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Subject: [FISHER-L] Benjamin Franklin Fisher, Joseph Snare Fisher

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The letter mentioned and the Will of Joseph Snare Fisher are posted on the Huntingdon Co USGENWEB site. I have the original letter given to me by Silas' granddaughter (my 2nd cousin once removed). Both B. F. Fisher and Silas Monroe Fisher are relatives of mine. Joseph Snare Fisher is my g-g-grandfather. They are all descendents of John C. Fisher (1800-1862), buried in the Plummer Cemetery on the Frank Henderson farm in Newburg, Todd Twp, Huntingdon Co, PA. John C. was the son of Ludwig Fisher (1777-1856) who is buried at the Green Hill Presbyterian Churchyard, Licking Creek Twp, Fulton Co, PA.

-Keith Fisher

Mount Vernon, WA

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Letter from Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Fisher to Silas "Sile" Monroe Fisher.

Background information:

In 1864 Joseph Snare Fisher [son of John C. Fisher] moved with his family from Newburg, Huntingdon Co to Stark Co, IL. According to Silas, his eldest son who was 11 at the time, they traveled with a party of Shoemakers, Snares, Crums and Kissingers, all from Huntingdon Co, PA. Silas related to his daughter, Eula Fisher, that they took the Pennsylvania Railroad from Huntingdon to Pittsburg, then by steamboat they went down the Ohio River to Cairo, IL. They then went up the Mississippi to Hannibal, MO, then further north to Hamilton, IL where they stayed a few weeks. They then traveled overland by wagon northeast to Stark Co, IL where they founded the town of Snareville. In the spring of 1867, because land prices in Illinois were

too high, Joseph S. Fisher and his family moved by wagon to Creighton, Cass Co, MO. In late summer they moved a few miles north to Madison Twp, Johnson Co, MO. By August 1870 they were in Holden, Chilhowie Twp, Johnson Co, MO, isolated from the family and lives they had left in Huntingdon Co, PA and Stark Co, IL.

Below is a letter from Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Fisher [son of John Adam Fisher] of Coffee Run, Huntingdon Co to his cousin, Silas "Sile" Monroe Fisher [son of Joseph Snare Fisher], of Holden, Johnson Co, MO. Benjamin was 17 and Silas 19 years of age at the time the letter was written. It is transcribed exactly as written.

In an envelope 2-1/4" by 5"

"Mr. Silas M. Fisher Holden PO Johnson County Missouri

Coffee Run, December 11th 1870

Dear Cousin Sile,

I seat my self to drop you a few lines to let you know that weare all well and hoping theas few lines may find you in the same state of helth. Well Sile Ive beginning to think that you have forgoting all a bout me this is 4 or 5 letters that I have wrote this summer and the last leter that I hav got From you was in June the 28 1870. I was reading it this morning and Whilst I was reading your leter I thot of the times that we youst to had over in the ridges. I was out at grannies [Mary Ann Snare Fisher, wife of John C. Fisher] last weeak chopping her som wood. She is as well as usual. Kate [Catherine, daughter of John Adam Fisher] is goin to live with grany this winter and anmyrya [?] is stay ing with uncle Jack [Andrew Jackson Fisher] this winter. There is a big meating inn the little vally and thair is one come mencing at new burg to night. Well sile I want you to tell jane [Nancy Jane Fisher daughter of Joseph Snare Fisher] that I want her to write. I havent got any letters from her this summe. I wrote the last time to her we are going to butcher next thursday we have only four hogs to kill. It is trying to snow a little. Well I must go and eat my supper and get ready and go to preaching. Well Sile I forgot to tell you that Cousin John [John Wesley, son of Christian Fisher and Catherine Fisher] and david henry [brother of John Wesley] over here to day and we had some Jolly old times together and they are Just going home.

Well I must Write fast For it is night and I hav all the feeding to do if it snows anough till morning I am going out hunting to Mar row. Well Sile I want you to tell me how mutch corn yours had this fol and Wheat and Wry and oats and Barley and Buck Wheat and how many of potatoes. We had a Bout 500 busles of corn and a bout 60 busheles of Wheat and a 150 bushels of rye and 25 Bushles of oats and 20 Bushles of Buck Wheat and nearly 100 Bushles of potatoes. I beleav that is all. Well Sile if you send me your photygraph I Will send you my pictur. Well Sile tell me how big Scott [Reuben Scott Fisher] is and wher he runns the girls it

and Who goes to se Jane and how Big Clate [Harold Clayton Fisher] is. Well I must Bring my letter to close for it is getin dark ansur this as soon as this comes to hand for I long to hear From you. That is all at this time.

Benjamine Frankline Fisher"