

Fishback  
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Judge Owen Thomas Fishback, b. 1791 Fauquier Co., Va.; d. 1865 Ohio. He was a distinguished lawyer and one of the great Temperance leaders in Ohio. Heirs: Manoliah Fishback 1818, Thomas Owen 1833, William, Katherine, Martha Pickett 1820, Sarah, Frank (all in Ohio or Indiana, I believe.)

Judge John Fishback, Bracken Co., Ky. died 1810, lawyer, judge, served in Revolutionary War, married Martha Pickett 1760. Children: Martin 1786, Alex 1789, Owen Thomas 1791, Thomas 1796

Dr. John Philip Fishback, Fauquier Co., Va., birth date unknown, also wife unknown. Children: Philip, James, John

From Congressional Library, Washington, Sept. 18, 1952, I found George Washington Fishback on page 215 of Hardy's "Colonial Families" but he was born Milford, Ohio, and owned and operated the St. Louis Democrat. He had a son George.

Reuben Dewitt Fishback 1867 -- "Genealogy of Fishback Descendants of Harmon Fishback" (by Kemper CS 71 F 5325)

"Colonial Families" - Pickett. From the above I've hurriedly made the following notes which may be of interest (CS Gi H3 "Colonial Families of Southern American States" by S. Pickett Hardy):

Fishbacks - Alexander, Amanda, Ann, Sue Katherine, Katherine, Caroline, Charles, Edward, Elizabeth, Alix Boerstler, Elmira, Frank K., George, George Washington, Jacob, James, John, John Frederick, John Henry, John Hermann, John Jacob, John Josiah, John Philip, Josiah, Louis Margaret, Martha Pickett, Martin, Mary, Mary Hafer, Manorah, Nancy, Owen Thomas, Phoebe Ann Maria, Philip, Robert, Thomas, William O., William Pinkney.

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At a Court held per adjournment from yesterday, the 2nd day of June, 1724 for Spotsylvania Co., Va., Harmon Fishback (Herman Fishback) and his wife Kathrina and John Fitchback (born 1691) and his wife Agnes (Haeger) prove their right to take up land.

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LT 225. The Washington-Wright connection: The second record of John Wright, Gent. is of his service as appraiser of the estate of the German John Fishback of Licking Run -- the entry at page 43 of Will Book "C" for court session of 21 May, 1735

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John Fishback by his will dated March 11, 1733, probated in Prince William Co., Va. March 19, 1734, devised to his son Frederick Fishback 120 acres of land on SE side of the Shenandoah.

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Data from the family Bible of Freeman Fishback, b. Sept. 13, 1780; m. Jan. 1, 1817 to Mary E. (Polly) Jackson, b. Tenn. 1798; d. March 1, 1850. Freeman Fishback lived at Independence, Warren Co., Indiana. They were the parents of:

1. Hanna Fishback, b. Feb 9, 1818; m. Apr 7, 1843 to John Mohlar
- 2 and 3. John G. and Richard W. Fishback, twins, Oct. 4, 1819
4. Ann Fishback, b. Apr 23, 1821; m. Ephraim Holdstark of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
5. Katherine Fishback, b. Jan. 20, 1823; m. Sept 2, 1839 to Enos K. Nutt.
6. James M. Fishback, b. Feb. 21, 1825
7. Alexas J. Fishback, b. Sept. 19, 1826
8. William H. Fishback, b. June 10, 1829. Lawyer at Olathe, Kas. d. Cheyenne, Wyo.
9. Sophia M. Fishback, b. Feb. 27, 1831; d. Dec. 22, 1851; m. Nov. 22, 1850 to William A. Mohlar.
10. George Washington Fishback, b. Feb. 22, 1833; d. Mar. 1, 1864 (My great-grandfather. -- J M Carselowey)
11. Freeman Fishback, Jr., b. Feb. 5, 1835.

(Note: Above data taken from Bible of Freeman and Polly Jackson Fishback, which was in possession of Mrs. C. C. McCormick, Osceola, Neb., daughter of Richard W. Fishback, b. Oct. 4, 1819. Mrs. A. H. Proctor of 24A West 29 St., Kansas City, Mo. was also a daughter of Richard A. Fishback and only sister of Mrs. C. C. McCormick. -- JMC)

#### NOTES FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Phoebe Fishback, 1751-1837 (daughter of William Morgan, b. Fauquier Co., Va. Sept. 13, 1751; m. Jacob Fishback.) They moved to Kentucky. She bore eleven children: William, John, James, Anna, Betsey, Jesse, Charles, Howard, Sallie, Lucy and Samuel Fishback. She was Presbyterian. She was calm, courageous, unlike (it states) her husband, Jacob Fishback who died 1821. Jacob was of nervous temperament. She survived her husband 16 years. Had 50 years of married life together. She lived to be 86. She requested burial in a sheet that she herself had spun 66 years before.

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Library of Congress Notes: 74-24, "Henning's Statutes of Virginia." Vol. 7, p. 24, March 1756; 29th. King George II to the Militia of the county of Prince William, viz. to twenty-one Troopers 1320 each. Among the list are Henry Kemper, John Fishback, etc.

4-T 221 -- Twelve families of prosperous Germans located in Prince William Co., Va. about 1721, among them Holtzclaw, Weaver, Rector, Fishback, Kemper, etc.

IIV 231 - VII - The Great Fork of the Rappahannock (Rappahannock). This Germanna founded 1714 by Governor Spotswood. First colonists were 12 German families of the Reformed Church. Among them were John Kemper and John Herman Fischback and John Jacob Fishback Rector.

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William Nelson-Rector Beall, Brig. Gen. CSA, Capt of 2nd US Cavalry, entered West Point a cadet from Arkansas where his family lived. Capt. Beall resigned his commission and entered the Confederate Army. He commanded a brigade of Cavalry CSA at Corinth, and a brigade of Infantry CSA at Port Hudson.

William L. Cabell, US Army officer, resigned commission and entered Confederate army. He married Harriett Amanda Rector, eldest daughter of Major Elias Rector, b. Sept. 28, 1802 Fauquier Co., Va.; d. Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 22, 1878. He was youngest son of Col. Wharton Rector. Major Elias Rector b. in Little Rock, Ark. 1825 and moved to Fort Smith in 1837 and lived there 41 years. Brig. Gen. W. L. Cabell CSA commanded a cavalry brigade in the Trans-Miss Dept. (Note: The Dallas (Texas) Cabells are from the Rector-Fishback line. -- JMC)

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#### Will of John Fishback 1691-1734

John Fishback was b. July 12, 1691 in the village of Trappbach, Germany. Came to Virginia 1714. (Data from "Virginia County Records," published 1910 and in Congressional Library in Washington.) Quote: "Fishback, Page 118-129. Page 118 is will of John Fishback of Licking Run, Prince William County, dated 11th March 1733 and probated 19th March 1734. 'To my wife Mary Doarturty (Laugherty) and after her death to my son, John Jacob Fishback, to son Harmon Fishback, to son John Philip Fishback, to son Joseph (Josiah) Fishback, to son Frederick Fishback, to cousins, Jacob Fishback, etc. Executors -- John Kemper and Harmon Fishback (b. 1691; brother of John Fishback 1691-1734).

"I John Fishback...give unto my living wife Mary Doarturty the 3rd of my movables; 2nd land during her life and after her decease to my son John Frederick Fishback land on the south side, to my son Henry Fishback, the north side. I give to my daughter Catren Rector fifty acquers where Henry Baeger doth live; I give to my daughter Elizabeth Fishback a hundred eakers; I give to my sons Harmon Fishback, John Jacob Fishback, John Philip Fishback and Jossie (Josiah) Fishback Ten hundred and 20 akers. I do constitute John Kemper and Harmon Fishback my sole executors. Sealed this 11th day of March 1733."

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Descendants of Harmon Fishback, the immigrant. He was brother of John 1691 Fishback and Elizabeth Fishback, b. 1687 who m. John Jacob Rector. From Reuben Dewitt Fishback, which also contains pictures of Fishback and the family coat-of-arms (Fischbach - Vischbach), seal dated March 24, 1359. Hermann Fischbak (German spelling), born March 21, 1693 at Trappach near Siegen in Westphalia, Germany. He and his brother John in fall of 1713 joined a colony to London, England to sail to the USA. His son and namesake Harmon Fishback born 1741. In 1745 there was a marriage contract drawn up between older Hermann Fishbach and Mary Noe, intended second wife. Harmon, the son, married Christena Hoffman, daughter of John Hoffman (Book # 6, pg. 178 of Fauquier Co., Va.). Children of Harmon (second 1741) are Agatha, Rosanna, James, Frances, Sarah, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Thomas, Lucy, Leanna, Mary, John.

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Jacob Fishback, b. 1749, was a soldier in the Revolution and fought from 1778 to close of war. He died in Highland Co., Ohio in 1826. He was the second son of Harmon Fishback (1693).

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George Washington Fishback, b. Feb. 22, 1833; d. Mar. 1, 1864; was born at Independence, Warren Co., Indiana. He was son of Freeman Fishback (b. Sept. 13, 1780). (Editor's note: He was the great-grandfather of James M. Carselowey, the author of the Fishback Notes. -- WJL) He was a school teacher at Jacksboro, Texas in 1864 and was killed east of Jacksboro by bushwhackers. He married 1853 or 1854 Mahalda Ann Neace who was b. Aug. 25, 1839 in Maniteau Co., Mo. and d. Oct. 8, 1923. She was the daughter of Ireneus R. Neace (b. Nov. 5, 1861; d. Apr. 16, 1879) and Lucinda Louise Allen (b. Dec. 25, 1818; d. Jan. 15, 1884). The Neaces were married Jan. 14, 1836. Mahalda Ann Neace, 4 years old went to Texas with her parents in Nov. 1843 and settled in what is now Tarrant Co. but was then known as Navarro Dist., the outside settlement of frontier Texas. G. W. Fishback of Warren Co., Indiana, went to Texas in 1853 or 1854 and married Mahalda Ann Neace. They became the parents of three children:

Marcella Geneveria Fishback, b. March 14, 1852

Alonzo Manford Fishback, b. Nov. 1, 1857; d. Jan. 29, 1939

Freeman Verner Fishback, b. ca Dec. 14, 1859

Alonzo Manford Fishback married Laverna Ann Dawson, Dec. 6, 1877 at Henrietta Creek, Texas. Witnesses were Rev. Bennett, David Smith and D. B. Ivie. Laverna Ann Dawson was b. August 7, 1859 at Huntsville, Ark., daughter of Captain Jasper Dawson and Delilah Jane Ivie. She died Jan. 11, 1937. (Editor's note: Alonzo M. Fishback and Laverna Dawson Fishback are grandparents of our author, James Manford Carselowey. -- WJL)

John Fishback, b. July 12, 1691; d. 1734, was born Village of Trappbach, Germany. He belonged to or was a member of the German Reformed Church at Siegen, Germany. There were only three children: Elizabeth 1687; John 1691; Harmon 1693. Elizabeth Fishback married at Siegen, Germany, John Jacob Rector and they went to Maidstone, England where their son, John Rector (b. 1713) was born. Later, the family came to Virginia from England.

Now, the two brothers, John and Harmon, joined a few more and came to Germanna, Spotsylvania Co., (now Orange Co.) Va. in April of 1714. About 1721, John Fishback moved to Germantown, Fauquier Co., Va. They were a few families of well-to-do Germans brought to Virginia by the Governor to operate mines (blast furnaces). They apparently had the know-how.

John Fishback married about 1713 Agnes Haeger (b. Nov. 26, 1697; d. ca 1725 in Germantown, Fauquier Co., Va. They were the parents of Anna Catharine Fishback (b. 1714, who in March 1733 married John Rector.) He was the son of John Jacob Rector and Elizabeth Fishback, both born Germany.

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John Jacob Rector, b. 1682, married Feb. 17, 1711 in Siegen, Germany to Elizabeth Fishback, b. 1687. This couple joined the 12-family colony that went to Virginia. As noted above, they spent the winter in Maidstone, England, where their son, John Rector, was born 1713. Thus, John Jacob Rector (b. 1682) and wife Elizabeth Fishback (b. 1687) and their son, John Rector (b. 1713 in England) are all full-blood Germans.

Virginia County Records, p. 118, Prince William Co., will of John Matthews Fishback, school master, 24 Feb. 1793 -- To Mary, daughter of Josiah Fishback and Ann his wife -- land in Lincoln Co., Ky.

US Army Register 1861-65 lists 1st Lt. Henry Fishback, June 1, 1865, 15th Regt., Union Army.

P. 606 - 1st Lt. John P. Fishback, 4 Dec. 1864 in 111th Regt Union Army. Fought at Gettysburg.

Library of Congress list of 12 German families who settled in Va. in 1714. In April 1714, this Colony was settled at Germanna, on the south side of the Rapidan River in the N. E. corner of what is now Orange (then Essex) Co., Va., about 25 miles above Fredericksburg, Va. Their names were: 1. John Kemper, 2. Jacob Holtzclaw, 3. John Spillman, 4. John Martin, 5. John and Hermann Fishback (probably counted as one), 6. John Hoffman, 7. Joseph Cuntz (Coow), 8. Peter Hitt, 9. John Jacob Rickart (Rector), 10. Dillman Weaver, 11. Milchert (Melchior) Brambach 12. John Henry Haeger.

From Church Archives of Virginia -- Obituary notices in Religious Herald:

Fishback, Colonel Frederick, Jan. 25, 1849. (He was the father of Arkansas Governor William Meade Fishback.)

Fishback, Martin, Feb. 24, 1842. This may be the father of Colonel Frederick Fishback. (Colonel Fishback died Nov. 13, 1848 and the paper published the obituary Jan. 25, 1849, almost 1½ months later.)

Sophia Ann Fishback, wife of Colonel Fishback. She died Dec. 6, 1874 and her obituary appeared March 4, 1875.

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The name of Fishback derives from two common names -- fish and bach. Bach means a small stream of water. When surnames first came into general use, a certain person known as John lived (born) near the Bach (stream) that had fish in it. The other John lived near the Bach with no fish. To distinguish them one was called John Fishbach. This John was prior to 1623. He married, on Nov. 23, 1631; son born -- named him also John. This John married -- son born March 1661, called Philip Fischbach, he married Elizabeth Heinbach March 30, 1683. They became parents of:

1. Elizabeth Fischbach, b. 1689, m. John Jacob Rector
2. John Fishbach, b. 12 July 1691
3. Hermann (Harmon), b. 21 March 1693.

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Marriage Bonds in Fauquier (later Fairfax) Co., Va.; Josiah Fishback and Sue Nelson Dec. 12, 1768; Jacob Fishback and Phebe Morgan, Feb. 18, 1771; John Fishback and Alice Morgan June 17, 1771.

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23 v. 109 -- This Genealogy of the Fishbacks, beginning with John Fishback who emigrated from near Siegen, Germany in 1714 -- down to 1914, is a valuable addition to early American history. Among the pictures (p. 19-23) are the birthplace of John Fishback, the village of Fischbachberg; "Fleetwood" Virginia, home of John Frederick and Martin Fishback; portrait of Jacob Fishback 1749-1821, and the Reverend James Fishback, M. D. 1776-1845; and a portrait of William Meade Fishback, Governor of Arkansas 1893-95.

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The following notes were written by Reuben D. Fishback of Cincinnati Ohio 1928 and were published in "Magazine of History and Biography," published by Old Dominion Press, Richmond, Va.:

By Reuben D. Fishback -- I wish to correct an error in the Fishback-Rector-Haeger genealogies. The Fishback Family by Willis M. Kemper, in 1914, p. 33, states that John Jacob Rector married Elizabeth Haeger, daughter of Henry Haeger of the Germanna, Va. Colony 1714. On p. 83 he again states this.

By Josiah H. Shinn on p. 374 of "Pioneers and Makers" of Arkansas, the same statement is made. The fact is: John Jacob Rector married Elizabeth Fishback, daughter of Philip (1661) and Elizabeth Heinbach Fishback on Feb. 17, 1711, as recorded in the German Reformed Church in Siegen, Germany.

Elizabeth Fishback was born in 1687 and is a sister of John Fishback (b. 12 July 1691) and Harmon Fishback (b. 1693) in Trappbach, Germany.

John Rector, son of John Jacob Rector and Elizabeth Fishback Rector married Ann Catherine Fishback, daughter of John (1691) and Agnes Haeger Fishback in March 1733.

Another error in "Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas" -- The claim is that John Rector and his wife Ann Catherine were both born in 1707. He (John Rector) was born in Maidstone, England 1713. She, (Ann Catherine Fishback) was born in Germanna, Va. 1714. This is given on p. 83 of Tubbet Genealogy.

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23-W1-223: Note from Genealogy of Fishback Families in America 1714-1914, compiled by Willis Miller Kemper and published by Mackay Taylor, New York:

These first 12 German families were brought to America by Governor Alex Spotswood to be engaged in developing of mines. Pastor of the Colony was John Henry Haeger, born at Autzhausen (Germany) 1644, and among the leading settlers was John Fishback. He married Haeger's daughter Agnes. Mr. Kemper, author of the John Fishback biography, is a descendant of John Peter Kemper and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Fishback.