

# Greevz Fisher of Youghal and Leeds: Errata and Addenda

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## Introduction

The biography of Greevz Fisher of Youghal and Leeds was published in 2013. It first covers the origins of the Fisher family and their Quaker existence in Ireland which spanned 200 years. Special emphasis was placed on Greevz's grandparents (Abraham and Jane Fisher) and father (Joseph Fisher). The account then goes on to document Fisher's migration to Leeds, his position as Proprietor of Kingfisher Lubricants, his complex personal life and his many cerebral interests and causes. These latter topics establish Fisher as a well-known, albeit minor, player in the 19<sup>th</sup> century world of individualism and freethinking.

Since then, several subjects have been further explored that now justify this document which both corrects some errors in the first edition and adds some new material. The three most important topics addressed are:

1. Documentary proof for the Dorset origins of the Fisher family, including the parentage and marriage of Reuben Fisher (I), apothecary/chirurgion of St. Olave's Parish, Southwark.
2. Resolution of the two Thomas Fisher families in London, one of whom is the half-brother of Reuben Fisher (I) and who became Master of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers.
3. Examination of the Schneider Family Papers in the Friends Library, Swarthmore College which contain many memorabilia of the Youghal Fishers.

For any reader who has not had access to the original biography, it is in libraries in Leeds, London, Dublin, Youghal, Cork and Waterford. Alternatively, it is still available on Amazon (both US and UK), most easily searched by the ISBN number 978-0-9815556-3-8

## Dedication

Since the first edition of "Greevz Fisher" was published, three stalwart genealogical friends have passed on.

Carmel Quinlan from Cork is perhaps best known for her definitive biography, "*Genteel revolutionaries: Anna and Thomas Haslam and the Irish women's movement*". Anna Haslam was the daughter of Abraham and Jane Fisher and a leader in the Irish women's movement during the late 19<sup>th</sup> - early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Carmel was always willing to share ideas and was very generous in allowing access to her own research.

Don Lehane from Dublin was passionate about the history of Kinsalebeg. He traced the history of landlords and land ownership in Kinsalebeg for over 1000 years, including the Fisher family and their mill at Piltown. He died in 2014 and is buried in the Piltown cemetery, not far from the ruins of the Fisher's mill.

Joe Fisher of New Jersey was a distant cousin: we are both great-great-grandchildren of Joseph Fisher of Cork. His enthusiasm for family history was unbounded and he was a wonderful travelling companion to Youghal on two separate occasions.

It is to these good friends that this supplement is dedicated.

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David Kelly of Youghal continues to be a gracious and patient recipient of my endless enquiries. Adrian and Sally Smith have been very helpful in providing updates to the continuing restoration work at the mill in Piltown.

There are considerable numbers of Fishers in the USA, many of them descendants of those children of Abraham and Jane who crossed the Atlantic. Several of these distant cousins have been extremely generous in sharing photographs and memorabilia. In addition, there is a treasure trove of Fisher material deposited at the Friends’ Historical Library of Swarthmore College in Philadelphia (the Rebecca Fisher Schneider Family Papers). I am very grateful to the original donors and library staff for access to this material.

To all those other correspondents not mentioned above but who provided inspiration for this work, I also offer my thanks.

# I. The Fishers of Southwark and Dorset

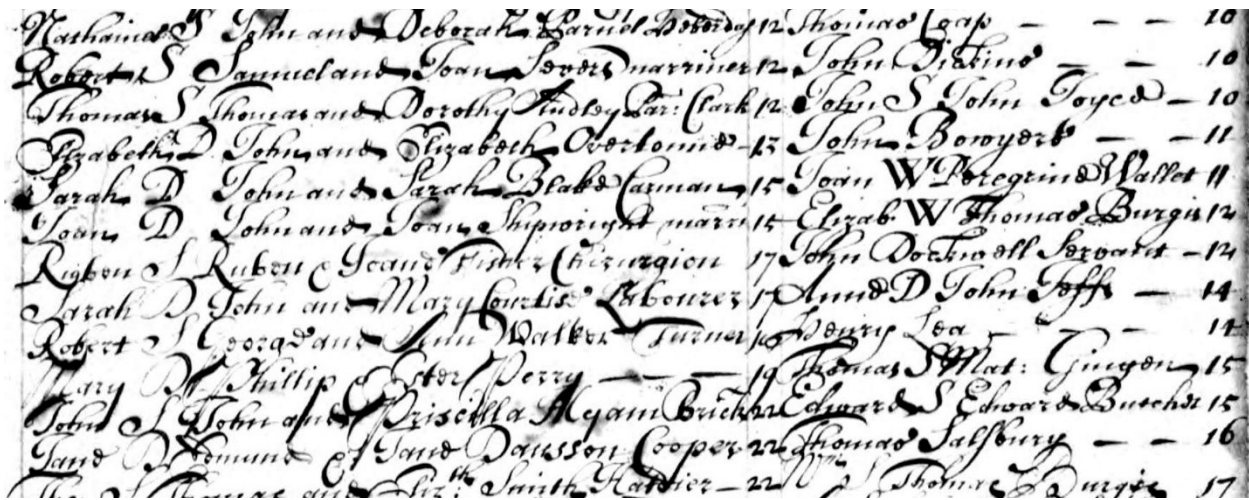
## Summary

Note: the numerical designation of Reuben Fisher I & II is entirely arbitrary and for a matter of clarification only.

The Fisher family line in Youghal, County Cork, originated with Martha Fisher (circa 1667 - 1750), who moved to Ireland from Southwark, Surrey (now in London) sometime after her first husband, Jeremiah Laundry, died in 1692. Martha married her second husband, Dr. John Dobbs, in 1703. She was followed to Ireland by her brother Reuben (II) (circa 1676 - 1723) who moved to Youghal between 1698 and 1703. Both Martha and Reuben became Quakers. Reuben married Margaret Shute in 1705 and they started the Fisher dynasty of Quakers which remained in Youghal until the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The parents of Martha and Reuben (II) were Reuben Fisher (I) (1634 - after 1705), an apothecary/chirurgion of St. Olave's Parish, Southwark and Joan Fisher. He was a member of the Church of England. The titles apothecary and chirurgion were used somewhat interchangeably at that time but Reuben (I) was not mentioned in either the bindings and freedoms of the Society of Apothecaries or in those of the Worshipful Company of Barber-Surgeons. No probate records for Reuben (I) have been located.

It had been thought that the wife of Reuben Fisher (I) was a Joan How/e but reexamination of the original St. Olave's parish records confirmed that Joan's 1657/58 marriage had, in fact, been to a John Fisher (no proven relationship). Reuben and Joan probably had at least seven other children between 1666 and 1684. Note that the birth year of Reuben (II) is sometimes erroneously given as 1669. Additionally, some sources persist with a baptism transcription error of "Rigbon".



The 1676 baptism record of Reuben (II) at St. Olave's, Southwark. In this instance, his father, Reuben (I) is given as a chirurgion. In some baptisms of his other children, his profession is given as apothecary.

One earlier line of research had suggested that (a) Reuben Fisher (I) was the son of a Thomas and Martha Fisher, also of Southwark and that (b) Thomas was one of the Mickleton Fishers of Gloucester. However, the baptism dates for this Thomas Fisher's children are inconsistent with those of Reuben Fisher (I). Several records have now been located which conclusively place the origin of Reuben Fisher (I) in Dorset, the son of John and Mary Fisher, and that Reuben's wife was Joan Wood (1637 – 1698/9) of Bridport, Dorset. The Thomas Fisher of Southwark turns out to be Reuben's half-brother. No records have been located which substantiate a link between the Fishers of Southwark and those from Mickleton.

### **Reuben Fisher, apothecary/chirurgion of Southwark**

Two (unconnected) equity suits and associated records heard in the Court of Chancery provide critical leads regarding the family background of Reuben Fisher (I).

The first case in 1690 (National Archives, C 6/270/54) relates to the estate of one Charles Wood, a surgeon of the East India Company's ship "Rochester", who died at sea in 1685. In his will of 1675, Wood named John Bromwell, the ship's captain, as one of four executors. Bromwell later renounced the execution, and the administration of Wood's estate was, in 1690, granted to Reuben Fisher, a relative of Wood. In 1686, administration of Wood's estate had been offered to "*Joan Fisher alias Wood, the wife of Reuben Fisher*" (and a next of kin of Wood), but she declined it. The court records also make mention of one of Wood's servants named Thomas Fisher; his relationship is unknown although he could be a son of one of the unnamed Fisher brothers from the elder John Fisher's first marriage (see below for clarification).

In his will (National Archives, PROB 11/ 400/463), Charles Wood named no wife, siblings, children or parents but mentions several cousins. These were the children of his five uncles: Reuben Fisher, John Sutton (also of St. Olave, Southwark), Nicholas Wood and John Wood (both of Bridport, Dorset) and Abraham Honor (of Laleham, Middlesex). Other beneficiaries included a Thomas Fisher, his wife Martha and son Alexander but without mention of their relationship or town of residence. There is, however, other evidence to conclude that Thomas was the half-brother of Reuben Fisher (also see below).

*"..... I likewise give unto my uncle Mr. Reuben Fisher of the parish of St Olive Southwark the summe of Sixty pounds to bee devidid amongst those Children of him as shall be liveing at the Returne of the said Shipp aforesaid ..... I doe likewise give to Mr Thomas Fisher and his wife Martha Fisher and his son Alexander Fisher the summe of twenty shillings appece for a Ring ....."*

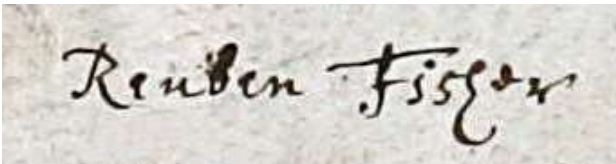
The second Court of Chancery case in 1705 (National Archives C 6/384/27) was between a John Beere, gentleman, of Evershot, Dorset and several defendants including: Richard Lovlisse, coalburner of Corscombe, Dorset, Avis Lovlisse (his wife, alias Avis Fisher), Richard Wood and Martha Wood (his wife, alias Martha Fisher), Elizabeth Fisher, spinster; Reuben Fisher, apothecary of Southwark, Bernard Fisher and Richard Fisher.

The case concerns property originally owned by John Fisher (Snr.), gentleman of Evershot. The court records (and especially Reuben's deposition) refer to Reuben Fisher, apothecary of Southwark and the only son of John Fisher (Snr.) of Evershot by his second wife, Mary.

*“ ... he this Defendant saith that John Fisher late of Evershott in the County of Dorset, Gentleman, Deceased, was Father to this Defendant (tho’ a Widdower haveing foure Children by the first venture and John Fisher the Eldest Son) by marrying of by Second venture the Defendants Mother Mary Crase, Widow and Relict of James Crase of Pudle Towne in the County of Dorst, Gentleman, and sometime Undersherriff of that County ...”*

Mary was the widow of James Crase, gentleman of Piddletown (aka Puddletown) and a former Under-Sheriff of Dorset whose will was proven in 1628 (thereby establishing that Mary’s marriage to John Fisher was after that date). There are also dates and ages given in his deposition that indicate that Reuben Fisher was born circa 1634. Reuben is also mentioned as having been “*over the Seas*” in the 1690-91 period. Perhaps he was also an East India Company ship’s surgeon although no references to him have been found in the Company’s archives. This could explain why Reuben was not listed with the Society of Apothecaries or in those of the Worshipful Company of Barber-Surgeons.

John Fisher (Snr.) had four sons by his first marriage (wife unknown), of whom John (Jnr.), was the eldest and thus a half-brother of Reuben. John (Jnr.)’s wife was also a Joan and defendants Bernard Fisher, Avis Lovlisse, Martha Wood and Elizabeth Fisher were their children. There was a third case (National Archives, C 6/384/28) which was essentially a reiteration of the original Beere suit but after Reuben Fisher had surrendered his claims. This case, in 1705, was the last known record of Reuben Fisher (I) and he was now about 71 years old.



The signature of Reuben Fisher (1634 - after 1705) witness to the will of John Sutton, proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Surrey in 1689

The above cases, together with wills and other parish records allow a genealogy of the Fisher and Wood families to be constructed which is detailed in Pedigrees One, Two and Three.

### **The Fishers of Evershot, Dorset**

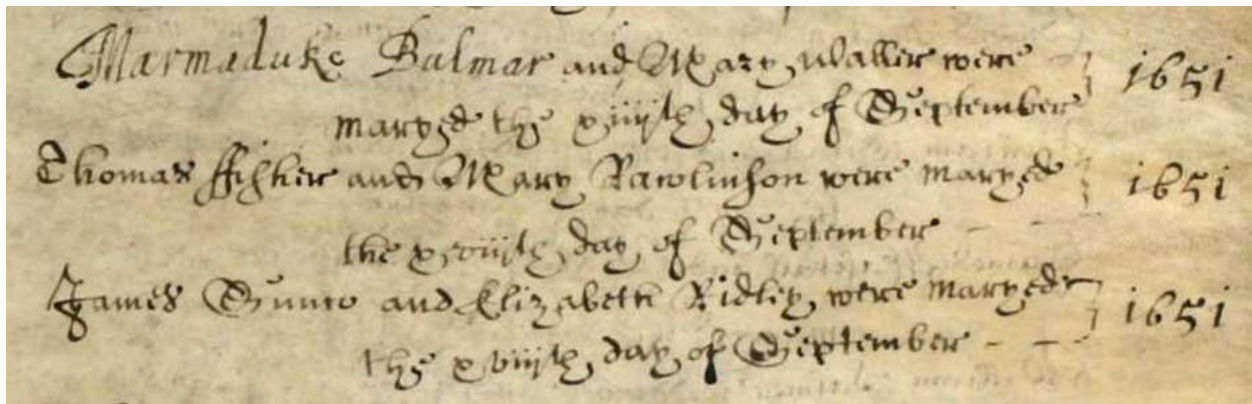
There are many Fishers in Dorset. Multiple wills, visitation pedigrees, tax and manorial records for Evershot, Bridport and several surrounding parishes were all examined in an effort to determine the ancestry of John Fisher (Snr.) of Evershot but with no success. A possible antecedent is a Thomas Fisher of Evershot whose will was proved in 1560/1 (National Archives; Prob 11/44). He was a man of some means as the total value of his estate was considerable. Thomas had several children (one of whom was a John) and grandchildren listed as beneficiaries. However, no documented link between this Thomas and Reuben’s father has been identified.

## Two Thomas Fishers and Two Martha's

One issue that created considerable confusion in researching the Fishers of Southwark is the uncertainty surrounding a Thomas Fisher who was married to Martha and who is believed to be related to Reuben (I). The inevitable conclusion, is that the ambiguity in the various records can only be resolved by the existence of two Thomas Fishers, both with wives named Martha and both in similar professions. For clarity, these individuals have been designated as Thomas Fisher (Feltmaker) who died in 1689 (probate) and Thomas Fisher (Haberdasher) who died in 1676 (probate).

### Thomas Fisher the Feltmaker (d. 1689)

Thomas Fisher (Feltmaker) lived in St Olave's Parish in Southwark (Surrey), married Martha (aka Mary; transcription error) Rawlinson in 1651 and had about nine children between 1652 and 1663. Remarkably, only one, Alexander, appears to have reached adulthood.



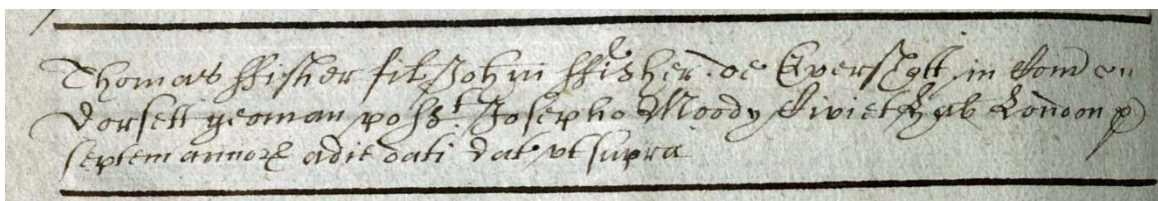
**The marriage of Thomas Fisher & Martha Rawlinson in 1651**

Thomas, Martha and Alexander were also mentioned in Charles Wood's will (see above) administration of which had been granted to Reuben Fisher. Alexander married Hannah Musson in 1684 and they had a son, also named Thomas in 1685. Thomas (Snr.)'s father was John Fisher of Evershot, Dorset (see Haberdashers' apprenticeship below) and Thomas would thus be another half-brother of Reuben.

Thomas Fisher (Feltmaker) was buried on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1689 at St. Olave's, Southwark. His 1689 probate itemizes "*Messuages or Tenements held by Lease from Esquire Long situated in Horsey Downe Lane in the Parish of St Olave and now in the several Tenures or Occupations of Richard Suart, Richard Crosse and Reuben Fisher*". His will also included lands or leases in Dorset. Another genealogical clue is that Reuben Fisher was a witness to the will of John Rawlinson (distiller of St. Olave's) who was Thomas (Feltmaker)'s father-in-law. This will includes bequests to his daughter Martha, (specified as the wife of Thomas Fisher) and another to his grandson, Alexander.



Thomas Fisher was named as one of the 21 assistants on the Charter of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers granted by King Charles II in 1667 and was subsequently elected Master of the Company on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1679 and served for one year. Note that Thomas Fisher (Haberdasher) was already dead by this time. Thomas had at least three Feltmakers' Company apprentices bound to him in the 1677 – 1682 period. One of them, John Conway, was from Powerstock, Dorset where Thomas held property. Even more confusingly, Thomas Fisher (Feltmaker) was himself earlier associated with the Haberdasher's Company, transferring to the Feltmakers' Company between his apprenticeship in 1643 and subsequent marriage to Martha Rawlinson in 1651. Another critical record in the unravelling of the “two Thomas puzzle” is the apprenticeship of Thomas to the Haberdashers' Company in 1643 which specifies his father as John Fisher of Evershot, Dorset. Thomas was subsequently made free in the Feltmakers' Company around 1650/51; he could not have married until freed.



**The apprenticeship record of Thomas Fisher to the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in 1643 which specifies his father as John Fisher of Evershot in Dorset**

The history of the two Companies is clearly quite complicated and very much intertwined. In fact, the trade of feltmaker came under the auspices of the Haberdashers for a while in spite of an apparent conflict of interest in that the former represented local producers whereas the latter were predominantly retailers who often used cheaper, overseas suppliers for their materials.

Thomas Fisher was one of the more prosperous and influential Southwark feltmakers of the period. His will shows that he had extensive property in the parish of St. Olave's, including a freehold dwelling house in Bermondsey Street, the Blew Bell, houses leased from Magdalen College, Oxford, and others leased from several freeholders. Fisher's importance in the feltmaking community of St. Olave's is also shown by the fact that he was chosen as an overseer or executor of other feltmakers' wills and took inventories of their estates for probate purposes.

### **Thomas Fisher the Haberdasher (d. 1676)**

There is no known link between Thomas Fisher (Haberdasher) and the family of Reuben Fisher (I). This Thomas lived in St. Katherine Cree Parish near Leadenhall Street in London and had four children with his wife, Martha, namely: Martha, William, Mary & Gilbert. It is possible, though certainly not confirmed, that this Thomas Fisher was the son of Gilbert Fisher of Bourne, Lincolnshire, apprenticed in 1647 to Thomas Paris and freed in 1654 (Haberdashers' Apprenticeship Bindings & Freedoms). He had a business in Threadneedle Street, close to Leadenhall Street. His business journals from 1673 are in the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) records and include lists of the beaver hats that he sold, together with their prices. There is an account of money paid out to his then-orphans Mary and Gilbert between 1684 and 1694 and also money spent on Mary's illness and burial at St Katherine Cree in 1693. Thomas was also buried in the church at St. Katharine Cree on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1676. His wife had been buried

there on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1669. Thomas was also a man of some social standing given that he was buried in St Katherine Cree church itself, rather than in a vault or the churchyard like most folk.

## Feltnakers

Felt is a fabric made from animal fur or wool without weaving the fibres together. It was often used in the manufacture of hats or caps. Trades associated with feltnakers thus included Hatters, Cappers, Hurers (a French variety of cap) and Castermakers (a hat maker who incorporated beaver wool in the felt). They would be associated with the Haberdashers who might sell the finished articles. Harry Duckworth (*"The Early History of Feltnaking in London; 1250-1604"*) suggests that about 80% of the London feltnakers in this general period lived and worked in the single parish of St. Olave, Southwark. In 1501, the "Hurers and Hatter Merchants" Company which most likely included the Feltnakers, merged with the Haberdashers. There was an inherent conflict of interest with this arrangement regarding the competition from cheaper, imported products. In 1604, the feltnakers were granted incorporation as a Company in their own right by James I and this was renewed by Charles II in 1667.

**Today's coat of arms of the  
Worshipful Company of  
Feltnakers**



## Summary genealogy of the Fisher family

John Fisher (Snr.), gentleman of Evershot, Dorset, was married twice. He had at least four sons by his first marriage (wife unknown), of whom John Fisher (Jnr.) was the eldest and whose wife was Joan/e. John (Jnr.)'s children were Bernard/Barnard ( m. Christian Cooke, widow), Avis (m. Richard Lovlisse), Martha (m. Richard Wood) and Elizabeth (unm.). John (Jnr.) died in 1690. Bernard lived in Kilminster, Devon (about 20 miles from Evershot). Thomas Fisher (Feltnaker) was another son by the first marriage of John Fisher and thus a half-brother of Ruben (I). He married Martha Rawlinson in 1651 and had about nine children between 1652 and 1663.

The wife of John Fisher (Jnr.) was named Joan (died before 1705). There is a remote chance she was the Jone How who married John Fisher at St. Olave Southwark on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1657/58. However, with no surviving parish registers for Evershot before 1690 to check for a local marriage of John Fisher (Jnr.), this possibility remains speculative.

Reuben (I) Fisher, the apothecary of Southwark, was the son of the John (Snr.) by his second wife, Mary. She was the widow of a James Crase, gentleman of Puddletown and a former Under-Sheriff of Dorset. John died in 1670 and Mary the year after; they were married for more than 40 years (and hence m. circa 1630). Reuben (I) was 37 at that time and was 71 at the time of the 1705 suits. He was thus born circa 1634. Reuben married Joan Wood of Bridport, Dorset, daughter of Nicholas Wood and they had many children, including Reuben (II) Fisher who moved to Youghal.

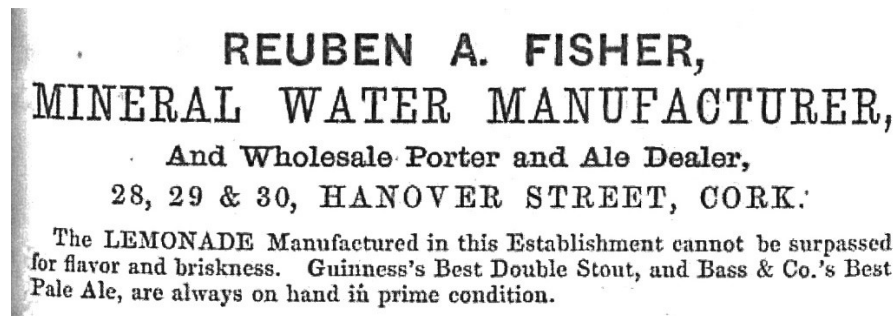
## II. Some Fishers in the United States (in chronological order of birth)

### Charles Fisher

Charles Fisher was a son of the Southwark surgeon, Reuben Fisher. He is believed to have settled in Virginia, possibly married a Mary Herbert (née Stith) circa 1731 and died circa 1747. Charles and Mary had two daughters, Susannah and Elizabeth, but this line has not been confirmed or pursued.

### Reuben A. Fisher (b. 1812)

This Reuben's middle name is most likely Abraham although some records list him as Abel. He was one of the children of Abraham and Jane (née Moor) Fisher. He left the Quakers early in his life and was a purveyor in Cork of Guinness Double Stout, Bass and Co's Best Pale Ale and mineral water.



Advert from the 1863 edition of Laing's Mercantile Directory

However, business was not always brisk as he found himself in Cork Prison for debt in 1838. In 1859, Reuben was a complainant in a case concerning the larceny of two dozen bottles of his stock but the case was dismissed. He was married three times; first to Mary Fisher (a distant cousin), then to Julia Forde and finally to Mary Ann Williams. He emigrated to Florida in 1871 but died shortly thereafter.

### Jane Fisher (b. 1819)

Jane was another of Abraham and Jane's children. She married Henry Wright who died from cholera in 1849, the year in which their third child, Francis, was born. Francis later wrote: "*In 1872 my sister Mary Leslie was going to Kansas to marry Frederick White and my mother and I decided to go to Kansas with her*". Jane died in Kansas City, Missouri in 1888. One of Jane's grandchildren, also a Henry Wright (1878-1936), became a well-known architect, planner and a major proponent of the garden city. He designed several subdivisions in or near St. Louis, New York, New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Washington DC.

## Abraham (b. 1823)

The third of Abraham and Jane's children to cross the Atlantic, Abraham, first worked with his father and elder brother (Peter Moor Fisher) in the Piltown milling business. When that business failed, Abraham (Jnr.) was also bankrupted by the creditors. Through a connection with Christopher Weguelin (MP for Youghal), he was able to emigrate to Argentina in 1871 with his wife, Sarah (née Wright) and their nine children. There they endured hostile raids by indigenous tribes though the Fishers, in true Quaker fashion, always tried to demonstrate empathy towards them.

*"Many an evening as the whites were gathered into their homes for the night, the signal fires of the Indians could be seen from the Colony and none knew when a raid might be made which would sweep their families off into captivity or else massacre them but through it all, Abraham Fisher advocated a peaceful policy towards the Indians and he himself went unarmed and alone for miles among them, always manifesting kindness towards them. When they came to him hungry, he fed them and when they were in trouble, he helped them and they in turn were careful that no harm should come to him or his family".*

However, by 1874 they had had enough and moved to Martin County, North Carolina though the family was embroiled in a revolution in Buenos Aires *en route*. Abraham died in Pennsylvania in 1909.

One of Abraham (Jnr.)'s sons was Thomas Wright Fisher (b. 1855) and he bought into a feedstock company, Thomas, Haines and Co. It became Fisher & Son Company, Inc. in 1928 and is still in operation today as a provider of horticulture services.

Rebecca Fisher Schneider is a descendent of both Abraham and Reuben Fisher. She donated considerable Fisher material to the Friends' Historical Library of Swarthmore College (RG5/281). The data include books, correspondence, and photographs and a series of thematically-arranged genealogical binders assembled by the donors. There are several photos of the Irish family including ones of Abraham and Jane, Joseph Fisher (Greevz' father), Peter Moor Fisher, Anna Haslam etc. There are also drawings ascribed to Sarah Wright Fisher (Abraham's daughter-in-law) circa 1885.



**Abraham Fisher and some of his children on their farm (Megessa, so-named after the daughters) in Dymond City, Jamesville, North Carolina. Probably circa 1880s. The farmstead eventually burned down. (Schneider Family Papers, Friends Library, Swarthmore College)**

### **Charlotte Rowntree (née Fisher)**

Charlotte's story has been told in Chapter IV of the Greevz Fisher biography. After the breakup of her marriage to Greevz, Charlotte moved to Kansas in 1884. It is assumed that this was to be close to her aunt Jane Fisher who had moved there a few years earlier (see above). Several of her children got married in the U.S. These included Bernard who married the botanist Gertrude Ellen Lester and also his sister, Margaret, who married Gertrude's brother, Frank Lester. Another of Charlotte's children, Harold, became a co-founder of the Burdette-Rowntree Company which manufactured various pneumatic devices. He had over two hundred engineering patents to his name.

## II. Miscellaneous Errata and Addenda (organized by original chapters/pages)

### Chapter II. Page 23. Figure 10. St. Olaves' Parish Church.

The image of St. Olave's church is of the Georgian building, built by 1740 and demolished in 1926. The 17<sup>th</sup> century Southwark Fishers would have been registered in the earlier Norman church which had collapsed by 1736. No images of that building have been found.

### Chapter II. Page 28. Court Appearances by Abraham Fisher.

It is possible that some of the records of court appearances by Abraham Fisher could have referred to either Abraham Snr. (b. 1783) or to Abraham Jnr. (b. 1823).

### Chapter II. Page 29. Letter to John Barclay.

John Barclay (1797-1838) came from a prominent Quaker family of which several members had written religious diaries and treatises. It is likely that John Barclay was also related to the famous Quaker bankers.

### Chapter II. Page 30. Jane Fisher (née Moor).

Many Fisher memories were documented by Susanna Georgia Fisher (1865 - 1956), granddaughter of Abraham and Jane (née Moor) Fisher (copy in the Friends' Historical Library at Swarthmore College in Philadelphia). Her memoir includes a treasure-trove of genealogical material. Anecdotes include:

*"I have heard Father tell of childish visits to his maternal grandparents (i.e. Peter and Sarah Moor, née Chamberlain). Each of them smoked a pipe. Father remembered seeing them sitting by the fire of an evening and the two pipes. I think they were long ones, reposed on the mantelpiece".*

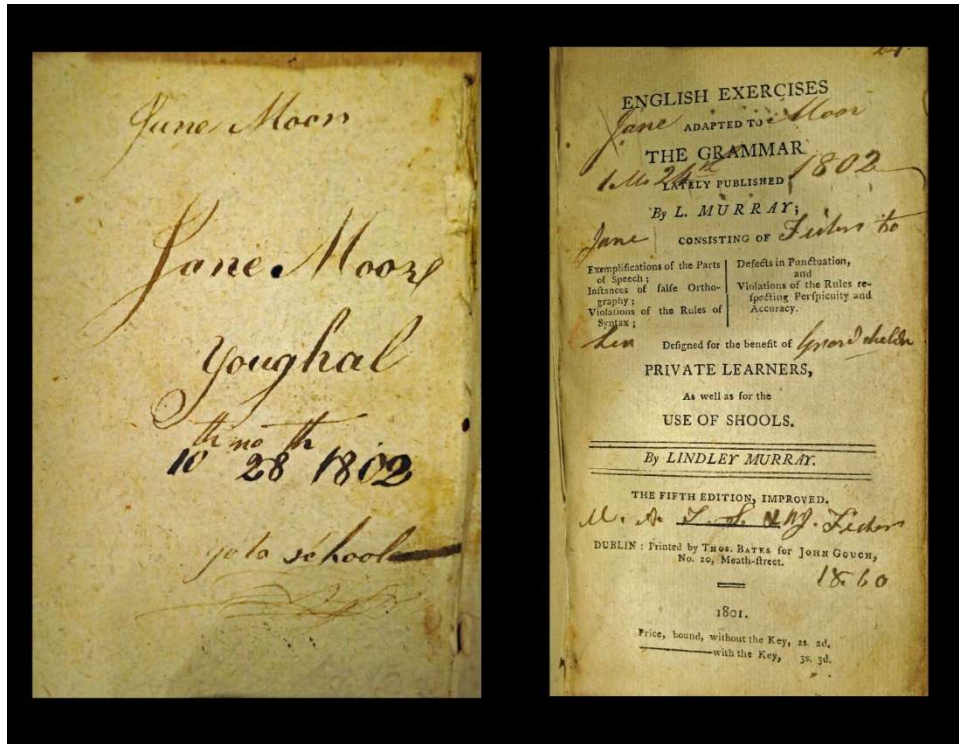
*"It must have been an interesting family group in the home of Grandfather Fisher (i.e. Abraham Fisher). He was the guardian for two other families beside his own. One of them was the family of his brother Joseph who died when his children were quite young".*

*"Grandmother (i.e. Jane Fisher, née Moor) was familiar with the medicinal herbs that were used in many households at that time and not only took care of the health of the family but also helped others".*

*"Father's mother (i.e. Jane Fisher, née Moor) was not able to nurse any of her children; sometimes a wet nurse might be available but in father's case, no one was found to come into the household for this purpose so he was taken by a country woman who had an abundant supply of nature's food for two babies". This is quite remarkable, given the number of children she had.*



Two photos from Swarthmore are worth sharing:



The English grammar book of the 13-year old Jane Moor  
(Schneider Family Papers, Friends Library, Swarthmore College)



Jane Fisher (née Moor) and Mary Wright (née Dudley). Jane's son, Abraham, married Mary's daughter, Sarah

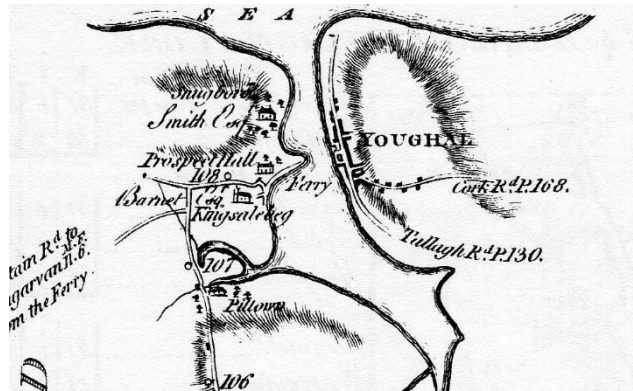
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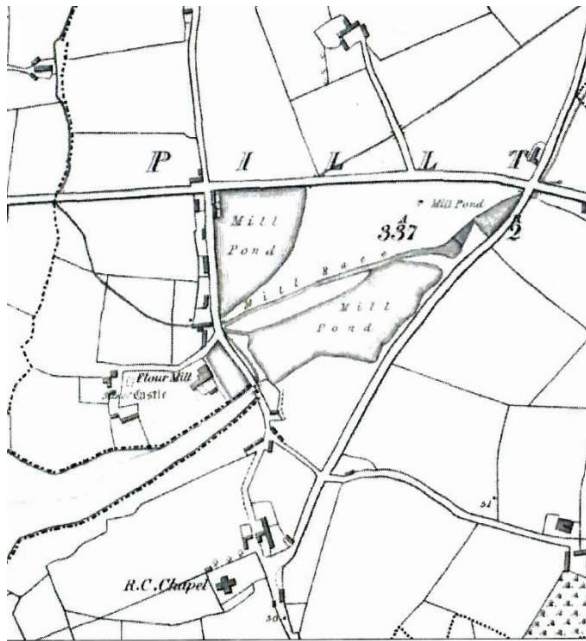
## Chapter II. Page 33. Maps of Kinsalebeg and Piltown.

Fisher milling activities in the Youghal area were documented from the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century ((Hayman's 1778 reference). We know the Piltown mill itself was already in existence by 1795 (transfer of the lease from Deaglan Connery to Reuben Fisher). The Taylor and Skinner map of 1778 shows a large building which could possibly be the mill.

1778 Taylor and Skinner map of Youghal and Piltown (fragment)



And, by 1842, the Ordnance Survey map clearly shows the mill, associated ponds and workers' cottages.



1842 OS map of the Piltown Mill (fragment)

## Chapter II. Page 36. The Fisher Mill

An anecdotal comment made by Thomas Stockman Fisher in 1985 suggested that the mill had been used as a dance hall as late as the 1930s.

The mill is currently undergoing restoration/conversion to a private residence with a completion date some years hence. It has been registered at the local post office as "Fishers

Mill” which is a gracious acknowledgement of the family even though traditionalists might balk at the change from the historical address (Piltown Mill). This is what it looks like at the moment .... not a lot of visible changes so far but a lot of work has been done in removing some of the old render, completing some stone work repairs at lower levels and in clearing vegetation from the mill race walls.



**The Piltown Mill as in 2017  
(photo courtesy of Adrian Smith)**

**Chapter II. Page 37. Peter Moor Fisher.**

**Peter Moor Fisher presumably with one of his children  
(Schneider Family Papers, Friends Library, Swarthmore  
College)**



## Chapter II. Page 39. Joseph Fisher, Grain Merchants

Apparently the premises now occupied by the Bee Happy Montessori School at 8 Tallow St. in Youghal, used to be the Yew Tree pub. When the latter was being renovated some years ago, an advertising sign for "Joseph Fisher, Grain Merchants" was apparently uncovered and left exposed. However, I have been unable to verify this anecdote and did not gain access to the premises at the rear of the school where the sign might be. However, in 1825, "*the most noble William Spencer, sixth Duke of Devonshire*" leased to "*Mary Fisher, widow, of the town of Youghall*" property that included "*dwelling houses, large stores, yard, and out-houses now erected and being thereon*" for the annual rent of £26 4s. 1d. David Kelly believes that the description of the property in this lease document is the same as that now occupied by the Montessori School premises. If this is so, at least a link between the property and the Fisher family has been established.

## Chapter III. Page 41. Joseph Fisher



Rare photographs of Joseph Fisher of Youghal, father of Greevz Fisher  
(Schneider Family Papers, Friends Library, Swarthmore College)



## Chapter VI. Page 80. Future of Kingfisher

In 2017, Kingfisher issued the statement: “*Kingfisher (Lubrication) Limited are delighted and proud to be celebrating 150 years of manufacturing as an independent company in the West Yorkshire City of Leeds, England*”. Here’s to another 150 years.



The celebratory Kingfisher logo  
(Image courtesy of Kingfisher (Lubrication) Limited)

## Chapter VIII. Page 101. The Haslams



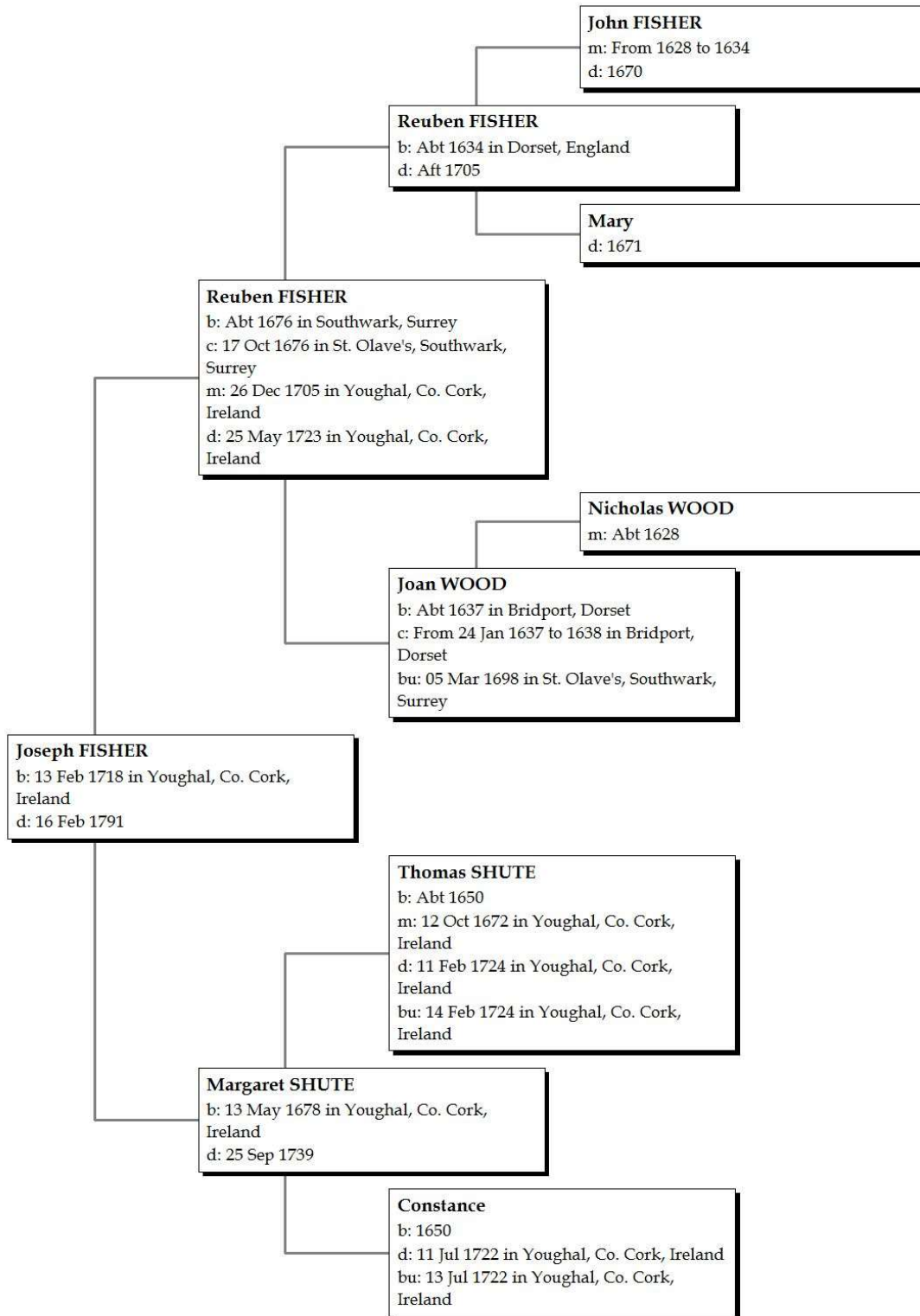
The Haslams both in their early and later years  
(Schneider Family Papers, Friends Library, Swarthmore College)



## Chapter IX. Page 109. Esperanto

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there was a strong link between Esperanto and individualism/anarchism. Perhaps inevitably, Fisher dabbled in Esperanto. He was listed in the Adresaro (published list of adherents) as Esperantist no. 10921 and was one of those enthusiasts who wrote to Ludwik Lejzer Zamenhof (Esperanto’s Polish creator) to sign up for the planned language. Information courtesy of Bill Chapman.

### Pedigree One: Ancestors of Joseph Fisher



**John<sup>1</sup> Fisher** d. 1670

+ **1st Wife (---)** d. bef. 1634

① **John<sup>2</sup> Fisher** d. 1690-1691 Evershot, Dorset

+ **Joan (---)** d. bef. 1705

① **Avis<sup>3</sup> Fisher**

+ **Richard Lovlisse** m. 1700 Corscombe, Dorset

② **Martha<sup>3</sup> Fisher**

+ **Richard Wood**

③ **Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Fisher**

④ **Bernard<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. Kilmington, Devon

d. 1735 Kilmington, Devon

bu. 1735 Kilmington, Devon

+ **Christian Cooke** m. abt. 1692

d. 1726 Kilmington, Devon

bu. 1726 Kilmington, Devon

② **Thomas<sup>2</sup> Fisher** d. 1689 Southwark, Surrey

bu. 1689 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

+ **Martha Rawlinson** m. 1651 All Hallows the Less, London.

① **Thomas<sup>3</sup> Fisher** c. 1652 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. bef. 1658

② **John<sup>3</sup> Fisher** c. 1653 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. 1653

③ **Reuben<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1654

c. 1654 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. 1654

④ **Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1655

c. 1655 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. 1656

⑤ **Martha<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1656

c. 1656 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. 1658

⑥ **Mary<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1657

c. 1657 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. 1657

⑦ **Tho.<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1658

c. 1658 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

⑧ **Alexander<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1661

c. 1661 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

bu. 1704-1705 St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, Surrey

+ **Hannah Musson** c. 1668 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

m. 1684 St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London

① **Thomas<sup>4</sup> Fisher** c. 1685 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

⑨ **George<sup>3</sup> Fisher** c. 1663 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. 1664

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John<sup>1</sup> Fisher

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>③ (---)<sup>2</sup> Fisher</li> <li>④ (---)<sup>2</sup> Fisher</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ <b>Mary</b> (---) m. 1628-1634</li> <li>d. 1671</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① <b>Reuben</b><sup>2</sup> Fisher b. abt. 1634 Dorset, England</li> <li>d. aft. 1705</li> <li>+ <b>Joan Wood</b> b. abt. 1637 Bridport, Dorset</li> <li>c. 1637-1638 Bridport, Dorset</li> <li>bu. 1698 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① <b>Reuben</b><sup>3</sup> Fisher b. abt. 1666</li> <li>c. 1666 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>d. 1666-1669</li> <li>② <b>Martha</b><sup>3</sup> Fisher b. abt. 1667 Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>c. 1667 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>d. 1750</li> <li>+ <b>Jeremiah Laundry</b> b. abt. 1670 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland</li> <li>m. 1689 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>d. 1692 London, England</li> <li>① <b>Edward</b><sup>4</sup> Laundry b. 1690 London, England</li> <li>d. 1754 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland</li> <li>② <b>Susanna</b><sup>4</sup> Laundry b. 1692 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland</li> <li>d. 1774 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland</li> <li>+ <b>John Ffennell</b> m. 1714</li> <li>+ <b>John Dobbs</b> b. 1656</li> <li>m. 1703 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland</li> <li>d. 1739</li> <li>① <b>Mary</b><sup>4</sup> Dobbs b. 1704</li> <li>+ <b>James Gough</b> m. 1738</li> <li>② <b>John</b><sup>4</sup> Dobbs b. 1707</li> <li>③ <b>Mary</b><sup>3</sup> Fisher b. abt. 1669</li> <li>c. 1669 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>d. 1670 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>bu. 1670 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>④ <b>Reuben</b><sup>3</sup> Fisher b. 1669 Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>bu. 1670 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>⑤ <b>Elizabeth</b><sup>3</sup> Fisher b. abt. 1671</li> <li>c. 1671 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey</li> <li>d. aft. 1723</li> <li>+ <b>Abraham Honor</b> b. abt. 1669 Laleham, Middlesex</li> <li>c. 1669-1670 Laleham, Middlesex</li> <li>m. 1696-1697 St. Lawrence, New Brentford, Middlesex</li> <li>d. 1723-1724 Laleham, Middlesex</li> <li>⑥ <b>Thomas</b><sup>3</sup> Fisher b. abt. 1673</li> </ul>

**John<sup>1</sup> Fisher****① Reuben<sup>2</sup> Fisher**

c. 1673 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

⑦ **Mary<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1673-1678

d. 1676 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

bu. 1676 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

⑧ **Reuben<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1676 Southwark, Surrey

c. 1676 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

d. 1723 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland

+ **Margaret Shute** b. 1678

m. 1705 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland

d. 1739

① **Thomas<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1707

d. 1741

② **Susanna<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1708

d. 1785

+ **Thomas Harvey** m. 1734

③ **Reuben<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1710

d. 1753 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland

+ **Mary Godfrey** m. 1741

d. 1785

④ **Charles<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1712

d. 1772

+ **Susanna Myles** d. Cork, Ireland

⑤ **William<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1714

d. 1783 Springfield, Youghal, Co Cork, Ireland

+ **Mary Clarke** b. 1715

m. 1738

d. 1772

⑥ **Samuel<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1716

d. 1718

⑦ **Joseph<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1718 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland

d. 1791

+ **Sarah Dennis** b. 1720

m. 1742 Cork, Ireland

d. 1750 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland

+ **Betty Hillary** b. abt. 1728

m. 1752 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland

d. 1809 Seaview, Cork, Ireland

⑧ **John<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1720

d. 1722

⑨ **Hannah<sup>4</sup> Fisher** b. 1721

d. 1798

+ **John Gough** m. 1744

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**John<sup>1</sup> Fisher****① Reuben<sup>2</sup> Fisher**

⑨ **John<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1678  
 c. 1678 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
 d. 1680 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
 bu. 1680 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

⑩ **Hannah<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1680  
 c. 1680 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
 + **William Woodward** m. USA

⑪ **Charles<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1684  
 c. 1684 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
 d. 1747 James River, Virginia, USA  
 + **Mary Herbert** m. 1731

① **Susanna<sup>4</sup> Fisher** d. bef. 1759

② **Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Fisher**  
 + **John Nash**

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**Nicholas<sup>1</sup> Wood**

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- ① **Charles<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1629 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1629-1630 Bridport, Dorset
- ② **John<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1632 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1632 Bridport, Dorset
- ③ **Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1635 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1635 Bridport, Dorset
- ④ **Joan<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1637 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1637-1638 Bridport, Dorset  
bu. 1698 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
+ **Reuben Fisher** b. abt. 1634 Dorset, England  
d. aft. 1705
  - ① **Reuben<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1666  
c. 1666 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. 1666-1669
  - ② **Martha<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1667 Southwark, Surrey  
c. 1667 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. 1750  
+ **Jeremiah Laundry** b. abt. 1670 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland  
m. 1689 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. 1692 London, England  
+ **John Dobbs** b. 1656  
m. 1703 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland  
d. 1739
  - ③ **Mary<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1669  
c. 1669 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. 1670 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
bu. 1670 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey
  - ④ **Reuben<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1669 Southwark, Surrey  
bu. 1670 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey
  - ⑤ **Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1671  
c. 1671 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. aft. 1723  
+ **Abraham Honor** b. abt. 1669 Laleham, Middlesex  
c. 1669-1670 Laleham, Middlesex  
m. 1696-1697 St. Lawrence, New Brentford, Middlesex  
d. 1723-1724 Laleham, Middlesex
  - ⑥ **Thomas<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1673  
c. 1673 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey
  - ⑦ **Mary<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. 1673-1678  
d. 1676 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
bu. 1676 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey
  - ⑧ **Reuben<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1676 Southwark, Surrey  
c. 1676 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. 1723 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland

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Nicholas<sup>1</sup> Wood④ Joan<sup>2</sup> Wood

+ **Margaret Shute** b. 1678  
m. 1705 Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland  
d. 1739

⑨ **John<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1678  
c. 1678 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. 1680 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
bu. 1680 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey

⑩ **Hannah<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1680  
c. 1680 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
+ **William Woodward** m. USA

⑪ **Charles<sup>3</sup> Fisher** b. abt. 1684  
c. 1684 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
d. 1747 James River, Virginia, USA  
+ **Mary Herbert** m. 1731

⑤ **Hannah<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1640 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1640 Bridport, Dorset

+ **Abraham Honnor (---)** b. abt. 1647  
c. 1647 St. Bride's, Fleet St., London  
m. 1668 St. Mary's, Newington, Surry

① **Abraham<sup>3</sup> Honor** b. abt. 1669 Laleham, Middlesex  
c. 1669-1670 Laleham, Middlesex  
d. 1723-1724 Laleham, Middlesex See page 1 for children  
+ **Elizabeth Fisher** b. abt. 1671  
c. 1671 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
m. 1696-1697 St. Lawrence, New Brentford, Middlesex  
d. aft. 1723

② **Hannah<sup>3</sup> Honnor** b. abt. 1672 Laleham, Middlesex  
c. 1672 Laleham, Middlesex

③ **Mary<sup>3</sup> Honnor** b. abt. 1675 Laleham, Middlesex  
c. 1675 Laleham, Middlesex

⑥ **"Unknown"<sup>2</sup> Wood**

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① **Charles<sup>3</sup> Wood** b. bef. 1655  
d. 1685-1686 At sea

⑦ **Ann<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1644 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1644 Bridport, Dorset

⑧ **Nicholas<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1647 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1647 Bridport, Dorset

⑨ **Abigail<sup>2</sup> Wood** b. abt. 1652 Bridport, Dorset  
c. 1652 Bridport, Dorset  
+ **John Sutton** m. 1678 St. Mary's, Newington, Surry  
bu. 1689 St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey  
+ **Charles Voyle (---)** m. 1690 St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, Surrey

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