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**THOMAS BURR FISHER PAPERS**  
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## INTRODUCTION

This collection consists of the writings of Thomas Burr Fisher, a Civil War veteran and prominent Methodist minister. The collection is composed of two volumes of his autobiographical work, "Life on the Common Level," (1921) along with a transcription. Also included is "The Autobiography of the Reverend Thomas Burr Fisher," written in 1915. All of the items were loaned to TSLA for microfilming by John T. Fisher, Jr., of Columbia, Tennessee.

Thomas Burr Fisher was born on February 5, 1844, in the Farmington-Verona area of Marshall County, Tennessee, the son of John and Mildred Stratton Fisher. In 1862, he joined Company C of the Eleventh Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (Confederate States Army) in General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Division. He was one of five brothers who served with distinction during the war. He returned to his family home in May 1865. After the war, he pursued a classical collegiate education, became a Methodist minister, and was active in the church until after World War I. He died on March 2, 1922.

### Sources used:

Fisher, John E. *They Rode with Forrest and Wheeler: A Chronicle of Five Tennessee Brothers' Service in the Confederate Western Cavalry*. Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland & Company, Inc., 1995.

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