

**The Foster Alexander Sondley Award** is presented to the compiler(s) of an outstanding genealogy volume pertaining to a family or families residing at some time in Western North Carolina published in the preceding three calendar years.

The award is given in honor of Foster A. Sondley attorney, historian and author of *A History of Buncombe County North Carolina*.

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**2021** – “Ray’s Story – the ELLENBURG/ELINGBURG Family” by Ray Elingberg, author and Sandy Samz, editor (2021).