

The vision book.

The whole family. The long view.

From our family legacy to 100 Acre Greens and a living network of places to belong.



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Benjamin Parke Foskey

Land. Legacy. Lasting impact.

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A long road. A return to our roots.

Family's Friend is a culmination of the men who came before Benjamin Parke Foskey. His paternal family story runs from North Carolina to Georgia: a judge, a farmer, a horseman, a junkman and mechanic, Papa's Children's Friend, and his dad Michael Andrew Foskey's career managing IT systems projects. Their work comes together in a new ambition: room for the whole family to be well.

Benjamin's ambition is to take Papa's dream ten times further in reach and purpose. That is a direction for the work, not a valuation, financial projection, or promise of outcomes.

**“Greatness is measured in subtleties,
be a renaissance man”**

UNCLE TONY

**The ambition is inherited. The
model still has to be earned.**

The name, the family story, the original campus picture, and the ordinary kindness that gives the work meaning belong at the heart of the institution. Let the daily details live up to that inheritance.



Family history and Uncle Tony's exact words supplied by Benjamin.

Before there was a place, there were people.

Paternal family history shared by Benjamin. Record notes follow.

NORTH CAROLINA → GEORGIA

Emory Foskey

The family story begins in the early 1800s, when Benjamin's paternal line came down from North Carolina to Georgia. Emory Foskey is remembered as a judge by trade.

A SOLDIER. A HUSBAND. A FARMER.

Richard Jacob Foskey

Emory's son went to fight in the Civil War. In the family's telling, he abandoned his post to return to his wife, then spent the rest of his life farming.

A LIFE WITH HORSES.

Benjamin Franklin Foskey Sr.

Richard Jacob's son worked with horses, carrying the family's connection to the land and practical work into another generation.

The personal accounts are family recollections. Genealogy leads have not yet been established through examination of the original records.

Work. Patience. The next generation.

Paternal family history shared by Benjamin. Record notes follow.

THE NAMESAKE. THE MECHANIC.

Benjamin Franklin Foskey Jr.

His son, Benjamin's namesake, made his living as a junkman and mechanic. He raised Frankie Dewayne Foskey, the man Benjamin would know as Papa.

PAPA. CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

Frankie Dewayne Foskey

Through years of dedication, heavy risk, patience, and a stroke of good fortune, Papa built the lasting legacy of Children's Friend Inc., a child learning center and daycare business that spread through the southeastern United States.

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The systems. The whole family.

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IT SYSTEMS. A LIFETIME OF PROJECT WORK.

Michael Andrew Foskey

Papa's son Michael Andrew, Benjamin's dad, has spent his career as a project manager in IT systems. His place in this story brings the planning and coordination of complex projects into a family line shaped by land, practical trades, and care.

THE CULMINATION. A RETURN TO OUR ROOTS.

Benjamin Parke Foskey

Family's Friend brings together the men who came before Benjamin: the judge, the farmer, the horseman, the mechanic, the builder of Children's Friend, and the IT systems project manager. It is a nod to his forebears and a return to his roots, with whole-family wellbeing as the purpose and 100 Acre Greens as the long view.

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The story & the record.

GENEALOGY LEADS

WeRelate links Emery (also spelled Emory), Richard Jacob, Benjamin Franklin Sr., and Benjamin Franklin Jr. Its profiles cite a Pulaski County marriage and census material. These are contributed research leads, not a completed proof of descent.

MILITARY HISTORY TO RECONCILE

The Richard Jacob profile describes Confederate service, departure from camp in February 1865, and the Appomattox surrender. The underlying service and pension records need review. The reason for leaving remains oral history.

DETAILS STILL TO VERIFY

The North Carolina migration, judgeship, and later trades remain family recollections. Benjamin supplied his dad's name, Michael Andrew Foskey, and career in IT systems project management. Preserve that telling without inventing dates or job details.

A DOCUMENTED CONNECTION TO EDUCATION

Middle Georgia State University lists F. Dewayne Foskey as establishing the Billy Lee Kimbrel Memorial Scholarship to honor a Coffee County educator. This offers a concrete connection between Papa's work and a wider commitment to learning.

[Read the linked family-history research notes](#)

Sources: Benjamin's family history; WeRelate profiles for Emery, Richard Jacob, and Benjamin Franklin Jr.; Middle Georgia State University scholarship register. Reviewed 01 October 2026.

A little wisdom. A little mischief.

The voices that stay with us, wherever the road goes.

**“Greatness is measured in subtleties, be a
renaissance man”**

UNCLE TONY

“Within ye your patience, possess ye your soul”

GRANMA

**“If I could give one bit of life advice, Never
trust a fart”**

DAD

Family sayings preserved in the exact wording supplied by Benjamin.

Room for the whole family to be well.

Family's Friend is a proposal for places, programs, and lasting relationships that help whole families find rest, learn useful skills, and support one another. It begins with a small experiment. It grows toward 100 Acre Greens, then a network of places shaped by the communities they serve.

Rest

Make room for sleep, time outdoors, meals without a rush, and the choice to be alone or together.

Capability

Offer practical and creative learning that can carry into life at home. Useful work should build confidence without turning rest into another performance.

Belonging

Help people build support they can return to. Family includes chosen community. Participation and personal disclosure stay voluntary.

Proposed experience principles. These describe an intended service, not demonstrated participant outcomes.

A whole-family mission. Distinct ways to take part.

FIRST CANDIDATE PATHWAY / ADULTS SEEKING REST

The current pilot concept is a restorative adult retreat, including possible leadership-team cohorts. Phase 0 must validate the first audience, the need, and who pays.

LATER PATHWAYS / FAMILY AND CHOSEN SUPPORT

Develop programs with families, caregivers, partners, friends, and participants themselves. Test the practical needs of these groups directly; an adult retreat cannot stand in for that evidence.

LATER PATHWAYS / SKILLS AND REINTEGRATION

Veteran and recovery-adjacent programs need separate design and qualified partners. Continuing community should complement the support a person already uses.

WHOLE-FAMILY REACH OVER TIME

Intergenerational participation is part of the ambition. Services for children or other dependent people are not part of the initial adult pilot and need a separately designed operating model.

No program is open for booking. All pathways beyond the initial nonclinical pilot remain to be developed.

100 Acre Greens



The original picture stays at the center.

Cottages around a common green. Gardens and a greenhouse. Horses, water, and woodland. Space for shared meals, practical learning, private rest, and family connection. The image is a design reference for the life we want to make possible.

Founder-supplied campus concept, recovered from the current website. Not an existing property or approved plan. 100 Acre Greens is the guiding concept; actual acreage, amenities, capacity, and costs require feasibility work.

Begin with people. Earn the operating model.

PHASE 0

Listen & define

Find one specific need, one first audience, and a small experience worth testing before committing to property.

Before moving on: Advance when the pilot has suitable participants, a venue and delivery team, a fully scoped budget, and decision criteria agreed before bookings. Revise the offer if interviews do not support it.

PHASE 1

Validate the first experience

Test a modest nonclinical retreat at a rented venue without treating a single good weekend as proof of the whole model.

Before moving on: Repeat, revise, or stop against the agreed learning criteria and subsidy limit. Advance only when demand and delivery quality are credible enough to test repeatability.

PHASE 2

Build the operating model

Turn founder effort into a dependable program, with a team, a sustainable cost model, and access that can be funded.

Before moving on: Advance when a team can deliver the core offer consistently and the funding model supports its full costs. Broader family services must have their own evidence and delivery design.

Proposed sequence. Gates are recommended decision rules, not evidence that any stage has been completed. Detailed owners and work products appear in Volume II.

Prove the place. Then carry the practice.

PHASE 3

Make 100 Acre Greens feasible

Translate the sacred campus vision into a specific, affordable, operable place before land and construction commitments.

Test: Can this particular place support the intended people and programs for the long term?

PHASE 4

Open & prove 100 Acre Greens

Open the first campus in useful stages and show that the whole place works through ordinary operating cycles.

Test: Does daily life here deliver the intended experience, and can the institution sustain it?

PHASE 5

Replicate with local roots

Test whether another team can create a strong local expression of Family's Friend without losing its purpose or standards.

Test: What travels well, what must change locally, and can quality survive the transfer?

PHASE 6

End Game: a living network

Serve as many people as the model can responsibly support across the United States and, potentially, abroad.

Test: Are more families being served well, and are we improving as we grow?

End Game: multiple locations across the United States and potentially abroad, subject to local validation, reliable quality, access, and sustainable operations.

Ordinary things, given time and care.



BENJAMIN'S PERSONAL ARCHIVE / 2022

A table. A walk. A song. A next step that feels possible.

The experience should not ask people to perform their vulnerability. Some will want conversation. Others will need quiet. Hosts create a reliable rhythm, invite participation, and help people choose something small they can carry home.

Personal photograph, not a Family's Friend event. The project has not yet demonstrated participant outcomes.

A place that can keep showing up.

AN OPERATING MODEL, BEFORE A PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

Paid programs may provide earned income. Sponsored or partner-funded places may widen access. Each stream needs real demand, complete costs, and a committed payer. No cross-subsidy is assumed.

A CAPABLE TEAM, BEYOND THE FOUNDER

Give program delivery, finance, participant communication, property stewardship, and quality review named owners. The institution should grow more dependable as responsibility is shared.

AN OPEN PLAYBOOK, WITH CLEAR RELATIONSHIPS

Publish the methods and lessons so others can adapt them. Define licensing, brand use, and affiliation separately. Independent adoption and a formally affiliated location are different relationships.

A SERIOUS HEALTHCARE AMBITION

Benjamin wants to challenge inefficient and ineffective systems of support. That is an ambition, not a demonstrated result. Any future clinical service or comparative outcome claim needs its own qualified delivery and evidence.

Does someone come to mind?

**Tell Benjamin what your family has been
needing – or what you would want to help
build.**

FAMILIES & FUTURE PARTICIPANTS

Describe the need in your own words. What would make support useful, accessible, and worth returning to?

FRIENDS & COLLABORATORS

Bring practical experience: hospitality, learning, operations, land, finance, family support, or partnership development.

INVESTORS & PROSPECTIVE BACKERS

Help challenge the assumptions and build the evidence. A defined funding request follows scoped costs and an appropriate structure.

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No launch date, campus capital target, or investment terms are confirmed. Read Volume II for the work ahead and Volume III for the assumptions.