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# The Family of EBENEZER FISCUS

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Ebenezer Fiscus, Civil War soldier

Ebenezer was a son of Jacob and Jane (Bowen) Fiscus. Jacob, born 9 January 1805 in Stokes County, North Carolina, married on 27 September 1832 to Jane Bowen (born 8 January 1815 OH - d. 8 August 1894 Owen Co. IN). Jacob came with his parents to Owen County in 1820. They were among the first settlers in Jefferson Township. Jane was just nine years old when her family came from Ohio to Owen County. Jacob and Jane said their wedding vows before Obediah Winters in Dutch Bethel Church. They lived their entire lives within a few rods of the spot where their first cabin stood.

Jacob and Jane's first baby died at birth in 1833; and their fifteenth died at birth in 1859. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 1834 their son John A. V. was born. He married Matilda Fiscus 28 April 1859. She was a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Conder) Fiscus. John died 13 March 1889. Catherine was born about 1836. She married Henry Hauser 21 January 1856. Mary Jane, born about 1838, married first Ephraim Scott 21 September 1862. Her second husband was William Firebaugh. Aaron, born 9 February 1839, married Mary S. Dyar 7 September 1867.

Ebenezer was the sixth child. He was born 22 June 1840. He served in Company A, 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment as a private. After the war, 23 June 1867, he married Marilda Hauser, daughter of George and Elizabeth "Betsy" (Fulk) Hauser\*. She was born 8 March 1847 and died 14 April 1926. Ebenezer died 18 October of that year.

Jacob J. was born about 1842. He married Sarah Hubbell 22 December 1864. He died 8 November 1930. Martha E. was born about 1844. She married Elvin Hilsabeck 4 July 1865. Evaline, born 4 May 1847, married William Griffith. She died 25 March 1915. Matilda was born about 1848 or 49. She married John Huffman 26 August 1869. She died in 1903. Mahala, born 17 March 1850, married first Abraham Bollman 26 January 1868. Mahala died 9 May 1939.

Ruth was born 6 September 1852. She married Henry Hauser, Ebenezer's wife's brother, 8 April 1877. Ruth died 17 January 1917. Henry N. was born 20 April 1854. His first marriage was to Sarah Jane Herrington 17 October 1875; and second Jane Coffey. Henry N. died 20 December 1939. Rachel Ann, born 27 January 1858, married Dr. Uriah Hester 6 November 1879. She died 19 May 1895.

On the following page Ebenezer and Marilda pose with their family at their home. Their first child, a daughter, Rhoda, was born 17 January 1869 and died just two and a half years later 25 July 1871. Earlier that year, 2 April 1871, their daughter Sarah Isabelle was born. She married James Mitchell 22 December 1895. She died in 1947. The third child, Jennie, born 3 May 1874, and married first Jesse J. Arney 5 May 1893. She married second James Wells. She died in 1962. Marion [or Morton] Calvin, born 20 February 1876, married Clara E. Arney 8 January 1902. He died 10 January 1960.

Elizabeth, fifth child of Ebenezer and Marilda, was born 19 May 1879 and married Judson Fiscus 22 October 1898. She died in 1958. James A. Garfield Fiscus, born 22 September 1880, married Cora E. Fulk 23 November 1904, daughter of John Calvin and Amanda (Huffman) Fulk. Benjamin Harrison Fiscus, born 30 October 1883, married Lula B. Franklin 21 December 1907. He died 11 May 1934. Ira J. Chase Fiscus was born 7 July 1886 and died unmarried 14 July 1958. The last child of Ebenezer and Marilda, Sherman T., was born 13 February 1890. He married Beulah Griffith 17 October 1914, the daughter of John Fletcher and Emma J. (Wells) Griffith and granddaughter of James K. and Sarah (Slough) Wells.



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\*An interesting note in Rosemary Lovell's *Owen County Cousins* bears repeating. "Betsy (Fulk) Hauser (Marilda's mother) is a prime example of the pioneer woman of her day. She made a trip from Owen County to Marshall County, Iowa, with her younger children, between 1861 and 1863 (keep in mind the Civil War was going on), unassisted and unprotected from the difficulties and dangers present in that day. She later returned to Owen County where she plowed, planted, and raised cattle and hogs. It is said that she was the subject of quite a bit of local gossip since she actually was known to have pinned up her skirts where her feet and ankles would show if she found this more convenient while plowing." She was a daughter of Henry W. & Mary Magdalena (Shore) Fulk. She was born 26 February 1821 and died 6 November 1906. According to Mrs. Lovell, Betsy's husband George (b. 1797 Stokes Co. NC) died 1 September 1864 in Marshall County, Iowa where some of his older children lived. Had he gone West earlier than her reported unassisted trip? Did she then return after his death and tend the farm as a widow? George's first marriage in 1819 was to Catherine Shore with whom he had 7 children and adopted an eighth. Two sons died in the Civil War. When he married Betsy in 1845 he was nearly twice her age. Together they had 8 children, the last of whom died as an infant in Iowa about 1863.



Ebenezer Fiscus family October 17, 1914.

Standing are James A., Morton Calvin, Jennie, Elizabeth, and Benjamin.

Seated are Ira Chase, Ebenezer, Marilda, Sarah, and Sherman T.