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Worthington, Ohio, 43085  
April 9, 1978.

Mr. Thomas T. Chamberlain,  
Fort Worth Club Building,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

From the enclosed you may understand that I am trying to gather together information about all the descendants of Samuel Fisher who came over from the North of Ireland in the so-called Starved Ship in 1740 at the age of 18. After being an indentured person for two years to a man in Roxbury, Mass., to pay his passage, Samuel Fisher went to Londonderry, New Hampshire, where he prospered, married three times and had twelve children. He died in 1806. Your great-great-grandfather, John Fisher, was his youngest child, the executor of his estate, and the one who continued to live on the home farm. John was born in 1769 and died in Warsaw, N. Y., in 1838. Your great-grandmother, Mary Fisher was his youngest child and she was born in Londonderry, N. H. in 1817, married John Sears Peck, moved to Oberlin, Ohio, where she died in 1897. Your grandmother, Emily Elizabeth Peck, was their oldest child, was born in Oberlin in 1848, married William Benton Chamberlain in 1875, and died in 1929 at Dallas, Texas. Your father, Ernest Barrett Chamberlain was their third child and I am sure that you know the rest and perhaps much of what I have written above.

In the files of the Oberlin College Alumni office I have found a wonderful chart of the Chamberlain family which your father evidently prepared in 1958 giving a lot of the data on the family. It also has a picture of you, your wife, and four children taken in 1951. Also it has much of the data which I have put on the five sheets enclosed.

I am much indebted to your father for my life work. When I was a senior in college I was applying for a position to teach at Robert College in Istanbul, Turkey. The man I was being interviewed by was Albert Staub who said that he and your father were roommates at Oberlin and when he discovered we were related, even distantly, I realized that I had the job! This was in 1928 and since then I have been teaching about Turkey and the Middle East ever since. You can find me in Who's Who. I am now retired from active teaching history at The Ohio State University and am now returning to this genealogical study which I first began in 1923. I have one or two nice letters from your father from that time.

I would appreciate it so much if you would fill out these forms and send them back to me. Please give some information about yourself and your children(DON'T BE MODEST).

Could you give me the present addresses of some of your cousins? I do have an address for Elizabeth Waite Day but not for her sister Janet or her brother John. I have no addresses for Ruth Chamberlain Floyd, Jean Chamberlain, or Louise Chamberlain Stevens. I have no addresses for Albert Edward Chamberlain, Jane Elizabeth Chamberlain Cumminsky, or Margaret Chamberlain McCall. I do have an address for Cynthia Chamberlain Graham, but not for her brother or her two sisters. Could you help/.

Sincerely yours,

Sydney N. Fisher

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Enclosed is a copy of the will of Samuel Fisher which I have found revealing about his children and the order of their birth. Your ancestor was a very prominent man in Loudoun County. I am descended from Ebenezer who, I was happy to learn, had the use of the cidemill! Ebenezer never amounted to much but out-lived all the others.