



WILSON FISHER.

## Wilson Fisher, Private, Co. A, 45th OH Infantry, US

1842 November 27: Born to John and Mary Fisher in Pickaway County, OH.

1850 August 24: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Pickaway County, OH showed seven-year-old Wilson living with his parents and siblings. His father was a farmer, whose real estate was worth \$4,000.

*“Wilson Fisher attended the subscription and district schools in his native township, attending mainly in the winter time and working for wages in the summer. He thus reached his 20th year, by which time he was a pretty fair farmer.”<sup>1</sup>*

1860 July 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Pickaway County, OH showed seventeen-year-old Wilson living with his parents and siblings. His father was now listed as a “day laborer,” who had no real estate value and only \$300.00 in personal estate.

1862 July 16: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. A, 45 OH Infantry.

*“The outbreak of the Civil War, however, aroused a feeling of loyalty in his breast and he soon settled the current of his life for the next three years by enlisting in the service of his country. He became a member of the 45th*

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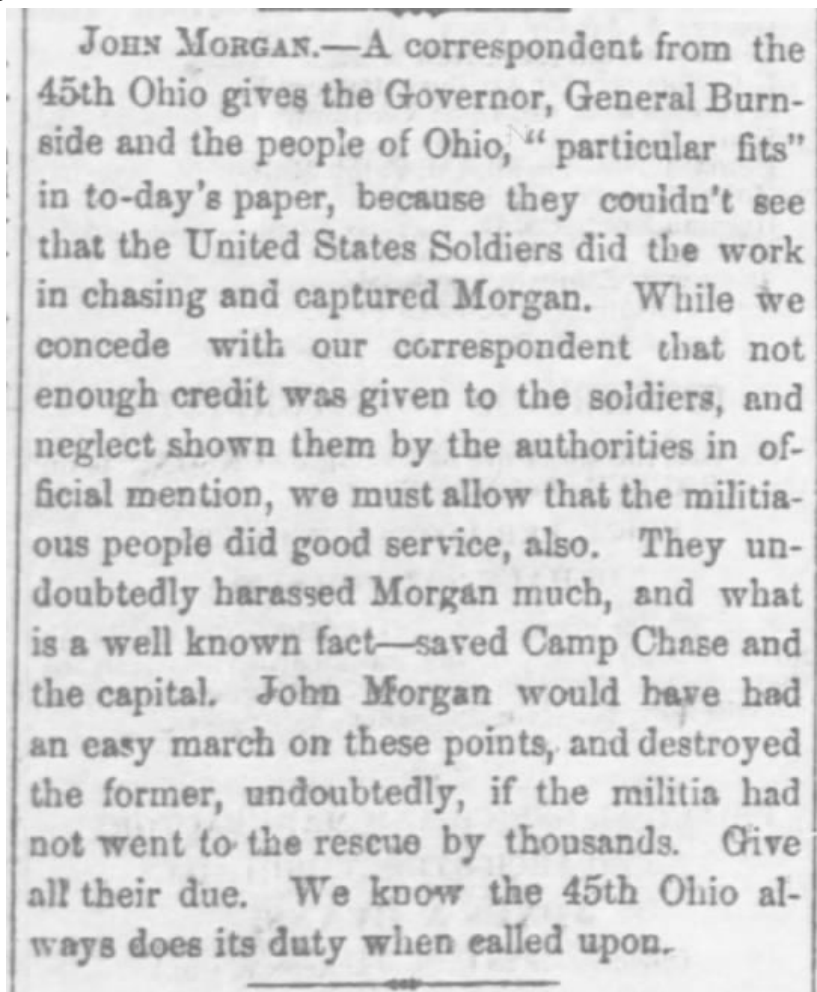
<sup>1</sup> Van Cleaf, Aaron R., History of Pickaway County, Ohio and Representative Citizens, 1906, pg. 57-58 (accessed googlebooks.com)--all italicized quotations are from this source.

*Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., under Col. Benjamin P. Runkle, Capt. George Ross and Lieut. Elias F. Scott, and was mustered in at Camp Chase on August 19, 1862. The regiment was sent to the front and during the whole of Mr. Fisher's service bore a prominent part in the dangers and hardships which attend army life."*

1863 June 9: "*Fisher was wounded in an engagement at Rocky Face, which was serious enough to entitle him to a furlough home. He returned as soon as recuperated..*"

June: The U.S. Civil War Draft Registration listed Wilson Fisher, twenty years old, a farmer as a soldier currently serving in Co. A 45 OH Infantry.

August: A newspaper article detailing the 45th's service in the capture of John Hunt Morgan.



JOHN MORGAN.—A correspondent from the 45th Ohio gives the Governor, General Burnside and the people of Ohio, "particular fits" in to-day's paper, because they couldn't see that the United States Soldiers did the work in chasing and captured Morgan. While we concede with our correspondent that not enough credit was given to the soldiers, and neglect shown them by the authorities in official mention, we must allow that the militiaous people did good service, also. They undoubtedly harassed Morgan much, and what is a well known fact—saved Camp Chase and the capital. John Morgan would have had an easy march on these points, and destroyed the former, undoubtedly, if the militia had not went to the rescue by thousands. Give all their due. We know the 45th Ohio always does its duty when called upon.

<sup>2</sup> Urbana Union, Urbana, OH, Wednesday, 19 Aug 1863, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

1864 *“Fisher was with General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and later was with General Thomas at Nashville and Franklin. “*

November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin in Whitaker’s brigade, Kimball’s division.

*“His regiment followed Hood’s forces when they retreated to Huntsville, Alabama, and then was sent to Virginia where it was stationed when the war closed.”*

1865 June: Mustered out of the U.S. Army in Nashville, TN.

*“After the close of his honorable army service, Mr. Fisher returned to agricultural pursuits in Ohio.”*

1868 *“In 1868 he went to Illinois, but 14 months later returned to Pickaway County and engaged in farming in Jackson township.”*

1870 June 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Pickaway County, OH showed Wilson living as a farm laborer for a Caldwell Family.

1884 Fisher purchased a 323 acre farm in Scioto, Pickaway County.

*“He is one of the most successful farmers of this locality and under his capable management this farm produces enormously. He runs five teams, has about 200 acres in corn and 100 in wheat, raises a great deal of hay and has fine cattle, horses and hogs. He farms along modern lines and makes use of machinery which every enterprising farmer now demands.”*

1900 June 12: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Scioto, Pickaway County, OH There are six servants listed in the household as well, five for farm labor and one for house labor.

1906 The biographical sketch published in 1906 ended with this *“Mr. Fisher is identified with the Republican party, coming from a family of old-line Whigs. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, a member of Pickaway Lodge at Ashville. He belongs to Groce Post, G.A. R., at Circleville and enjoys meeting old comrades and recalling with them the days of 1861-65 and of the heroic deeds in which they participated. Mr. Fisher is a very pleasant man to meet, sociable and genial, these qualities being natural as he is a total abstainer from all kinds of stimulants.”*

1910 May: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Walnut, Pickaway County, OH showed Wilson, a farmer, living with three of his sisters, Matilda, Josie and Frances as well as a nephew.

December 11: Wilson Fisher died. He was buried in Muhlenburg Township, Pickaway County, OH.

### GRAVES REGISTRATION CARD

Name Fisher, Wilson  
Address - Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio  
Date of Death 12-11-1910 Place -  
Cause - Date of Burial -  
Date of Birth 11-27-1842 Place Pickaway Co. Ohio  
Name of Cemetery Muhlenburg Location Muhlenburg Twp. Pickaway Co.  
Lot No. 45 Section No. 3 Block No. - Grave No. 1-S  
Marker: Flat - Upright - Headstone None  
Next of Kin: - Josie Fisher, Ashville, O.  
(Name) (Address)

### SERVICE RECORD

War Served In: Civil  
Date Enlisted 7-16-1862 Date Discharged 3-23-1865 Serial No. -  
Branch of Service Army Rank Private

<sup>3</sup> Ohio, Soldiers Grave Registrations, Fisher (accessed ancestry.com)