Confederate Map-Maker Wilbur Foster Helped Build a City

MAJ. WILBUR FOSTER, who drew the map of the battlefield at Nashville, was one of the most famous engineers and map makers who ever lived in Nashville. He was born in Nashville as a young man and served as a supply officer during the Civil War. After the war, he became a partner in one of the leading Nashville engineering firms, Foster & Creighton.

His Work Endures

Major Foster was the right engineer for the right place at the right time. He was a master of the art of map making, a skill that was in high demand during the war. He was able to create maps that were accurate and detailed, which was essential for the military strategy of the Confederacy.

Major Foster later became a partner in the firm of Foster & Creighton, which was one of the leading engineering firms in the South. They were responsible for the design and construction of many of the largest buildings in Nashville, including the State Capitol and the Customs House.

Major Foster's craftsmen were highly skilled and worked long hours to produce the finest work. They were able to create buildings that were not only functional but also beautiful. Major Foster was known for his attention to detail and his commitment to excellence.

Major Foster died in 1922 at the age of 88. His work continues to endure, and many of the buildings he helped design are still standing today. Foster & Creighton continues to operate today under the name Foster & Creighton.

An Unreconstructed Editor

New South? Lost Cause?

Not for Cunningham!

SUMMER Archibald Cunningham had been dead just over a half century — a "intellect, Confederate soldier," yet remembered by some Middle Tennesseeans well past their three score and ten. A gentle manner, a list of falling friends, a private philosophy — these were the marks of a man who regarded his profession as a calling. The fellowship of the dead was his reward.

Perhaps the most enduring monument to Cunninghams is the association of his name with that of his countryman, Archibald McCulloch. Together, they made the world a better place.

In a little town, called... and everywhere, Cunninghams were praised with tears and songs of praise. They were the last of the line. They were the first of the line. They were the perfect man of 1861, the perfect man of 1865, the perfect man of 1867.

Mr. Cunningham died August 8, 1869. Though the exact day is not known, he had been ill for some time. He was 59 years old, and had been a bachelor for 25 years.

Born in Bedford

S. A. Cunningham

Cunningham was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, in 1810. His father was a farmer and his mother was a teacher. Cunningham was educated at the local school and, later, at the University of Nashville.

Cunningham was a member of the Confederate Army and served in the cavalry during the Civil War. In 1864, he was captured by the Union Army and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner of war.

Cunningham was a successful businessman and owned a large estate in Bedford County. He was a respected member of the community and a leader in local affairs.

The family of S. A. Cunningham was a prominent one in the area. His brother, Archibald McCulloch, was also a well-known figure in the community and was aclose friend of Cunningham's.

Never Again!

It was true in the war, perhaps it is true in the world now. The war was over, and the Southerners were left to pick up the pieces. It was sad, but it was necessary. The war had been a terrible thing, and it had to end.

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