

John Fisher  
b. September 11, 1756, Halifax Co., VA  
d. April 11, 1837, Warren Co., TN  
and Lucinda Trammel  
Book: The Fisher Line  
Nicholas Fisher's Decendants 1730-1980  
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Pg. 11-12 & following pgs. Will & List of Effects of John Fisher

John Fisher was an American patriot, farmer, miller, pioneer, and father of at least sixteen children. Quite an accomplishment for one man. He lived in three states- VA, NC and TN. his descendants have now spread over most of the United States, and are quite numerous. "John Fisher, it is said, was very fond of hunting and fishing and loved outdoor life. he was a quiet man and lived a quiet, unassuming life." This may have been his reputation in his later years, but from the records found on him, "quiet" does not describe his early years. A home where there are sixteen children would not be conducive to quietness.

The following records follow John Fisher's life from his birth to his death:

1. Letter from Bureau of Pensions:

"Revolutionary War pension claim W25580. It appears that John Fisher was born September 11, 1756, in Halifax Co., VA. He moved with his father (name not given) to Orange Co., VA from there to Lincoln Co. and from there to Rutherford Co., NC. While a resident of Rutherford Co., NC, he enlisted and served as a private as follows:

From late in 1776, or early in 1777, four months in Captain James (?) Jones' Company in Colonel William Graham's NC Regiment; from sometime in 1780, about two months before the battle of King's Mountain, ten months in Captain Tutt's Company in Colonel LeRoy Hammond's SC Regiment, he was taken prisoner by Ferguson but made his escape when the latter was defeated at King's Mountain and soon rejoined Captain Tutt's Company and Colonel Hammond's Regiment. A few days after his return home, he enlisted and served four months in Captain Tutt's Company in Colonel LeRoy Hammonds' SC Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 2, 1833, at which time he was living in Warren Co., TN. He died April 11, 1837, in DeKalb Co., TN. The soldier married December 28, 1825 in Warren Co., TN, Lucinda Tramel. She was allowed pension on her application executed July 17, 1855, at which time she was living in DeKalb Co., TN, aged seventy years. The soldier's son, name not given, was killed at the Battle of New Orleans.

(1. "The Fisher Family" by E.R. Whitley, TN, State Library).

2. NC Land Grant #502 – John Fisher claimed 100 acres in Tryon County (later Rutherford County) on Beaver Dam Creek of First Broad River including his own improvements and joining land of John Richmond. 20 January 1779.
  
3. Deeds in Rutherford County, NC – Many land transactions 1786-1809. Deed Book 27-28, pg. 85, John Fisher to James Laxton, land on Alston’s Creek of Green River above said Fisher’s old griss mill on south side of creek. 25 acres plus 25 acres where widow Thompson now lives including mill. Wit: Henry Davis and William Dunham.
  
4. 1790 Rutherford County, NC Census:  
 John Fisher 4 males (0-16) 1 male (over 16) 3 females  
 John Laxton 2 males (over 16) 1 male (under 16) 5 females  
 William Dunham 2 males (over 16) 2 females
  
5. 1800 Rutherford County, NC Census:  

John Fisher 1 male (0-10)	3 females (0-10)
1 male (10-16)	2 females (10-16)
1 male (16-26)	0 females (16-26)
0 male (26-45)	1 female (26-45)
1 male (45 &)	0 female (45 &)

  

Joshua Fisher 1 male (16-26)	1 female (0-16)
	1 female (16-26)
  
6. 1810 NC Census Index  

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(There are Fisher in Lincoln County, which is next to Rutherford County. They seem to be of German descent. Lincoln County from Orange County.)
  
7. “Soldiers of the War of 1812 Buried in Tennessee.” Pub. 1959. “Fisher, \_\_\_\_\_, (Died January 8, 1815, New Orleans) single, killed at Battle of New Orleans; Rev. War pension; statement of father, John Fisher, and stepmother, Lucinda Tramel, Warren, Co., TN. Buried at New Orleans; unknown grave.
  
8. Smith, Warren, DeKalb and White County Tennessee Records – Deeds, Minutes, and Marriages are numerous on the John Fisher family. Warren Co., Deed Book D, pg. 340 – John Fisher conveys to William Fisher of White County 300 acres on Caney Fork River.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN FISHER, 1756 – 1837

(taken from the Book of Wills and Inventories, 1827-1844;  
pages 198, 199; 253 and 254, Warren County, Tennessee)

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Fisher, of this county Warren (McMinnville), and the State of Tennessee, being aged and declining but of sound mind and perfect memory, do make this, my last will in manner and form as following: Item in the first and first place I give my body to the dust to be buried decently at the descretion of my Executors, hereafter named and Secondly, I give my soul to Almighty God who first gave it to me and as touching my worldly estate which it hath pleased god to bless me with, I dispose of as following: First, I give to my beloved wife Lucy Fisher, one horse beast and one cow and calf; six head of hogs; six head of sheep; all the fowels we possess; one common feather bed and furniture; one plow and plowing ghears and pot and hooks and small oven; ? \_\_\_\_half a dozen plates, knives and forks; tea cups and saucers. I further lend to my said beloved wife, Lucy three tracts including the Kissiah Island where William Durham now lives; during her natural life or widowhood and at her marriage or death; to be sold by Executors giving twelve months credits and when this money is collect to be equally divided among my several children. I also give to my wife one cotton wheel and cards and one flour wheel and one trunk and one saddle and bridle. I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Fisher one mare one year old. All the balance of my property consisting of cattle, hogs, sheep, house furniture and farming tools and all utensils to be sold as before mentioned and when the price collected, to be equally divided among my children.

I further give and bequeath unto my children consisting of thirteen, the three hundred acre tract of land to be equally divided among them by my executors, in conformation whereof I constitute and appoint my son and friend, David Fisher and Joseph Upchurch my sole executors to this my last will and testament revoking and disallowing any other will or wills heretofore made by me in witness hereof I here unto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of March, One-Thousand-Eight-Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

Signed – John Fisher - Seal

Witness:

William Scott (signed)

John Tippit (signed)