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## P R E F A C E

The Fishes, whose genealogy is given in these pages, are said to be the descendants of a family of that name who, emigrating from Normandy with William the Conqueror, landed in England in 1066. That the Fishes settled in the North of England is highly probable, not only from the fact that history records how William the Conqueror suppressed uprisings in the North of England in the years 1068 and 1069, harassing Northumberland, and again in 1070, driving back the Scottish King, but also from the fact that several of the older members of the Fish family given here were born in Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, which is situate in the North of England, and which is familiarly known as the "Border City."

For six generations of the Fish family it is said that the eldest son had been named Luke, and, strange as it may seem, each had married a woman whose Christian name was Margaret. This custom, however, was broken by Luke Fish, Jr., born in Carlisle, England, May 22, 1787. He married a woman by the name of Mary, and their eldest son was christened William, though their fifth child was named Luke Sidney.

Little is known about the ancestors of Luke Fish, Sr., and the only one of the family of which he was a member, of whom anything is known, was Mary Fish, his sister, who was born in Stanwix, Carlisle, England, in the year 1756. She was unmarried, and taught a private school in Stanwix up to the time advancing years compelled her to relinquish the work. She died in 1848, in her 93d year.

Although the Fish family is scattered over all the seas, it is not recorded in these pages that there were any whales among them, though there were many schools of little Fishes.



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**LUKE FISH, SR.**

Luke Fish, Sr., was born in the year 1760, in Stanwix, Cumberland County, England. Nothing definite is known about his parents, except that his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Rutherford, came from the Borderland, a name given to the immediate vicinity of the old Roman wall that divided England from Scotland. Luke Fish, Sr., married Margaret Smith, who was born in London, England, of aristocratic parents. Luke was a carriage maker—a working man—a fact which did not please her parents, and because she insisted on marrying him they disowned her. Though it was a mesalliance, Luke made her a good home and living, and they were happy together. Her parents were never reconciled. She died in England in the year 1804. Luke Fish, Sr., came to America, where he died in Shelby County, Ohio, January 22, 1844, aged 84 years. Their children are:—

- 1—MARGARET, who was born in England, and who died at Dalston, near Carlisle, England, aged 34 years. She was unmarried.
- 2—LUKE, JR., born May 22, 1787, in Carlisle, England; died October 19, 1866, in Shelby County, Ohio, aged 79 years.
- 3—WILLIAM, born in England, and a tailor by trade. He came to America, but sometime afterward all trace of him was lost, as he ceased correspondence. It is said he was shot in Canada, and it is not known whether he left a family or not.
- 4—JOHN, who was born in England, and who died in England while yet young.
- 5—HANNAH, born in England in the year 1797, and died on January 1, 1839, in Shelby County, Ohio, at the age of 42 years. She was unmarried.
- 6—EDWARD, born in England March 24, 1802; died December 3, 1886, in Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, aged 84 years.

**LUKE FISH, JR.**

Luke Fish, Jr., was the second child of Luke, Sr., and Margaret Fish, and was born in Carlisle, England, May 22, 1787. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Mary Graham, who was born in Carlisle, England, April 11, 1795, and died in Shelby County, Ohio, April 18, 1852, he had twelve children. His second mar-

**LUKE FISH, JR.**

riage occurred in February, 1859. Luke Fish, Jr., emigrated from England in the year 1818, and settled on a farm near Dayton, Ohio, in 1819, remaining in Montgomery County for nineteen years. Of his twelve children, nine were born in the log house on the old farm. The country at that time was sparsely settled, and in 1803 Montgomery County had only been incorporated. In 1805, the estimated population of Cincinnati was but 90, and transportation was by canal boat on the Great Miami River. Thus pioneer life in those days was one of privation and weary toil. Luke Fish, Jr., de-