

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 58 Space: E

Find A Grave # 11905784

Name: **Fisher, Thomas Richard (General, Justice)**

Birth date: June 13, 1763 Death date: December 2, 1835 Burial Date: 1835 Age: 74
b. Worcester Co., MD

Spouse: Elizabeth *Evans* Fisher (1765-1810), m. 1792; Sarah *Robinson* Polk (1770-1815), m. 1794; Nancy Owens Fisher (1774-1844)

Children: with Elizabeth Evans Fisher: Sarah Fisher (1793-1834); George Purnell Fisher (1795-1795); Henry Purnell Fisher 1789-1832); Thomas Purnell Fisher (1798-1819); John Fisher (1804-1804); John Fisher (1805-1805); With Nancy Owens Fisher: George Purnell Fisher (1817-1899);

Parents: Jabez Maud Fisher (1733-1786) and Elizabeth "Eliza" Purnell (1730-1776)

Siblings: Hester "Esther" Hesse Fisher (1765-1855); Joshua Fisher (1758-1808); Elizabeth *Fisher* Marshall (1767-1802); Ann "Nancy" Fisher (1769-1795); Hon. John Fisher (1771-1823); ½ brother Zadock Wright Fisher (1750-1790); Hezekiah Wright Fisher (1755-1804)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death:

Service/occupation information: Brigadier Gen. War of 1812

Officiate:

Lot Owner: George P. Fisher

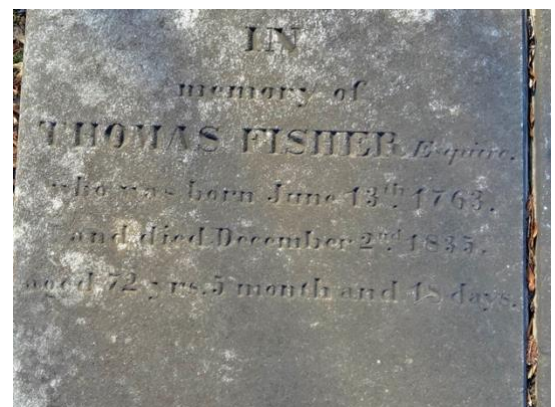
Inscription:

In Memory of
Thomas Fisher, Esq.
who was born June 13th, 1763
and died December 2nd 1835
aged 72 yrs. 5 months and 18 days

DIMENSIONS: H 12" x W 71" x D 35"

STYLE: ledger

Repairs needed: illegible writing at bottom of stone, which is probably the stone maker's name; cleaned 2022



Inventory date: February 9, 2020 Recorder: Robert Marston and Nancy Quinn

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132. THOMAS FISHER⁵ (Jabez M.⁴, John³, John², John¹), b. June 14, 1763; d. Dec. 2, 1835; m. 1st, May 14, 1792, Elizabeth Evans, dau. of William and Elizabeth Evans; m. 2d, 1810, Sarah (Robinson) Polk, widow of William Polk and dau. of Peter and Arcada Robinson; m. 3d, Nancy Owens, b. Feb. 27, 1776; d. May 9, 1844.

“General Thomas Fisher was born in Worcester county, Maryland, and removed with his father to Sussex county, Delaware, when quite a small boy, to reside on a part of the estate of his ancestor, John Fisher, a son of the immigrant, John Fisher, who accompanied William Penn to America, in the good ship ‘Welcome,’ in 1682.

“He was a man of stalwart physique, being six feet one inch in height and with proportioned and imposing presence. He received such education as could be obtained at that day in the sparsely settled community in which he lived; wrote a beautiful plain hand, and had thoroughly mastered grammar, and arithmetic, and surveying,—rather a rare thing in his day.

“Though by birth a Friend, and scarcely in his teens, he became a volunteer in Colonel David Hall’s regiment, in the early years of our Revolutionary struggle. He was a man of very popular manners and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and was at an early age appointed by the Governor of Delaware to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the High Sheriff of Sussex county,—an office then next in honor to that of Governor; and at the next election was chosen by the people to the same position for three years longer. He was made Brigadier-General of Sussex county on the breaking out of the war in 1812, and took

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GENEALOGY OF THE FISHER FAMILY.

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 part in the defence of Lewes and was present at the bombardment of that town.

“At the close of this war in 1815 he removed from his home in Milton in Sussex, to Milford in Kent county. In this latter county he was also twice made High Sheriff, first having been appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy, and three years later elected by the people. He was several times during his life elected to the General Assembly of Delaware.”—*G. P. F.*

In Scharf’s “History of Delaware” is found the following passage relating to an incident in the life of General Thomas Fisher when a boy :

“In the severe winter of 1779-80, having just entered his seventeenth year, Thomas [Fisher] was seized by a press-gang, and carried on board the British frigate ‘Roebuck,’ then lying near Cape Henlopen. Word was sent to his father, Jabez [Mand Fisher], from the press-gang that captured him, that his son Thomas and his negro slave Samuel, also seized by the press-gang, could be ransomed only by the delivery of one hundred bullocks on board the English frigate. These, from his own herds and contributions made by his neighbors, were carried on the ice some two or three miles from the shore, and delivered on board the frigate, and Thomas and the slave were liberated.”

Children of first marriage :

- 344. SARAH FISHER, b. Feb. 17, 1793; d. Sept. 3, 1834; m. Robert Burton, M.D.
- 345. GEORGE PURNELL FISHER, b. Jan. 5, 1795; d. Oct. 16, 1795.
- 346. HENRY PURNELL FISHER, b. Oct. 26, 1796; d. Oct. 29, 1832; m. 1st, Mary (Hazard) Young; 2d, Susan Campbell; 3d, Martha Campbell.
- 347. THOMAS PURNELL FISHER, b. Nov. 22, 1798; supposed to have died of yellow fever at New Orleans in 1819.
- 348. JOHN FISHER, b. June 7, 1804; d. July 9, 1864.
- 349. JOHN FISHER, b. Sept. 2, 1805; d. Sept. 15, 1805.

Child of third marriage :

- 350. GEORGE PURNELL FISHER, b. Oct. 13, 1817; m. Eliza Ann McCaulley.

1830 US Census indicates 3 enslaved persons

1830 US Census	
Name	Thomas Fisher
Home in 1830 (City, County, State)	Dover, Kent, Delaware
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14	1
Free White Persons - Males - 15 thru 19	2
Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29	1
Free White Persons - Males - 60 thru 69	1
Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19	1
Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29	1
Free White Persons - Females - 50 thru 59	1
Free Colored Persons - Males - 10 thru 23	1
Free Colored Persons - Males - 24 thru 35	1
Free Colored Persons - Females - 10 thru 23	1
Slaves - Males - Under 10	2
Slaves - Females - 10 thru 23	1
Free White Persons - Under 20	4
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49	2
Total Free White Persons	8
Total Slaves	3
Total Free Colored Persons	3
Total - All Persons (Free White, Slaves, Free Colored)	14