The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies
1650 - 1747

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The Quaker cemetery, on the Montmellick road near Rosenallis, Queens County, Ireland. The cemetery dates to 1659. Joseph Fisher of Philadelphia was born in 1635 at Elton in Cheshire, then lived at Rosenallis before becoming a merchant in Dublin. He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1683.

The Thomas Fisher house in West Brandywine, Pennsylvania, as it looked in 2007. The oldest part, built ca 1740, is in the center, with later additions at each end.
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I. Introduction

This study includes sketches of Fisher families who are known to have come to Pennsylvania, Delaware, West New Jersey, and Maryland in the 17th and early 18th centuries. Notes concerning other early Fisher families who could have been relatives of the Fisher immigrants are also included. These studies were made during a search for the origins of Thomas Fisher, who married Elizabeth Huntley in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1713.
II. Known Fisher Immigrants

Fisher immigrants began to arrive in Lord Baltimore’s colony of Maryland as early as 1650, and in William Penn’s new colony of Pennsylvania/Delaware as early as 1682. They came as early as 1683 to West Jersey, which was for a time under the control of William Penn. All the known Fisher immigrants of these proprietary colonies were studied. Collected notes from the studies are included in this chapter.

Pennsylvania/Delaware/West Jersey

William Dollarhide, in “British Origins of American Colonists, 1629-1775,” cites statistics showing that most (but not all) of the early immigrants to Pennsylvania and Delaware had roots in the North Midland regions of England, including Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire.

The known first Fisher immigrants to Pennsylvania/Delaware were:

- **Adam Fisher** came to Kent County, Pa. (now Delaware) from Rappahannock, Va. in 1680.
- **John & Margaret Fisher** came by 1683 to Philadelphia, then settled in Sussex County (now Delaware).
- **William Fisher** came to Philadelphia from Ross, Herefordshire in 1683.
- **John Fisher** of Kingsess in Phil. Co. near Schuylkill River mouth, city lot in Philadelphia by 1683.
- **Joseph Fisher** came from Stillorgan Parish, Ire. in 1683; born in Elton, Cheshire near the Mersey River.
- **Thomas Fisher** came to Bucks County from Lancashire near Liverpool, in 1684.
- **George Fisher** came from Ireland in 1685, as a servant to Jaspar Farmer.
- **William Fisher** was in Sussex Co. as early as 1693, possible relative of John and Margaret, not proved.
- **William Fisher** was agent for Elizabeth Andross (Andrews) for land in Thornbury, Chester Co., 1696.
- **John Fisher** died in Chichester, Chester Co. Pa. in 1701.
- **Thomas Fisher** and Thomas Robinson received a land warrant in 1701, for land in Kennett, Chester Co.
- **Thomas Fisher** marr. Elizabeth Huntley, Concord MM 1713, settled on the 1701 Fisher tract in Kennett.
- **John Fisher** died in Springfield Township, Philadelphia County in 1726.

The known first Fisher immigrants to West Jersey were:

- **Denis Fisher** came from Portsmouth, Hampshire and settled in Salem Co., W. Jersey by 1683.
- **William Fisher**, Episcopal, lived in Burlington, West Jersey near the Delaware River as early as 1692.
- **John Fisher**, named as a cousin in the 1718 will of William of Burlington.

William Dollarhide cites statistics showing that most (but not all) of the early immigrants to Maryland and Virginia before 1650 came from around London, but after 1650 they came mostly from around Bristol.

The known first Fisher immigrants to Maryland were:

- **Thomas Fisher** came ca. 1650 to Baltimore County, settled in Dorchester County.
- **Dr. William Fisher** came ca. 1662, land in Cecil County, moved to Virginia.
- **Edward and William Fisher**, brothers, came to St. Marys County ca. 1678, lived in Dorchester Co.
- **Thomas Fisher** settled in Talbot County ca. 1680 and left many descendants.
Fisher Immigrants to the Philadelphia Region by 1701

1. Buckingham Township – John Fisher from Cumberland, 1700; died here in 1765.
2. Falls Township – John Fisher arrived from Pardshaw, Cumberland, 1700.
8. Marple Township – Francis & Grace Standfield from Cheshire, 1683.
12. Thornbury Township – William Fisher was agent for Elizabeth Andross land purchase here, 1696.
15. East Caln Township, Thomas Fisher died here, 1747 (In part now West Brandywine Township)
17. Kent County – Adam Fisher here by 1693.
18. Cedar Creek, Sussex County – William Fisher, wife Rebecca, here by 1693.
Irish Points of Immigration to Pennsylvania

2. Lurgan – Alice Stanfield, Quaker daughter-in-law of Thomas Fisher of Chester County, Pa. came from here, 1728.
3. Bellenisckerannel, Parish of Segoe, County Armagh -- Henry Hollingsworth was born here, 1658. He immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1683 on the same ship as Joseph Fisher. He surveyed the tract of Thomas Fisher and Thomas Robinson in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1701.
4. Donnaleong, County Down – George Harlan, Quaker, formerly of Monkwearmouth in Durham County in England, lived here before immigrating to Pennsylvania in 1682. His sons became close neighbors of Thomas Fisher of Chester County, Pennsylvania.
5. County Louth – Mary Fisher, Quaker, sister of Joseph Fisher of Stillorgan in Dublin County, married here in 1659, to William Archer.
7. County Queens (Leix), Rosenallis -- Martha Fisher, Quaker, sister of Joseph Fisher of Stillorgan in Dublin County, married here in 1665, to Robert Turner.
8. Durrow, County Kilkenny -- Thomas Paine, who witnessed the will of Thomas Fisher of Chester County in 1747, immigrated from here.
9. County Queens (Leix) – William Pim, who witnessed the will of Thomas Fisher of Chester County in 1747, immigrated from here.
10. Garanellesfeake, Cork Bay – George Fisher immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1685 with the Jaspar Farmer Family from here.
Early Fisher Immigrants to Pennsylvania and Nearby Regions

2. Cumberland, Kentmere – John Fisher, Quaker immigrant to Pennsylvania from Marsden and Clitheroe, may have been born here, the son of Nicholas Fisher.
3. Westmoreland – John Fisher, Quaker immigrant to Pennsylvania from Marsden and Clitheroe, may have been related to the Westmoreland Fishers.
4. Lancashire, Clitheroe – John and Margaret Fisher, Quakers, emigrated from near here in 1682/3 to Philadelphia, then settled in Sussex County, Delaware.
5. Lancashire, Marsden -- John and Margaret Fisher, Quakers, were members of Marsden Monthly Meeting when they emigrated from near here in 1682/3 to Philadelphia.
7. Cheshire, Elton, Thornton le Moors Parish – Joseph Fisher, Quaker, was born here in 1635, son of William and Margaret Fisher. Went to Ireland by 1659 and emigrated from there to Philadelphia in 1683.
9. Somersetshire, Horsington Parish – John Fisher from here was indentured in Bristol in 1684 for passage to Pennsylvania.
10. Hampshire, Portsmouth and Sussex, Chichester – Dennis and Susannah Fisher emigrated from here by 1683 to Salem County, West New Jersey.
11. East Yorkshire, Barmstone – John Fisher from here has been associated with John Fisher of Bucks County, Pennsylvania who immigrated in 1700. Evidence shows that this may not be right.
Adam Fisher of Rappahannock, Virginia & Kent County, Delaware

Adam Fisher was probably born at Rappahannock, near the border between Virginia and Maryland. His father died in the 1670s, leaving a widow Susannah and children Adam and Susan Fisher. Susannah married Robert Bedwell of Rappahannock, a widower with children Thomas, Robert, Henry, Mary, and Elizabeth Bedwell. About 1680, Robert and Susannah moved to Kent County, Delaware. Their first land there was on St. Jones Creek (aka Dover River). Adam Fisher first appears in the records of Kent County in 1693, when he was named in the tax census for Murder Kill Hundred. He married twice, left numerous descendants, and never left Kent County. He seems to have been a “house-carpenter” by trade, but probably farmed his land also. His family origins in Europe are unknown, but a possible relative is one Adam Fisher who married Dorothy Cutberd at Rotherham, Yorkshire on May 21, 1666. Any relationship to the other Fisher families of the “Lower Counties” of provincial Pennsylvania is unknown. The Adam Fisher family knew and interacted with the other Fishers of the region, as attested by various court records, but there is no conclusive record of kinship.

Adam Fisher appears in many court records of Kent County, and it is clear that he was a responsible and reliable citizen. He was called to jury duty on 25 different occasions between 1696 and 1706. Two of these juries, in 1702, were grand juries. Adam Fisher witnessed several wills (Patrick Word, 1697; Henry Bedwell, 1698; Joseph Smith, 1719). In 1700, he was Overseer of the Highways for Mispillion Hundred.

There are several land records which tell us more about Adam and his first wife, Susannah Freeman. In late September of 1700, Adam Fisher and Susannah his wife sold 92 acres in Kent County to Thomas Skidmore, for 26 pounds. The land was called “Fishers Delight” and was part of a tract called Dover Farmes on the southwest side of Dover River. In September of the next year, Adam and Susannah received a gift from William Freeman, 100 acres for “love, goodwill and affection given to my son in law Adam Fisher” and in “consideration of a marriage had and solemnized between him and my daughter Susanna.” The tract was part of the Freeman land called Seven Haven, on the north side of Service Branch adjoining John Robesson and John Courtney.

The death of Adam Fisher’s wife Susannah is not recorded. However, it is clear from his will of 1725 that he remarried, to Mary Molleston. Adam Fisher’s will was probated 18 May 1725, in Kent County. Named in the will were second wife Mary Molleston Fisher, sons Adams, Joseph, Molleston, and Isaac; and daughters Susannah (Edmonds) and Sarah (Morgan) (Not named was another apparent daughter, Mary Walker.) Witnesses were John Newell, John Sipple and Abraham Morriss. Of the children, Susannah (Freeman) was probably the mother of Adams, Joseph and Susannah, while Mary (Molleston) may have been the mother of Molleston, Isaac, Sarah and Mary.

Known nephews of Adam Fisher Sr. were John Killingworth, Stephen Simon, and Richard Williams. The exact relationship (to Adam or his wives) is not known. In early 1697, Adam Fisher was sued by Stephen Simons. (The rift must not have been serious, since Steven Simons left a legacy to Adam Fisher upon his death in 1708/9.)

Several records are suggestive of possible connections to other Fisher families. In 1698, Thomas Fisher (son of the immigrants John Fisher and Margaret Hindle of Sussex County) acted as attorney for Adam Fisher’s nephew Richard Williams in a land sale. Richard Williams witnessed
the will of Thomas Fisher in 1713. Richard Williams was made a ward of Adam Fisher in 1704, with the provision that the ward be taught the house-building trade and cured of his “scald head.” In 1701, James and Hercule Coutts, trading partners of James Standfield (uncle of Elizabeth Huntley Fisher, wife of Thomas Fisher of Chester County) testified in a case against John Williams concerning the death of Thomas Williams.

Adam Fisher’s widow Mary (Molleston) apparently remarried, to – Little. The will of Mary Little, probated in Kent County in 1748, names daughters Susannah Edmonds, Sarah Morgan, Mary Walker; grandson Addam Fisher; granddaughters Mary Fisher, Elinor Booth, dau of Sarah Fisher; children of John & Mary Walker; Molliston Fisher, Robert and Susannah Edmonds; executors/friends John Walker & John Fisher; witnesses William Newell, John Waller, and William Sullivins. Adam Fisher has not been found in any Quaker records. However, the reference to “friends” in the will of Mary Little hints that they were Quakers.

Source Notes:


1670s Research done by Larry Clayton, “The Bedwell Family”, posted on the internet, shows that the widower Robert Bedwell of Rappahanock, Virginia married the widow Susannah Fisher in the 1670s. He had children Thomas, Robert, Henry, Mary, and Elizabeth; she had children Adam and Susan.

Pg 134 Susan Fisher daughter in law to Robert Bedwell of Dover River in Kent County departed this Life the 28th Day of the Eighte Month 1683. (Note: This young Susan is Adam Fisher’s sister, daughter of the widow Susannah Fisher from Rappahannock Va. who married Robert Bedwell in Va.)


1696 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 96. 975.1 D488.
Oct 1697 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 101. 975.1 D488.

1696/7 Stephen Simons vs. Adam Fisher, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 109. 975.1 D488.
1697 Adam Fisher wit to Patrick Word will at Duck Creek. Calendar of Kent Co. Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. 975.1 D488.

1697 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 114. 975.1 D488.
1697 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 116. 975.1 D488.
1697 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 117. 975.1 D488.
Nov 1698 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 124. 975.1 D488.

1698 Adam Fisher wit to Henry Bedwell will. Pg. 21, Calendar of Kent Co. Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. 975.1 D488.
Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 139. 975.1 D488.
1699  Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 140. 975.1 D488.
1699  Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 141. 975.1 D488.
1699  Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 145. 975.1 D488.
1699  Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 126. 975.1 D488.
1700 Adam Fisher did in open court Acknowledge and deliver one deed for Ninety Two acres of Land more or less, for the proper use and behoof of Thomas Skidmore his heirs & Assigns for Ever. Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 169. 975.1 D488.
1700 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 181. 975.1 D488.
1701 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 183. 975.1 D488.
10 Dec 1701. Deed of Gift. William Freeman of Kent Co PA for love, goodwill and affection give to my son in law Adam Fisher of same co and in consideration of a marriage had and solemnized between him the said Adam Fisher and my dau Susanna … a tr of land called Fishers Delight being pt/o a tr of land said William Freeman now lives on called Seven Haven … n side of Service Br … to land of John Courtney … 100a. … Wit: John Clark, John Robesson. Ackn 9 Sep 1701. (F:pg 28). Kent Co. Delaware Land Records V. 2 1702-1722. B 847 Kent Del.
1702 Adam Fisher On Grand Jury. Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 224,234. 975.1 D488.
1703 Adam Fisher Administrator for Highways, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 268. 975.1 D488.
1704 Richard Williams by his petition exhibited to this Court desires that he may Chuse a guardian Which is accordingly granted And thereupon he makes Choice of Adam Fisher Who is aproved of an allowed by the Court to act as Guardian for the said Richard during his Minority he being now fifteen years of Age. He the said Adam Fisher finding and giving Sufficient Security here in Court for the due performance of the Trust reposed in him on behalfe of the said Minor According to law. Whereupon Personally Came into Court the said Adam Fisher and John Clayton and Mark Manlove and Recognized themselves. … give him the said Richard One years Schooling and learn him to work at the Trade of a house Carpenter An Shall get the said Richards scald head cured … Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 286. 975.1 D488. (Note: on Pg. 113, 117 Thomas Fisher acted as attorney for Richard Williams (father of Richard above?), 1698. Richard Williams by his Attourney Thomas Fisher did in open Court Acknowledge one deed for three hundred Acres of Land for the proper use and behoofe of John Gibb his heirs And Assignes for Ever.) (Note: See pg 29, 1720 below. Richard Wms. Was a nephew of Adam Fisher.)
1704 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 297,298,299,300,301,304,307. 975.1 D488.
1705 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 310,314,319,339. 975.1 D488.
1705/6 Adam Fisher jury duty, Court Recs of Kent Co Pa (Del) 1660-1795, pg 341. 975.1 D488.
1706 Probate of John Biles will. Wit Mary Fisher. Pg. 28, Calendar of Kent Co. Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. 975.1 D488


Jan 1708/9 Stephen Simons probate. Wife Sarah, daus Eliz, Mary, Susannah; sons Wm. & Stephen, Randall Donavon; Adam Fisher. Pg. 31, Calendar of Kent Co. Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. 975.1 D488

1719 David Smith will, wit Adam Fisher. Pg. 36, Calendar of Kent Co. Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. 975.1 D488


Early Pa. Land Records 974.8 P415 at Clayton Library, Houston TX.

1724 Adam Fisher req grant of 30 acres of Marsh on N. side of Murther Creek joining Marsh of Wm Freeman. Nath Hunn & Randal Donavan.


1734 Probate of Wm Walton. Wit Wm Fisher. Pg. 74, Calendar of Kent Co. Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. 975.1 D488


1770 Hester Brinckle, will 3 May 1770. Daus Eliz Durborrow, Hannah Fisher. Pg. 88, Calendar of Kent Co. Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. 975.1 D488

(Note: See 1730 Joseph Fisher will; his widow must have been Hester. Hannah must have been dau of Joseph & Hester. Joseph was son of Adam Fisher.)

Denis and Susannah Fisher of Hampshire & West Jersey

Dennis (Denis) Fisher was one of the earliest Fishers to arrive with the English immigrants who came to the proprietary colonies along the Delaware River. He came with his wife Susannah prior to 1683 from Portsmouth, Sussex, England. They settled in Salem County, West Jersey. Dennis Fisher purchased, in 1684, 500 acres near the Delaware on “Monmouth River” (alias Allowayes Creek). They later lived in the township of Salem, where he remained until his death.

Dennis Fisher and wife Susannah were married 18 December 1666, in a Church of England ceremony in All Saints Church, Chichester, Sussex. They settled not far from there in the parish of St. Thomas, Portsmouth in Hampshire, where Dennis was a ship’s carpenter. A son George was born there September 1, 1667. Portsmouth, which has a good harbor and is near the shipping center of Southampton, lies on the Solent channel facing the Isle of Wight.

Before January of 1683, Dennis and Susannah Fisher had emigrated to the new world, where Dennis continued to practice his shipbuilding trade, and Susannah was a midwife. Susannah Fisher was midwife in 1683 attending the birth of Robert Claypoole, son of Norton and Rachell Claypoole of Sussex County, Pennsylvania (now Delaware). It is not known if Dennis and Susannah were related to the family of John and Margaret Fisher of Sussex County, who had come from Lancashire to Philadelphia in 1682 and soon after settled near Lewes in Sussex County.

In 1684, Dennis Fisher and wife Susannah purchased 500 acres on “Monmouth River” (aka Allowayes) in Salem County, New Jersey. In January of 1691, Dennis Fisher witnessed the will of John Smith of Amwellbury, Salem County. In September of the same year, he prepared the probate inventory of Joseph Calley, “late of Boston, mariner,” which included a ship with all its rigging.

Dennis Fisher was named a Justice of Salem County (West Jersey) in 1695 and 1700.

Known descendants of Dennis and Susannah Fisher, as named in Susannah’s will of 1707, are children Henry, Elisabeth, and John; and grandchildren Susanna Fisher, Sarah Fisher, Henry Fisher, and Elisabeth Fisher.

Dennis Fisher made his will 14 February 1690/91 and died in the fall of 1700, at Salem, West Jersey. The inventory of his estate is dated 26 October of that year. He named wife Susannah and sisters Susana Young and Elizabeth Simmons. Witnesses were Jonathan Beere, William Willis, and Jonathan Worlidge. The inventory of his estate, made by Richard Johnson and John Paine, totaled L347.8 and shows that he had disposed of some of his land, with 300 acres remaining. Items included “goods lately from England” (1 watch, 1 plate tankard, 3 cups L25, 4 silver spoons L1.4, dry goods L74), artillery (pistols, guns, sword belts), and pewter dishes, brass kettles, &c. L45.6.

Susannah Fisher, wife of Dennis, made a will dated 18 November 1707 and died before 5 December 1707. She named children Henry, Elisabeth, and John, and grandchildren Susanna Fisher, Sarah Fisher, Henry Fisher, and Elisabeth Fisher. Bequests included a plantation with 300 acres, two silver spoons, two gold rings, a wedding ring, and a silver tumbler. The inventory, made by Alexander Grant, included the real estate (L70), and personal property totaling L62.10.1 (5 gold rings L4, a Bible with silver clasps, some books, i.e. Midwife’s Book of Madam Lovys,
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The Seamans Calendar, London Dispensary). Son Henry was named sole executor. Witnesses were Alexander Grant, Rebecca Ridley and Dorcas Smith.

George, son of Dennis and Sussanah Fisher, born in 1667 in Hampshire, is not mentioned in their wills and probably had died. But he was probably the one who bought a “kitchen and half a lot” in the city of Chester in 1688, the year he would have reached age 21.

Dennis Fisher may have been related to William Fisher of Sussex County, Pennsylvania (now Delaware.) The will of William Fisher Esquire of Sussex County, dated 10 December 1725 refers to Henry Fisher, a cousin. Henry Fisher of Sussex County, presumed to be Henry, son of Dennis Fisher, left a will in 1746, naming wife Dinah, sons Wood and Henry, and daughters Elisabeth Fisher and Cornelia England.

Notes —

1666 Denis Fisher mar. Susan – 18 December 1666, Chichester, All Saints, Sussex, England. IGI Batch number M040881. (From an Internet search. Chichester is a few miles east of Portsmouth, Sussex, where Dennis Fisher said he was from, south coast of England.)

1667 1 Sep 1667 George Fisher, son of Dennis & Susannah, christened at St. Thomas, Portsmouth, Hampshire. From LDS IGI, not verified.

1683 -- Some Records of Sussex County Delaware compiled by C.H. B. Turner. Swarthmore F172 S8T7 1989 pg. 111 Robert the son of Norton & Rachell Claypoole borne the 26th day of the 11th Month 1683 aboute the 11th hour at night in the presence of Elizabeth the wife of Symon Pawlin the midwife Susanna the wife of Denis ffisher & Elizabeth Thompson oure maid servant.

1684 -- 500 acres purchased by Dennis Fisher and wife Susannah “on Monmouth River” in Salem County, West Jersey. Other records pg 552/3 (1685), 600 1688, 611 1686, 640 1702. (Patents and Deeds New Jersey 1664-1703, Nelson, 974.9 P295 NJ, v21, pg 579.)


1691 Joseph Calley Will Sep 10 1691 late of Boston, Mariner. Inventory made by Dennis Fisher, Wm. Downe including “the vessel with riggings etc” pg 79 New Jersey Archives, Series 1 Vol 23. Vol. 1 Calender of Wills 1670 - 1730 974.9 N532

1700 Dennis Fisher, Justice 1700, Salem Co. Pg 80, New Jersey Gen. Data V. 1 974.9 C886

Willis, Jo’n Worlidge. Recorded October 30, 1700. New Jersey Archives Series 1, Volumes I-XLII, Series 2, Volumes I - V. New Jersey Colonial Documents pg 164

1700 Oct. 26 Inventory of the estate, L347.8, incl. 300 acres of land L80, goods lately from England (1 watch, 1 plate tankard, 3 cups L25, 4 silver spoons L1.4, dry goods) L74, artillery (pistols, guns, sword belts, pewter dishes, brass kettles, &c.) L45.6; made by Richard Johnson and John Paine. Salem Wills, Lib. 7, p. 49.

1692 Wm Penton of Allawayes Creek. Wit Dennis Fisher, Elizabeth Willis. Recorded July 4, 1692. Pg. 359 New Jersey Archives, Series 1 Vol 23. Vol. 1 Calender of Wills 1670 - 1730 974.9 N532

1695 -- Dennis Fisher appointed Justice, Salem County, West Jersey. Pg. 350a, History of Gloucester, Salem, & Cumberland Counties, New Jersey 974.9 S616

1697/8 Dennis Fisher with Wm. Penton, Jno Dickason, Jno Worlidge to Joane Braithwaite 1697-8 Jan 24. Pg 56 New Jersey Archives, Series 1 Vol 23. Vol. 1 Calender of Wills 1670 - 1730 974.9 N532

1700 -- Dennis Fisher appointed Justice, Salem County, West Jersey. Pg. 350a, History of Gloucester, Salem, & Cumberland Counties, New Jersey 974.9 S616


1706 -- Henery Fisher, Grand Jury. Pg. 328, Extracts from Court Records, “1”nd minutes to be found.” Clerks Office at Salem, Court of Sessions 17 Sep 1706.


1707 Dec. 5. Inventory of the estate (L70 real, personal L62.10.1, incl. 5 gold rings L4, a Bible with silver clasps, some books, i.e. Midwife’s Book of Madam Lovys, The Seamans Calendar, London Dispensary); made by Alexander Grant.


There is a note in Salem MM records, “Monmouth River” was Allowayes Creek.
John and Sarah Fisher of Kingsess in Philadelphia County

In his will of 1724/1725, John Fisher of Kingsess named a wife Sarah and children John, James, Martha, and Sarah.

James, younger son of John and Sarah Fisher of Kingsess, died unmarried in 1729. John Fisher, eldest son of John and Sarah, was one of the administrators for his brother James.

The daughter Sarah married first Joseph Taylor in 1716 (who died in 1720) and had a daughter Hannah; and second John Thomas by whom she had a son William Thomas. Martha married Benjamin Bonsall in 1712 and had children Richard, John and Sarah.

John Fisher of Kingsess may be the one who obtained a land warrant in 1682 for 250 acres of head land on the Shulkill, in right of his immigration with a wife, one son, and two servants. This warrant is sometimes attributed to John Fisher who settled in Lewes, Delaware.

John Fisher of Kingsess had an estate on the south side of the Schukkill River near its confluence with the Delaware River, being near the present site of the Philadelphia airport. In his will, he also described a city lot in Philadelphia between Front and Dock Streets, bounded by Kirl and Shippen. He also mentioned property across the Delaware, in Gloucester County in West New Jersey.

Notes:

LDS Film 1006501 Pa Warrants D80.

Records of the Courts of Chester County Pa. 1681-1679, V. 1 974.8 C525 Pa.
Coroner’s Inquest 5 of 8 mo. 1698 Wee of the Coroners Inquest doe finde that this subject of the Kings John Barnstill of New Castle was turned out of a ferry boate by a suddaine Gust of Wind upon the 23d day of the 7th mo. 1698 agoeing from Chester to Philadelphia … (John Fisher member of coronors jury.)

Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Quakers, Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol. 2
1716, 2, 12 Sarah, dt John Fisher, Phila., Pa., m Joseph Taylor, Phila., Pa., at Phila. MH.
Amerous Fisher, s John & Sarah bur 2-2-1696
Sarah Fisher d 7-1-1748. John Fisher, so John m Mary Hodge Phil MH 1728,3,30

Philadelphia Wills

Records of Christ Church, Philadelphia
Will of John Fisher of Kingsess, Philadelphia County
LDS Film 0021722, Philadelphia County Wills
D-347 November 5, 1724; September 28 1725.

Be it remembered That I John Fisher of the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pensilvania Smith being infirm in body But of sound Mind and Memory Blessed be God for the Same & all other his Favours And being mindful of my Mortality do make & declare my last Will Testamnt in Manner following That is to say First my Will is That all my just Debts & funeral Charges be paid And I nominate my dear & loving Wife Sarah to be the Executrix of this my last Will & Testamnt. And I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Martha The Sum of Sixty Pounds And unto her Three Children vis. Richard John & Sarah Twenty pounds apiece And I give unto my Grand-Daughter Hannah Taylor Twenty five pounds And to my Grandson William Thomas Twenty pounds concerning which Legacies of my Sd. Five Grandchildren my Mind & Will is and I do hereby devise That my Sd. Executrix shall have them to bind out the Grand Children or any of them to Trades or to put out at Interest upon such securities as she my Sd. Wife shall think fit for the benefit & at the usage of the Legatees thereof respectively And so from time to Time till they come of age respectively or if she my Sd Wife Sarah think fit She may pay these Legacies of the Grand Children or any of them to their Parents respectively Whose Receipts in that Case Shall be Sufficient Discharges to my Executrix And I release my Son in Law John Thomas & Sarah his Wife of all they are indebted unto me on Bond or otherwise. And as for & concerning my Island in Delaware River divided from Samuel Carpenters Island or Land at Kingsess in the County of Philadelphia in the Sd Province By Eagle Creek With its Appurtenances and all my Cattle and live Stock there with all my Household Goods Utensils & Negroe upon or belonging to my Sd Island and my Negro Man Bristow I give devise & bequeath the same Island Cattle Live Stock Household Goods Utensals to my Sd Son in Law John Thomas trusty Friend Charles Brockden of Philadelphia aforesd Gent To hold to them the Sd John Thomas Charles Brockden their Heirs & Assigns In Trust only and for the performance of my Will And it is my Will That my Sd Wife Sarah shall hold & enjoy the same Island & premises so devised in Trust For & during the Term of her natural Life She keeping the Banks and Ditches & the Buildings & Improvements thereof in good Order & Repair. And my further Mind & Will is That from & after the Determination of that Estate for Life of my Sd Wife, Then that my Son John shall hold & enjoy the same Island Negro Goods & Chattles to him & his Heirs in Fee Simple absolutely without any Condition or Limitation. And I give & bequeath unto my Son James the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds to be paid him when he comes of the Age of Twenty one years And as for & concerning my Lot in Front Street in Philadelphia aforesd It is bounded Southward with Joseph Shippens Northward with Kirles Estward with Sd Street & Westward with Dock Street With the Several Messuages or Tenemts thereon and the priviledges & Appurtenances thereto I give and devise the same unto them the Sd John Thomas and Charles Brockden To hold to them their Heirs and Assigns In Trust only and for the performance of my Will And it is my Will that my Sd Wife Sarah shall also hold & enjoy the same Lot Messuages & Tenemts For & during all the Term of her natural Life She keeping the Buildings in Repair And my further Will and Mind is That from & after the Determination of that Estate for Life of my Sd Wife Then that my Son James shall hold & enjoy the Same Lot Messuages & Tenemts to him & his Heirs in Fee Simple absolutely without any Condition or Limitation And I give & devise unto him my Sd Son James & to his Heirs & Assigns for ever All that my Plantation & Land at Great Mantak Creek in Gloucester County in West New Jersey The Quantity about Two hundred Acres With the Appurtenances And as for & concerning All the Rest & Residue of my Messuages Lands Tenemts & Hereditamts whatsoever or wheresoever Other than the before promised I give & devise the Same unto my Sd dear & loving Wife Sarah her Heirs & Assigns for ever And I give & bequeath unto her the Sd Sarah All the Rest & Residue of my Goods & Chattles not herein before mentioned to be at her own Disposal absolutely And I desire them the Sd John Thomas & Charles Brockden to advise & assist my Sd Executrix And I revoke all other Wills and declare this only to be my last Will & Testamnt. In Witness whereof I the Sd John Fisher have hereunto set my hand & Seal Dated the Fifth day of November In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Four.

The Mark of John (F) Fisher  (Seal) Signed Seal'd publish'd & declared by the Sd John Fisher the Testator for & as his last Will & Testamnt in the presence of Us Who have hereunto subscribed our Names in the presence of the Sd Testator Samill Powell  Charles Brockden Jo: Watson Philada 28th September 1725.

Then personally appeared Charles Brockden & Joseph Watson two of the Witnesses to the within written Will And upon their Solemn Affirmations according to Law did declare they saw & heard John Fisher the Testator therein named Sign Seal publish & declare the Same to be his Last Will & Testamnt And that at the Doing thereof he was of sound Mind Memory and Under Standing to the best of their knowledge Coram Moore Register Be it remembered that on the 28th day of Septbr 1725 the Last Will and Testament of John Fisher deed was proved in due form of Law and probate & Letters Testamentary were Granted unto Sarah Fisher Sole Executrix therein named being first Solemnly affirmed well and truly to administer the Sd decds Estate and bring an Inventory thereof into the Register General’s Office at Philadelphia at or before the 28th day of Octbr And also to render an Accot when thereunto Lawfull required Given under the seal of the said Office. (Seal) Moore Register.

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Bond of Administration for James Fisher of Kingsess (Son of John Fisher of Kingsess)
Philadelphia Register of Wills, 182 City Hall 19107
Book C-138 (#14) Administration Bond of John Fisher et al on the Estate of James Fisher Dated 14 Oct 1729

Know all Men by these presents That We John Fisher of Philada Yeoman Knight Lodge(Hodge?) of Philada Sadler & Enoch Flower of Philada Cutler are held & firmly bound unto Peter Evans Reg: Genll for the probate of Wills & Granting Ltres of Administration in & for the Province of Pensilvania & in the Sum of One Thousand pounds Lawfull Money of the said Province to be paid to the said Reg Genll his certain Attys Executors admrs or Assigns To the which paymt well & truly to be made we bind our selves Jointly & Severally for & in the whole our Heirs Exctrs Assigns firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals & Dated the fourteenth Day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Nine.

The Condition of this Obligation is Such That if the above bound John Fisher Admr of all & Singular the Goods Chattells Rights & Creditts of James Fisher Decd do make or Cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular the Goods Chattells Rights & Creditts of the Sd Decd which have & shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the Sd John Fisher or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him & the same so made do Exhibit or Cause to be Exhibeted into the Reg Genlls Office at Philada at or before the fourteenth Day of November next And the same Goods & Chattells which were of the said Decsd at the Time of his Death or which at any Time after shall Come to the hands or possession of the said John Fisher or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well & truly Administer according to Law And further do make or Cause to be made a true & Just Acct of the said Admn at or before the fifteenth Day of October Anno Dom 1730. And all the Rest & Residue of the said goods Chattells Rights & Creditts which shall be found remaining upon the Sd Admr Acct the same being ffirst Examined & allowed of by the Orphan Court of the County of philada shall deliver & pay to such person or persons respectively as the said Court by its Desire or (   ) shall Limit & Appoint And if it shall hereafter appear that any Last Will & Testament was made by the said Decsd & the Exectr Exctrs therein named do Exhibit the same unto the Said Office making request to have it allowed & Approved of Accordingly if the SD John Fisher being thereunto requested do render & Deliver up the said Ltrs of Admn Approbation of such Testam being ffirst had & made in the Sd Office then this Obligation to be Void or else to remain in full force & Virture. Sealed & Delivered in the presense of Joshua King.

Signed John Fisher, Knight Hodge, Enoch Flower.


First Families of Chester County, Pa. Vol. 1, Launey. Pg. 16 Benjamin Bonsall of Kingsess, Phil. Co., yeoman, son of Richard & Mary Bonsall of Darby, was b. 3rd of 11th mo. 1687 at Darby Twp, d. 6th of 1st mo. 1752 in Kingsess Twp. Benjamin m. 1st on 27 Nov 1712 in Kingsess Twp, Martha Fisher, dau. of John and Sarah Fisher of Philadelphia. He m. 2nd on 8th of 4th mo. 1737 Elizabeth (Serase) Horne of Darby, widow of Edward Horne of Phil., formerly of Sussex, England. Pg. 17 William Horne was brother in law of Joseph Bonsall… (Note: William Horne was 2nd husband of Elizabeth (Standfield) (Hope) Horne, aunt of Elizabeth (Huntley) Fisher.
John and Margaret Fisher of Philadelphia and Delaware

John and Margaret (Hindle) Fisher have been studied thoroughly. Many of the sources for their family records (and secondary studies) are given in the notes following this summary. It should be noted that the availability of primary records has improved greatly since some of the early studies of this family were published, and with sufficient attention a greatly improved picture of their lives and ancestry could probably be developed.

It has been claimed that John and Margaret Fisher came from Clitheroe in Lancashire, immigrating to Pennsylvania aboard the “Welcome” with William Penn on his first voyage to America in 1682. Their marriage record has never been found, either in the Quaker records or in the parish records of England. Margaret is generally assumed to be a daughter of Bryan Hindle and sister of John Hindle, although this is an assumption based upon her son Thomas Fisher’s will, which mentions his Uncle John Hindle, son of Bryan.

The Fishers were among the original purchasers of proprietary land from William Penn. John Fisher was a glazier (and possibly ship-builder) from Clitheroe, Lancashire, England. Old land surveys show two of John Fisher’s town lots in the city of Philadelphia. John served on a Philadelphia jury in 1683 (which unfortunately convicted Margaret Matson as a witch). He appears in the Quaker records of Philadelphia. But he had some sort of falling-out with the Philadelphia Quakers, and soon moved about a hundred miles southward, to his land grant in Sussex County which he had obtained from William Penn in 1682. The estates were called “Fisher’s Island” (actually a marshy area on the mainland). The Fishers were located on the south side of the mouth of Broad Creek, on the Atlantic coast. The family later had additional holdings in Kent County.

Six children of John and Margaret Fisher are mentioned in John’s will, probated at Georgetown, Sussex County, in 1685. The will names eldest son Thomas and other sons John and James; daughters Rachell, Sarah, Allis (youngest) and Annie Adkins (wife of Samuel). The will also mentions Thomas Scott. Executors were son Thomas and wife Margaret. Witnesses were William Emmott, Richard Coore and Anna Dougdull. Thomas was probably close to age 30 when he married Margery Maud in 1692. Known children of Thomas are Jabez, Joshua, James, Margaret, Elizabeth, Margery and Esther. John married Elizabeth --; their known children are John, James, William, and Ann. James had a wife Katherine and daughter Sarah, and probably had other heirs. Of the immigrant daughters, we know that Ann (Annie) married Samuel Adkins, a glover and merchant of Philadelphia. We know nothing of the other daughters, except that they “died young.” Samuel Atkins has been reported to be the one in London who was secretary to the famous diary author Samuel Pepys.

An anonymous manuscript in the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society claims a lineage for John Fisher in Lancashire and Westmoreland, proposing that John was the second son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Brockholes) Fisher, born in 1646 in Kentmere, Lancashire.

Notes:

LDS IGI
Possible relative of Margaret (Hindle) Fisher of Sussex Co. Delaware: Bryan Hindle b. 1675, Kirkby Overblow, North Yorkshire, England (35 miles ENE of Clitheroe, Lancashire.)

LDS Film 1006501 Pa Warrants and Surveys.
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D80-276 John Fisher’s return of survey, Radnor 300a.
D80-278 John Fisher Radnor 300a Survey.

LDS Film 0986897 Pa. Old Rights Index
Fish, John Warrant 250a Apr 12 1683 D80 274.
Fisher, John Draft 300a Mar 24 1684 D80 275 (Prob. NE Corner of Radnor Twp, Chester Co. near Schulkyl)
Fisher, John Draft 300a – D80 277

LDS Film 03848350 Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Minutes.
Pg. 11 6, 9 mo 1683. Agreed mutually and concluded by the parties proposed, and here subscribed, that each of them will provide a form of 14 feet long, for the service of friends in the Meeting House, Viz. Thomas Holmes, Thomas Wynne, John Songhurst, Benjamin Chambers, Charles Pickering, John Day, John Parsons, John Fisher, John Goodson, Edward Roose.
Pg. 34 Quarterly Meeting the first of the fourth month, 1683. Barnabus Willcox complaining of this meeting that John Fisher had greatly abused him with bad words and names. The meeting appointed Thomas Fitzwater, John Songhurst & James Claypoole to speak with him about the same, and to bring his answer to next meeting, and if possible to persuade him to give Barnabus satisfaction.
Pg. 36 At our Quarterly Meeting the twelfth of the seventh month 1685. The difference between Barnabus Wilcox and John Fisher being again mentioned John Moon and John Goodman are appointed to write to William Clark and other friends below, respecting said Fisher. (Note: “Below” meant Delaware, in this case Sussex County.)

A study of the Fishers of Sussex County, Delaware (originally annexed to Pennsylvania) revealed some indirect associations with the Fishers of Chester County, Pennsylvania, but did not prove that the Fishers of those two counties were related. Some of the findings are included here.

LDS FHL Film 006625, Sussex County Land Records
This film contains informative deeds in reference to the children of John and Margaret Fisher, including mention of James Fisher’s decease, his wife Catharine and daughter Sarah. See “Descendants and Ancestors of Cephas Fisher of Henry County, Iowa” by J. L. Fisher.

LDS FHL Film 567014

James Standfield, uncle of Elizabeth (Huntley) Fisher of Chester County, is believed to have learned the merchant trade in Philadelphia, as an apprentice for a time to Samuel Atkins, who married Annie, daughter of John and Margaret Fisher. Although the original Standfield estate was in Marple, Chester County, James Standfield moved into John Fisher’s original house on the riverbank in Philadelphia. The house was sold 30 April 1686 by John Fisher’s executors (wife Margaret and son Thomas) to Samuel Atkins. The house was a timbered cave built into the cliffs, near the Standfield water lot where the Standfield’s brigantine (the “Betsy”) was berthed. James Standfield’s estate account, after his death in 1699, mentioned a part ownership in Samuel Atkin’s house, and payment to the doctor who attended the deceased in the Atkins house. Francis Chad, who married Grace Standfield (aunt of Elizabeth Huntley Fisher of Chester County) was executor. Francis liquidated James Standfield’s large land tract in Sussex County, Delaware (then part of Pennsylvania), by selling it to John and William Fisher of Sussex County. This John Fisher was the son of John and Margaret Fisher. William was a suspected son or relative of John and Margaret who was not mentioned in John Fisher’s 1685 will, but the records indicate an obvious family connection of some sort.

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LDS Film 567014 Notes on Immigrants to Pa. 1681 - 1737, compiled by Albert G. Myers.
At Marsden MM Lancashire 3M 15 1684 A collection to be --- for ye sending two children of John Fisher to Pennsylvania. Friends of Sawley M to write to friends with – they are to go in name of the meeting.

Quaker Family History Society (Great Britain) web site, Lancashire.
Marsden Monthly Meeting was at Little Marsden, 1 ½ miles SW of Colne. Still at that location, now 21 Walverden Rd., Brierfield, BB9 0PJ.

Web site, Holgate family. – Holgate came to Philadelphia from Marsden MM in Lancashire.

Pennsylvania Warrants & Surveys
By warrant dated 21 of 1st mo. 1683, surveyed 28 of 1 mo. 1683, to John Fisher, purchaser of 250 acres, bounded on north by Walnut Street, west by Robert Holgate, east by 3rd Street, No. 115
Thomas Holme 4m 5, 1684 Phila. By warrant from Wm. Penn 1m 21, 1683 to John Fisher purchaser of 250 a. N. Walnut St. Widd. Fisher 7m 27 1688
By virtue of a warrant 2 of 5 mo. 1683, surveyed 14 of 5 mo. 1683, lot in city, bounded north by Walnut Street, east by Robert Holgate, Edmund Cartlidge declared on 10, 7 mo. 1683, that he sold to John Fisher. Recorded 3, 3 mo. 1688. Edmund Cartlidge’s (Cartlidge) deed granting his Phil. Lots to John Fisher dated Phi. 7m Sep. 10, 1683.
Patent Radnor Twp. 1688 8m 24 to John Fisher’s Executors 300 a. – plate 13 part of Radnor shows draft of John Fisher’s land on n.e. corner of Radnor twp. Next Tredyffrin Twp. 300 a. sur. 3m 24 1684.

LDS IGI
James Fisher b. 18 Sep 1670, Clitheroe. (Note: Unable to verify this in parish records or Quaker records.)
Possible descendant of the Hindles: Bryan Hindle b. 1675, Kirkby Overblow, Yorkshire, England (35 miles WNW of Clitheroe in N. Yorkshire) (Note: No search was made to verify.)

Genealogy of the Fisher Family, 1682 to 1896, Anna Wharton Smith, Philadelphia 1896. LDS Film 006410. (Extensive account of descendants of John Fisher and Margaret Hindle, mostly from Thomas line)
An Account of the Fisher and Logan Families, William Logan Fisher, Wakefield (1839). LDS Film 1561672. (Early family notes about John Fisher and descendants)
A Fisher Family of Chester County Pa., B. F. Cummings, 1898. LDS Film 1033648.
Our Family Ancestors, Thoms M. Potts, Canonsburg Pa. 1895 (LDS Film 962253)

Samuel Atkins vs. John Fisher Phila. Court Docket 1685 John Fisher represented by his son Thomas Fisher. Charles Pickering asked for a continuance until the next term of court in order that John Fisher might be present. S. W. Pennypacker Pa. Colonial Cases (Phl. 1892) 75-76.

Thomas Gilpin (1776-1853) ms in his own hand.
“ by a memorandum of his grandson Joshua Fisher it would appear that John Fisher the emigrant removed from Clithero in Lancashire, England and came to America in the ship Welcome with arrival at Phil. On 24 Oct. 1682.” But a search made by Joshua Francis Fisher at the north of England for the paternity of the family he concluded that the ancestor could not have come from Clithero in Lancashire, because there were no persons of the name of Fisher resident there – nor had there been for many years preceeding the settlement of Pennsylvania.
Anonymous manuscript in Pa. Gen. Soc. (LDS Film 0565685) Summary of the manuscript, which contains much more: John Fisher and wife came to Pennsylvania in 1682 from Clitheroe, a parish in North Lancashire, 15 miles from Garstang, 20 miles from Lancaster, and about 25 miles from Kendal, Westmoreland. Alexander Fisher represented Clitheroe in parliament in 1585. The seat of the Hindley family was at Hindley, now a parish, but formerly a chapelry of Garstang. Earliest was Henry Fisher of Kendal, reign of Henry VIII. Son Nicholas of Kendal bought manor of Kentmere, 1626. Sons Henry, Edward, Nicholas. John Fisher, second son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Brockholes) Fisher, b. 1646, aged 18 years 1664. M. ca 1667 Margaret Hindley, dau of Bryan, granddau of John Hindley of Clitheroe. John Fisher and John Hindley were admitted to Queen’s College on the same day, Foster’s Grays Inn Register.

Excerpt from the manuscript:

John Fisher, second son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Brockholes) Fisher, b. 1646, aged 18 years 1664, d. 1685/6. M. circa 1667, Margaret Hindle or Hindley, daughter of Bryan Hindle and granddaughter of John Hindley of Clitheroe (Thomas Fisher’s will). He was the American pioneer. In Foster’s Grays Inn Register, John Fisher’s name appears as a student in Queen’s College and John Hindley was admitted on the same date. John Fisher purchased in England 500 acres of land, as appears from a deed recorded in Philadelphia Deed Book E2, p. 12, dated 7/19/1683. When the family arrived they made their home in a cave on the bank of the river Delaware. These so-called caves were excavations made in the hill sides and lined with logs and afforded an excellent protection from the severe cold of the winter.


September 2, 1684, John Fisher bought from Thomas Wynne a property in Philadelphia, which his widow Margaret and son Thomas, executors of his will, conveyed to Samuel Atkins of Philadelphia, glover, in consideration of love and affection, described as “a certain house or cave in the bank of the river Delaware.”

April 14, 1686, Margaret and Thomas Fisher, executors of John Fisher, sold to Samuel Atkins for L10, a lot on the north side of Walnut St. 40 x 250 ft. with messuage. (Deed Book E 1, p. 224)

3/26/1688, same grantors conveyed to Charles Pickering of Philadelphia in consideration L45, a tract of 300 acres and three lots on the north side of Walnut Street which John Fisher had purchased May 10, 1683, from E. Cartlidge.

In 1685, John Fisher and Richard Core purchased of Henry Stretcher, 400 acres called Millburne on the east side of Mill Creek.

3/5/1686, John Fisher, late of the County of Sussex, Pennsylvania, purchased of Rodger Gum, Five hundred acres called Twiver, both these deeds are recorded at Georgetown, Del. He finally settled on the south side of the Broadkill near Lewistown.

John Fisher’s Will

In the name of God Amen. I John ffisher of Sussex County in the Territories of Pensilvania, Being sick and weake but of sound and perfect memory, have here In this my last Will and Testament given and bequeathed all my worldly estate as followeth:

Imprimis. I give unto Thomas Scott fifty acres of land out of that dividend of land which I bought of Roger Gum in Sussex County Allways provided the said Scott doe com to live upon it himself but not to dispose of it or sell it to any person.

I give unto my well bloved wife Margrett ffisher, one third part of my moveable Estate as goods, chattells, debts, in what Nature Soe ever and also one third part of all my lands houses & tenements during her life, but the said third part not to be taken out of my Estate untill my younger daughter Alis com at age. I give unto my eldest som John ffisher, three hundred acres of land lying behind the ScooleKill near Philadelphia and to his heires and assigns for ever, but not to be sold until my youngest daughter Allis come of age, except my wife Margrett ffisher and my son Thomas both see it convenient, she having her third part in it during her life. I give and bequeath unto my three sons Thomas, John and James Fisher their
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heires and Assignes forever Seven hundred acres of land lying in Sussex County, their mother’s third excepted, during her life, but not to be equally shared until my youngest daughter Alis comes at age, the said Seven hundred acres of land lying as followeth, viz. Five hundred acres of land that I bought of Roger Gum and two hundred acres out of that dividend of land that I bought of Henry Stretcher. I give and bequeath unto my children viz: Thomas, John and James ffisher, Rachel, Sarah and Alis ffisher their heires and Assignes forever, the other two thirds parts of my moveable estate as goods, chattels, servants, debts, houses in Philadelphia, lots or other tenements not already given and to be equally shared amongst these six children, the daughters to have as good a share as the sons but not to be shared nor divided until my youngest daughter Alis ffisher come at age. I give unto my daughter Annie the wife of Samuell Adkins five shillings within one year after my decease but if my daughter Annie should come to want or poverty or other wayses constrained by the unkindness of her husband, so that she come to want that then it is my will she shall have a maintainence amongst the rest. Lastly I ordaine constitute and appoint my beloved wife Margrett ffisher and my eldest son Thomas ffisher to be my Executrix and Executor jointly to adminster of all & singular of this my estate And to dispose thereof according as it is expressed in this my last will & testament and also to take care of the rest of my children untill they com to lawful age and that neither my wife nor my son Thomas shall at any time act or doe anything touching the managing of this my estate without the joint consent of both if it please God that they both live untill the expiration and finishing thereof as witness my hand and seal this sixth day of the twelfth month one thousand six hundred eighty five. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us Wm Emmett, Richard (mark R C ) Coore, Ann (mark ?) Dougdull. (Probate Reg. Sussex County, p. 95). Signed John ffisher (Seal). Letters Testamentary were granted to Margrett ffisher and Thomas ffisher by Wm. Clark, deputy register of the counties of Sussex and Kent 2/30/1686.

Will of Thomas Fisher of Sussex County, Delaware, son of John and Margaret Fisher of Lewes:

In the name of God Amen, the seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirteen, I Thomas Fisher of Sussex County upon Delaware being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be therefor to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death, when it shall please God to call, do make constitute and ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, Revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testamt and Testamts Will and Wills heretofore by me made and declared, either by word or writing and this is to be taken only for my last Will and testamt and none other.

First I give and Committ my Soul unto Almighty God my Savior and Redeemer and now for the settling of my temporall estate and such goods Chattles, Lands and debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order give and dispose the same in manner and form following (that is to say) First I will that all those debts as I owe to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well truly paid.

Item – I give and bequeath to my son Jabez Maud Fisher his heirs and assigns forever the Plantation whereon I now live called Island with fifty acres of marsh land one hundred and ninety one acres of land situate adjoining to the land of Eliz. Hill William Fisher and Cornelius Wiltbank in the Broad Creek Neck, also one hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining to the above land called by the name of Brights Island. Item – I give and bequeath to my son Joshua Fisher his heirs and assigns forever Three Hundred acres of land with a plantation thereon lying and being between the land that John Fisher now lives on and the land of Baptist Newcomb, called by the name of Swan Hill, also five hundred acres of land, being part of a tract of one thousand acres took up by Alexander Mollison of John Kipshaven lying on the Cold Spring at the head of Long Branch, as by the deed and Patents thereof may more largely appear. Item – I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Fisher her heirs and assigns forever Five Hundred acres of land in Kent County upon Delaware being part of a tract of Two thousand acres called Millford, the which five hundred acres I purchased of David Roe. Item – I give and bequeath to my two daughters Margery and Hester Fisher and to the survivors of them, their heirs and assigns forever that piece of land in quantity Thirty nine acres, being parts of two tracts adjoining to the lands of Samuel Rowland and fronting the Creek of Lewistown as may by the deeds and Patents more at large appear. I likewise give unto my daughters one negro girl called Hannah.
Item – I give and bequeath unto my sons and Daughters, that House Land and appurtenances which was left to me by my uncle John Hindle the son of Brayan Hindle of Cletheroh to be equally divided between them their heirs and assigns, excepting my loving wife Margery Fisher her Thirds therein, whom I give full power, as if I were personally present to imploy attorney or attorneys one or more under her as is lawfull for the division of the said House Land and appurtenances for the use of aforesaid.

Item – I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Fisher her heirs and assigns forever all and Singular those Horses, Mares and Cattle that are known as hers and marked with her own mark.

Item – I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Fisher her heirs and assigns forever all those Cattle that I have running on my plantation now in tenancy of John Symms, together with their increase.

Item – I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margery Fisher her heirs and assigns forever, four cows and a young mare an a young horse which came of a Sorrall mare that is now lost, to run here with their increase.

Item – I give and bequeath unto my dughter Elizabeth Fisher her heirs and assigns forever one negro girl called Doll, after my wives decease.

Item – I give and bequeath unto my son James Fisher his heirs and assigns forever That House and Lotts in the Second Street of the town of Lewis between the Lotts of Jacob Kollock and the Heir of Isaac Coggeshall.

Item – I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margret Fisher and her heirs and assigns forever one Bond due unto me from Edward Williams of Philadelphia, butcher, for Sixteen pounds.

Item – My Will and meaning is that my loving wife Margery Fisher shall hold and enjoy all and singular the Lands before herein by me bequeathed during her life, without impeachmt of waste, except that five hundred acres of land in Kent County which I give my daughter Margery provided that when my children comes to age that they shall be admitted to seats on some part of their respective Land, without molestation of their mother.

Item – I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate in what nature or kind soever it be unto my well beloved wife Margery Fisher, whom I also by these presents constitute and appoint the whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness and conformation hereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seal the day and year first within written.

John and Katharine Fisher of Springfield and Upper Dublin Township

This John Fisher resided in Springfield Township, Philadelphia County, at the time of his death between 8 December 1716 and 30 January 1717. His will named a wife Katharine; eldest son John; youngest son Joseph (under age 21); eldest daughter Mary Regan, wife of Richard Regan; and youngest daughter Sarah Fisher. He left 200 acres in Upper Dublin Township, purchased from Nicholas Scull who also witnessed the will, and a plantation on Sandy Run, which is near the line between Springfield and Upper Dublin Townships. Edward Farmer was an overseer and William Harmer was one of the executors.

The association of John Fisher, Nicholas Scull, William Harmer and Edward Farmer in Upper Dublin Township suggests that this John was probably one of the English-Irish Fishers. Joseph Fisher, Jaspar Farmer and son Edward, Nicholas Scull, and Robert Turner all came from Ireland and all were connected by marriages.

Joseph Fisher, merchant and Robert Turner, draper, came from Dublin, Ireland in 1683, and purchased 5000 acres each, adjoining in Upper Dublin Township, Philadelphia County. Nicholas Scull, original owner of John Fisher’s 200 acres in Upper Dublin Township, came from Cork in Ireland in 1685 aboard the “Bristol Merchant,” a fellow passenger of George Fisher who was bonded to the Farmer family of Cork. Alice Scull was a sister or sister-in-law of Major Jaspar Farmer, who died in Philadelphia in 1685. Martha Fisher, sister of Joseph, married Robert Turner. Joseph Fisher Jr. was apparently married to Mary Farmer. William Harmer, joint executor to John Fisher’s will (with Katharine Fisher), was a neighbor of Robert Turner, brother-in-law and business partner of Joseph Fisher. Joseph Fisher, George Fisher, and Edward Farmer were all named in the will of Thomas Terwood in 1696.

John Fisher Jr. was probably the one who married Ann Harmer, daughter of George and Honour Harmer, in 1731. She was disowned for marrying out of unity, which may have meant that John was no longer a Quaker or he was her cousin. There was another John and Katharine Fisher of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting who may have been relatives. They were parents of a minor son George, buried in 1731. She died in 1744.

Springfield Township in Philadelphia County should not be confused with Springfield Township in Chester County.

Notes:

See the Thomas Holme land map, 1681/2, Philadelphia County.

LDS IGI File: Nicholas Scull, wife Mary, Cork, Ireland. (Source not checked.)

Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, V2 Philadelphia Monthly Meeting
LDS Film 0384851 Philadelphia MM Minutes Vol. 3 1730-1785
Pg. 10 27 of 6 mo. 1731. Ann Fisher, daughter of George & Honour Farmer (Harmer?) of Philadelphia with John Fisher her present husband, we testify against the said Ann Fisher…
History of Chester County, Futhey and Cope. Nicholas Scull came to Philadelphia aboard the “Bristol Merchant,” 1685, bringing a number of servants. Most of the passengers were from Ireland. Also on the
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ship, the Farmer family (of Cork), George Fisher (servant to the Farmers), Henry Hollingsworth, Jonathan Thatcher etc.

LDS Film 0021722   Philadelphia County Wills D-86   John Fisher of Springfield
Signed 8 Dec 1716   Proved Jan 30, 1716/17.

In the Name of God Amen ye eighth day of December in ye Year of our Lord 1716. I John ffisher of Springfield in the County of Philadelphia in ye Province of Pensilvania Yeoman being very Sick and Weak of Body but of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be Given to God therefore And knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Dye, I draft and Ordain this my Last Will and Testamt. That is to Say principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my soul unto ye hands of my Creator and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent Manner at ye Discression of my Execurts hereafter Named and now touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me in this Life. I Give Devise and Dispose of the same in ye following manner and form.

Imprimus I Give And Bequeath to Katharine my Dearly beloved Wife all my Personal Estate That is to Say such thereof as shall remain after all my just Debt Together with ye Legacies hereafter mentioned are Paid and Discharged out of ye same. Item I Give to my well beloved Son John ffisher One hundred acres of Land Situate in ye Township of Upper Dublin in ye County aforesd being Part of Two Hundred Acres bought of Nicholas Scull by him freely to be Posessed and Enjoyed by him his Heirs and Assigns for ever. And I also Give to him two Horses Called Ball and Dub & Together with a Mare and Colt. Item I Give and Bequeath to my Youngest Son Joseph ffisher One Hundred Acres of Land being part of the Tract aforesd to be freely Enjoyed by him his Heirs and Assigns. It is further my Will and Testamt that ye aforesd Land shall be divided length Ways and my said Son John ffisher shall have his hundred Acres Bounding on ye Land of Richard Regan. I also further Give and Bequeath unto my Son Joseph ffisher the Sum of Ten Pounds towards the binding him to a Trade to be Paid by my Exectrs at ye time of his being Bound occasion be otherwise to be Paid unto him by the Exectrs aforesd when he comes the age of Twenty One Years. I also Give unto my Eldest Daughter Mary Regan ye Sum of five Shillings And unto my Son in Law Richard Regan All my Wearing Apparel. I do likewise hereby Give and Bequeath unto my Youngest Daughter Sarah Fisher the Sum of Ten Pounds to be Paid her within one Year after my Decease by my Exectrs out of my Personal Estate. I do also hereby further Will and Ordain that my Exectrs hereafter Named shall have full power to Sell or otherwise Dispose of my Plantation at ye Sandy Run and the money arising therefrom either by Sale or otherwise I Give unto my Wife Katherine during her Widdohood and afterward the same to be Equally Divided between my four Children aforenamed. And further more I do hereby Ordain my Wife Katherine Together with my ffriend William Harmer Joynt Exectrs of this my Last Will and Testamt And I do hereby Utterly Disallow Revoke and Disannul all and every other former Testamt Will Legacies Exectrs by me in any ways before this time Named Willed and Bequeathed Ratifying Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testamt. In Witness thereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal ye day and Year above written. John ffisher his (F) mark. (Seal) Signed Sealed Pronounced and Declared by ye said John ffisher as his last Will and Testamt in ye presence of us ye Subscribers Allen fforster Mary fforster nicholas Scull.

Philda Jan ye 30th 1716. Then personally appeared Allen fforster and Nicholas Scull two of the Witnesses to ye foregoing Will and ye Said Allen ffisher upon Oath and Solemn Affirmation and Nicholas Scull upon his Solemn Affirmation according to Law did Declare that they saw John ffisher ye Testator Sign Seal Publish and Declare ye same as his Last Will and Testamt and that at the doing thereof he was of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding to ye best of their knowledge. Coram Petr Evans Reg Genl

Be it Remembered That the 30th day of January 1716 The Last Will and Testamt of John ffisher Decd was Proved in one form of Law and Probate and Letters of Admstn was granted to Katherine ffisher one of the Exectrs therein Named the other Exectrs having Renounced being first attested according to Law Will and Justly to Administer and to bring an Inventory of the Decd Estate into ye Registr Genrls Office at Philda ye 28th day of febry next and also to Render Acct when Required given under ye Seal of said Office. Pet: Evans Reg Genl

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John Fisher of Bucks County, From Pardshaw in England

John Fisher of Bucks County came to Pennsylvania from Cumberland in the north of England, and settled in Falls Township, Bucks County in the year 1700. The genealogy of his family is well understood except for one discrepancy. All records are consistent with this John Fisher being a Quaker who was the son of John Fisher of Pardshaw in Cumberland (on the northwest coast of England), except for one report that he was the son of John Fisher and Sarah Hutchinson of Barmstone, East Yorkshire. According to Thomas Maxwell Potts in his 1895 book “Our Family Ancestors,” this notion is attributed to Mr. James A. Searight, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, author of “The Searight Family.” John Fisher’s memorial upon his death in 1765 says he was from Cumberland, and a Quaker certificate of removal from Pardshaw Crag Monthly Meeting says he came from there in 1700. In 1769 John Fisher’s daughter, Sarah Michener of Plumstead in Bucks County, referred to her Uncle Joseph Fisher, her Uncle Robert, and her Aunt Elizabeth. These names fit the Pardshaw Fishers but not the Barmstone Fishers. I have concluded that the James Searight identification was in error (he did not seem to have access to the certificate of removal from Pardshaw).

Pardshaw is in Cumberland in northwest England, near the west coast (Now Cumbria). The village lies about 8 miles inland from the coast cities of Whitehaven and Workington. The Quaker meeting was at Dean, 1 ½ miles WNW of Pardshaw. John Fisher presented a certificate from Pardshaw Crag Monthly Meeting to Falls Monthly Meeting in Bucks County, dated 1700, and permission of his father was mentioned.

John Fisher married first Mrs. Mary Janney, widow of Jacob Janney, and daughter of John and Hannah Hough, in 1710 at the Falls Meeting House, Bucks County. Mary (Hough-Janney) Fisher was born 7 mo. 6, 1684, and died 11 mo. 21, 1711-12, aged 25 years, 4 months, and 15 days. John Fisher married, second, Elizabeth, daughter of John Scarborough, October 29, 1719, at Buckingham Meeting House. They moved their Quaker membership to Buckingham Monthly Meeting in 1721. Children: By Mary a daughter Mary born 1711; by Elizabeth 10 children: Robert b. 1720, Sarah b. 1722, John b. 1723, Elizabeth b. 1725, Hannah b. 1727, Joseph b. 1729, Deborah b. 1733/4, Barak b. 1736, Samuel b. 1738, Katharine b. 1740.

John Fisher’s biographical sketch in the Pennsylvania Archives says he was born in Cumberland and died at age 87 in 1765. (Implying birth in 1678.) The biography says "He was a kind husband, and a tender father to his large family of children, whom he educated in plainness and sobriety."

Notes:

Sufferings of the People Called Quakers, Joseph Bess, London 1753.
A representation presented to the members of parliament for Yorkshire, being as follows, 1m 3 1678 “we have at this time made our appearance with the rest of our neighbors in this city, in order to elect persons to sit in parliament as the representatives of this county, and am being now elected, we look upon it our duty to acquaint you with our grievance decreeing that ye would endeavor to redress them.” John Fisher.
Tithes taken 1683-1690 John Fisher of Barmstone.

John Fisher b. 12m 20 1672 son of John and Sarah of Barmstone (Hull MM).
Samuel Fisher b. 11m 16 1674 son of John and Sarah of Barmstone (Hull MM)

“Our Family Ancestors,” Thomas Maxwell Potts, 1895, LDS Film 0962253.
“John Fisher of Barmstone, East Riding, Yorkshire, England, who had espoused the faith of the Friends, married Sarah Hutchinson, of Hornesy Burton, 3 mo. 14, 1672. John Fisher died 10 mo. 10, 1697, and Sarah, his widow, 11 mo. 29, 1734. Both were buried near Burlington (sic, Bridlington), in Yorkshire. John Fisher was, without doubt, of the same family as the learned prelate, John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, who was a native of the same locality, and in 1535 beheaded by Henry VIII, of England, because he refused to sanction the King’s divorce from his wife Catharine of Aragon, and other questionable doings of the King. None of this family appear to have come to this country except the eldest son John.

Children of John and Sarah (Hutchinson) Fisher.
1  John Fisher, b. 12 mo. 20, 1672; d. 2 mo. 12 1765. He m. 1st Mary Janney, nee Hough. He m. 2nd Elizabeth Scarborough.
2  Samuel Fisher, b. 11 mo. 16 1674; d. 3 mo. 13 1696.
3  Francis Fisher b. 2 mo. 30 1677.
4  Thomas Fisher b. 6 mo 29 1679; d. 2 mo. 11 1735.
5  Sarah Fisher, b. 12 mo. 19, 1681.
6  Ann Fisher, b. 10 mo. 10 1684; d. 8 mo. – 1685.
7  Faith Fisher, b. 12 mo. 13 1689.

Footnote See Records of Hull Monthly Meeting of Friends, Yorkshire, England, for entries of marriage, births, and deaths. Note. That John Fisher, who settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was a son of John and Sarah of Barmstone, is upon the authority of Mr. James A. Searight, of Uniontown, Pa., author of “The Searight Family,” who has investigated the question very thoroughly through family traditions and records.

Pg. 225 John Fisher son of John and Sarah Hutchinson fisher, was born 12 mo. 20, 1672, at Barmstone, Yorkshire, England, and died 2 mo. 12, 1765, in Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He came to Pennsylvania about the year 1700 or shortly after. His settling in America came about through a somewhat thrilling experience. Hon. Seth Fisher, of Center, Rock County, Wisconsin, quoting from family memoirs prepared by his grandfather, writes,

“John Fisher came from the north of England to Pennsylvania, and settled in Bucks County, near the Falls of Delaware, working at his trade, which was weaving. ** He came to this country when quite a young man, expecting to return to England, and embarked on a sailing vessel for that purpose. When near the coast of Delaware, they were captured by pirates, stripped of everything and set on shore.”

Mr. Fisher further states that when his ancestor was put on shore he was allowed to retain a cane which he had brought from England. This cane is now in the possession of the said Hon. Seth Fisher.

John Fisher was designated as weaver, and in 1710 was a resident of Falls Township, Bucks County, but subsequently removed to Buckingham Township.

John Fisher was a member of the Society of Friends and was very active and prominent in the meetings. The first mention of John Fisher in the minutes of Falls Monthly Meeting is under date of 8 mo. – 1703, when a certificate was signed for him. The granting of a certificate suggests that he may have been going away for awhile. The leaf containing the minutes of the previous meeting is gone. There is nothing to show when he became a member, as the book containing the record of certificates is said to be lost. On 12 mo. 2, 1708, he was granted a certificate to visit England. In the 3 mo. 1743, he was appointed an Elder in Falls Meeting.

He married Mrs. Mary Janney, widow of Jacob Janney, and daughter of John and Hannah Hough.

Intentions of the marriage of John Fisher and Mary Janney were declared at Falls Monthly Meeting, 2 mo. 5, 1710, and the marriage accomplished at a meeting on 3 mo. 2, 1710, at Buckingham Meeting House. The witnesses were, Joseph Kirkbride, Robert Scotcher, Thomas Watson, Joseph Fell, Jeremiah Scaife and fifty nine others. Mary (Hough-Janney) Fisher was born 7 mo. 6, 1684, and died 11 mo. 21, 1711-12, aged 25 years, 4 months, and 15 days. He married, second, Elizabeth, daughter of John Scarborough, October 29, 1719. The witnesses were, Robert Smith, Henry Young, John Dawson, Thomas Bye, and fifty-five others. She died 1 mo. 20, 1742.

The will of John Fisher, of Buckingham, Bucks County, “being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory,” etc., made 12 mo. 25, 1756, and proven March 13, 1765, is recorded at Doylestown, in Will-Book No. 3, page 122. He names his sons Robert, Joseph, Barak, and Samuel, and daughters Mary Butler, Elizabeth Stadling, Hannah Preston, Sarah Michener, Deborah Fisher, and Katharine Fisher.

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Child of John and Mary (Hough) Fisher.
1  Mary Fisher, b. 1 mo. 28, 1711; d. 1792; m. John Butler, 1 mo. 27, 1740.
Children of John and Elizabeth (Scarborough) Fisher
2  Robert Fisher, b. 7 mo. 19, 1720; will made 1784; unmarried.
3  Sarah Fisher, b. 2 mo. 11, 1722; d. 1812, m. Mordecai Michener, 10 mo. 21, 1748, and had children 1 William, 2 John, 3 Sarah, 4 Barak, 5 Hannah, 6 Deborah, 7 Mordecai, 8 Hannah, 9 Elizabeth; 10 Robert, 11 Katharine. Residence, New Garden, Pa.
4  John Fisher, b. 10 mo. 25, 1723; d. 4 mo. 9, 1752.
5  Elizabeth Fisher, b. 7 mo. 1725; m. 1st Thomas Stradling, Jr. 12 mo. 13, 1744, and 2nd, Joseph Lees, 12 mo. 4, 1759.
6  Hannah Fisher, b. 4 mo. 13, 1727; d. about 1817; m. Paul Preston, 11 mo. 21 1753; and had children, 1 Deborah, 2 Samuel, 3 Ann, 4 Naomi, 5 Euphemia, 6 Paul, 7 Silas. Paul Preston, Sr., died 1806 in the 83rd year of his age.
7  Joseph Fisher, b. 7 mo. 24, 1729; d. 1819; m. Ann Carey, 11 mo. 26, 1760, and had children, 1 Betty, 2 Joseph, 3 Elias, 4 Robert, 5 Jesse, 6 Sarah, 7 Samuel, 8 Hannah, 9 Ann.
8  Deborah Fisher b. 1 mo. 5 1733/4; m. Joseph Burgess, 12 mo. 21, 1757, and had children, 1 Elizabeth, 2 Johnathan, 3 Tacy, 4 Jesse, 5 Thomas, 6 Sarah, 7 Martha, 8 John, 9 Daniel, 10 Letitia, 11 Joseph. They removed to Maryland in 1774.
9  Barak Fisher, b. 2 mo. 19, 1736; d. 3 mo. 26 1784; m. Mary Butler, (daughter of Thomas) 2 mo. 18 1761, and had children, 1 John, 2 Thomas, 3 Joseph, 4 Barak, 5 Sarah, 6 Mary, 7 Elizabeth, 8 Hannah, 9 Rebecca. They removed to Frederick County, Virginia, in 1763. Footnote: Elizabeth Fisher married Thomas Brownfield. Their daughter Rachel married Hon. William Searight. These were the parents of James Allison Searight, of Uniontown, Pa.
10 Samuel Fisher, b. 3 mo. 29, 1738; m. Margaret Dawes, 8 mo. 11, 1762, and had children, 1 Ruth, 2 Samuel, 3 Joseph, 4 Eunice, 5 Josiah. They removed to Maryland in 1774.
11 Katharine Fisher, b. 4 mo. 28, 1740, m. William Hartley, 11 mo. 30 1757."
(End of “Our Family” Excerpt.)

Quaker Marriages, Burials & Births 1652-1773, Hull MM England
1668 12 11mo Mary Fisher mar John Sugden of Frodingham. Wit John Fisher
1672 John the sonne of John Ffisher and Sarah his wife of Barmstone was borne the 20th day of the 12 month 1672.
1674 Samuel Ffisher sonne of John Fisher & Sarah his wife of Barmstone was born Ye 16th day of the 11th month 1674.
1677 Francis the Sonne of John Fisher and Sarah his wife of Barmstone was borne the 30th day of the 2nd month 1677.
1679 Thomas Ffisher Sonne of John Fisher and Sarah his wife was born the 29th day of the first month in the year 1679.
1681 Sarah the daughter of John Ffisher of Barmston and Sarah his wife was Borne the 19th day of 12th mon. 1681.
1684 Ann the Daughter of John Ffisher and Sarah his wife of Barmstone was Borne the 10th day of the 10th month 1684.
1689 Faith the daughter of John Ffisher & Sarah his wife was borne the 13th day of 12th month 1689.
1685 Ann Ffisher the daughter of John Ffisher and Sarah his wife was buried the – of the 8 month 1685.
1696 Samuell Ffisher the Son of John Ffisher and Sarah his wife of Barmston was buried the 13 of the 3 month 1696.
1697 John Fisher of Barmston was buried the 10 day of the 10 month 1697.
1734 Sarah Fisher relict of John Fisher formerly of Barmston was buried in Friends Burial place near Burlington ye 29th of 11th month 1734 aged 84 yrs.
1735 Thomas Fisher son of the above named John and Sarah Fisher was buried in the Friends Burrying place near Burlington ye 11th of 2 month 1735.
1680, John Fisher wit at mar of Wm Harrison & Ann Mau?
1688 John Fisher witness to mar of Thomas Skipton & Althea Harper? Also wit Sarah Fisher.
1695 Francis Fisher wit at mar of Thomas Thomson 2 4mo 1695.
1700 Thomas Fisher witness mar of Wm Simpson & Ann Hollewell/Halladay?
1702?6? 3 1mo Francis Fisher witness mar Milton Walker & Eleanour Middleton
1711 Faith Fisher wit mar.

1710,3,2 Fisher, John, Bucks Co., m Mary Janney, Bucks Co., at Falls Meeting House.
1719,10,29 Fisher, John, Bucks co., m Elizabeth Scarbrough, d John, Bucks Co., at Meeting House in Buckingham Twp.
1721,7,6 Fisher, Elizabeth gct Buckingham MM
1721,7,6 Fisher, John & w gct Buckingham MM

Pg. 15 Marriages John Fisher wit. marriage of Samuel Baker of Makefield, Co. Bucks & Rachel Warder of Falls Twp 4, 9m, 1703. Among other witnesses Nathan Baker, Rachel Bunting, Thomas Canby …
Pg. 29 John Fisher wit. wedding … 1704?
Pg. 49 John Fisher wit. wedding … 11 4m 1706 … among wit. was Samuel Baker …
Pg. 54,55,56 John Fisher among wit. to a wedding, among other witnesses were Samuel Baker, Tho. Canby, Edward Radcliffe, Phebe Radcliffe, Margret Baker, Rachel Baker … 19, 8m, 1708.
Pg. 67 John Fisher of Falls Twp, & Mary Janney of Makefield married 2, 3m, 1710. Samuel Baker was a witness.
Pg. 70 John & Mary Fisher were witnesses at a wedding 1711/12?. Among witnesses Samuel & Rachel Baker.
Pg. 86 John Fisher wit. at a wedding, 1712. Among witnesses, Samuel Baker …
Pg. 88 John Fisher wit. at wedding, 1713. One of witnesses was Rachel baker…
Pg. 149 John ffisher at wedding of John Baldwin of Makefield & Ann (Scott?) 1707.
Pg. 156 John ffisher at wedding of Samuel Baker of Wakefield & Sarah Wilson, 1708.
Pg. 162 William Fisher witness at wedding of Abel Janney & Sarah Baker dau. of Samuel Baker …
Pg. 167 John ffisher of Falls Twp, Weaver marr Mary Janney of Makefield 1710.
Pg. 170 John and Mary ffisher guests at marr of Joshua Chessman & Ruth Smith.
Pg. 185 John Fisher guest at marr of George Clough & Pleasant Hogue 1712.
Pg. 188 John ffisher guest at marr. Of Samuel Coombe & Hannah Ellet 1713.
Pg. 206 John ffisher guest at marr of William Atkinson & Margaret Baker 1722.
Births & Burials
Pg. 11 Mary dau. of John & Mary ffisher b. 28, 1m 1711.
Pg. 25 Robert son of John & Elizabeth Fisher b. 18, 7m, 1720.

LDS Film 0020455 Burlington MM B&D Certificates Received 1678-1805.
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1721 Samuel Fisher marr. Sarah Lane. (This Samuel was prob. son of John Fisher of Bucks County, Makefield Twp. who came from Pardshaw, Cumberland or Barnstone near Bridlington, East Yorkshire in 1700.)

LDS Film 0387861 Falls MM Minutes 1683-1767.
Pg. 163 7 mo 1703 (Only a few fragments remain of this page; a certificate of unknown type.) “John Fisher a… …nted this meeting with his J… …eing In …t clearness … next meeting…
Pg. 164 9 mo 1703 John Fisher certificate signed this mtg.
Pg. 245 John Fisher acquainted this meeting of his intentions of going for England by the first opportunity and desires a Certificate. Abel Janney, Samll Baker appointed. 11 mo 1708. Pg. 246 cert. Signed.

LDS Film 0216700 Falls MM Certificates of Removal 1680-1689
Pg. 46 “Our Friend Dawson” from the meeting at Rudley in the county of Halford. 30, 2m, 1711. One of signers was William Fisher. (no known connections).
LDS Film 0384851 Philadelphia MM Minutes Vol. 3 1730-1785
Pg. 10 27 of 6 mo. 1731. Ann Fisher, daughter of George & Honour Farmer (Harmer?) of Philadelphia with John Fisher her present husband, we testify against the said Ann Fisher…

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LDS Film 0216700 Falls MM Certificates of Removal 1680-1689
Pg. 27 John Fisher certificate from Pardshaw Crag MM 2 3m 1700. Has father's consent. Signed Isaac Fallowfield, Thomas Tiffin (Fisher?), John Gibb, John Nelson, Yanceld ffearon, Isaac Wilson. Also see Westmorland parish records, Isaac Fallowfield b. at Bolton 23 Feb 1688.

Biographical Sketches, Index xxxiii 156.
Pg. 237 John Fisher. John Fisher was born in Cumberland, in the north of England, in the year 1678. When a young man, he removed to Pennsylvania, and settled at Buckingham, in Bucks county. Being an exemplary, consistent Friend, manifesting by his life and conversation, that he was walking in the Truth, he was appointed an elder in this Monthly Meeting, the duties of which arduous service, his memorial states, “he discharged with great steadiness and moderation.” He was constant in the attendance of religious meetings, whilst his health would permit, “and appeared a steady waiter therein for the arising of Divine life and power.” “He was a kind husband, and a tender father to his large family of children, whom he educated in plainness and sobriety. In his dealings he was punctual and honest. His industry in providing for the necessities of this life, was blest with a sufficiency. With this he appeared remarkably content, and, in the moderate using thereof, was no less exemplary. The sweet remembrance of his pious life, great tenderness, goo counsel and patience under afflictions, seasoned with a renewed sense of Divine goodness, greatly refreshed the minds of his Friends and relations at his burial.” His decease took place in the Second month, 1765, being eighty-seven years of age. “We doubt not but he laid down his head in peace with the Lord, and he left a good savour behind him.”

LDS Film 0020455 Burlington MM B&D Certificates Received 1678-1805.
From “Pardsey Crag” MM 25th of 7th mo 1703 Peter Fearon, one of signatures was John Fisher. (This John Fisher may have been the father who gave his permission for John Fisher’s certificate in 1700 to come to Pa; the son settled in Bucks County. Another certificate in 1712, Peter Fearon returning from Pardshaw Crag to America.

Index of Bucks Co. Pa. Wills/Adms 1684-1850, Williams 974.8 W726 Bucks, at Clayton Gen Lib, Houston.
Fisher, John 1765, Buckingham Will 1171.

Bucks County Pa Tax Records 1693-1778 McNealy & Waite 974.8 M169 at Clayton Lib, Houston TX.
Fisher, Barak 1762, Plumstead Twp.
Fisher, Joseph 1763 Plumstead Twp.
Fisher, Robert 1778 Buckingham Twp.
Fisher, John 1771 Buckingham Twp.
Fisher, William 1778 Buckingham Twp.
Fisher, George 1751, 1778 Solebury Twp.
Fisher, Nicholas 1771, Rockhill Twp.

LDS Film 00441395 English Friends Records, Cumberland & Northumberland Quarterly Mtg. Marr, Bir, Burials 1648-1729 copied by Gilbert Cope.
1650 Samuel Fisher son of Thomas & Dorothy Fisher of Lowenside b. 5m 0 1650.
1655 Ann Borrenskel dau of John of Isell Old Park marr Cudbert Fisher of Isell Ould Park, at John Borrenskel’s House 8 mo 1655. Pardshaw Crag MM.
1659 Sarah Hutchinson dau of Hugh & Elizabeth of ?derop?– in Allendale. b. 9m 10 1659. Pardshaw MM.
1661 Isabell Fisher of Embleton marr Thomas Fawcett of Eaglesfield 7m 4 1661. Pardshaw MM.
1664 John Fisher of Usebridge (Ewesbridge) marr Elizabeth Hall of Little Broughten, 9m 13 1664. Pardshaw Crag MM.
1665 Ann Fisher dau of Thomas & Dorothy b. 3m 1 1665. Pardshaw MM.
1665 Joseph Fisher son of John of Ewesbridge b. 7m 26 1665. Pardshaw MM.
1665 Elizabeth Fisher of Westray, parish of Embleton marr Peter Hudson of “The Crag” in Seckmurthy, parish of Cockermouth 9m 29 1665 at Sunderland (near Cockermouth). Pardshaw MM.

1666 George Fisher son of Thomas & Dorothy b. 5m 18 1666. Pardshaw MM.

1666 Jane Fisher of Westray marr John Fawcett of Eaglesfield 9m 1 1666. Pardshaw MM.

1666 Anne Fisher marr Christopher Grave 9m 4 1666, Pardshaw MM.

1667 Leonard Fisher of Kirkhouse bur. 3m 7 1667 at Coalebacke. 

1668 Sarah Fisher of Whytefield, dau of Leonard at Kirkhouse, bur. 4m 2 1668. Pardshaw MM.

1668 Mary Fisher dau of John, Old Park b. 1m3 1668. Pardshaw MM.

1672 Sarah Fisher dau of John Fisher of Whitefield b. 9m 3 1672. Pardshaw MM.

1681 Judith Fisher dau of John of Whitefield b. ?m 8 1681. Pardshaw MM.

1685 Jonathan Fisher son of John of Whytefield b. 8m 30 1685. Pardshaw MM.

1676 John Fisher son of John of Whitefield b. 2m 3 1676. Pardshaw MM.

1689 Elizabeth Fisher of Whytefield, wife of John, bur. 4m 2 1689. Pardshaw MM.

1690 Judeth Fisher of Threapland bur. 2m4 1690. Pardshaw MM.

1690 Dorothy Fisher of Isell Ould Parke (Place), Cumberland marr John Udall of Ryall (Rydall), Westmoreland 10m 17 1690 at Bewaldeth. Pardshaw MM.

1699 Ann Fisher of Old Park bur. 1m 2 1699. Pardshaw MM.

1702 John Fisher son of John bur. 2m 6 1702. Pardshaw MM.

1702 Eleanor Fisher dau of Thomas Fisher of Graysothen bur. 4m 7 1702. Pardshaw MM.

1703 Sarah Bacon of Graysothen marr Thomas Fisher of Graysothen 4m 3 1703, at Pardshaw Crag MM.

1705 Sarah Fisher dau of Thomas & Sarah of Graysothen b. 4m 3 1705. Pardshaw MM.

1709 Sarah Adcock dau of Wm of Isell mar Edward Fisher of Sunderland (near Cockermouth), Cumberland 3mo 11 1709. Pardshaw MM.

1709 John Fisher of Cleah bur. 4m 1 1709 at Tiffenthwaite?, Holme MM.

1710 Joseph Fisher son of Edward of Sunderland b. 3m 26 1710. Pardshaw MM.

1712 Hannah Fisher dau of Edward b. 9m25 1712. Pardshaw MM.

1714 Mary Fisher dau of Edward b. 9m25 1714. Pardshaw MM.

1716 John Fisher Sr. formerly of Isaal Mtg d. at Cockermouth, bur. 4m 23 1716. Pardshaw MM.

1716 Jane Fisher dau of Edward b. 8m 16 1716. Pardshaw MM.

1719 James Fisher bur. 7m 16 1719. Pardshaw MM.

1719 Jonathan Fisher of Shatton? Marr Mary Spencer 1719 11m 5. Pardshaw MM.

1720 Judith Fisher marr Jacob Fell 7m 4 1720. Pardshaw MM.

1720 Sarah Fisher dau of Jon. & Mary b. 8m 28 1720. Pardshaw MM.

1721 Mary Fisher dau of Jon. B. 9m 20 1721. Pardshaw MM.

1725 John Fisher son of Edward b. 2m 18 1725. Pardshaw MM.

1727 Joseph Fisher son of Thomas & Anne of Graysothen b. 12m 27 1727. Pardshaw MM.

Memorandum   That I John Fisher of Buckingham in the County of Bucks & Province of Pensylvania being weak of Body but of sound disposing Mind & Memory knowing the Mortality of my Body & that it is appointed for all Men once to die; do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament Recommending my Soul to God that gave it & my Body to be buried decently at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named. I dispose of my Worldly Estate as followeth viz

Item I give & bequeath unto my well beloved Son Robert Fisher (whom I also constitute make & ordain my Executor of this my last Will & Testament) all & Singular my Lands Messuages & Tenements situate in Buckingham aforesd & in Plumstead in ye same County & together with all my real & personal Estate to him & to his Heirs & Assigns for ever, excepting one Feather Bed & Bedding & my wearing apparel & excepting such other Legacies as are by me hereafter devised & mentioned to be paid by my Sd Son Robert Fisher out of my said estate.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Butler the Sum of five pounds to be paid to her or to her Heirs or assigns in Eighteen Months after my decease.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elisabeth Stradling the Sum of Five Pounds lawful Money of Pensylvania to be paid to her or to her Heirs or Assigns within two Years & a half after my decease.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Preston the Sum of Five Pound Lawful money as above to be paid to her as to her Heirs or Assigns within three Years & a half after my decease.
Item  I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Michener the Sum of Five Pounds lawful Money as above to be paid to her or to her Heirs or Assigns within four Years & a half after my decease.
Item  I give & bequeath unto my daughter Deborah Fisher the Sum of Five pounds to be paid to her within five Years & a half after my Decease And likewise a Cow to be chosen by her self from among my Cattle & delivered to her upon Demand And likewise a great Pot or twenty Shillings in Money which she shall choose.
Item  I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Katherine Fisher the Sum of Five Pounds to be paid to her within six Years & a half after my decease & likewise one Cow to be chosen by herself from among my Cattle & delivered to her upon Demand & likewise a Great Pot or twenty Shillings in Money which she shall choose.
Item  I give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph Fisher the Sum of Forty shillings to be paid to him his Heirs or Assigns within Seven Years after my decease.
Item  I give & bequeath unto my Son Barak Fisher the Sum of ten Pounds to be paid to him his Heirs or Assigns within Eight Years after my decease.
Item  I give & bequeath unto my Son Samuel Fisher the Sum of ten Pounds to be paid to him his Heirs or Assigns within Nine Years after my Decease.
Item  It is my Will that if any of my Children above mentioned Should die before they have received their said Legacies as are above bequeathed to them without Heirs of their own Bodies or lawful assigns to receive the same that then & in such case all such Legacies shall be paid among the Survivors or to such of them & in Such Manner as the deceased Legatees shall have last appointed before their decease excepting only my Son Robert whom I hereby exclude from claiming any Right to any such Legacy or Legacies.
Item  I do hereby constitute & appoint my Son Robert Fisher above mentioned to be my whole & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament And of my whole Estate both real & Personal & of all my Goods & Chattels both moveable & immovable desiring of him my Sd Executor to dispose of ye same according to the true Intent & Meaning thereof And I do hereby disannul all my former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made whether by Word or writing Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament & desiring it to be executed accordingly. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this fifteenth Day of the Twelfth Month in ye Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred & fifty Six. 1756.
Signed Sealed published & pronounced by ye Sd Testater as his last Will & Testament in the presence of
Matthew Beans                  (Signed) John Fisher (Seal)
Joseph Skelton
Paul Preston.

Bucks Co.  The 13th Day of March Anno Dominie 1765. Then appeared Mathew Beans and Paul Preston, Two of the witnesses to the within written Will and upon their Solemn Affirmations According to Law, did Severally declare and affirm that they were Personally Present and Saw and heard John Fisher the Testater Sign Seal, Publish, and declare the within Writing to be his Last Will And Testament and that of the doing thereof He was of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding to the best of their Knowledge. Before me Richd Gibb Dep Regr. By Virtue of a Commission from the Regr General And by the Direction of Saml Growden Depty Regr.

Bucks County Pa Be it Remembered That On the 13 Day of (March?) 1765? The Last Will and Testament of John Fisher deceased was Duly proved According to Law and Probate and Letters Testamentary were granted to Robert Fisher as the Executor therein named & being since Solemnly Affirmed well and faithfully to Administer the Goods Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Deceased and to Exhibit a Just and True Inventory thereof into the Registers Office of the said County of Bucks in One Month after ye ?? Date hereof and a Just and True Account of his Administration when therefor Required to Render Wisness my Hand and the Seal of the said Office the Day and Year aforesaid. Richd Gibbs Dep Regr By Virtue of a Commission of the ?? And by the Direction of Saml Growden Depy Regr.

An Inventory of the Goods, Chattels, Rights & Credits of John Fisher late of Buckingham deceased view’d & appris’d the 5th Day of March 1765.

L S d

(Excepted in the Will)
What remains of his Apparel (the most Part having been consumed by Fire some little Time before his Decease)
A Feather Bed & Bedding

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View’d & appris’d on the 5th Day of March Anno Domini 1765. By us Samuel Wilson, Philip Parry.
The following letter is written back to England by Sarah Fisher Michener:

Plumstid the 27th day of the 9 month 1769

Loving cousen this is to let thee know we are all of us in good halth at present desiring it may find thee ye same – we have not had a letter from any of you since one from Uncle Joseph Fisher in the year 174? Brother Robert Fisher has sent severl but has had no anser this being the first opportunaty that I have had since I was marred and I was glad of it that I mite let thee no that my dear father is dead. He departed this life the 12 day of 2 month and was bured the 15 in the year 1765 at Buckingham Meeting house on our week meeting and it was a large burel and a good meeting we had Blesed by our God for it. He was a tender loving father and a good neighbor he was an alder of our meeting as long as he was capable for age and was blind fore years before he died but was very patient and cape his senses and his //? Preserved and his memmorul read well in meeting. He died at my hous brother John Fisher is dead he died 17 years ago but all the rest of us is yet alive and marred but Robert he is not and he lives on Fathers place but Brother Barok Fisher lives in Virginia and is like to do well but Joseph Fisher and Brother Samuel Fisher lives in these parts. My husbands name is Mordecai Michener and I have had 11 children William, John, Sarah, Barok, Hannah, Deborah, Mordecai, Hannah, Elizabeth, Robert, Catherine we buried one Hannah the rest is all alive.

-----/------/-----/? Most a year ago -----/-----/? To send me word whear Uncel Joseph is yet alive or no for I long to hear from you all tho unknown but not forgotten and I desire that we may never forget one another the the sakes of our dear parents but send to one another as ofton as we can I desire thee to send me word whear Uncel Joseph Fisher is yet alive and to hear any of Unkel Roberts children is yet alive or not or Aunt Elizabeth children if there is I should be glad if thee would send to us for my love is to you all I desire thee to send me word how long ago it is since they father died and whether thee is married and how many children thee has and their names so no more at this time but my kind love to thee and all my relations thear.

S A R A H  M I C H E N E R

I live near Plumstid meeting hous in Bucks County.”

Also from Marilyn Opfer, the certificate of John Fisher which was presented to Falls Monthly Meeting, Bucks Co. Pa., father of the above Sarah Fisher Michener.

From our Men’s Monthly Meeting held at Pardshew Cragg the second day of the 3rd month 1700. To friends in Pennsylvania. Dear Friends as we have measurably witnessed the love of God, and the Divine spring of life, among us, which hath drawn us to a near fellowship one with another, and in the aboundings of the same love we salute you, desiring that, hence, mercy and truth may plentifully dwell amongst you and be oft by you. The occasion of these few lines is upon the account of our friend, John Fisher, the bearer hereof, who hath given us to understand his intentions of transporting himself to live in Pennsylvania, and hath also his father’s consent along with him in it, and diverse friends bearing him record that he hath walked orderly amongst us, and is of a sober life and good conversation, and hath left all things here clear, not only on the accord of debt, but also in respect of marriage, as being clear from all women upon that concern, so far as we know or have heard. We also desire that he may so mind the fear of God, in all his undertakings, that it may keep him from evil in this life.

John Fisher of Township of Bristol, County of Bucks and wife Mary sold 72 ½ acres of land in Bristol Township for 33 Pounds, 13 Shillings on March 16, 1710 to Willoughby Warder, Jr. This land was part of what Mary inherited from Jacob Janney. John Fisher bought 100 acres of land from William White located in Makefield Township for 116 Pounds on September 5, 1712. At the same time he mortgaged it to Samuel Baker. He sold 80 acres of it to John Palmer on November 12, 1713 for 100 Pounds.
John Fisher married Elizabeth Scarborough, daughter of John Scarborough at the Monthly Meeting in Buckingham Township on October 29, 1719. She died January 20, 1742.

Children:
Mary (daughter by 1st wife Mary Janney) born Jan 28, 1711. Married – Butler.
Robert – Born July 19, 1720.
Sarah – Born Feb 11, 1722. Married Mordecai Michener.
John – Born Oct 25 1723 Died Apr 9 1852
Elizabeth – Born July 14, 1725, Married Thomas Stradling
Hannah – Born April 13, 1727 Married Paul Preston.
Joseph – Born July 24 1729 Married Ann Carey.
Deborah – Born January 5, 1733 Married Joseph Burgess
Catharine – Born Apr 28 1740 Married William Hartley.
John Fisher of Horsington in Somerset

John Fisher of Horsington in Somerset was indentured in Bristol in 1684, to serve Nicholas Rideout of Shaftsbury, Dorset for 5 years in Pennsylvania. He embarked aboard the “Maryland Merchant.” Nothing more has been found regarding his fate.

Notes:

The Complete Book of Emigrants, Coldham Eng 942 C688.
Pg. 491 Apprenticed in Bristol 16 Oct 1684: John Fisher of Horsington, Somerset to Nicholas Rideout of Shaftsbury, Dorset, 5 yrs Pennsylvania by “Maryland Merchant.”

LDS Film 1470876 Somerset Bishops Transcripts B, M, Bur. 1599-1852.
Horsington – No Fishers found. Searched for John Fisher of Horsington, not found.
Joseph and George Fisher of Ireland, Philadelphia and Upper Dublin Township

Joseph Fisher came to Philadelphia from Dublin County, Ireland in 1683. The “Lion” of Liverpool arrived 14, 8 month (October) 1683 with members of the Turner and Fisher families. Robert Turner, late of Dublin, merchant, brought a child Martha and a number of servants (including the Chester County surveyor Henry Hollingsworth). According to the “History of Chester County,” the Fisher group included Joseph Fisher and Elizabeth Fisher his wife, late of Stillorgan Parish in southeast Dublin County in Ireland, yeoman, borne in Elton in Cheshire; their children Moses, Joseph, Mary, and Martha, and a number of servants. Naming “Elizabeth” as Joseph’s wife may be an error, since the Quaker certificate clearly says he would be with his wife Isobel (nee Newmarch). Isobel was born in Yorkshire but married in 1671 to Joseph Fisher at Rathfarnum in Dublin County, Ireland.

Fisher families lived along both banks of the Mersey River in England, as early as the reign of Henry VIII. On the Lancashire side, Fishers appear by 1588 in the parish records of Liverpool, and within a few decades appeared in many other parishes of the area. On the Cheshire side of the river, Fisher families can be found in the parish records as early as 1567.

The Fishers of Thornton le Moors Parish, on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, were ancestors of Joseph Fisher of Stillorgan, Union of Monkstown in Dublin County, Ireland. Thornton is a parish in the hundred of Eddisbury, county of Chester, comprising the townships of Dunham, Elton, Hapsford, Thornton in the Moors, and Wimbolds-Trafford. The Gowey, a tributary stream to the Mersey, runs through the parish. Thornton in the Moors is 6 ½ miles north-northeast of the city of Chester.

The Fishers of Elton were there at least 44 years. William Fisher of Elton was father of John (born and died 1598), Ellen (born 1600), John (born 1603), Hannah (born 1617), Abigail (born 1620), Deborah (born and died 1627), Margaret (died 1631), Marie (born 1633), Joseph (born 1635), Mary (born 1637), Martha (birthdate unknown), and Deborah (born 1642). This could be two families, or children of two marriages of William Fisher.

On August 25, 1625, William Fisher married Dorothy Widdens (sometimes read Widness) of Stoke, a village in Stoke Parish 3 miles southwest of Elton. He was a churchwarden at Stoke from 1642 to 1647. His wife Dorothy died there in 1648, and he is not mentioned in the Stoke register after that. He may have been a relative of the Elton Fishers.

Margaret Fisher was the mother of at least the last four of William Fisher’s children. The son Joseph, christened February 7, 1635, was mentioned later in the Quaker records of Dublin as the son of William and Margaret Fisher of Elton in Cheshire. The Dublin Quaker records also mention the daughters Mary and Martha. The other children were not mentioned in the Dublin Quaker records.

Robert Fisher of Thornton and Dunham in Thornton le Moores Parish was probably a relative of the Elton Fishers. Robert was father of Elizabeth (born 1605), Margaret (born 1610), and John (born 1613).

Other early Fisher records can be found in northwest Cheshire. The most probable relatives of the Elton Fishers were at Sutton in Eastham Parish, at Manley in Frodsham Parish, and at Ince and Stoke. There were early Fishers at Heswell and Bebington (8 miles NW of Thornton), in the city of Chester, and other places.

The Fishers of Elton became Quakers by 1659, and moved to Ireland to join the English Quakers there. They were among the first generation of converts to Quakerism, which sprang from the teachings of George Fox around 1650. William Penn had interests in southern Ireland and became a supporter of the Quaker movement while living in Ireland.
It is known that the Fishers of Elton, Cheshire settled on the south side of Dublin, but they went first to other places under the care of the English - Irish Quakers. Mary Fisher, daughter of William and Margaret of Elton in Cheshire, married William Archer at County Louth, on the east coast but northward from Dublin, 9 month (November) of 1659, recorded at Dublin Monthly Meeting. Martha Fisher, daughter of William and Margaret, married the widower Robert Turner of Dublin but born in Yorkshire. They were married at Rosenallis, to the west of Dublin in County Queens, on the 10th of the seventh month (September), 1665; recorded at Dublin Monthly Meeting. In 1662 Robert Turner, son of Robert & Mary of Read End, Rostyn in Hertfordshire, married Elizabeth Ruddock from Dover.

Margaret Fisher of Elton in Cheshire died in 1669 at Dublin, recorded at Dublin Monthly Meeting. Joseph Fisher, son of William and Margaret of Elton in Cheshire, married Isabel Newmarch 6 February 1671, recorded at Dublin Monthly Meeting. Moses Fisher, son of Joseph and Isabel, was born 20 November 1671 at Rathfarnham, Dublin County, recorded at Dublin Monthly Meeting. Joseph Fisher Jr., son of Joseph and Isobel of Stillorgan, County Dublin, was born 1673, 2-9, recorded at Dublin Monthly Meeting.

Stillorgan and Rathfarnum, parishes where Joseph Fisher lived, lie near to each other on the south side of Dublin. Stillorgan was one of the seven parishes that were administered together beginning in 1670 as the Union of Monkstown. The parishes were Monkstown, Dalkey, Killiney, Tully, Stillorgan, Kilmacud, and Kill of the Grange (now in Kill parish).


George Fisher who bought a “kitchen and half a lot” in the city of Chester, Chester County in 1688 was probably not the Irish George. He was probably George, born in 1667 to Dennis and Susannah Fisher of St. Thomas, Portsmouth in Hampshire but later of Salem in West New Jersey. In late 1696 George Fisher and Edward Farmer witnessed the will of Thomas Terwood of Philadelphia County, one of Joseph Fisher’s servants. Joseph Fisher(Sr.) was executor, and legatees included members of Joseph Fisher’s family.

Joseph Fisher and Robert Turner were brothers-in-law, Robert having married Martha Fisher, sister of Joseph. They were business partners and “first purchasers” of land from William Penn. In May of 1682, while still in Ireland, they bought 10,000 acres in Philadelphia County, 5000 acres each. Their large forested investment tracts became part of Upper Dublin Township, northeast Philadelphia County. They settled on adjoining tracts near Byberry in southeast Philadelphia County. They had adjoining dock lots on the Philadelphia riverfront for their merchant business, bounded on the north by Mulberry Street. Jasper Farmer, Irish brother-in-law of Joseph Fisher Jr., took his county land in Whitemarsh, southwest of Upper Dublin Township, extending to the Schuylkill River. Joseph Fisher belonged to the Quaker meeting at Byberry, Philadelphia County.

The will of Joseph Fisher (Sr.) of Dublin Township, Philadelphia County was written 12 Dec 1711 and probated 21 Jan 1714. He gave 500 acres to son Joseph who was at that time without a son, mentions Isobel, daughter of son Joseph; sister’s daughter Mary Archer; three thousand acres in Upper Dublin Township to son Joseph; sisters’ daughter Martha Bell L100; witnesses Daniel Davis, John Swift and Edward Farmer. There was no mention of a wife (presumed deceased).

The will of Joseph Fisher (Jr.) of Dublin Township, County of Philadelphia, was written 23 October 1717, and probated 2 December 1717. It was dictated to John Swift of Philadelphia and Edward Farmer of White Marsh, Philadelphia County; mentions daughter Isobel Fisher, 800 acres adjoining Hartsquake at upper end of tract; daughter Mary the plantation that Joshua Holt now dwells on containing 1100 acres at lower end of tract; daughter Martha 1100 acres near Mary’s tract; remainder to wife (Mary) and children; brother Farmer (assumed to be Edward).
Part of the County Palatine of Chester (Cheshire), From an Undated Map.

Note Elton near Thornton in Eddesbury Hundred, on the south side of the Mersey River. (See Joseph Fisher)
Note Garston on the north (Lancashire) side of the Mersey. (See Standfield Family)
The “EDDESUBY” label covers a width of about 3 miles.
Southeast Dublin County, Ireland, ca. 19th Century

Note Stillorgan Parish, home of Joseph Fisher who immigrated to Philadelphia in 1683.

Note Monkstown Parish, home of Thomas Fisher Jr. & Sr. who may have immigrated to Chester County, Pa. by 1700.
Their village was called Dunleary by the English, then Kingstown, now called by its Irish name, Dun Laoghaire.
Joseph Fisher lived at Stillorgan, southeast Dublin County when he immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1683. He was joined by his brother-in-law Robert Turner, a wealthy Dublin dealer in textiles. Their certificates of removal are owned by the Quaker Family History Library on Bloomfield Avenue. The photos above are of copies made in 1870. J. L. Fisher is shown at the library entrance. (This library will move to Rathfarnum, Dublin County, in 2005.)
Mountmellick, County Queens (Laoise)

Mountmellick Monthly Meeting of the Quakers was established here in 1659. Their cemetry was nearby at Rosenallis.

Joseph Fisher of Rosenallis married Isabela Newmarch at Mountmellick Monthly Meeting in 1671. They moved to Dublin County, then went to Pennsylvania in 1683.

More recently, girls at the Quaker school at Mountmellick produced a distinctive form of needlework called Mountmellick Work, or “Mellick Work” for short. Examples were on display at this shop in 2004. Janice Fisher is shown at the shop.
Joseph Fisher of Rosenallis near Mountmellick, immigrant to Pennsylvania in 1683, married Isabela Newmarch in 1671 at Mountmellick Monthly Meeting, County Queens (Laoise).

The church shown is Church of Ireland. The Quaker cemetery, on the Montmellick road near Rosenallis, dates to 1659. The Pims, among the founders of Quakerism in Ireland in 1654, were forebears of early immigrants to Chester County, Pennsylvania.
Quaker Certificate of Removal for Joseph Fisher, From Dublin to Pennsylvania

Dublin The 10th day of ye second month 1683. Whereas Joseph Fisher a member of ye meeting of us the people of ye Lord (Scornefully) called Quakers in ye City of Dublin and Kingdom of Ireland hath laid before our said meeting his Intentions of Transporting him self, his wife Isabel & family into America.

These are therefore to Certifie all whom it may concern that ye Said Joseph Fisher and his wife have Demeaned themselves honorably as far as we doe understand, and we have nothing to lay to their charge to obstruct their Said Intended voyage and removal. As witness our hands y^th day above said.

So with ye Salutation of our Dear love to all those faithful friends to whom these lines may come and with your loving Brethren in ye Truth,

John Gunston  Anthony Sharp
James Pearson   Alexr Seton
Tho: Earl       John (Moby)
Philip England  James Tayler
John Gunon Junr Joseph Thomas
Henery Clifton  Thomas Ashton
Robt Sandman    Tho: Atherton
William Bingley Daniel Thackery
Benj Bangs      John (Inglefiel)
                John Roberts
                Samuel Baker

Quaker Certificate of Removal for Robert Turner, From Dublin to Pennsylvania

From our mens meeting in the City of Dublin in Ireland. To all our friends in Pensilvania, Jersie or any other parts of America to whom these may come is the Salutation of our undenied love in ye Truth to all ye faithful.

Whereas our friend Robert Turner has laid before our meeting his Intention of removing himself & his family to America.

These are therefore to Certifie you and all whom it may Concern that ye said Robert Turner has been an ancient friend of this meeting; and of a good Conversation as far as we know; and we have nothing against his said Removal. And he being a widower we do not under stand but yt he is clear from all women upon account of marriage. In Testimony (so be it) we have subscribed our hands at our meeting ye 3rd day of ye 5th month 1683.

Anthony Sharp  George Pope
John Burnyert  Saml (Stadsart)
Alex: Seton    Daniel Thackery
Tho: Ashton    Tho: Atherton
Joseph Thomas Tho: Breathwick
James Tayler   John Stevens
John Roberts   Daniel Webb
                John (Tristiem)
Joseph Fisher Notes:

LDS Film 0258621, Family Histories

LDS Film 0571395, Dublin Monthly Meeting Records, Ireland. Also see Philadelphia Wills & Futhey/Cope, History of Chester County.
Margaret (–) Fisher of Elton, Cheshire, wife of William, died 1669 at Dublin.
Children of William & Margaret Fisher:
Joseph Fisher mar. 1671-2-6 Isobel Newmarch from Yorkshire, at Rathfarnham Parish, Dublin County. His children were Moses, Joseph Jr., Mary and Martha. Joseph Jr. was born 1673, 2, 9 at Stillorgan. He married Mary – and had children Isobel, Mary, and Martha. He died 1717/18 at Philadelphia.
Mary, b. 1637, married William Archer at Co. Louth, Ireland 1659, 9 mo.
Martha, married Robert Turner of Dublin, at Rosenallis 1665, 7 mo 10. Note that Robert Turner and daughter Martha are listed on the “Lion” passenger list in 1683. Martha, daughter of Robert Turner and Martha Fisher Turner, is presumed to be the “sister’s daughter Martha Bell”, named in Joseph Fisher’s Philadelphia will of 1714.

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LDS Film 0571395 Irish Quaker Records

LDS Film 0383428 Quaker Records of Philadelphia/Montgomery Co. Pa.

LDS Film 0382729 Philadelphia Co. Pa. Wills

Early Pa. Land Records, Egle, 974.8 P415

LDS Film 1028711Chester County Pa. Warrants & Surveys A, B, C.
Pg. 78 Joseph Fisher Survey, Phil. 1702 Resurvey 4,420 acres & other lots. Also pg. 41.
The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies

LDS Film 0562980 Misc Church Records of Chester County Pa.
Bradford MM (Caln) Thomas Paine from Montmellick Mtg. In Ireland. (Note: witness to Thomas Fisher’s Will, 1747)

LDS Film 0384850 Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Minutes
Pg. 88 At our Qrtly Mtg held at the mtg house upon the front of Delaware the fifth of the first month 1687/8, Friends appointed to attend meeting … From Dublin (Note: mtg. In Phil. Co.) Wm. Preston, Richard Townsend, Joseph Fisher, John Hart.

Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, A. C. Myers

Early Pa. Land Records, Egle 974.8 P415
D-33 Patrick Robinson, Katharine Farmer widow of Jasper 5000 acres now K. Billop, 1690.
G-200 John Furnese bought 8ber 13th 1701 rights of servants of Joseph Fisher of the “Lion” & their headlands.

LDS Film 0986897 Old Rights Index, Bucks/Chester Co. Pa.
D-65-258,293 Jaspar Farmer

LDS Film 1006498 Pa Warrants D77.
D77-123 George Smedley 1700 next to Joseph Fisher, Dublin Twp.

LDS Film 1006486 Pa Land Warrants D65
D65 184 Joseph Fisher 500 a Dublin Twp 4 of 3 mo 1702 resurvey. Phil. Co.
D65 189 1702 Capt. Samuel Finney? Phil Co. next to Joseph Fisher.
D65 192 Joseph Fisher resurvey 1702 4,420 a Phil Co.
D65 236 Fairman Warrant, mentions Joseph Fisher land.

LDS Film 0986897 Bucks/Chester Co. Pa. Surveyor General Index
… There is a Paper or Draft Indorsed Jasper Farmer in Bundle F and signed on the back by one Jew Hughes but is very imperfect. (probably not part of Joseph Fisher record. See George Fisher & Jaspar Farmer.)
#877 Joseph Fisher City Lot 1687. #878 Joseph Fisher 1683. #879 Joseph Fisher 1683.

(Philadelphia Co. Wills D-29), (Futhey & Cope, History of Chester County)

Joseph, b. 1673, 2-9, son of Joseph & Isobel of Stillorgan, County Dublin, died 1717/18 Dublin Township, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
(Dublin MM Ire. LDS Film 0571395)

Philadelphia County Wills, D-114
Children of Joseph Fisher Jr. of Dublin Township, Philadelphia County (Wife seems to be Mary ffarmer):
Isobel, Mary, Martha

From Futhey & Cope, History of Chester County, Pennsylvania, pg. 23:
Robert Turner, late of Dublin, in Ireland, mercht, came in ye “Lion” of Leverpool, John Crumpton Mr; arrived here the 14, 8 mo. 1683; child Martha, servants, Robt Threwecks, 4 yrs, Henry Furnice, 4, Robt
The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies


Also pg. 23, Futhey & Cope:
The "Bristol Merchant", John Stephens comander, arived here the 10th of the 9th month, 1685. The passengers names are as followeth, vizt: Jasper Farmer, senior, his family – Mary Farmer, widow. Edward Farmer, Edward Batsford, Sarah Farmer, John Farmer, Robert Farmer, Katherine Farmer, Charles Farmer. Jasper Farmer, Junior’s family, -- Thomas Farmer, Katherine Farmer, widow, Elizabeth Farmer, Katherine Farmer, Junior. (Among their servants was George Fisher.)

LDS Film 03848350 Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Minutes.
Pg. 88 At our Quarterly Meeting held at the meeting house upon the front of Delaware the fifth of the first month, 1687. 18 Friends appointed to attend meeting … from Dublin William Preston, Richard Townsend, Joseph Fisher, John Hart… (This would mean Dublin Twp, Philadelphia County.)

LDS Film 0021722 Philadelphia County Wills D-29 Joseph Fisher Sr.
Signed 12 Dec 1711  Proved 21 Jan 1714

In the Name of God Amen.  I Joseph ffisher of Dublin Township in ye County of Philadelphia finding my selfe Weak of Body But of Perfect Memory & Sense Do Make this my Last Will & Testamt, Revoking all Other Wills heretofore by me made. Imprimis I Give & Bequeath ye Plantation I now live on In Dublin Township Containing five hundred Acres of Land with all the Improvemts thereon unto my Son Joseph ffisher during his Natural life And after his Decease unto his Eldest Son if it shall Please God to Bless him with one. But if he has no Son at his Decease then I Bequeath it unto his Daughter Isobel if she lives or if she Dye, then unto his eldest Daughter. if it Please God that his Race be Extinct then unto my Sisters Daughter Mary Archer ye Sons of her Body forever. Secondly for ye Remaindr of my Land which is three thousand acres In Upper Dublin Township In ye County aforesd I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Joseph ffisher his Heirs & Assigns forever. Thirdly I Give & Bequeath unto my Sisters Daughter Martha Bell one Hundred Pounds Current Money of the Province to be Paid unto her by my Executor upon her Demand. Ffourthly as for all ye Excess of my Estate both Real & Personal I Give it unto my Son Joseph Fisher & make him Sole Executr. Of this my Last Will and Testamt. (Seal) Signed Sealed & Acknowledged this twelfth day of Decem Anno Domi 1711 before us after ye Interlination In the 10th line (Eldest) and in ye 14th line (Mary Archer). Daniel Davis John Swift Edward ffarmer. Philda January 21, 1714. Then Personally Appeared John Swift and Edward ffarmer two of the Witnesses to the within written Will & upon Oath did Declare they Saw Joseph ffisher, ye Testator within Named Sign Seal Publish & Declare ye same as his Last Will & Testamt and that of the doing thereof he was of Sound Mind Memory & Understanding to ye best of their knowledge. Coram Petr Evans R. G.
Be it Remembered That ye 21st Janry 1714 The Last Will and Testamt of Joseph ffisher Decd was proved in due form of Law Probate. Letters of Administration was Granted to Joseph ffisher Executr therein Named being first Sworn Well & Truly to administer and bring an Inventory of ye Decds Estate into ye Rigistor Generals Office at Philada ye 21st day of March 1715. Also to Render accts when Required. Given under ye Seal of Sd Office. Petr Evans Reg. Gen.

LDS Film 0021722 Philadelphia County Wills D-114 (Noncupative) Joseph Fisher Jr.
Signed 23 October 1717
Proved 16 January 1717(8?)
The Last Will of Joseph Fisher of Dublin Township in the County of Philadelphia as he delivered it in Words to John Swift of the City of Philadelphia Gent and Edward Farmer of White Marsh in the Sd County Gent the twenty third day of October 1717. Imprims I Will that my Daughter Isobel ffisher shall have and enjoy Eight Hundred Acres of my Tract of Land adjoining to Hartsquake at the upper end of the Tract to her her heirs and assigns for ever. Secondly I will that my Daughter Mary shall have and enjoy that plantation that Joshua Holt now dwells on to contain Eleven hundred acres to be laid out of the Lower end of my aforesaid Tract to her her heirs and assigns forever. Thirdly I Will that my Daughter Martha shall have and enjoy Eleven hundred Acres more of my aforesd Tract as near her Sister Mary’s Tract as it can be laid to her heirs and assigns for ever. Fourthly it is my Will that all the remaining part of my Tract of Land aforesd Shall be disposed of for the support of my Wife and Children. Fifthly it is my Will that the remainder part of my Estate and all my moveables & Negroes Horses etc Shall be disposed of to the best advantage for the payment of my Just Debts And the remainder to be for the Support of my Wife and Children during their nonage or marriage. Sixthly I appoint my well beloved Wife to be Sole Executrix of my Will And to sell and dispose of the remainder part of my said Tract of Land and personal Estate etc. And my Brother ffarmer to be assistant to her. Witness our hands John Swift Edward ffarmer Philada 16th January 1717. Then personally appeared John Swift and Edward ffarmer the Witnesses to the Within Written Noncupative Will and upon their several Corporall oaths did declare they were present with the within named Joseph ffisher decd in the time of the Last Sickness at his dwelling House in Dublin Township who then and there did pronounce as his Last Will and Testament the within writing or to the Effect of the within writing and no other which he desired these debts to bear witness of or to that Effect. The Sd Will was comitted to writing within Three days after the speaking or making thereof, John Swift Edward ffarmer Sworne at Philada the day and Year above. Coram Pet: Evans Be it Remembered That on the 2nd Day of December 1717 The Last Will and Testament of Joseph ffisher decd was provd in due form of Law and probate and Letters of Administration was granted to Mary Fisher Executrix therein named being first to Sworn etc well and finely to Administer And bring an Inventory of the decd Estate into the Regr Generals Office at Philada on or before the 2d Day of Febry next and also to render accts when required. Given under the Seal of said Office Pet: Evans Reg: of W:
Thomas and Elizabeth Fisher of Chester County

On March 6, 1701, William Penn convened his land office board at Shippen’s estate house in Philadelphia to consider requests from three applicants -- Thomas Fisher, Thomas Robinson, and Peter Taylor Sr. They were the only applicants considered that day. One certificate (a warrant for a survey) was signed for Taylor, and one (jointly) for Robinson and Fisher. Peter Taylor came from Sutton in Cheshire, near Liverpool on the Mersey River. His land was in Upper Providence in Chester County, facing that of Robert Robinson, who came from Morland Parish in Westmorland in northern England. It is possible that Thomas Fisher came from the same area as Peter Taylor or Robert Robinson. The problem of tracing either Thomas Robinson or Thomas Fisher is due primarily to two omissions in the records: No land board minutes have survived for the first half of 1701, in which the residences of the applicants would have been mentioned; and whatever Quaker record may have shown the arrival of either of them, no such record has been found.

A number of circumstantial cases have been studied in an attempt to trace Thomas Fisher’s origins, but none of them have been proven. The most probable ancestors of Thomas Fisher may be the merchant and shipping Fishers of Bristol. They had some relatives around the London docks, and may have come from Derbyshire. The ancestor may have been Thomas Fisher of Dronfield in Derbyshire, born in 1685. He was the youngest of twelve children of Thomas and Helen (Rawworth) Fisher. Some of his siblings (Elizabeth, James, Samuel, Susannah) may have been the namesakes of the Thomas Fisher children in Pennsylvania. The descent in Dronfield was Thomas (1580), Robert (1613), Thomas (1642), Thomas (1685). Thomas Robinson, co-warrantee of the Fisher land in Pennsylvania, may be the one who went to Bristol from Eckington and Hope near Dronfield. In Bristol, the families of Francis and George Fisher were mostly Quakers, while the families of James and Thomas Fisher were mostly Church of England. Robert Robinson’s land in Pennsylvania descended to John Fallowfield, whose daughter Abigail married George Fisher in Bristol in 1700. Possible relatives were Thomas and Martha Fisher of Bristol, who had a son Thomas born in 1688, Thomas and Sara Fisher of Bath near Bristol, who owned the ship “Constant Martha” and had a son Thomas born in 1691, Francis Fisher, mariner of Bristol and his wife Sarah, who had a son Thomas born in the parish of St. Katherine by the Tower in London in 1670, or Thomas Fisher of Bristol, born in Derbyshire. Thomas Fisher of Kennett in Chester County, Pennsylvania may be connected to the Bristol and London merchant Fishers in the following way:

James Wallis of Bristol, who submitted a Pennsylvania land application at almost the same time as Thomas Fisher, was one of a group of Bristol traders called the Bristol Company, who had close ties with the Penn family in Bristol. Wallis obtained, through an agent, a large tract adjacent to and partially wrapping around the Fisher/Robinson land. The Bristol traders were members of the Quaker meeting in Bristol where William Penn and his second wife were members. They were Charles Jones Jr., James Wallis, Richard Crosley and Thomas Taylor. James Wallis was married to Mary Gouldney, whose family raised money to rescue William Penn from a large debt. Crosley and Jones were brothers-in-law. Francis and Sarah Fisher of St. Katherine by the Tower in London had a son Thomas, born in 1670. Their presumed son Francis and his wife, also named Sarah, were with the Quakers of Ratcliffe Monthly Meeting near the Tower before moving to Bristol Monthly Meeting. In 1678, Francis Fisher of Redcliffe, a Bristol mariner, married Sarah Jones, daughter of Charles Jones of Bristol. (William Penn Jr. married a daughter of Charles Jones Jr.) A daughter Sarah was born at Bristol in 1681. When Sarah (Jr.) was about to be married at Bristol, in 1702, a letter from the Ratcliffe Quakers in London referred to her parents Francis and Sarah as “formerly from these parts” and affirmed that the daughter Sarah was free from a brief engagement to Roger Wallis. Francis Fisher, Thomas Robinson and James Wallis are found in shipping records of voyages to Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. On one occasion Francis Fisher and James Wallis shipped together on the “Alexander” from Bristol. The Bristol traders all died.
together at the end of 1717, which suggests a shipwreck. James Fisher of Bristol also died at the same time. Further research might clarify what actually happened. It may be relevant that when Thomas and Elizabeth Fisher sold part of the Kennett land grant in 1741, they sold it to William Webb, whose family had come from Gloucester, embarking from Bristol.

Thomas Robinson was at anchor aboard the “Tryall” at Chester (Pennsylvania) in 1688, and sued John Neil in 1700, but may not have been resident. He may have been Thomas, son of Robert Robinson, born in 1665 at Cartmel near Ulverston in north Lancashire. A Thomas Fisher, son of Thomas, was also born at Cartmel, in 1667. Robert Robinson was in Morland Parish, Westmorland in 1683 when he bought land in Pennsylvania. Later, his Pennsylvania land was inherited by John Fallowfield. John and Sarah Fallowfield, formerly of northern England, came to Bristol with their daughter Abigail, who married George Fisher of Bristol in July of 1700. Thomas Robinson of Bristol, gentleman, married Joane Vaughn in 1686.

Other than the 1701 land warrant, no record has been found for Thomas Fisher (of Chester County) until May of 1713, when he married Elizabeth Huntley at Concord Monthly Meeting.

The Robinson/Fisher land warrant of 1701 reads as follows:

“William Penn Absolute Proprietary & Governor in Chief of the Province of Pensilvania and Counties Annexed … At the Request of Thomas Robinson and Thomas ffisher That I would grant them to take up three hundred Acres of Land near Brandywine Creek in Such manner as Shall hereafter be agreed on These are to require thee forthwth to Survey or cause to be Survey’d to them the Sd Number of three hundred Acres of Land not yet Survey’d nor concealed nor Seated by the Indians and make Return thereof into my Secretaries Office. Given under my hand and Seal at Philadelphia the Sixth of ye first Month 1700/01. Wm Penn. To Edward Penington Surveyor General of the Province of Pensilvania and Territories.” (Note: Concealed lands were those reserved for the proprietors.)

It is not clear whether the Thomas Fisher of the 1701 land grant was the same as the one who married twelve years later and lived on the land grant, which was located in Kennett, Chester County. Thomas Fisher was a member of Concord Monthly Meeting (Quaker) by the time of his marriage to Elizabeth Huntley in 1713. No trace of any siblings or parents of Thomas Fisher has been found in Pennsylvania. Records show that the 1701 land tract of 300 acres was re-surveyed for Thomas Fisher in 1739, and found after more accurate measurement to be 200 acres, lying in the eastern part of Kennett Township in Chester County, which is now Pennsbury Township:

“The above described Tract of Land Situate in Kennett Township in the County of Chester was Surveyed in pursuance of a Warrant from the late Proprietary dated the Sixth day of March 1700/1 granted to Thomas Robinson and Thomas Fisher for 300 acres & surveyed by Henry Hollingsworth on the 10th day of December then next ensuing and called about three Hundred Acres, But being Since Resurveyed according to the ancient lines and bounds thereof is found to contain two Hundred Acres and the Allowance of Six pCent per Centred.”

The Robinson/Fisher survey of 1701 is now lost, but Thomas Fisher’s resurvey in 1739, pursuant to a patent, survives. The resurvey shows that the tract was in the Township of Kennett, Chester County, in the part that later became Pennsbury, north of the old Kennett Quaker meeting house that was built in 1710. The tract, estimated by Henry Hollingsworth in 1701 to be 300 acres, was found to be only 200 acres at the time of the 1739 survey. The new survey was done “according to the ancient bounds,” which if correct means there was simply an error in the original estimate.

The earliest tax record available shows that both Thomas Robinson and Thomas Fisher paid land taxes in Kennett in 1715. Thomas Robinson is not to be found in the Quaker records of the area.
Thomas Fisher and most of his family moved to East Caln (about 30 miles from Kennett) in 1741. The eldest son, William, stayed in Kennett. Thomas built a 3-story fieldstone house on what is now Beaver Creek Road in West Brandywine township. The house has been modified but is fully restored. His son James built a similar house nearby, which still stands on Hurley road.

Thomas Fisher died in 1747. His will is dated 3rd day, 4th month 1747, probated August 27, 1747. He named children William, James, Elizabeth, Samuel, Thomas, Francis, and Mary; and wife Elizabeth. Susannah Fisher, who attended several of the family weddings at Kennett, may have been another daughter or could have been a relative.

Other Possible Origins

Thomas Fisher (or his father?) may have been the same as Thomas Fisher, born about 1667, who came on the “Vine” with the Baker family in 1684, from Walton-on-the-Hill and vicinity near Liverpool in Lancashire. That Thomas has never been connected to any other Fisher family. There is a hint of a connection between him and the Taylor/Robinson/Fisher group in Upper Providence, since Nathan Baker witnessed a Peter Taylor land sale there in 1705. Nathan Baker lived first in Bucks County but then settled in Concord Township, Chester County, near the Quaker meeting house where Thomas Fisher was married in 1713.

There are also some records in Ireland that may relate to this Thomas Fisher. There was a Thomas Fisher family in southeast Dublin County in Ireland, where a Thomas Robinson married an Elizabeth Fisher on May 4, 1672. In the 1670’s several Fisher and Robinson families lived there, in close proximity. They were less than two miles from Stilorgan, where the Philadelphia immigrant Joseph Fisher had lived. Joseph was a Quaker, but the other Fishers and the Robinsons of Dublin County are found only in the Church of Ireland parish registers. (It should be noted that non-Episcopals as well as Episcopals were required to register records with the state church.) Elizabeth (Fisher) Robinson died at Carrickmaine in Dublin County in September of 1679, and their newborn son Benjamin died at the same time. Thomas Robinson then disappeared from the Dublin County records. By 1688, he could have been the one who began to appear in the court and land records of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Numerous source records for Thomas and Elizabeth (Huntley) Fisher of Chester County are documented elsewhere. For further study of the Gloucester/Somerset records, see the Gloucester records in this book.
Emma Armer, a 12th-Generation Descendant of Thomas Fisher

Upper Photo: A marker at the Concord (Pennsylvania) Friends Meeting House. This is the site of the older meeting house where Thomas Fisher & Elizabeth Huntley married in 1713.

Lower Photo: In Kennett (Pennsbur), at the north end of Thomas Fisher’s 1701 land from William Penn. (Near the southeast corner of the intersection of Parkersville Road & Street Road)
Kennet Meeting House at Hamorton, Pennsylvania
The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies

The Thomas Fisher house in West Brandywine, Pennsylvania, as it looked in 2007. The Oldest Part, built ca 1740, is in the center, with later additions at each end.

The pond, fed from the spring house; the oldest barn.; the restored spring house; the ancient cellar under the old part of the house. Features of the property are described in the wills and deeds.
Will of Thomas Fisher Probated August 27, 1747

The within writing was signed sealed & published & declared by the said Thomas Fisher as and for his Last Will & testament in the presence of us/the words one, & pay, being first interlined.

Wm: Pim
Thos: Downing
Thomas Paine

Chester Aug 27 1747

Then personally appeared Willm Pim and Thomas Paine, two of ye Witnesses to ye above Will Who on the Second of Aug. Did Declare th' they those present and Samuel ye Testater Therein Named Sign Seal Publish Pronounce and Declare ye above Will to be his Last Will and testament and th' at ye Day thereof he was of Sound mind and memory to ye Best of their understanding. - -

I Thomas Fisher of East Caln in the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman, being in health of body & of sound mind & memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, do make this my last will and testament as follows, that is to say, first, my will is that all my Just debts & funeral charges be paid by my Executors as soon as may be after my decease. Item, I Give and devise to my Son Samuel Fisher one Hundred & fifty acres of Land & to his Heirs & assigns for ever it being the South Side of the tract of Land whereas I now work upon Condition that he shall pay the sum One Hundred & Sixty one pounds (without worry of province on or before the Sixteenth of November next by paying what is due on my Said tract of Land in the General Land Office & the remainder to be apply’d toward discharging my other debts. Item I give & devise to my Son Thomas and to his Heirs & assigns for ever the remaining part of my said track of Land being about one hundred acres with the buildings & improvements thereon provided that he shall pay to my dear Wife Elizabeth Fisher the sum of four pounds a year every year during her life and the sum of four pounds to my son Francis to be paid to him within four years after my death, and the sum of two pounds to my daughter Mary when she shall arrive to twenty years of age, Item - I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Joseph Wilkenson our one year old bay pacing mare colt. Item - I give & bequeath to my dear wife Elizabeth Fisher all my household furniture and warrings. Item - I give & bequeath all the rest of my Estate whatsoever to my son Thomas provided always and my will is that if my son Thomas shall happen to dye before he attains to the age of twenty one years that be I give and devise the hundred acres of Land already deeded to him, to my son Francis & to his Heirs and assigns for ever. Subject nevertheless to the payment of the several legacies which I have herein ordered my son Thomas to pay. and that he is to pay the further sum of fifteen pounds to my daughter Mary when she has arrived to twenty three years of age & the sum of five pounds to my son William & five pounds to my son James & five pounds to my son Samuel & five pounds a year beginning one year next after the said fifteen pounds I paid to my Daughter Mary, first to my son William, then James, then Elizabeth, then Samuel. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear wife Elizabeth Fisher & my son Samuel Fisher Executors of this my last Will & testament hereby revoking & making void all other wills & testaments by me made, and in case either my wife or son Samuel shall happen to dye before their Executorship is fule completed I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas in the room instead of he or she so dying. Ju. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this third day of the fourth month in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred & forty Seven 1747.
The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies

Property Inventory for Probate of Thomas Fisher Will, August 1747

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Samuel McKinley
John Wall
Thomas Fisher and the Baker Family of Lancashire & Bucks County

Thomas Fisher of Walton (Walton-on-the-Hill) near Liverpool in Lancashire was one of ten servants brought to Pennsylvania in 1684 by Henry Baker of Walton. They came aboard the “Vine” of Liverpool.

A number of Fisher families were established in Lancashire at an early date. It is not known if they had a common family seat, but early branches clustered around Liverpool in the south, Preston to the north, and Ulverstone in the far north of old Lancashire (now Cumbria). The Fishers of Westmorland are believed to be connected to the north Lancashire Fishers.

Three known Quaker families came from Lancashire to Pennsylvania during the time of William Penn. John and Margaret Fisher of Marsden Monthly Meeting in north Lancashire, came to Philadelphia in 1682 or soon after. John Fisher, a Quaker from the north of England, came in 1700 to Bucks County. Thomas Fisher, an Anglican, came with the Baker family of Walton near Liverpool in 1684. The Bakers also settled in Bucks County.

The earliest surviving parish records show that Fisher families were living in the Liverpool area at least as early as the reign of Elizabeth I. In 1598, Robert Taylor married Alice Fisher in the parish of Childwall. In 1600, Anna Fysher, married Henry Hearne in the same parish. No Fishers have been found in the Quaker records of the area. The earliest parish records mention Fishers by the name of Christian, Edward, William, Henry, John, Richard and Thomas. One group was located in the fishing and port towns in the parish of Childwall, along the north bank of the Mersey River below Liverpool. Others were in Liverpool and nearby towns to the west.

There were two Thomas Fisher families in Childwall Parish in the 1670/90 time period. They lived in and around the riverside villages of Garston and Aigburth, about four miles below Walton. The records of the Aigburth Fishers show no Thomas who could have been the emigrant. The records of Garston show one possibility. Thomas Fisher of Walton could have been Thomas, son of Thomas, born 7 April 1668, at Garston. Known siblings were Margaret, Mary, and Richard. All of this family except Thomas Jr. had died prior to the emigration of Thomas of Walton in 1684.

One Fisher family has been found in the parish records of Walton-on-the-Hill. Catharine Fisher, widow, died at Fazakerley in 1670, where a John Fisher and his wife Elizabeth had two known daughters, Alice and Margery. All were deceased by 1688. No records have been found linking this family to the emigrant Thomas Fisher. It might be possible that they were relatives of the Garston Fishers and could have been guardians of the orphaned Thomas of Garston.

Childwall village is 4 ½ miles southeast of Liverpool. Garston, on the Mersey riverside, is about 2 ½ miles from All Saints, the Childwall Parish Church.

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In October of 1668, the year of Thomas Fisher’s birth at Garston, a young Quaker named Henry Baker married Margaret Hardman, at Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting near Liverpool. Henry was from Newtown, near Wigan and Upholland, about 7 miles northeast of Liverpool. Henry and Margaret settled at Hindley, but by 1678 they had moved to Walton-on-the-Hill near Liverpool, in the parish of West Derby. By 1684, they had six young children. They were only 2 miles from St. Anne’s, the parish church at Childwall where Thomas Fisher was christened.
In 1681 the Hardshaw Quakers around Liverpool heard of William Penn’s promise of a better life for them, in a new province in the new world. As proprietor under a grant from King Charles, Penn was already selling blocks of land west of the Delaware River, and his surveyor Thomas Holmes was mapping out the location of tracts for many of the buyers. Henry Baker purchased land in the new county of Bucks, in Pennsylvania, and his name was recorded on the 1681 map, in what would be the township of Falls.

In May of 1684, the Quakers of Hardshaw West monthly meeting near Liverpool granted a certificate to Henry Baker, for removal to Falls Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In the same year William Preeson (Pierson), a Welsh seaman from a village near Dolgellau, a port on the west coast of Wales in Merionethshire (now Gwynedd), signed on as commander to take passengers to Pennsylvania. He signed up 44 passengers from Wales and 3 from Shropshire. An additional 46 were recruited from around Liverpool. Those who could not pay their passage were indentured to serve in Pennsylvania. The “servants” were actually relatives and employees. Henry Baker was able to pay for his family and 10 others. The “Vine” of Liverpool was chartered, and was scheduled to sail out of the Mersey River in the summer of 1684.

All of the Lancashire passengers on the “Vine” were from Liverpool or villages within a few miles of Liverpool. Some of Henry Baker’s bonded servants were Quakers, but some remained Church of England. Henry Sidell, a Quaker bonded to serve 4 years, was a nephew of Margaret (Hardman) Baker. The Canby family, cousins of Henry Baker, were also Quakers. Thomas Fisher, bonded for 4 years, was Church of England.

A comprehensive genealogy of the Bakers can be found in “Henry Baker and Some of His Descendants,” in the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The reference sheds no light on the servant Thomas Fisher, but it includes extensive information beyond the findings of the study in this book. For example, it says that Henry Baker returned to England after the emigration, and may have brought some of the family and servants on a second trip, a little later than 1684. It mentions a letter in which Margaret Baker, while still in England, expressed doubt that willing plough workers could be found, and that they were hoping to bring five servants. By the time the servant list in Pennsylvania was compiled to comply with a 1684 law, ten servants were at hand. The reference also says the servant Thomas Canby, who was a nephew of the Bakers, was a son of Benjamin Canby Jr. of Liverpool, and that Benjamin Canby Sr. had come to Liverpool from Thorne in Yorkshire. The reference also explains the identity of Mary Beckett, who came with the Bakers but was not a servant. She was a young girl from the influential Beckett family of Northumberland. For some reason, she left behind a mother and stepfather to come to Pennsylvania. The Pembertons, close friends of William Penn, helped with her care in Pennsylvania.

In September of 1684, the “Vine” of Liverpool arrived at Philadelphia. Among the Lancashire passengers listed from Walton were the Quakers Henry Baker and wife Margaret, two sons (Nathan and Samuel), 4 daughters (Rachel, Rebecca, Phebe and Hester), Mary Beckett and ten servants (including Thomas Fisher). Mary Beckett, from Bebbington on the Cheshire side of the Mersey across from Liverpool, was probably a relative. The oldest child, Rachel, was 15 years of age, and the youngest, Nathan, was an infant.
Henry Baker presented his Hardshaw certificate to Falls Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Falls meeting minutes say that he was a carrier, from the “County of Darby, in Lancashire.” This was a reference to the ancient “hundred” of West Derby (pronounced Darby in England). Much of that area, on the north side of the Mersey River, was detached from Lancashire in 1974 and a new county called Merseyside was created from it.

Henry Baker obtained two land warrants from William Penn, each for 500 acres. The family settled above Philadelphia in Falls Township. The eldest son, Samuel, reached age 21 in 1697, and acquired a number of tracts in Bucks County and settled in Makefield Township. The Bakers were members of Falls Monthly Meeting. Thomas Fisher was in service to the Bakers from 1684 to 1688.

In 1691 Mary Beckett, who came with the Bakers, married Samuel Brown at a Quaker meeting at Henry Baker’s house, Falls Monthly Meeting. In 1704 William Brown, brother of Samuel, married Hester (Baker) Yardley, daughter of Henry Baker, when her first husband died.

When Nathan Baker was only 16 years of age, he was allowed to sell in his own name, 250 acres in Newtown devised to him by his father Henry Baker. At age 19, he left Bucks County. He was received by the Quakers at Concord, in Chester County, in October of 1703. He apparently went to live with his sister Rachel, who had married Job Bunting. Job Bunting bought two tracts in Concord, in Chester County, in 1701/2 from William Smith of Darby Township. Part of the land reverted back to William Smith to settle a debt, and Job Bunting soon died. Rachel married John Cowgill, and returned to Bucks County. The tracts in Concord were passed to Rachel’s brother Nathan Baker in 1708, when William Smith died in Cecil County, Maryland. Nathan Baker soon moved to Cecil County and settled on Back Creek, a branch of the Elk River. Hester (Baker) Brown, sister of Nathan, also moved to Cecil County.

Henry Baker died before May of 1705, when his will was probated. He was a “carrier,” meaning that he had been in the business of transporting people and/or goods via ferry, wagon or coach.

Joseph Baker, a possible distant relative, came from Shropshire in 1685 and also settled in Chester County, in Edgmont township.

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Genealogy of the Baker family:

Henry Baker was born 1 March 1634 at Newtown, Lancashire, the son of Henry Baker (Backer, Bowker) and Mary Radcliffe. Henry died in 1700/01, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Margaret Hardman was born about 1647 at Aspull, Lancashire. She died 5 August 1688, Falls Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Henry Baker and Margaret Hardman were married 6 October 1667 at Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting near Liverpool.


Children of Henry Baker and Margaret (Hardman) Baker


3. Nathan (1) b. 10 Mo. 21, 1670, Thornley, West Derby, Lancashire. Died 5 Mo. 27 or 28, 1680, Lancashire.

4. Samuel b. 1 Oct 1676 West Derby, Lancashire


7. Nathan (2) b. 8 Jan 1683/4 West Derby, Lancashire. Died abt 1729, Cecil County, Md. Marr. 15 May 1705 Sarah Collett, Chester Twp., Pa.. Sarah Collett was b. 1685, Byberry Twp, Phil. Co. Pa., dau. of Jeremiah Collett and Anne -- . Children of Nathan and Sarah (Collett) Baker 

Elizabeth b. 1707, Mary b. 1709, died Jun 1757 Chester, Pa.; Jeremiah b. 1710, d. 1765; Nathan b. 1711, d. abt 1755; Henry b. 1714, d. abt. 1768.


Most of the servants of Henry Baker can be traced:


James Yates, b. 20 Mar 1670, Huyton by Roby., Son of Thomas Yates. Or James Yates who marr. Francis Fletcher 28 Nov 1679, Huyton, Lancashire. (Francis Fletcher may be sister of Richard Fletcher who went to Bucks Co. Pa., then to Kennett, Chester Co. Pa.)

John Hurst, son of Richard Hurst, marr. Ellen Hulton of Rochdale 24 Jan 1665/6, Leigh, Lancashire.

Thomas Fisher, 4 years, addressed further in this study.

John Stedman. (Elizabeth Stedman & her children Sarah and Judeth Buller, Joseph Buller paid their own passage and were not bonded).

Thomas Canby, Quaker, probable son of Benjamin and Jane Canby of Liverpool. Benjamin (Jr.) b. 1681, 3 Mo., 30, Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting. Benjamin Canby wit. Quaker wedding,
Falls Monthly Meeting, Pa. 1719. Henry Baker, in his will probated 1705, named cousin Sarah Canby.

Deborah Boothe, dau. of John Boothe, b. 23 Oct 1664, Rochdale, Lancashire.

Joshua Lort (Lord) b. abt 1656, Rochdale, Joshua Lord b. abt 1682 Bacup, marr. Ellen Pollerd, Joshua Lord b. abt 1683 Rochdale. (Robert Lord was also aboard the “Vine” as servant to Griffith Owen of Prescot)

Joseph Ferror, possible error for Ferron/Fearne, an old Anglican family of Wavertree in Childwall Parish near Liverpool. Joshua Fearne of Ashover, Derbyshire, bought land in Newtown on Crum Creek in 1681. Ashover is about 40 miles from the Mersey riverside in Lancashire where the Bakers lived.

In addition to the Baker group, two other groups of passengers on the “Vine” were from Lancashire. With further study, most of them could probably be traced.

One group was from Prescot, 7 miles E of Liverpool; 4 miles NE of Childwall:
Griffith Owen and his wife Sarah, their son Robert and daus. Sarah & Elinor, 7 servants:
Thomas Armes, may be a mistake for Ormes.
John Ball, 4 years,
Robert Lort (Lord) 8 years, probable brother of Joshua who was indentured to the Bakers.
Alexander Edwards,
Jeane, Bridgett & Elizabeth Watts, 3 years.

One group was from Lancashire, no parish given:
Wm. Hatton & Eliz. his wife, daus. Rachell, Martha & Elinor Hall & 5 servants:
Thomas Harrison, 2 years,
John Cowp, 4 years,
Lawrance Parker 5 years,
Katharine Owen 4 years,
Mary Hall 8 years.
Eliz. Stedman, Sarah & Judeth Buller, her dau., Jos. Stedman, her son. John Stedman was indentured to the Bakers, may have been husband of Elizabeth.
Rebecca Barrow. (Not one of the servants.)

Thomas Fisher’s term of indenture was 4 years, to pay for his passage from Lancashire and his upbringing to the age of maturity. The bonds for minors were often arranged to end near the age of maturity, implying that Thomas might reach age 21 soon after 1688. This would fit Thomas Fisher of Childwall, son of Thomas. He would have been 16 years of age when the “Vine” departed for Pennsylvania, and would have been under the care of the Bakers as a minor, possibly as an apprentice in the Baker’s carrier trade.

There are no records mentioning Thomas Fisher in Bucks County, Pennsylvania other than the passenger list for the “Vine” in 1684.
About 1711, Nathan Baker, passenger on the “Vine” with Thomas Fisher, moved to Cecil County, Maryland from Concord Township in Chester County. In 1708 John Smith’s widow sold the Wallis tract next to Robinson and Fisher in Kennett, to Nicholas Pyle of Concord township, a former neighbor of Nathan Baker. At some time after 1702, William Smith and his sons John & William Smith had moved from Concord Township in Chester County, to Cecil County, Maryland. Maryland land records imply that Nathan Baker and wife Sarah returned to Pennsylvania, but a younger Nathan Baker, with wife Joyce, remained in Cecil County.

A Thomas Fisher of Kent Island, Maryland, died in 1698 with an unnamed minor orphan and a (presumed) wife Ann who was administrator of his estate.

In 1706 both Thomas Robinson and wife Sarah, and a William Fisher and wife Mary were members of St. Stephens Anglican Church in Cecil County.

Records:

English Friends Records of Lancashire, LDS Film 0441398.

Baker, Susannah of Walton, Lancashire, marr. Thomas Ross of Kirkdale 1671, 2m, 7 at Knowsley, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg. (Possible sister of Henry Baker?)

Children of Henry and Margaret Baker

Baker, Rachel b. 1669, 2m 23 to Henry and Margaret Baker of Hindley, Hardshaw East Mo. Mtg.
Baker, Rachel b. 1679, 2m 23 to Henry and Margaret Baker of West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.

Baker, Nathan b. 1670, 10m, 21 to Henry Baker at West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.
Baker, Nathan b. 1670, 10m, 19 to Henry Baker of Thornley.
Baker, Nathan, son of Henry, d. 1680, 5m, 27; bur. 28.

Baker, Sarah b. 1672, 8 m 18 to Henry Baker of West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.

Beaker, Rebecca b. 1674, 6m, 25 to Henry Beaker of Hindley, Harshaw East Mo. Mtg.
Beaker, Rebeka b. 1674, 6m, 24 to Henry & Margaret Baker of West Derby, Harshaw West Mo. Mtg.

Baker, Samuel b. 1676, 7m, 29 to Henry Baker of West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.
Baker, Samuel b. 1676, 8m, 1 to Henry & Margaret, West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.

Baker, Phebe b. 1678, 5m, 26 to Henry & Margaret Baker, West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.
Baker, Pheby b. 1679, 5m, 29 to Henry Baker of West Derbie.

Baker, Esther b. 1680, 6m, 28 to Henry Baker of West Derby, Hardshaw East Mo. Mtg.
Baker, Hester b. 1680, 6m, 28 to Henry & Margaret Baker, West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.

Baker, Nathan b. 1684, 1m, 8 to Henry & Margret Baker, West Derby, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.

Servants Bonded to Henry Baker upon Passage to Pennsylvania

Canby, Benjamin b. 1681, 3, 30 to Benjamin and Jane Canby, Liverpool, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.
Hatton, Alice b. 1666, 9m, 30 to Henry & Margery Hatton, Penketh, Hardshaw East Mo. Mtg.
Hatton, William b. 1669, 5m, 17 to William & Elizabeth Hatton, Knowsley, Hardshaw West Mo. Mtg.
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Abstracts of Cecil County Md. Land Records 1673-1751.

Pg. 151 Nathan Baker 1722 … Back Creek …head of N. E. Branch of Elk River … Heirs of Alexander Fraser dec’d.
Abstracts of Cecil County Maryland Land Records 1673 - 1751, Brown B 878 Cecil Md.

Abstracts of Cecil County Maryland Land Records 1673 - 1751, Brown B 878 Cecil Md.
Pg. 151 (470) Deed.  Henry Worley of Cecil Co., miller, and his wife Mary, for L207, to Joshua Gee, Joseph Farmer, William Russell, John Ruston of Great Britain and Stephen Onion of Maryland, merchants, land in Cecil Co. at the head of the North East Branch and another parcel of land on the other side of the said Branch Henry Worley will defend the land against any claim of the heirs of Alexander Fraser, deceased, and/or his widow Elizabeth Fraser. …12 May 1722 …

Chester County Land Records V1 1681 - 1730, Bryant
Pg. 117 Deed.  On 10 Apr 1708 Phillip Roman of Chichester & Amy his wife, & others … land on Chichester Creek… witness Edward Baker. (B2:334)

Pg. 126 Deed.  1 Dec 1708 Elizabeth Harris of Burmingham, relict & executrix of Hugh Harris, to William Branton of Burmingham… Witnesses Isaac Taylor & John Baker, both of Thornbury


Pg. 5 Deed.  10 Dec 1713 Joseph Baker of Edgmont & Martha his wife, to Samuel Bishop of Edgmont.

Pg. 41 Deed.  8 June 1697 George Willard of Marple to Peter Thomas of Springfield. Tract in Westtown, witness Joseph Baker.

Pg. 58 Deed.  Oct 1697 Thomas Rouse & Ann his wife of Motherkil in the county of Kent… to Daniel Hoopes & Jane his wife of Middletown in the county of Bucks… witness Joseph Baker Jr.


Pg. 62 Deed.  12 Mar 1699/1700 Roger Jackson of Edgmont to Joseph Baker of Edgmont… a tract in Edgmont…

Pg. 69/70 Deed.  4 Mar 1705 Frances Bowater of Westtown, widow, to George Smedley of Middletown. …John Bowater decd husband of Frances Bowater… in Westtown bounded by land of Daniel Hoope, Richard Snead, John Wilcox & Joseph Baker.
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Pg. 108 Deed. 20 May 1708 John Goulding late of Edgmont now of Middle Town, & Joseph Baker of Beakes Land in Edgmont, to Evan Howell of Edgmont….land between Chester Creek & Ridley Creek…

Pg. 152 Deed. 26 Sep 1712 Paul Sanders of county of Chester, tanner, & Anne his wife, to Joseph Baker of Edgmont…

Pg. 158 Deed. 26 Mar 1713 Joseph Baker of Beaksland & Martha his wife, to Richard Weaver of Chester, … land in Chichester… Same day, Joseph & Martha Baker conveyed part to Shadrack Scarlett.

Pg. 159 Deed. 5 May 1713 John Worrilaw & Anne his wife of Edgmont to William Yarnall, land bounded by Joseph & Mary Baker…

Pg. 169 Deed. 25 May 1713 Joseph Baker of Edgmont & Martha his wife, to John Broomer of Edgmont. Land in Edgmont.

Pg. 178/9 Deed. 13 Jan 1712 Joseph Baker of Edgmont & Mary his wife to their son Joseph Baker of Thornbury. Land in Thornbury.


Pg. 226 Deed. 16 Jan 1724 John Bellars of London, merchant, to John Cheney & Thomas Cheney, late of Middletowne, now of Upper Lamborne in parish of Chipping in county of Burks…. Joseph Baker agreed to purchase 500 of 5000 acre purchase from Richard Marsh, of the City of Bristol, merchant, but did not pay.

Pg. 233 Deed. 26 Mar 1724 John Baker of Edgmont, only surviving son of Joseph Baker the elder, late of Edgmont dec., to John Taylor of Thornbury, a tract in Thornbury on Chester Creek bounded by John Baker.


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Pg. 106/7 Deed. 1 May 1708 John Owgill of Trevoze in co. of Bucks & Rachell his wife, widow of Jobe Bunting late of Bristol Township in Co. of Bucks, miller, and William Smith, late of Concord but now of the province of Maryland, to Nathan Baker of Concord. Deed 19 Feb 1701/2 by William Smith to Jobe Bunting 2 tracts in Concord, one by land of Francis Chadsey & John Haselgrove 100a; other 200 a. by land of Robert Adams & William Collett, 200 a., reconveyed to William Smith, all 300 a. to Nathan Baker.

Pg. 111 Deed. 2 July 1707 Thomas Woodward of Aston to Henry Pears of Chester County. Land in Concord originally laid out to John Haselgrove in 1682, 500 a. then sold to Jeremiah Collett the younger of Chichester, merchant. To Thomas Woodward half of the 500. Bounded by Concord Street, Ralph Pyle, Nathan Baker & David Register.

Pg. 121 Mortgage. 18 May 1708 Nathan Baker of Chester mortgaged to William Smith of Maryland two tracts in Concord, one by corner of Francis Chads then west south west by Haselgrove, 100a. Other at corner of Robert Adams & east northeast side by William Colletts 200 a.
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Pg. 129  Deed.  7 July 1709 Roger Jackson of Chester to David Lloyd of Philadephia a tract in Chester bounded by James Lowndes & David Lloyd, 2 acres.  Wit. Robert and Peter Baker, Thomas Baldwin Jr.

Pg. 207/8  Deed.  17 Aug 1724 John Taylor, High Sheriff of Chester County, to Phillip Oley.  190 acres in Middle Town, suit against Adam Batten to seize.  Bound by Henry Grubbs & Peter Hunter.  Witnesses Zorobabel Thatcher, Richard Baker…

Pg. 6  Deed.  22 Jul 1715 Robert Baker of Middletown & Susannah his wife, to John Cheyney late of Ashtown, tallow chandler.  Land was George Willard late of Chester County, 1687, to Roger Jackson of Chester County, 120 acres.  To William Swafer a tract in Edgmont 70 acres.  1700, 1713 to George Ashbridge and wife Mary & John Goulding & Esther his wife 25 Feb 1713 to Robert Baker 70 acres.  Now to John Cheyney.

Pg. 81 Deed.  7 Jan 1713 Joshua Hastings of Phil. & Elizabeth his wife, to John Musgrave of Middletown.  1681 Joshua Hastings 1000 a., 472 in Middletown.  Now tract bounded by John Worrals, Robert Baker, John Turner, Alexander Hunter & Ephraim Jackson 200 a. part of 472.

Pg. 172 Deed.  10 Nov 1713 Robert Baker of Middletown & Susannah his wife, to John Worrall of Edgmont.  50 acres in Middletown, bounded by land late of David Ogden, & other tract 150 acres in Edgmont bounded by William Swafer.

Pg. 204 Deed.  26 May 1720 John Baldwinof Chester, merchant & Katherine his wife, to their son John Baldwin of Middletowne.  30 May 1716 Thomas Barnsby of Middletowne, blacksmith to John Baldwinthe father, 3 tracts in Middletown.  Bounds Thomas Barnsby, land bought from Jonathon Ogden, Edgmont road, George Smedley … bounds Peter Trego & Samuel Barnsby & late of Robert Baker…

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Pg. 12  Deed of Gift.  22 Jun 1709 Randle Vernon of Nether Providence to his son Jacob Vernon.  Wm. Penn 5000 a. to John Simcock 16 Mar 1681, part laid out in Thornbury & John Simcock gave his daughter

Pg. 24 Lease & Release. 7 Mar 1726/7 John Baker of Edgmont & John Minshall of Chester, cordwainer & Hannah his wife to Stephen Cole of Chester, butcher. John Bker 2 lots formerly Rodger Jackson, sold to John Minshall but not conveyed. Two lots in Chester bounded by High Street, other lots of Stephen Cole, lots late of Richard Mardon now of Griffith Howell & lots late of Sarah Smith being part of 20 ac. To James Sandelands 31 May 1686 by Wm. Penn. Wit John Baker etc.

Pg. 25 Deed. 23 May 1730 Robert Barber, Esq., sheriff of Lancaster County, to Jonathon Hunter of Chester County... 27 Feb 1686 recovered against Samuel Baker late of Chester, blacksmith...land in Lancaster county seized...

Pg. 60 Deed. 4 Mar 1734/5 Joseph Baker Sr. of Edgmont to Jasper Yeates of Chester County, gentleman, & Joseph Jervis of Chester County. Tract near Ridley Creek & joining the tract where the corn mill now stands owned by William Pennell. Del. In presence of Nehemiah Baker, goldsmith & Edward Follwell.

Pg. 71/2 Release. 2 Oct 1717 John Worrilaw of Thornbury & Ann his wife, Mary Baker the elder of Edgmont, widow & relict of Joseph Baker the elder, dec., John Baker of Edgmont, surviving son & heir & extr of his father. Walter Worrilaw of Thornbury, son & heir of John & Ann Worrilaw. Mary Baker the younger of Thornbury, widow & relict of Joseph Baker the younger dec. and one of the daughters of John & Ann Worrilaw. Peter Yarnall of Willis Town & Alice his wife, the other dau. of John & Ann Worrilaw. Daniel Hoops of Chester County to Phillip Yarnall of Edgmont...


Pg. 96 Deed. 27 Feb 1725 Phillip Yarnall of Edgmont & Dorothy his wife to John Yarnall of Edgmont son of Phillip & Dorothy. Tract 490 acres John Bristow 1681. 1714 to Joseph Baker the elder...tract in Edgmont. Similar deed, Pg. 97

Pg. 98 1733, refers to Free Society of Traders 1681 including Thomas Baker, Benjamin Chambers, branch of the Brandywine...

Pg. 109/110 20 Mar 1737/8 Nathan Yarnall of Edgmont & Rachel his wife to Cadwalder Evans of Edgmont, tanner. John Bristow 1686, ... tract in Edgmont, Joseph Baker since deceased...

Pg. 111/112 Deed. 8 Dec 1724 Phillip Yarnall the elder of Edgmont & Dorothy his wife to Yarnall the younger of Edgmont the second son of Phillip & Dorothy. Thomas Worrilaw of City of Phil, 1690... tract bounded by ... and Joseph Baker ...
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Pg. 195  Deed.  5 Dec 1718 Richard Thomas of Great Valley in County of Chester, carpenter & Grace his wife, to John Morgan, Sr., of Radnor.  Welsh Tract…bounded by land of Adam Baker.

History of Chester County, Pennsylvania, Futhey & Cope, Pg. 122.
William Preeson, Mr of the “Vine” of Liverpoolo arrived the 17th day of the 7 mo. 1684 At Philadelphia, from Doly Serre near dolgules in Merionethshire.
From Walton in Lancashire: Henry Baker & Margaret his wife & their daughters Rachell, Rebecca, Phebey & Hester, and Nathan & Samuel their sones: Mary Becket & 10 servts named John Siddell for 4 years, Hen. Siddell, 4 years, James Yates, 5 years, Jon Hurst, 4 years, Tho: Fisher, 4 years, John Stedman, 4 years, Tho: Candy (Candy) for, Joseph ferror, 4 years, Deborah Boothe, 4 years, Joshua Lort 4 years.
From Prescoe (Prescot) in Lancashire, Griffith Owen & his wife Sarah and their sone Robt & 2 daughters, Sarah and Elinor & 7 servants named Thos. Armes, John Ball, 4 years, Robert Lort for 8 years, Alexander Edwards, Jeane, Bridgett & Eliza: Watts, 3 years.
From Lancashire – Wm Hatton & Eliza: his wife, Rebecca, Martha & Elinor Hall; their servants – Tho. Harrison for 2 years, John Cowp, for 4 yeares, Lawrence Parker for 5 years, Katherine Owen for 4 years, Mary Hall for 8 years.  Eliz. Stedman, Sarah & Judeth Buller, her daughter, Jos: Stedman, her son: Rebecca Barrow.

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Falls Monthly Meeting, Bucks Co. Pa. LDS Film 026700

Pg. 46.  7 Mo 1691 Samuel Brown/Bowne & Mary Becket intentions.  Next mtg. At Henry Baker’s.

Pg. 27 1692, Henry Baker of Bucks Co. mentions son in law Job Bunting of Bucks Co….
Pg. 35 1695 Job Buntin of Newtown…
Pg. 51 (159) 15 Mar 1697 John Smith blacksmith of Bucks Co. & Henry Baker of same … sold land …
Pg. 53 1697 Henry Baker of Bucks Co. …
Pg. 57 1698 Henry Baker …
Pg. 58 1698 Henry Baker …
Pg. 74 (34) Samuel Baker, son & heir of Henry of Bucks Co. to Tho. Hilborne of Shrewsbury, East N. J. 225 acres … & 25 acres in Newtown pat. 4 Jun 1694 by James Otter, sold to Henry Baker, who devised to son Nathan but also sold to said Tho. – now said Nathan, minor between 16 & 17 years age, asks his older bro. to honor sale. (1700, no date.)
Pg. 95 (219) 23 May 1705 Nathan Baker, age 16 of Chester Co. Pa. to Tho. Hillborne late of E. N. J. L60, 250 acres, Newtown line of Jonathan Eldridge …

Pg. 218 (141) 2 Dec 1741 Jos. & Eliz. Warder of Falls Twp. Mort. To Rachel Baker, widow of Makefield…
William Fisher of Philadelphia, Immigrant from Ross in Hertfordshire

William Fisher, cordwainer (leather worker) of Ross in Hertfordshire married a first wife Mary and had children Nicholas, William, Mary, John, Samuel, and Sarah. He married again to Margaret Rogers and had a son Joseph who died in infancy. William Fisher, the second son of William and Mary, came to Philadelphia in the summer of 1684. His genealogy and activities in Philadelphia are fairly well known. He was a Quaker. His certificate of removal from Ross Monthly Meeting is dated 6 6m 1684, and was signed by William Fisher (probably his father) and Samuel Fisher (probably his brother). He married, in early 1687, Bridget Hodgkins at Philadelphia. Their children were William, born about 1688; Mary, born about 1690-91; Sarah, born about 1692, Samuel, born about 1697, and Millicent, born before 1707.

In 1689/90 the courts of Bucks County, Pennsylvania recorded a case regarding a William Fisher, age about 35, who said he was ordered by Captain Markham, proprietor to recover a horse which was claimed by the Conway family. This may have been William Fisher of Philadelphia.

William Fisher died in the summer of 1728 in Philadelphia, leaving a will in which he is referred to as a joiner (cabinet/furniture maker). He named sons William and Samuel; daughters Mary Corker and Sarah Brown, and a granddaughter Susannah Plowman.


Notes:


William Fisher, a Friend (Quaker) came from the town of Ross in Herefordshire, England. Records of Ross Monthly Meeting show William Fisher, cordwainer, and wife Mary, with six children: Nicholas, b. 6 2m 1655, William, b. 22 8m 1658, the immigrant to Pa.; Mary, b. 22 8m 1660; John, b. 2 9m 1662; Samuel, b. 13 2m 1666; Sarah, b. 26 7m 1669, m. at Ross to Joseph Cowles.

William Fisher (the immigrant) m. Bridget Hodgkins, dau. of Millicent Hodgkins, in Phil. Monthly Meeting, Feb 7, 1686/7. His will was proved the same day as his burial, August 14, 1728. A copy can be found on LDS Film 0021722, Pennsylvania Wills D-94.

William Fisher, son of the immigrant, was authorized 29 2m 1709 by Philadelphia Meeting to marry Tabitha Janney, b. 29 7m 1687 at Eaton Lancaster in Cheshire, youngest of three dau. who came to Phil. with parents Henry Janney and Barbara Baguley. William Fisher (the younger) left a will probated Aug 17 1734, which can be found on LDS Film 0021722, Pa. Wills, E-372. Children of Wm. and Tabitha Fisher: Wm b. ca 1713, d. 13 1m 1787, aged 74; Thomas b. aftar 1715, bur. 9 11m 1767, m. 22 7m 1743 Abigail Cooper, dau. of William Cooper.

Early Pa. Land Records 974.8 P415 at Clayton Library, Houston TX.

Thomas and Abigail (Cooper) Fisher witnessed a number of weddings at Concord Monthly meeting. (Bjorkman, Concord Marriages)
Pg. 171 Wm. & Tabitha Fisher … Line of John Otter, Jeffrey Pollard, John Clauson, Wm. Croasdale & Widow Blagden - return of land they sold. Signed Francis Knowles.

LDS Film 03848350 Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Minutes.
Pg. 243 27th of 8th mo 1699 Thomas Langston having in his will desired this meeting to assist his wife, Wm Southeby, Joshua Titterey & Wm Fisher are desired to do the same.
Pg. 59 Twenty sixth of ninth Month 1686 Phil MM Elizabeth Luffe & Margaret Beardsley present William Fisher & Bridget Hodgkins to this meeting, who having declared their intentions of marriage with each other. The young man having no Certificate of his father’s approbation in the case, was desired to write for one. Barnabus Wilcox & Thos Duckett are to make Enquiry concerning William.
Pg. 62 MM 28th of the 11th mo 1686. Elizabeth Luffe & Margaret Beardsley presents William Fisher & Bridget Hodgkins, who declared their intentions of marriage before the meeting, it being the second time, and upon enquiry made their being nothing produced that might obstruct, they were left in the Wisdom of God to consummate their aforesaid intentions, and further the meeting appoints Wm Southeby and Thomas Duckett to see that they proceed according to the good order of Truth.
Pg. 132 27th of 1st mo 1691 It is agreed that Alexr Beardsley pay the bill of William Fisher so much as doth appear due, which is L1.18.6.
Pg. 136 Wm Fisher appeared before this meeting acquainting friends of his intentions to transport himself and family to Old England, and desires a Certificate from this meeting. In order thereto The meeting have appointed William Southerby and Philip England to make Enquiry concerning the said Wm Fisher & return their answer to the next monthly mtg. 31st of 5th month 1691 Friends appointed to Enquire concerning Wm Fisher return their answer to this meeting that they hear of nothing that may hinder his having a Certificate, and in order thereto the mtg appd Alexr Beardsley to get one ready and present it to the next monthly mtg that it may be there signed.
Pg. 431 29 of 10 mo 1704 Jane Teague & Mary Parker from the womens meeting presents Magnes Plowman & Sarah Hutchinson who declared their intentions of marriage 1st time. Pg. 433 2nd time, approved. (Note: See will of John Fisher, Plowmans were related somehow. Teagues also were relatives.)

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Will of William Fisher Sr. of Philadelphia County
16 Feb 1728, 14 Aug 1728
LDS Film 0021722

Be it Remembered that I William ffisher Sr. of the City of Philad’a Joiner being Mindfull of my Mortality Do make my Last Will & Testament in manner following (to say) It is my mind & Will that all my Just Debts & ffunerall Expenses be duly paid And I Do Give & Bequeath unto my Executors hereinafter named the Survivor & Survivors of them & their Executors of the Survivors the Sum of Thirty pounds In Trust only for the performance of my Will and Concerning the same my Will is that they my said Executors & the Survivors & Survivor & the Executors of the Survivor of them Do putt out the same Thirty pounds at Interest upon such Security as they shall think fitt within Twelve Months next after my Decease & so then after from time to time for the Use and Benefitt & at the risque of my Grand Daughter Susanna Plowman untill She come of age or Marriage which shall ffirst happen & then to be paid her And if She Dye under age or unmarried I Do Will the same to be Divided in the manner I Devise the rest of my Goods & Chattells And as for & concerning all the rest & residue of my Goods & Chattells I Give & Bequeath One full & Equall fourth part thereof to my Son William ffisher One other like part thereof to my Son Samuel ffisher one other like part thereof to my Son in Law William Corker & Mary his Wife one other like part thereof to my Son in Law peter Browne & Sarah his Wife And I nominate my said Sons
William ffisher & William Corker & my Trusty ffriend John Warder of the said City, Hatter, to be the Executors of this my Last Will & Testament And as for & concerning all & Singular my Messuages Lotts Lands Tenements & hereditaments whatsoever or wheresoever with their Appurtenances I give & Devise the one full & Equall ffourth part thereof unto my said Son William ffisher his Heirs & Assigns for Ever & One other like ffourth part thereof unto my said Son Samuel ffisher his Heirs Assigns for Ever And one other like ffourth part thereof unto my said Son in Law William Corker & Mary his Wife their Heirs & Assigns for Ever in Joint Tenancy and One other like ffourth part thereof unto my said Son in Law peter Browne & Sarah his Wife their Heirs & Assigns for Ever in Joint Tenancy & I Revoke all other wills & Declare this only to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have to this my Last Will & Testament sett my Hand & Seal Dated the Sixteenth Day of february in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Six.  William ffisher.  Signed Sealed published & Declared by the within named William ffisher the Testator as & for his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us who have Subscribed our names hereunto in his presence.  Aaron Goforth, Aaron Goforth Jr., Daniel Hall, Charles Brockden.  Philadelphia Augt 14 1728.  Then personally appeared Aaron Goforth Senr & Aaron Goforth Junr Two of the Witnesses to the foregoing Will & on their Solemn Affirmations according to Law did Declare they saw & heard William ffisher the Testator above named Sign Seal publish & Declare the same Will to be his Last Will & Testament & that at the doing thereof he was of Sound Mind, Memory & Understanding to the best of their Knowledge.  Proved 14 Augt 1728 & Sole Testamentary Granted to the Extrs therein named having first Solemnly affirmed to bring an Inventory into ye Regt Genls Office at or before the floureteenth day of Novb next. Coram pet. Evans Reg. Gen.

Will of William Fisher Jr. of Philadelphia
1 Aug 1734, 17 Aug 1734
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Be it remembered That I William Fisher of the City of Philada Carpenter, being weak in body but of sound mind & memory, (Blessed be God for the Same & all other his mercies) and being mindfull of my mortality, Do make my last Will & Testament in manner following.  First it is my Will that all my Just Debts and funeral expenses be duly paid & discharged.  And I do hereby Nominate & Appoint my dear wife Tabitha Fisher & my Son William Fisher to be the Exectrs of this my Will, requesting my Trusty & well beloved friend Thomas Tresse to Aid & Assist my Exectrs & do hereby appoint him my Trustee to see my Will duely Executed.  And my Will is, that the Moiety of the House & Lott wch is conveyed in partnership by Henry Hodge & Frances Knowles to Joseph Drinker & me, be Sold by my Extrs in Fee for the best price that can bona fide be got for the same, towards the payment of my debts.  And I do Give and Bequeath unto my said Wife Tabitha All the Yearly Rents of the residue of my Real Estate to be by her received untill my Youngest Son Thomas Fisher Arrives to the full age of Twenty One Years.  And I Give, Devise & Bequeath unto my son William all that my now dwelling House, Lott, Improvemts & Appurtenances thereunto, to him his heirs & Assigns for ever, when his said Brother Thomas arrives at the full age of Twenty one Year.  And I also Give unto my Son Thomas his Heirs & Assigns for ever, my New House & Lott bounded Eastward with my now dwelling House, Westward with a Tenement in the occupation of Robert Woodcock & Southward with Mulberry Street, when he Shall arrive to the full age of Twenty One years.  And I Give unto my two sons William & Thomas a Feather bed a piece for Each of them.  Also I Give unto Each of my cousens Elizabeth the Daughter of my Brother William Corker Dec’d, my Brother Samuel fishe’s two Children, my Brother Joseph Drinker, Youngest children & my Brother Peter Browns child Twenty Shillings each when of age or married And do Give unto my two Sons my wearing apparel, to be Equally divided between them, and as for & concerning all the rest and residue of my Real & personal Estate, when my son Thomas comes of full age of Twenty one years I do Give & Bequeath one third part thereof to my loving wife, her Heirs & Assigns for ever, and the other two thirds to be Equally divided between my two Sons William & Thomas Fisher, their heirs & Assigns for ever.  And it is provided nevertheless that if Either of the two Sons afsd dye in their minority or without Issue then the Survivor of them shall have & Enjoy the others share of my Estate.  In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this first day of the Sixth month August Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred
thirty four. William ffisher (Seal). Signed, Sealed, published, & declared by the Testator William ffisher for & as his last Will & Testamt in the presence of us Elizabeth Thompson, Ralph Ward, Joseph ffox. Philada Augt 17, 1734. Then personally Appeared Ralph Ward & Joseph Fox two of the Witnesses to the within written will, & upon their Oath did Declare the same will to be his last Will & Testament & that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind memory and Understanding to the best of their knowledge. Coram Pet. Evans  Reg. Gen.

Be it Remembered that on the 17th day of Augt 1734 the last Will & Testament of Wm Fisher Decd was proved in due form of Law & probate & letters Testamentary were Granted to Tabitha Fisher & William Fisher Exectrs therein named, having first affirmed well & truly to Administer the Sd decd Estate & bring an Inventory thereof into the Reister Generals Office at Philada at or before the Seventeenth day of September next, And also to render an Account when thereunto lawfully required. Given under the Seal of the said Office. Pet. Evans  Reg. Gen.
**William Fisher, Agent for Elizabeth Andross in Thornbury, Chester County**

William Fisher acted as attorney for Elizabeth Andrews (Andross), of Philadelphia, in 1695 when she bought a 150-acre tract in Thornbury, Chester County, from George Peirce. This William Fisher was probably William of Philadelphia, a carpenter/joiner who had come in 1683 from Ross in Hertfordshire. He was assisting Elizabeth by power of attorney and there is no indication that she was related to the Fishers.

Elizabeth was the wife of Thomas Andrews of Philadelphia. He had several children by a previous marriage. Elizabeth’s relatives were Welsh settlers, and the Andrews were merchants. Mathew Andrews, probably one of the stepsons, was a merchant of Antigua but died in Philadelphia. He inherited the Thornbury land but never lived there. It was listed as unsettled in 1715 when Mathew paid taxes on it.

Elizabeth appears to have been the eldest daughter of John Thomas of Llacthgwn in northern Wales. She married first, in Wales, Rees Evan (Evan Rees) of Penmaen.

It is not known why Elizabeth (Thomas/Rees) Andrews bought the Thornbury land without her husband’s involvement. It could be that Thomas and Mathew were away in Antigua or Wales when the opportunity to invest in George Peirce’s land came up.


The Andrews property in Thornbury Township abutted that of both Richard Woodward and Edward Bennett, who were related by marriage to the Fishers of Concord and Kennett.

In 1701, the Quaker Richard Woodward Jr. (from the Worcester Woodwards) married Deborah Standfield, daughter of Francis (from the Cheshire Standfields), deceased. In 1697, Edward Bennett married Sarah Standfield, sister of Deborah. The Standfield sisters were aunts of Elizabeth Huntley, who married Thomas Fisher in 1713 at Concord Monthly Meeting. The Bennett/Woodward/Andross tracts were at the north line of Thornbury Township, on the beginning stretch of a branch of Chester Creek. The Concord meeting house is about four miles southeast of the location of the Woodward/Bennett/Andross tracts.

**Notes for Elizabeth Andross and her Agent William Fisher:**

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**Title:** Widow

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**Remarks:** Elizabeth Andrews of Philadelphia. Widow. October 4, 1718. Cousin Robert Vaughan of North Wales in trust for sister Ellin Owen; two daughters of said sister, names not given; cousins Robert, Hugh, Thomas, Elizabeth and Grace, children of sister Gwen; Edward, Margaret and Mary, children of sister Mably Rees; niece Jane Maries; step-son Simon Andrews; his wife and son Thomas; Elizabeth, daughter of cousin Thomas Jones; Anne, daughter of cousin Robert Jones; Thomas, son of cousin John Cadwalader, also the daughters of said John, Mary and Rebecca; Jane, daughter of Anthony Moore Smith; Margaret Nicholas; Martha, daughter of Rebecca Cadwalader. Executor: Rees Prees. Trustees: Cousin Robert Jones and John Cadwalader.

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Prove Date: 4 Nov 1717


Name: Thomas Andrews
Residence: Philadelphia
Description: Decedent

Date: 29 Jan 1698
Prove Date: 20 Apr 1698


Name: Robert Vaughan
Description: Witness

Date: 9 Feb 1682
Prove Date: 10 Mar 1688

Remarks: Thomas, John. Llaethgwn, Commott Penllun, Meriweth Co. Gentleman. Feb. 9, 1682. A. 77. Estate to wife Katharine who is sole Executrix and to children Thomas Jones, Robert John, Evan John, Cadwalader John, Kathrine John, Mary John, Sudney John and eldest daughter Elizabeth, wife of Rees Evan of the township of Penmaen, Meringth Co.; nephew John the younger son of his brother Cadwalader Thomas late of Kiltalgarth, deceased; nieces Jane and Katharine daughters of his brother Cadwalader Thomas and nephew Thomas Cadwalader. Overseers: John ap John of the parish of Phueabou, Denrgh Co.; Thomas Ellis of Cyfanedd, Mesioneth Co.; Thomas Wynne late of Brouvadog near Caerwys in the County of Flint; Robert David of Gwerneul, Merionyth Co.; Hugh Roberts of Kiltalgarth in the said County; Edward Jones late of Bala, Chirurgeon of the same County; Robert Vaughan of Gwernevel, Merionyth Co.; Edward Moris of Havodgynfawer, Denbigh Co.; Robert Owen late of Prongoch and son-in-law Rees Evans of Penmaen both near Bala, Merionyth Co.

Abstracts of Chester County Pa. Land Records Vol. 1 1681-1730, Bryant

George Pearse Acknowledged A Deed to WILLIAM FFISHER Attorney ffor Elizebeth ANDROS ffor one hundred and ffivety Acres of land lying In the Township of thornbury the Deed beareing Date the Eleventh Day of June 1695.


Notes for George Andrews of Chichester -- Probably not related to Thomas & Elizabeth Andrews.

Futhey/Cope, History of Chester County Pa.
Pg. 26 Court 5th month 1st 1684 Richard Crosby made his Complaint for want of his Execution against the Estate of GEORGE ANDREWS upon …

Early Pennsylvania Land Records, Egle -- These records probably refer to a different Andrews family.
The Proprietor, by L. and Release, dated the 5th and 6th of 7ber, 1681, granted to George Andrews, of Rowde, in the County of Wilts, Serge Maker, 250 acres of Land, quitrent 1 shill, Sterling p. Ct.

George Andrews, by like Deeds dated the 16th and 17th days of the same Month, granted to John Hickman, of Bromham, in the said County, Woolcomber, 125 acres, Part of the said 250 acres, who by like Deeds dated the 30th and 31st of January, 1682, granted the said 125 acres to H. Reynolds, Joyning on his other Land at Naaman's Creek.

1718 Henry Reynolds Petitioned the Commissioners for a resurvey on 250 acres of Land laid out to George Andrews and John Hickman in Chester County, in Order that he might lay a Warr't of 200 acres on the overplus supposed to be in that Tract, Pg. 211 Lease/Release 18 Nov 1724 David Loyd of chester & Grace his wife …(Note Vol. 2 Pg. 8 says the Loyd land was from Eustis Anderson. George Fisher, passenger on the “Bristol Merchant” in 1685, also purchased part of Anderson’s land.) Whereas Francis Lovelace, Esq., governor of the Province of New York, 10 Mar 1670, granted to Neals Matson a tract on the Delaware River, bounded by Cram Creek, land of CLAUS ANDRIES but since in the tenure of widow Neals now dec., 100A. Pg. 60 Deed 12 Mar 1699/1700 Lawrence Rawson to Jasper Yeates 100A part of tract granted to Wooly Rawson & Charles Janson by EDMOND ANDRIES the then governor 28 Mar 1696. Vol. 2 Pg. 169 17 Mar 1728/9 Benjamin Moulder of Chichester, mariner to Thomas Howell of Chichester.

Whereas by deed 8 Dec 1684 granted to Robert Moulder a lot in Chichester bounded by Delaware River, land formerly of GEORGE ANDROSS & King’s Highway.
Record of the Courts of Chester County, Pennsylvania


Abstracts and Administrations of Chester County, Pa. Vol. I. 1714-1758, Martin, Index by Gilbert Cope

Abstracts of the Land Records of Chester County, Pa. Vol. 2 1729-1745, Bryant
Pg. 46 17 Apr 1734 Edward Horne of Phil., merchant, mort. 13 May 1730 to Edward Bradley of Phil, glazier a tract in Caln … Bk D Vol. A 455 … Pg. 17 18 Mar 1731 mortgage Minovah Carter of Chester, weaver to Edward Horn of the Northern Liberties of Phil., merchant … to Edward Horn a tract in Caln bounded by land of Thomas Moore, Jason Cloud, north branch of Brandywine & George Aston, 225A. (E5:99)
Pg. 48-49 Deed. On 30 Nov 1731 John Owen, sheriff of Chester County, to Edward Woodward of the County of Chester, yeoman.
Whereas Samuel Mickles in the Court of Common Pleas on 27 Aug 1730 recovered against William Fisher, the admin. Of the goods & chattels of Jonathon Bradley, who died intestate, for the debt … goods & chattels of Jonathon Bradley in the hands of William Fisher. Seized a tract containing 200 acres which had been surveyed to Jonathon Bradley 17 June 1729 situated on the branches of Brandywine Creek. …
John and Barbara Fisher of Chichester, Chester County

John Fisher, a hatter of Chichester Township, is one of the few known Fishers who lived in Chester County before 1713. His death coincides almost exactly with Thomas Fisher’s application for land in Kennett. He died intestate, and his administration was assigned to his wife Barbara on 10 March, 1701. He probably belonged to the Church of England, but lived only 4 or 5 miles from the Concord meeting house where Thomas Fisher and Elizabeth Huntley were married. The administration papers are lost. On 25 March, 1702, Barbara was appointed administrator for Isaac Jessop of Chichester, taylor, as his principal creditor.

The most probable origin of John and Barbara Fisher may be the Fisher and Munckhouse families near Pardshaw in Cumberland, in the north of England. John Fisher of Chichester could be the one who married “Barbary” Munckhouse on 8 February 1699, at Embleton near Cockermouth and Pardshaw. Barbara Munckhouse, daughter of William, was christened 7 February 1676, at Caldbeck in Cumberland, about 10 miles northeast of Pardshaw. In 1700, a John Fisher, Quaker, came to Bucks County, Pennsylvania from Pardshaw but is not believed to be the one who married Barbara.
William Fisher of Sussex County, Maryland

William Fisher had land in Sussex County by early 1696. On March 4, 1695/6 Thomas Fisher, as agent for the administrators of William Emmet, deceased, conveyed to William Fisher, cordwainer of Philadelphia, a plantation on the south side of Cedar Creek in Cedar Creek Hundred, upper Sussex County. The tract had been part of the estate of Alexander Draper and was called “Little Britain.” In June of 1696 John Hill sold a house and lot in Lewes to William Fisher, “merchant of Sussex County.”

In 1698, a Sussex County land record names William Fisher and Rebecca his wife. In 1706 William Fisher made over part of his land at Cedar Creek to a son John.

William Fisher sold part of the tract at Cedar Creek to John Bennett, formerly of Somerset County, Maryland. John Bennett (of Manokin, Somerset County, Maryland) on 4 March 1700 purchased from William Fisher a 300-acre tract in Cedar Creek Hundred of Sussex County, Delaware, in an area known as Slaughter Neck, the neck of land between Cedar Creek and Slaughter Creek. The Bennett family says the plot “seems to have been known as Little Brittany and was located along the south side of Cedar Creek slightly to the east of where present Delaware Route 14 crosses the creek.”

In 1725, William Fisher, Esq. of Sussex County left a will naming wife Rebecca, son Elias, daughter Rebecca Conwell, grandsons William & John Conwell, granddaughters Hannah Conwell and Mary Grove, and cousins Henry Fisher and Elias Conwell.

This William Fisher seems to have been connected to the family of William and Margaret Fisher who came from Lancashire and lived at Philadelphia and at Lewes in Sussex County. His genealogy has never been explained. Elizabeth Wynne, widow of Thomas Wynne of Philadelphia, gave power of attorney to her son-in-law Thomas Fisher of Lewes to convey the land from William Emmet’s estate in Cedar Creek, to William Fisher of Philadelphia. Thomas Fisher of Lewes was a son of John and Margaret Fisher. Shortly before his death in 1699, James Standfield of Philadelphia bought a large tract in Sussex County from William Dyer. Frances Chads, executor for James Standfield, sold the property jointly to William and Thomas Fisher.

Notes:

LDS IGI - One entry says William Fisher of Sussex County came from the Boston Fishers. He was associated with William Dyer of Sussex County, who came from Boston. William Dyer’s mother, Mary Dyer was executed in Boston in a famous case of religious persecution.

LDS Film 0006623 Sussex County Delaware Deeds 1693-1850, LDS 0006626
1695 Thomas Crane? Et al, to Wm. Fisher
1706 Wm. Fisher to son John.
1695 William Clark to William Fisher, north side of Cedar Creek near mouth.
1700 Wm. Fisher to John Bennett of Somerset Co. Md. by his brother-in-law Gabriel Henry. Land at Cedar Creek.
Pg. 96 Court of Common Pleas February 1706. William Fisher Appeared in Open Court and acknowledged and made over, unto his Sone John Fisher, A Certain Tract or Parcell of Land and marsh Lying and being at Cedar Creek, in the said County of Sussex, To Have and to Hold, the same unto his Said Son John Fisher, According to the Contents of a Deed of Gift by him, the said William to him the said John in Open Court delivered, bearing date the sixth day of Augt 1706.
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Pg. 282 William Fisher to Thomas Fisher 191 Acres N. side Broad Creek Purchased from William Dyer of Sussex Co. Gent. Deed Aug 1710?
Pg. 309 Thomas Fisher power of atty for Edward & Frances Fisher (Note: of Dorchester Co. Md.) to William Clark 1000 acres in Sussex Co. S. side of Broad Creek 4 May 1700. (Note: Not the Broad Creek at Lewes but the one in SE corner of Delaware running into Maryland.)
1706 William Fisher to son John, land on Cedar Creek bought in 1697 of John Richard.
Early Pa. Land Records 974.8 P415 at Clayton Library, Houston TX.
1717 Tho. Pemberton by admin. To Wm. Fisher.

The Bennett Family of Sussex County Delaware 1680-1860, J. Bennett Hill
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Calendar of Sussex County Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800 975.1 D48.8, de Valinger.
Pg 227 William Cornwallis Will 24 Mar 1727, 9 Apr 1727. Wife Rebecca, dau-in-law Hannah Conwall, sons-in-law John & Wm Conwell. Wit Wm & John Fisher & David MacKain. Mentions Yeates Conwell, former husband of Rebecca. (This is Rebecca, dau of Wm & Rebecca.)

LDS Film 0006626 Sussex County Delaware Deeds
Pg. 22 Thomas Carlisle to Wm. Fisher, Broad Creek. Wit. Katherine Davis. LDS Film 0475648 Sussex County Court Records 1680-1699.
(1698?) William Fisher & Rebecca his wife (1698?)
1706 Wilson to Hickman, land next to Wm. Fisher.
1713, 30 Sep Thomas Wilson to John Fisher, Mariner of Slaughter Neck.
William and John Fisher of West Jersey

William Fisher of Burlington, New Jersey was an Episcopal who lived in Ulster County in New York in 1696. Sarah Farr of Springfield Township, Burlington County, widow of Elias, left land in Burlington to William Fisher in 1698. He bought more land in Burlington in 1700, from Peter Boss of Marcus Hook (Chichester), Chester County, Pennsylvania. William died between 1714 and 1718 at Burlington. His will mentioned children Edward, David (absent in some other place) and Ann, wife of John Hancock; and cousin John Fisher.

David Fisher, son of William, probably joined the Quakers and went to North Carolina. In 1782, the minutes of Blackwater Monthly Meeting in Virginia mention David Fisher’s visit to relatives in New Jersey.

Notes:

New Jersey Patents & Deeds 1664-1703, Nelson 974.9 P295 Vol. 21
Pg. 510 Sarah, widow of Elias Farr to William Fisher (1698?). Pg. 521 William Fisher bought 225 acres in Burlington bounds from Peter Boss of Marcus Hook alias Chishopen, County of Chester, Pa., 1700.

New Jersey Archives Vol. 1 Calendar of Wills 1670-1730 974.9 N532
John Fisher of Chesterfield, Burlington Co. 1721 Inventory L96./8. Widow Mary.
Pg. 159 Sarah Farr widow of Burlington. Will (Date?) Bequest to Mary Scarbrough; plantation to be sold to William Fisher.

New Jersey Archives Series 1 Vol. 23 Pg. 161 William Fisher witness for Eleazer Fenton (Penton?) 1702.
Pg. 72 Thomas Bull debt due to William Fisher 1686.
Pg. 409 John Scott of Wellenbourough, Burlington County land bounding on William Fisher & John Wells (Willis?) (Date?).
The First Fishers of Maryland

Several Fisher families were among the earliest settlers of Maryland. Some, if not all of them, were related and some were known to be Quakers. They began to settle on both sides of the middle and upper reaches of Chesapeake Bay as early as 1650, when Katharine Fisher came as an indentured servant. They came almost every year, numbering over 30 arrivals by 1682. Most of them had their passage paid in return for terms of 4 to 7 years or more of service on the plantations.

The earliest Fishers came to Somerset County on the lower eastern shore, abutting the peninsular Accomac County, Virginia. The settlement of St. Mary’s, the provincial capitol of Maryland founded in 1634, was just across the bay on the western shore. Some of the Maryland Fishers moved in from Virginia, where there were numerous Fisher arrivals beginning as early as 1635.

The earliest Fishers were active on every shore of the Chesapeake. Their earliest records appear in the western shore counties of St. Mary’s, Charles (part of which became Prince George), Calvert, and Ann Arundel. They appear on both sides of the north end of the Bay in old Baltimore County, the eastern side of which became Cecil County. They were on the eastern shore in Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, and Kent Counties, including Queen Anne’s which was formed mostly from Talbot County, and Caroline which was formed mostly from Dorchester County.

The records do not say much about the origins of any of the early Maryland Fishers. Some of them clearly had connections to Bristol, England or the surrounding parts of Somersetshire or Gloucestershire. Other immigrants to Maryland are known to have embarked from Bristol, and there were strong ties between the tobacco ports of Maryland and Virginia, and the ports of Bristol and Liverpool. The Dorrington family, which came from Bristol, intermarried with the earliest Thomas Fisher family of Maryland. Fisher wills of Bristol reflect names common to the Maryland Fishers. William Dollarhide, in “British Origins of American Colonists, 1629-1775,” cites statistics that say most of the Maryland immigrants after 1650 came from around Bristol.

Several Fishers were among the seagoing ship’s masters and merchants who sailed into Chesapeake Bay during the early years of the province. Thomas Fisher and Company, of Bristol, was in Maryland in 1678. John Fisher, master of the “Maryland Merchant,” was anchored in the bay in 1679. In 1695, commander Francis Fisher was in the bay.

The early Fishers of Maryland included families with the names Edward, William, Thomas, John, Henry, Edmond, and others.

Notes:

The above summary is from “The First Fishers of Chesapeake Bay,” J. L Fisher. The book is in work and contains a detailed study of the Maryland Fishers, with citation of sources.
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III. The Fishers of Ireland

I discussed some of the Fishers of Dublin County in Chapter II of this book, which addressed known immigrants to Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. Additional Irish Fisher records are given here.

LDS Film 0599671 A Collection of Sufferings of The People Called Quakers (Besse)
Pg. 480 1672, Wexford Co.  Susannah Fisher, a widow, had her Wool and Corn taken away … was abused … with blows …

LDS Film 0571398 Irish Quaker Records
Youghal MM  Reuben Fisher, son of Reuben & Joan of London marr. 1705-12-26 Margaret Sheets (sic Shute?) of Youghal.  Children of Reuben & Margaret Fisher
Susannah b. 1708-11-16 Marr. 1733-12-14 Thomas Harvey of Youghal.
Reuben b. 1710-3-25 Marr. 1741-2-7 Mary Godfrey of Cashel.
C-- b. 1711-3-25
Charles? b. 1703-1-14 (1713?)
William b. 1714-9-16 Marr. Mary Clarke, by a priest.
Samuel b. 1716-4-22
Joseph b. 1718-2-13 Marr. 1744 Sarah Denis of Cork.
John b. 1720-8-23
Hannah b. 1721-11-29

Webb Pedigrees of Irish Quakers – The only early Fisher pedigree refers to the Fisher family of Youghal and Cork. Reuben Fisher (No. 3) came from London to visit his sister Martha who lived in Youghal. He was then a gay young man, about 22 years of age, and wore a scarlet, velvet breeches, and so forth. His sister Martha had been a member of the Society of Friends for some time, having been convinced by the dying expressions of Deborah Sandham, whom, it is believed, she attended in her last illness in 1695. He rode before his sister, as was customary in those days, to the Province Meeting in Cork, where he went to church in the morning and, in the afternoon to Friends Meeting, at which he was convinced. He became a consistent friend and continued so all his life. He went to London to make arrangements for settling in Youghal which he did in 1701, bringing many testimonials from Friends in London which are copied in the books of Youghal Meeting. He and his wife were both active members of the Society of Friends. She was for many years clerk of the Women’s Meeting. Thomas Shute (died 11.II.1724) and Constance – (died 11.IV.1712) marr. at Youghal 12.X.1672. Their daughter Margaret Shute (born 13.V.1678, died 25.IX.1739) marr. Reuben Fisher.

LDS Fiche 6026394 Irish Records

Census of Ireland Circa 1659

Registry of Deeds & Abstracts of Wills (Ireland) 941.5 I65 Vol. 1 1708-1745
Henry Fisher, lessee of Mason’s farm in Dublin, mentioned in will of Joseph Maddock of Dublin, 1717. Hugh Fisher mentioned in will of Alexander Hutchison, 1711, Hugh was then of Edenderry parish, Co. Armagh but went to South Carolina before probate.

Indexes to Irish Wills, 929.3 P556
Appendix to the 26th report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Record Office in Ireland 1270-1800
Printed list available in the National Archives, Bishop Street, Dublin 8. Gives the names of participants in protestant marriages, and some wills and intestacies, in the diocese of Dublin which included part of County Kildare and County Wicklow. Unfortunately the original lists and most of the wills were burnt in the 1922 civil war fire in the Four Courts, so the names of the relevant parishes have been lost.

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1714 Anthony Dublin, embroiderer intestacy
1660 Edward Craddockstown, Co. Kildare original will
1684 Elizabeth - will
1688 Elizabeth Dublin, widow will
1692 Elizabeth & Benjamin Rayner - marriage licence
1655 Francis - original will
1678 George St. Michael’s, Dublin, gent. Intestacy
1667 Hannah & Nathaniel Moxon - marriage license
1712 Hasketh Dublin, gent. Intestacy
1684 Henry Dublin, gent. will
1692 Henry Dublin, gent. will
1698 Henry Leporstowne, farmer (Leopardstown) will
1721 Henry Leporstowne, farmer intestacy
1724 Henry Dublin original will
1726 James confectioner intestacy
1662 John & Elizabeth Gore - marriage license
1719 Mary & Robert King - marr. lic. bond
1720 Mary & John Mountain - marr. lic. bond
1657 Richard Fermoy (County Cork) original will
1701 Richard Dublin, shoemaker intestacy
1707 Thomas Killeny, Co. Dublin (Killiney) will
1683 Thomas & Eliza Jennings - marriage licence

ADDENDA

1681 -- & John Baker - marriage license
1673 Eliza & the Rev Thomas Cholmondley marriage licence
1713 Elizabeth & John Powell marriage license
1681 Henry & Elizabeth Lloyd - marriage license
1678 Jane & Peter Iver - marriage license
1713 Sarah & William Flower - marriage license
1679 William & Isabella Heskett - marriage licence

Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin 1
Book 20 Pg. 394 Item 11016 Deed of Mortgage 21 Sep 1709 Whereby Joseph Fisher of the city of Dublin, gent. mortgaged property in York Street, Dublin, to John Atkinson of Churchtown, Co. Dublin, farmer.
Book 11 Pg. 367 Item 4747 Deed of Surrender 3 Feb 1713 A long document refering to land in Queens Co. (now Laois), with many parties involved including James Fisher, gentleman of Clonenagh, Queens Co; and Thomas Fisher of Rathleigh, Queens Co. farmer. (Probably Rathleague near Mountmellick, a Quaker stronghold.) Other Quaker names were also listed - including William Walpole and Tobias Pim.
17.309.8942 Lease 13 April 1717 Whereby Joseph Fisher of Dublin, gentleman, sold to Margaret Reed “the front house at the corner of Vicars Street and facing St. Thomas Street” with a plot of ground.
Witnesses include Henry Fisher of St. Thomas Street, collar maker.
23.444.13995 Lease 13 Jul 1711 Whereby David Turner of the city of Dublin, sadler, assigned to John Ditchfield of Dublin, feltmaker, a house at the end of Essex Bridge, Dublin.
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19.173.9909 Lease 7 Jan 1713 Whereby Jonathan Newmarch of Ballyfermot, Co. Dublin, farmer, leased to Peter Sharpe of Oughterarde, Co. Kildare, farmer, “that farm commonly called and known by the name of Tyth Braddock together with all Houses, Edifices, Buildings, Plantations and Improvements whatsoever that are at present on the said farm…” 65 acres at a yearly rent of L68-5-0 over and above taxes.

41.81.24631 Lease 26 Mar 1722 Whereby Jonathan Newmarch of Ballyfermot, farmer, leased to Richard Bulkley of Ballyfermot, farmer, lands in Ballyfermot.

36.272.22242 Lease 25 Sep 1722 Whereby Jonathan Newmarch of Ballyfermot, Co. Dublin, leased to Daniel Dunn of Ballyfermot, Co Dublin, derryman (dairyman) land “commonly called Clappermeadow for 31 years at L3 per acre per annum.

36.272.22266 Deed of Mortgage 15 Dec 1722 Whereby Jonathan Newmarch of Ballyfermot, Co Dublin assigned on certain terms to Joseph Fade of the city of Dublin, gent. certain lands in Ballyfermot.

50.411.33587 Deed of Mortgage 17 Dec 1726 Whereby Thomas Styles of Ballyfermot, farmer and Hester Styles otherwise Newmarch, his wife, granted to Edward Dalton of the city of Dublin, Notary Public, lands of Tibbradach (probably Tibbradden) being part of the lands of Templeogue, 65 acres, in the parish of Tullagh (Tallaght), barony of Uppercross.

55.397.37476 Deed of Mortgage 3 May 1728 Whereby Jonathan Newmarch of Ballyfermot granted various lands in Ballyfermot to Joseph Fade of the city of Dublin, gent.

Minutes of the Board of Property of the Province of Pa. Vol I, Egle.

268 … 1683 sold to Isaac Jacobs 1000 acres, sold to Thomas Fairman 880 acres, deed 1699 in England sold to Capt Samuel Finney, Phil Co adjoining on Joseph Fisher’s, Robt Wilkins’ Thomas Sydon’s and the Susquehanna Road …

281 … Samuel Carpenter 5000 acre purchase 1681 … 1684 4420 acres … adjoining to the tract of Joseph Fisher’s and the Line of bucks Co … 22 & 23 Mar 1681 grant to Joseph Fisher 5000 acres … quitrent 1 s/100. For L18 reduced to 1 1S/1000. In right of purchase 80 acres of Lib. Land, 500 acres Co Phil on which he now lives; warr. 14 12mo 1683 4420 acres resurvey adj. Samuel Carpenter …

300 Resurvey of 4420 acres Joseph Fisher found to be 5062, patent ordered.

302 Nicholas Skull 200 acres adj his own from his SW corner along Tho Fitswater to Daniel Howell NE corner…

303 Joseph Fisher, Joseph Ashton, George Northrap & Edmd McVeigh with others of Dublin Township … Susquehannah road laid out too much to northwd … Joseph Fisher in Dublin Twp deficient in breadth etc, take overplus from James Atkinson…

345 Francis Searl & John Carver partition 5 Jun 1700 joint purchase from Jos Fisher ex’or of Tho Terwood, sale 1 9mo 1697 200 acres Phil Co joyning Jos Knight & land of Searl & Carver 500 acres from Silas Crispin adjoining and by Mares Manor, as extrs of Tho Holme 10 10mo 1697 sold to I. Woods.

450 Ordered 50 acres to Isabel Clift, servant to Jos Fisher in ’82.

693 10 mo 11 1719 … Edward Farmer & Joseph Fisher’s plantation …

36 14 4 mo 1690. Robt Turner … he has right of John Gee & Company 5000 A 16 3mo 1684 … Gee 1000 A in Bucks Co … changed to Turner in Phil Co …

200 John Ffurnese of Phil, Barber, cert under hand of Samuel Carpenter 8mo13 1701 & Josph Ffisher … that Robert Turner of Phil decsd transported servants by indenture Henry, John, Mary, Sarah, Rachel, Joseph, Daniel Ffurnis from the Port of Dublin to Pa in “Lyon of Liverpool,” John Crumpton Mas’r, landed at Phil 8 8mo 1683 for which servants in their right purchased of them by the said John Ffurnes, take up their head land 350 A at halfpenny/A.

70 Robert Turner & Samuel Carpenter bring in accounts…1691.
IV. The Fishers of Lancashire and Cumberland

Some of the Fishers of Lancashire and Cumberland are discussed elsewhere in this book. Additional records are given here.

Notes:

Simon Grant’s Home Page, Internet
Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting at Liverpool PM. Friends Meeting House, 65 Paradise St. Liverpool, LI 3BP. Www.simongrant.org/quaker/

LDS 0093694 Lancashire Parish Records, Childwall Parish Records etc.
LDS 0441398 Hardshaw Monthly Meeting, Lancashire Quaker Records
LDS 1469059 Lancashire Parish Records, Up Holland etc.
LDS 1468977 Lancashire Parish Records, Walton on the Hill etc.
LDS 1468974 Lancashire Parish Records, Walton on the Hill etc.
LDS 1469032 Lancashire Parish Records, Farnworth etc.
LDS 1068887 Lancashire Parish Records, Liverpool etc.
LDS 1655233 Lancashire Parish Records, Farnworth etc.

Parish Records of Lancashire, Eccleston etc. 942 A779 Engla GR BR at Clayton Library, Houston

Fishers in the parish records of lower Lancashire, around Liverpool, are included in the table on the following pages. This is the area of the Hundred of West Derby, including the parish of Walton on the Hill where Henry Baker lived before coming to Pennsylvania with a Thomas Fisher in 1684. See the sketch in this volume for “Thomas Fisher and the Baker Family of Lancashire & Bucks County.”
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V. The Fishers of Somerset and Glocestershire

The records of the early Fishers of Bristol in Somerset show that many of them were merchants, tradesmen and shippers. In 1678, Francis Fisher, a mariner of Redcliffe in Bristol, married Sarah Jones of Redcliffe, daughter of the shipping merchant Charles Jones who was part of William Penn’s circle of Bristol traders in Pennsylvania. This Fisher family may be the same as Francis and Sarah Fisher who were sometimes near the London docks in the parish of St. Katherine by the Tower, where they had a son Thomas Fisher born in 1669. In 1702, a letter from the Quakers at Ratcliffe near London to the Quakers of Bristol reveals that Francis and Sarah Fisher of Bristol had come from near Ratcliffe to Bristol, and their daughter Sarah was about to marry Jasper Lawrence of Bristol. A note was attached from Roger Wallace of Ratcliffe, releasing Sarah from her previous commitment to him. Another Quaker family of Bristol was that of George Fisher (Jr. & Sr.).

The will of William Fisher of the parish of St. Michaelmass in the City of Bristol, butcher, was probated in 1621. He named a son William Walker alias Fisher; daughters Alice and Margaret; wife Joan, and a mother still living. He signed “William Walker alias Fisher.” Probate was by Joanne Garterell alias Fisher alias Walker.

The will of Edward Fisher of the Parish of St. Michael, Bristol, clothier, was probated in 1662. He named a wife Katharine and children Joseph, James, Edward, and Elizabeth (Brain or Breker or Buff---).

The will of Joseph Fisher of St. Michael parish in Bristol, clothier, son of Edward, was probated in 1677. He named a wife Anne and a brother-in-law John Brain. He asked to be buried in the grave of his father in the churchyard of St. James.

The will of James Fisher of the City of Bristol, grocer, was probated in 1718. He named a wife Christian; son John; and daughters Joanna Brewer wife of Christopher Brewer, Elizabeth Fisher and Anne Mayden wife of James Mayden, “children by my first wife.” In 1670 he had settled property in Rudge in the parish of Bennington in the County of Somerset, on the 4 children.

The will of Francis Fisher of Winforest in Bristol, mercer, was probated in 1702. He named his mother Christian Fisher and a brother William.

In 1670, the will of John Maplett of the City of Bath (near Bristol in Somerset), mentioned a house bought from Mr. Thomas Fisher. A deposition in 1678 mentions Thomas Fisher of Bristol, owner of the “Constant Martha,” and his agent in Maryland.

Notes:

Gloucester Parish Records
The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies


Minute Book of the Men's Meeting of the Society of Friends in Bristol, 1686-1704.
Book 1
Pg. 214 Sarjent, Cornelius m. (1) Rebecca (sufferer 1683; d. 1702) dau of William Ball, of Downend, 9 Apr 1671; 6 s. 5 dau. 1672-86; m. (2) Sarah Fisher, widow of Francis Fisher (d. 1702), mariner, of Redcliffe p., 12 Apr 1704; apprenticed to Charles Harford, Seaman, 1677, ...

Book 2
Pg 243. Fisher, Francis (d. 1702, mariner; m. Sarah (d. 1741); 2 s. 1 dau (1681-96); sufferer, 1681, name struck out as candidate in council election, 1687 (B.A. O., 04264(7), 254v, 244); inhabitants Redcliffe p., 1696, Francis Fisher & Sarah wf. Francis Henry & Sarah ch. (B.R.S. xxv. 117). Sarah Fisher, widow, m. Cornelius Sarjeant, 12 April 1704. dau. Sarah (b. 1682) m. Jasper Lawrence, 1702.
Pg. 244 Gibbons, Hannah: dau. of James Wall (d. 1684); m. Samuel Gibbons (d. 1703), 19 Jan. 1674. See B.R.S. xxvi 201. Active in the Women's Meeting, 1705. dau. Martha (b. 1682) m. William Bevan of Swansea, 1709; dau. Mary (b. 1684) m. Francis Fisher, mariner, 1715.
Pg. 251 Lawrence, (Laurance, Lawrance), Jasper (d. 1735) soapmaker; of Christchurch p. (1696, B.R.S. xxv, 23); m. (1) Sarah (b. 1681) dau. of Francis & Sarah Fisher, 17 Dec. 1702; m. (2) Ann (d. 1734, James p.).

Some London records - may be a different Francis Fisher.
Thomas Fisher son of Francis & Sarah of Aldgate, baptism Middlesex St. Katherine By the Tower 15 Jan 1669.
Francis Fisher & Elioner Edwards marriage Middlesex St. Katherine By the Tower 8 Oct 1693.
Francis Fisher indenture - Order for discharging Francis Fisher from his indenture of apprenticeship to William Brittain, of Limehouse, in the parish of Stepney. Fisher had complained that his master had "inhumanly beat and abused" him, and the Justice to whom the complaint was originally made being unable to "compound and agree" the difference, the Court, on investigation, found that the indenture had been antedated two years, so that Francis had but five years to serve, "which is contrary to the Act, and that upon the oath of William Fisher and other witnesses they found that he had cruelly beat, etc his apprentice" p. 52. Middlesex Calendar Sessions Books, 1689-1709.
Middlesex - Rolls, Books and Certificates, Etc 1625-1667 Vol 3 Errata: ... Appearance of Mary Fisher, wife of Francis Fisher, at the next S.P. for Middlesex, to answer "the complaint of John Martin merchant for suspicion of stealing and carrying away several quantities of Virginia tobacco ou of Fenchurch Street and Mincing Lane in the time of the late dreadfull fier, of the goods of the said John Martin." Oct 18 Charles 2nd.

Somersetshire Wills 942 A164
Pg. 90 Thomas Fisher 1617, wife Mary. Of Taunton, gent.
Pg. 38 William Fisher 1645 mentioned in Wm. Richmond's will.
Pg. 19 Alice Fisher wife of Henry Fisher mentioned in 1659 will of John Abarrow, father of Alice.

Bristol and America 1654-1685 325.242 B861 USA.
V. II P. 174 John Fisher of Horsington to Pennsylvania on Maryland Merchant.
The Complete Book of Emigrants, Coldham Eng 942 C688.
Pg. 491 Apprenticed in Bristol 16 Oct 1684: John Fisher of Horsington, Somerset to Nicholas Ridout of Shaftsbury, Dorset, 5 yrs Pennsylvania by "Maryland Merchant."

England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906, Ancestry.com

Francis Fisher, Redcliffe, mariner, and Sarah Jones, Redcliffe married 12 Nov 1678: Bdm William Sheppard, Bristol, founder: at Redcliffe, or St. Augustine. (93)
The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies

Middlesex Extracted Parish Records, Ancestry.com

Bristol Monthly Meeting
Children of Francis & Sarah Fisher (who came from London Radcliffie Meeting)
Sarah b. 1681-11-1 Redcliff Parish, Bristol
Henry b. 1692-2-23, Redcliff Parish, Bristol
Possible George b. 1696-4-19, Redcliff Parish, Bristol, son of (left blank)
See also Rebecca Fisher d. 1711-8-4 Clifton, Bristol, wife of James Fisher.

Bristol Parish Records
Thomas Robinson als Taylor, Chedworth 150.

LDS Film 095273 Somerset Bishop’s Transcripts.
1637, Portbury near Bristol Edith, dau. of Thomas & Sarah Fisher Chr.

(Note: Bath is near Bristol. “New England” sometimes meant any colony on the Atlantic coast.)

English Adventurers and Emigrants, 1661-1733. 325.242 C688 USA at Clayton Gen. Lib., Houston, TX. Robert Edwards, John Roblin & Susanna Williams v. Thomas Fisher. 28 June 1678. Page 23. Nicholas Oliver of Clifton, Gloucestershire, where he has lived for 7 years, cooper aged 46. He engaged as cooper of the “Constant Martha,” Mr. William Hanman, owned by Thomas Fisher, for a voyage from Bristol to Maryland. The ship sailed in January 1675/6 and was driven by adverse winds into Milford Haven where one of her company deserted and on 13 January John Roblin and John Williams were hired. The latter died at Great Choptank in Maryland in August 1676 leaving Susanna Williams as his relict and administratrix. She and the other plaintiffs have asked Fisher for the balance of wages but have been denied. The Constant Martha carried linens, cloth, axes, ironware, brandy and beer on her outward voyage and Cadwallader Palmer, factor in Maryland for Thomas Fisher, complained at the length of time it had taken the ship to arrive. On her homeward voyage the ship took 16 weeks to reach Bristol because of adverse winds. The usual time from Bristol to Maryland is 8 or 9 weeks and the return 6 or 7 weeks.

Bristol Friends’ Men’s Minutes, Bristol Record Society V. 30, pg 243.
Pg. xxiv ... rumours in Bristol about kidnapping and transporting people to America, and that one Friend was implicated in the traffic. The matter came before the Men’s Meeting. There, on 24 April 1700 ... 6 May, John Fallowfield was named in this connection...
Fallowfield, John, formerly of Cockermouth; wife Sarah; dau. Abigail m. George Fisher, 1700; 1655 signed refutation of Gonning’s warrant statements concerning Friends (J. Audland, “Innocent delivered, 1665, 44-45) [query, same man?].
Fisher, George (d. 1703, Redcliffie p.) brewer, of Redcliffie Street; m. Mary (d. 1712); 2 s. 4 dau. (1672-81); dau. Elizabeth m. by a priest, 1697? (B.A.O., SF/A7/2, 54); dau Mary (1675-1726) m. Richard Knight, 1692; sufferer, 1683. (B.R.S. xxv. 109.)
Mary Fisher, sufferer 1682, 1683; signed Women’s Meeting publication of marriage of Henry James, 1684 (Friends House Library, Dix E. 11).
The First Fishers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Colonies

Fisher, George (b. 1676) brewer; s. of George & Mary Fisher; m. Abigail, dau. of John Fallowfield, 15 Aug. 1700. George Fisher of Peter’s p. d. May 1705; Abigail reported married by a priest, 31 Oct. 1705 (B.A.O., SF/A7/2.80).
Fisher, Sarah, dau. of George & Mary Fisher, b. 1681.


LDS Film 15665102 Index to Bristol Wills 1571-1857.
Wills in the Great Orphans Book
Calendar of Wills, Great Orphans Book, Council House at Bristol William Fisher, Butcher, St. Nicholas 11 Jul 1621; Wm. Fisher, See Clement, Margaret; Fisher, Walker als William See Walker.

LDS Film 1565337 Bristol Wills 1705-1714

LDS Film 156514 Bristol Wills 1639-1667
No. 28 Edward ffisher 1 Jan 1661, Probate 1662. Wife Katharine, ch. Joseph, James, Edward, Elizabeth (Braker).

Will of Edward Fisher, Bristol 1 Jan 1661; 1662
LDS Film 1565141 Bristol Wills
In the Name of God Amen the First day of January in the year of our Lord 1661 and in the thirtieth year of our sovereign Lord King Charles the Second I Edward ffisher of the parish of St. Michael in the City of bristoll Clothier do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner following. First I bequeath my Soule unto the hands of almighty God my only Saviour and redeemer and my body to bee buried.

Item I give unto my Sonn Joseph ffisher four pounds in money to be paid him within the month after my decease and whereas I am bound in bond for my Sonne James ffisher with him to pay tenn pounds to the Exchamberlain of the City. Of the City money, my will is that my Executrix Shall pay the one halfe of it when it Shall be due, which I give unto him.

Item I give unto my Sonn James ffisher ffive pounds in money to be paid him within Six months of my disease.

Item I give unto my Sonn Edward ffisher tenn pounds in money to be paid him at the age of twenty and one years if he shall so long live.

Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Breker four pounds in money to be paid to her: or to her use according to the advise and direction of my Sonns Joseph ffisher and James ffisher: Also I give unto her all my wearing Apparel linens and wellings Except my best sute which I give unto my Sonn Edward ffisher. All ye rest of my goods not given and bequeathed my debts and ffuneral being discharged. I do give unto Katherine my wife whereas I make my legal and Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament in witness thereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year ffirst above written.

Signed Sealed and published Edward ffisher
in the presence of

?Lacy Morley?
Mary Nuthall  
M N  
her Mark  

Will of Joseph Fisher, Bristol, England, 1677. LDS film

In the name of God amen: The twentie Eighth day of June in the yeare of the Lord 1677 and in the nine & twentieth year of the reign of our Soveraiyn Lord Charles the Second of England, Scotland, ffrance; and Ireland king defender of the faith etc.

I Joseph ffisher of the Parrish of St. Michael in the City and Countie of Bristoll Clothier being not in perfect health of bodie; but whole of mind & perfect remembrance (thanks bee to God) doe ordain and Make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth:

ffirst I bequeath my Soule unto Allmighty God my Creatour, and to Christ a most merciful redeemer of the Same.

Secondlie I bequeath my bodie to Allmighty God also but to be decentlie buried in the Churchyard of the Parish of St. James in the same grave that my ffather lieth, or to bee laid as next to if as conveniently it may bee.

Also I give unto my Brother John ffisher, who liveth at Portburie, my best Coat.  
I give unto my Brother James ffisher who liveth at Stoke, my riding Coat.  
I give unto my Sister Elizabeth Buff____ one Shilling.  
I give unto my Brother Edward ffisher, who liveth in Bristoll one Shilling.  
I give unto my Brother in Law, John Brain my best cloak and my best Hat.

Also after the decease or death of my wife Anne ffisher, I doe give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Marie ffisher, the daughter of my Brother John Fisher now of Portburie in the Countie of Somerset, Glover, the remainder of my right and title in a Tenement or house and Garden in Horstreet now in the tenant and occupation of William Wall, To have, hold, occupie, possess, and enjoy the same to her, and her Assigns during the term of (?lease?) granted unto mee; the rent charged upon the Said Tenement to bee defraied and paiied by her or her Assignes after possession had by them.

Then freelie, expresslie and plainly, I do give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable unto my wife Anne Fisher, whom I ordain, constitute and make absolute and on the Executrix of this my Last Will and Testamend desiring her to defraie and discharge my ffunerall expenses, and to pay my debts if anie shall bee (anitrogit?) due, and doe give her full power to claim all that is mine, or whatsoever is anie manner of way, due unto mee. In Witness hereof, and that this is my certaine act and Ittd? I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed my seale this instant twentie Eighth day of June first above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of  

Nicholas ?Aesh?    (Signed)  
(?Anne ffisher?)    Joseph ffisher  (Seal)  
Rowland ?Packer?  

Will of Francis Fisher, 23 Jan 1702, 9 Feb 1702  
LDS Film 1565311, Bristol Wills 1702, #18
In the name of God Amen I ffrancis ffisher of the City of Bristoll, Mercer, being Sick and weak in body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God therefore knowing the mortality of this life and the certainty of death Revoking all former Wills do make and ordaine my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Ffirst I bequeath my Soul to God my Creator with assured hope of his great mercys in and through the merritts and mediation of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ After this mortall life ended to obtain everlasting happyness in his heavenly Kingdom & my body I Will that it be buryed at the discretion of my Exectrs hereafter named without any greater Solemnity or expense than what a man decently requireth.

Item I give unto my Dear Mother Christian ffisher my Silver Tankard and all my household goods as bedding pewter brass Tables and Chairs and other the furniture belonging to & in the house I live in in Winforest in Bristoll. I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and Chattles Creditts and other my personall Estate to my Loving Brother William ffisher whom I make my whole and Sole Executor of this my Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this three and twentieth day of January In the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Two.

Ffran. Ffisher

Signed and Sealed by the above named ffrancis ffisher
and by him published as and declared to be his Last Will
and Testmt in the presence of us

Elenor Earle
Mary Griffith
Walter Deyes

Memorand. that this is a true Copy of the
Original will of ffrancis ffisher decd. The
Original Will was delivered unto the Extr
thereof upon deposition of there being bona notabilia out of this
Diocese and infrequently a necessity of giving The Will in the
Prerogative Court. Witness our hands this Ninth day of ffeby 1702.
William Fisher Exectr

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Will of James ffisher 10 Mar 1703, 5 Feb 1718
LDS Film 1565338 Bristol Wills 1715-1722, #19

In the Name of God Amen Tenth day of March In the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and three And in the third yeare of the Reigne of our Soverereigne Lady Queene Anne over England etc. I James ffisher of the City of Bristoll, Grocer in my full health of body & mind, considering the uncertainty of life & mutability of all human affairs (Revoking all former Wills) Doe make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament as followeth.

ffirst I commend my Soule to God that gave it me in hopes of Salvation by the alone meritts of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus And my body be committed to the Earth from which it was taken to be decently buried by my Exectrix hereafter named who is not to exceed twenty pounds in my funerall expenses my desire being to be buried as simple as possible. And as to my worldly Estate I thus dispose it.

Item I give unto my Son John ffisher, my daughter Joanna Brewer wife of Christopher Brewer, my daughter Elizabeth ffisher and my daughter Anne Mayden wife of James Mayden being all my children by my first wife to Each of them ffive Shillings apiece to be paid then within one month after my decease.
Item  Whereas I have formerly by Deed under my hand & Seale bearing date the 24th day of September 1670 Settled All that one messuage Tenement Gardens Orchard and Ninety and Eight acres & 3 Roods of arable Land meadows & pasture thereto belonging Situate in Rudge in the parish of Bennington in the County of Somerset for the benefit of my above Said foure Children for their lives & the longest lived Share and Share like each I do hereby confirm to them during their lives respectively it being my Will and desire that the profits of the Sd Estate be equally divided amongst them & the survivors of them as long as they Live. And after they have all deceased, I give and Devise the Same Messuage tenements & Lands to my Loving dear wife Christian ffisher to have & to hold to her, her Executors, Admstrs & assigns for and during All the then residue of the tenements gardens & Estates I have thereon. Also I give Devise & bequeath All the rest & residue of my Goods & Chattles, plate, household Stuff, Creditts and all other my personall Estate to my Said dear wife Christian ffisher whom I make my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Will In Witness whereof I the Sd James ffisher have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale the above Tenth day of March In the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and three.

James ffisher

Signed & Sealed by the Sd James ffisher in the Will as last mentioned & this Will was afterwards published & declared by him to be his Last Will & Testament our presence being desired by him to be witnesses thereunto & in his presence wee have Sett our hands as Witnesses threunto accordingly.

Ellinor Earle
Mary Griffith
Walter Deyes

5 die Menses February 1718 in yte er
Intranovata Christiana Fisher Jurat fuit.
Exetr coram ine

J Taylor Ists

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Will of William Fisher of Bristol 6 Sep 1616, Jul 1621
LDS Film 1565139 Bristol Wills

In the Name of God Amen I William ffisher of the parish of St. Michaelmass in the Citie of Bristoll butcher being weak in bodye, but perfect in memorie thanks be to God, do make this my last will and Testament, first I Bequeath my Soule into the hands of God in the hope that through the gracious death of his Sone Jesus Christ hath a place for me in the kingdom of heaven. My body I commit unto the earth from which it was made.

Item I give unto my Sone William Walker alias ffisher the house that I dwell in, and to the Issue of his body Lawfully begotten and if it please God that he does not have issue, Then I give the said house to my Daughter Alice and to the Issue of her bodye lawfully begotten, and if it please God that she Dye without Issue lawfully begotten, then I give ye Said house to my daughter Margaret and to the Issue of her bodye lawfully begotten, And if she should dye without issue then I give the said house unto my wife Joan fisher and to her Issue of her body. I make my Sole Executrex and my will is that my Said wife Joan Shall have and enjoye the Said house during the minoritie of the aforesaid children after my decease and of my mother and to See them Through Age and also to have and enjoy all the rest of my worldly goods, and to see my debts good.

In Witness thereof I have hereto Set my hand the sixth day of September in the year of ye Lord God 1616.

William Walker Als
?Morged Mollenburgh? Mark?
Paschall ?Garlande?
Elizabeth Goute?

Probat fui ( ) Joanne Garterell als ffisher als Walker the
relict desd ( )
( ) Willm Lane
( ) anno die mense July 1621
( )

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Engagement of Sarah Fisher, Bristol Monthly Meeting
LDS Film 1749522 Item 3 Bristol MM Marriages.

From our Monthly Meeting at Ratcliffe near London the 18 day of 9th mo. 1702.

To our friends and Breatherin of the Monthly Meeting at Bristol.

Whereas Richard Snead of your Meeting hath by order of the Same, aquainted our friend Nathaniell Wells
that one Sarrah Fisher Daughter of Francis and Sarrah Fisher who some time had their residence in this
quarter. She is intended to take on Jasper Lawrance of Bristoll to be her husband but before they proceed
any further in their Intentions, you did desire a Certificate from this meetin of the young womans
Clearness.

These are therefore (according to your desire) to Certifie that upon due Inquire we do not find but that the
said Sarrah Fisher (as far as we can understand) is clear from all persons with respect to Marrage, except in
the Case of Rodger Wallis with which you have been acquainted and which we Refer you unto the paper
hereunto annexed – and may aquaint you that the witnessage thereunto are Friends and in unity with friends
at London.

Albert Johnson       Will. Sanders
Henry Bebb           Rodger Newlin
Jno Askew            John Louth
Richd Burford        Nicholas Baily
John fitch           Nathaniel Wells
                      Edward Hayward
                      Bartholo. Wells

                      Jo. Constantine ( Clk )

London ye 18th 9br 1702
This may Certifie whom it may Concerne that Rodger Wallis Cooper doth Clear Sarah fisher from any
egadgement in Respect to Marriage and further doth declare they are free from each other as he hath reed a
letter from her importing to him Sd Rodger Wallis having Made a Promise to Sign my Wrighting, yett
Willing to Clear Sd Sarah fisher Delivered the aforesaid as he and Dand Deed Wee being Witnesses.

Simeon Warner
Nathaniel Wells
Joseph Pureboss?

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VI. The Fishers of Barbados

These notes were collected in a search for possible immigrants to Pennsylvania from Barbados. Please consult the sources for any reference found to be of interest. I cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of my transcription. Most of the earliest available Fisher records of Barbados are mentioned here, although I neglected to transcribe a few.

Notes:

LDS Film 1564648 Barbados Records.
Pg. 344 John Fisher under command of Major Thomas Helmes.
Pg. 345 John Fisher under Captain John Sampson.
Pg. 330 Henry Fisher.
Pg. 150 John Fisher, Parish of St. Lucy, 10 acres.
Pg. 169 David Fisher Jan 30.
Pg. 204 Richard Fisher Dec 15, 1679 Parish of St. Peter.
Pg. 208 Daniel Fisher
Pg. 206 John Fisher Christenings, Parish of St. Peters since 25 Mar 1678 to 29 Sep 1679.
The Original Lists of Persons of Quality, Hotten USA Gen 325.242 H834.
Pg. 444 Inhabitants in 1680 Henry Fisher & Wife, 3 children.
Pg. 447 John Fisher
Omitted Chapters from Hotten’s Original Lists of Persons of Quality … And Others Who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600-1700 972.98 055.
Pg. 83 Richard Fisher 10 acres, 2 servants St. Peters 1679.
Pg. 37 John Fisher 10 acres St. Lucys 1679.
Pg. 150 John Fisher in Company of John Sampson 1679.
Pg. 149 John Fisher in Company of Thomas Helmes (Holmes?) 1679.
Pg. 85 John Fisher Christened 1679 St. Peters All Saints.
Pg. 173 Henry Fisher, Company of Lt. Col. …..

Pg. 108 Thomas Fisher, wit. to will of Andrew Dunken, St. Philips parish, 1715.
Pg. 310 William Fisher 1697, witness to will of Richard Salter.
Pg. 350 166 John Fisher, Chirurgeon.
Pg. 117 Henry Fisher will, 1 Feb 1681, wife Elizabeth.

Barbados and America, 972.981 K37
Census 1679/80 John Fisher St. Lucy’s Parish.
Census 1715 Deborah Fisher age 40 dau age 13, St. Michael’s Parish.
Census 1715 Mary Fisher age 45, St. Mary’s Parish.
Census 1715 Fulk Fisher age 15, St. George Parish.

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Pg. 338 Roger Fisher witness to deed 1644.
Pg. 501 Quaker doctrine brought to the Island by Mary Fisher and Ann Austin in 1655.
Pg. 246 Will of John Ford 1662 left 25S each to a large group (military company?) for “gold rings,” including John Fisher.
Pg. 345 July 1705 Daniel Hoopes and Robert Lette, Hooper, to Thomas Taitt of St. Andrew, Chirurgeon, 40 acres of land in St. Thomas, part of Fisher’s Pond plantation.
Pg. 13 Will of Thomas Baldwin, Cooper, 1666. Tenants & property in St. Michaels joining the storehouse of Lt. Lewis in the occupation of me & John Fisher.
Pg. 79 Will of Thomas Cole, St. Thomas 1679, “physick & Chirurgeon.” St. Andrews in South Hampton England “Memo… John Fisher…
Pg. 127 Will of John Ford merchant 1662, St. Michaels. … John Fisher…
Pg. 391 Will of Captain Thomas Williams, St. Andrews 1649. “my mate Anthony Fisher and wife Grace Lodge.
Pg. 294,356 John Fisher witness to will, 1678.

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Pg. 108 Thomas Fisher witness to will of Andrew Dunken, St. Philips, 1715.
Pg. 235 William Fisher witness to a will … St. Michaels Town, 1712.
Pg. 153 Richard Fisher witness to a will, 1701 …
Pg. 211 Mary Fisher named in will of George Lillington. Land near Quaker House, St. Michaels. 1710.
Pg. 65 Jane Fisher witness to a will, 1703, St. Michael.
Pg. 187 Anne Fisher witness to a will 1720, St. Michaels.
VII. Additional Notes

Will of William Penn (Sr.), dated 19 Aug 1657 says “Wm. Penn of Cosgrove, County of Northampton, gent. … My house in Stonic Stratford in which Thomas Fisher now dwells.”


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