ (Clerk of the County?)

____ for negros

F Foscue to Benjamin Foscue

Foscue Letters—letter 3

Florida

Jackson County

We the Church of Christ at Bethlehem in said County holding the doctrin of the Covenant of Grace Justification by the Righteousness of Christ Believers Baptism by Emertion, and the final Perseverence of the Saints.

Do send Greeting

Where as Brother Benjamin Foscue who is an orderly member in full fellowship with us, whom we Received by letter recommended to us as a Preacher, who we esteem as such believing that the Lord has called him to Preach the Gospel and for his incoragement we do hereby grant him all the Priveledge of a Licensed Preacher done by the order of Conference this 7th May 1825 and signed in behalf of the said Church

Miller Brady E,, El(der) ?

B Foscue License

1825

Foscue Letters---letter 4

Jos. H Bradford
Bill of Sale
Negro boy ?????
To—B. Foscue

For and in co----- of seven hundred & fifty dollars to me in hand paid the receptor wh—of—is hereby acknowledged. I have this day sold Benjamin Foscue a certain negro boy named Anderson of black complection aged about twenty years old which negro I warrant to be sound in body & mind. & the title of which I warrant and defend from me my heirs & from all and every person or persons whatever In _____ I have hereinto set my hand and seal this 18th Dec. 1845.

Jos H Bradford

Know all men by these present that for the Sum of Eight hundred and twelve dollars to me in hand paid I have this day Sold unto Benjamin Foscue a negroe woman named patt (?), and her son preston to which negroes I warrant and defend the right and title also to be sound witness my hand and seal this 24th day of January 1828

Test Samuel Fowler (?) Jos Hoffman *Seal*