



## Albert George Fischer

1864–1943

great-grandfather



Albert George Fischer was born on April 25, 1865, in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Henrietta and Fredrick. He married Georgena Aloysius Hendy in 1890. They had three children during their marriage. Their daughter Leona was born in St. Louis. The other two girls--Virginia and Gertrude--were born while the family was in Springfield. He was known as "Poppie" to his grandchildren.

His mother, Henrietta, spoke and wrote only in German. For the first few years of his schooling, he attended a school where only German was spoken and written. By 1880, census records show the family had moved from St. Louis to Springfield, Missouri.

On October 1, 1890, Albert and Georgena were married in St. Louis at the Hendy house. After their marriage, Albert and Georgena moved to Springfield, where they lived with the Fischer family. After a couple of months, Albert brought his business to St. Louis.

A year or so later, Albert and Georgena moved back to Springfield. A June 8, 1892 letter from Albert in Springfield to Georgena in St. Louis indicates Albert moved before Georgena to get the business set up. In the letter, Albert describes his progress, describes how much he misses Georgena and begs her to join him soon:

"My Darling Wife! I got up this morning feeling gloomy because you are absent. but when I thought of what the mail would bring - I felt some what reconciled. when I heard the letter carrier coming - my heart leaped to my mouth. there was mail, but lo: non for me. If you could only realize what suspense I suffer - you would let me have a letter every day."

The letter also reports that the house is ready except for hanging the curtains. The "factory is ready for business. as soon as our Bond is approved and leaf tobacco comes, we will begin." He laments recent rainy weather and hail, which he says is ruining crops, adding "we are going to conduct our business on a very conservative basis until future prospects become more settled."

He notes that Leona will soon be seven months old and asks Georgena to "give her seven kisses and tell her papa sent them to her." He mentions that "real estate men have already been after me to sell me a house. I put them off by saying when I was ready to have my own home I would build one to suit my wife." He adds "if someone would leave us a few thousand" since now real estate is low and it would be the proper time to buy."

He describes his outrage about someone "who had the cheek to ask me to ask mother if she would take \$4000.00 for her property. her property is worth every cent of "5000.00 at present and will be worth more in a short time." He briefly describes some business dealings of his brother Horatio, and says he needs to close since Mollie is going to town and he wants to give her the letter to mail. He says he's sending the letter "with a thousand kisses and a world of love" and signs the letter "Your Affectionate Husband Albert."

When his father died in 1890, Albert took over the family tobacco business, Groff & Fischer, in Springfield. His brothers and sisters also worked in the business. Albert always owned his own business. He had a tobacco and hardware business in Chickasha, Oklahoma. When he moved to Duncan, he went into the land and insurance business.

Edith Hendy, Georgena's niece, remembered her Uncle Albert as her hero. "He owned all of Duncan," she wrote. "There was Uncle Albert's bank, his drug store and his office building where he sold insurance. I remember going out in the country with them to visit a client who served us rolls. I disgraced the family when I bit into it and found a prune, but I didn't know what that black stuff was."

"When Uncle Albert would come out after a bath, he would yell, 'Head in the sand,' and we would hide our heads."

"One time it was the thing to carry a parasol. He promised me that I could have anyone I wanted in town. They were all anxious to see which one I would pick--a 29 cent red, white and blue one for the Fourth of July. I was so proud of it. At one time he was very 'gone' on exercise. I recall them having me exercising on a broom stick they had put between two chairs."

"Going back to Uncle Albert's generosity, when I went to the convent he sent me a fountain pen. They were a new thing. Without it I would be carrying around a straight pen and a bottle of ink."

"In 1915 we got a Ford. Uncle Albert had a better car before that. They would coax Grandma to go for a ride in her little black bonnet sitting in the car right in front of the church so she could look in for Mass."

"In those days you couldn't go far without having to stop for a puncture. Then all had to get out, life the back seat for the jack and vulcanizing materials, find the leak, put on a patch and pump up the tube. I don't think you had to have a license to drive as I remember my mother going to the farm for apples and my little brothers telling her what to do to drive."

Albert's beloved wife, Georgena, died in Duncan in 1927 at the age of 61. Georgena and Albert dearly loved one another, and her death was a tragic blow to Albert. He lived for another sixteen years after her death with his daughter, Leona, in Duncan.

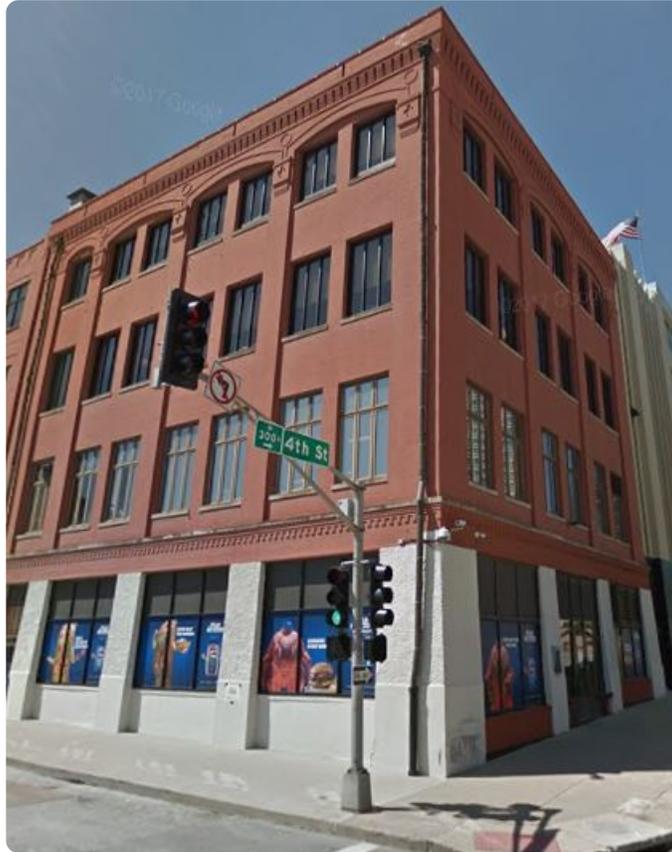
Albert died on January 17, 1943, at the age of 77, in Oklahoma City at the home of his daughter Gertrude, where he had lived since his retirement in 1931. He was buried in Duncan, Oklahoma.

1864

## Birth

Albert George Fischer was born on April 25, 1865, to Henrietta Multhrupp (or Multhrouph), age 25, and Fredrick W Fischer, age 28.

In his 5 May 1890 letter to Georgena, Albert writes that the house where he was born was located on the northeast corner of Fourth and Spruce St. (53 Spruce). He says "the ground floor was occupied by a drug store ever since I can remember."



25 Apr 1864 • St Louis, Missouri, USA

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1880

## Residence

Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head: Son



1880 • Campbell, Greene, Missouri, USA

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1890

## Letter from Albert to Georgena

Following Albert's visit to St. Louis where he and Georgena became reacquainted, Georgena sent a letter to Albert. We don't have that letter, but we do have Albert's reply, expressing disappointment Georgena will not be coming to see him in Springfield.

12 Mar 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri

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1890

## Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert declares Georgena "the nearest and dearest of all my lady acquaintances" and adds "I honor and admire you -- in fact, I would add 'Love You' if I did not fear of making too bold." He begs her to visit so he can confirm his first impression of her.

16 Mar 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri

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1890

## Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert thanks Georgena for her Mar 17 letter and says he is "an entire different person" since "receiving a return of sentiment." He adds "Dearest, if you could only come to Springfield, I believe we could decide on our future course in a short time."

19 Mar 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri

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1890

### Letter from Georgena to Albert

Georgena thanks Albert for his photo: "I can't tell you how delighted I am." When she asks about Springfield, she adds, her parents always say "wait until the summer and we may let you go." She expresses surprise at herself "speaking so plain" to Albert.

**24 Mar 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am most happy to know you are so agreeable to all my views. Every letter adds renewed hope to my cherished desire. . . . I would be the happiest mortal living if I could only call you mine. . . . Dearest say that you would be happy as mine."

**25 Mar 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert says he longs to "have you near me. O' wouldn't that be delightful, how anxious I am to know if I could love and adore you as I now feel I could." He asks if Georgena's parents may let her visit if they knew "of the existing state of affairs!"

**28 Mar 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert is happy Georgena will be visiting in two months but wishes it could be sooner. He sends "our leading daily paper with a published interview between their reporter and I." He asks her not to share as he's not "especially proud" of being in print.

**2 Apr 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"You accuse me of flattery when I call you lovely. I judge you do not admire sentimental letters so I am obliged to close as I have answered your questions and fear that I might offend should I write too lovingly."

**6 Apr 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I have never taken offense at anything you have written. . . . I regret that I could not make myself understood better. . . . Let us put forth our best endeavors to avoid any misunderstandings" and look upon each other's deeds "as inspirations of love."

**8 Apr 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

We should "become better acquainted with each other. . . . you don't know as much as my age, religion or in fact nothing that you should know." He wonders what Georgena's uncle George [McCann] "would say to your alliance with me" since he is a competitor.

**10 Apr 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Apologizing for its "dryness," Albert writes about business. He has a business trip until the 21st but hired a factory manager, so may be able to visit St. Louis soon. He says how busy they are with their "traveling men" & "drummers" with samples to show.

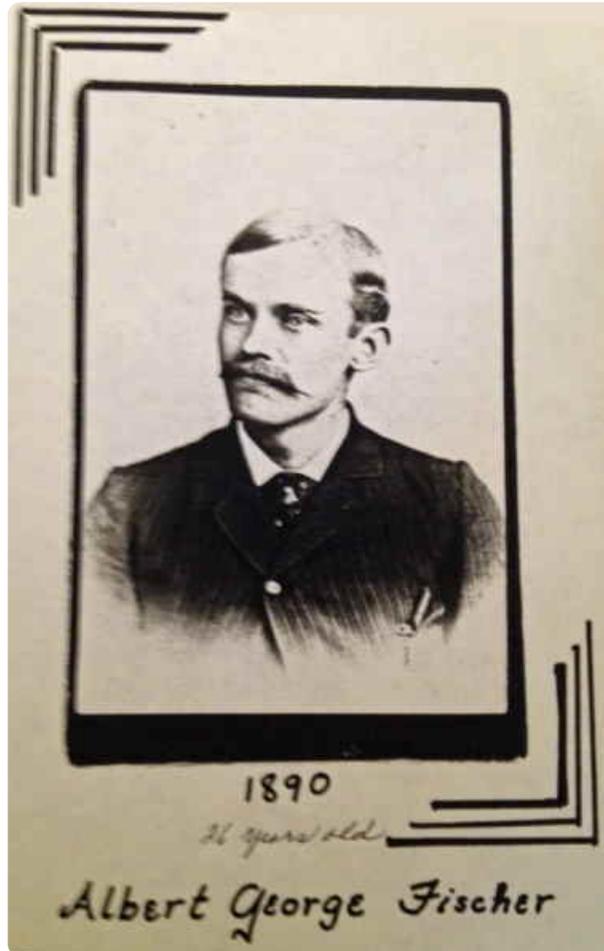
**13 Apr 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert encloses proof of new portrait: "Perhaps you may not think it equal to the one you have" but this one "is just as I look." He adds "the one you have flatters me. . . . I do not wear that kind of a smile." Is this the photo Albert sent?



**14 Apr 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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### Letter from Albert to Georgena

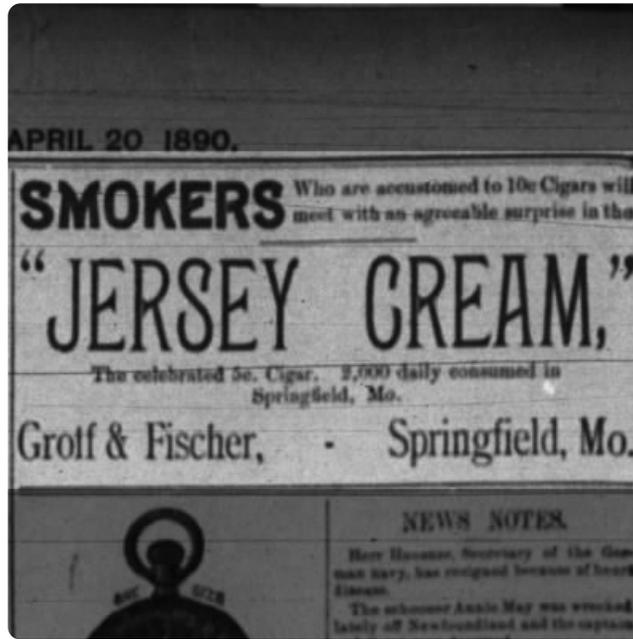
Albert complains of the difficulty of writing letters while traveling "owing to lack of accommodations and publicity of Hotels." He has "only time to say 'howdy'" and hasn't "as yet wrote the house a letter or my folks, have only written to my love."

**17 Apr 1890 • Stockton, Cedar, Missouri, USA**

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## Advertisement for Groff & Fischer Cigars



20 Apr 1890

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## Letter from Albert to Georgena

"The contents [of your letter] are such as to inspire one with almost complete happiness. I could have omitted the use of the word 'almost' if you was now mine." When we meet, "I don't think I could avoid embracing you" for I feel "we are already one."

5 May 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1890

## Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert is disappointed Georgena hasn't set a date for her visit to Springfield but is glad her brother Frank will come too. Adds there may be feelings between Frank and his sister Lillie. Says he told a friend he expects "to be a married man by next fall."

7 May 1890 • Marshfield, Webster, Missouri, USA

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## Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert wishes kisses sent by mail "could impart the same thrill and pleasant sensation as the kiss created by a combustion of 'two-lips.'" He describes "happy days" as a child but says they can't compare to "the days when you will be Mrs. A. G. Fischer."

11 May 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1890

## Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert begs Georgena to visit him soon. He would come to her except business does not permit & he would "incur the displeasure of my partner." If her parents won't relent, Albert "may break away from the common rules of discretion" and write them himself.

18 May 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert uses Groff & Fischer letterhead as "my stationery for love letters was exhausted." His sisters will deliver the letter at the St. Louis depot en route to Alton to meet Carrie's husband, but "how I wish I could be the bearer of this letter myself."

**21 May 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert is happy Georgena loves his nephew (Carrie's son) Roy. Frank is visiting Lillie in Springfield, and Albert thinks "of the pleasure I could have in your company." He complains of teasing from his folks & says he must "invest" in cotton for his ears.

**25 May 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert writes "I am in trouble and don't know how long before I can be relieved." He would tell more "if it benefited either you or I." If he can release himself in time (without great financial loss), "I will be in St. Louis and tell you all about it."

**29 May 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Writing from Mammoth Spring, Ark., Albert complains of the malarial diseases common in the Arkansas swamp: "every time I come here, I take fever." He says his "trouble" is not serious though it makes him "feel very blue" and hopes it ends soon.

**5 Jun 1890 • Mammoth Spring, Fulton, Arkansas, USA**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Mollie will be in St. Louis for treatment of her ears, and Lillie is already there. Albert ran into Georgena's cousin Will and had a friendly conversation, but "I don't know what he would have said if I told him I was in love with Cousin Georgena."

**8 Jun 1890 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Returning from a visit with Georgena, Albert says "never in my life did parting give such pain. . . . Mother sends her blessings . . . . She would write if you could read German. . . . I managed to find time to select a Ring which I have forwarded today."

**18 Jun 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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### Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Dear Albert, I received the ring and I just think it is a beauty. . . . I think our initials look very pretty in the ring. I only wish you were here to place in on my finger." Though Ma and Frank think it's beautiful, "it made Ma feel sad."



20 Jun 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Mother wants us to live with her when we are married. I think that would be best" for now. "The Groff's may vacate our house" so we could take over their premises and keep house. "Mother depends on me to protect her interests"--a "pleasant duty for me."

22 Jun 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am happy that I possess the love of Purity and Virtue, but I am miserable without her by my side. . . . When you come, you must remain longer than 10 days--why that wouldn't be no visit at all. . . . You must stay for at least a month."

27 Jun 1890 • Springfield, Missouri, USA

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### Letter from Georgena to Albert

Georgena says "I am glad to hear you think that you are a better man since we are engaged" and teases about going to Duns Commercial Agency to check on Albert's "good record." But no--"I trust you more than that. Where there is love--there is trust."

1 Jul 1890 • Springfield, Missouri, USA

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### Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Well Albert, I have thought of the 1st of October all day. At last I came to the conclusion that I am satisfied to appoint that day as the date of our Nuptials. Everyone says - October is a lucky month and Wednesday is a lucky day to be married on."

**5 Jul 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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### Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Albert - it would be my greatest wish to be married in church"--but that wish cannot be granted--"when you are not of the same religion as I am. . . . How I wish you believed the same as I do"--but we must marry at home with family & close friends only.

**8 Jul 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Georgena can plan the wedding as she chooses "just so I marry you." For now, living with Mother is the "best I can do," but we'll have a parlor, dining room, bedroom & kitchen. "You can take charge of the household affairs or leave them to Mother."

**9 Jul 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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### Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Frank wants to take Flora, Jennie, and I to a lawn party tonight . . . . I have not decided on going yet . . . . But - Oh! How I would enjoy it, if you were here to go with me. . . . Oh: Albert, How naughty you were to make me think of no one but you."

**25 Jul 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA**

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### Letter from Georgena to Albert

"My Aunt - Mrs. Fryar (the one you met while here) moved out opposite to Tower Grove Park today. (Don't you remember we spent two of those happy evenings at that park.) I will miss the girls. We all had a pleasant time while they lived so near."

**1 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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1890

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"The past week was an unusually busy one. . . . for two or three days after we marry I will hafta work as I did the past few days. . . . I am reading Stanley's Explorations of Africa . . . If you have not read the work, you must not fail to."

**2 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert mentions the "good news of the Filkins-Fischer family arriving at St. Louis" and is pleased "Mr. Filkins received financial aid and I trust a business partner with some financial ability." He also relates a dream where Georgena saved him from peril.

**6 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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### **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

Georgena has an aunt and little cousin visiting from Pittsburg, Pa. She mentions a visit from "your cousin Geo and Roy" and gently berates Albert for saying he would fight her cousin Will McCann for sending his love to her. "That is only cousinly love."

**7 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1890

### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert mentions he too has aunts and cousins in Pittsburg but was not aware until told by his St. Louis cousins. He says a hotel Georgena knew when she lived in Springfield came close to burning down--and describes how he and Mr. Groff aided in the rescue.

**10 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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### **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

Georgena agrees with Albert that cousins sometimes fall in love and marry, adding "nearly all Pa's folks married in the same way." An aunt in Springfield married her first cousin "but I think it is entirely wrong."

**11 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert asks if Georgena has read "A Golden Heart." If not, she should. "My love and reverence" for you "is as great, sincere and honest as that of 'Sir Karl' to Lady Rhysworth." Read it and "believe me to be breathing such words of love" as Sir Karl.

**12 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert says he had trouble falling asleep last night because "my mind was so charged with an enterprise that I am considering. . . . If it materializes, I will have better prospects of making money," but anxiety makes me uncomfortable for the time being.

**14 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1890

### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I often pass a greater portion of the night thinking of you and how to succeed in business ventures, so I can add wealth to our happiness. . . . I hope to be in a position soon to make more money," though I am doing better than most men my age.

**17 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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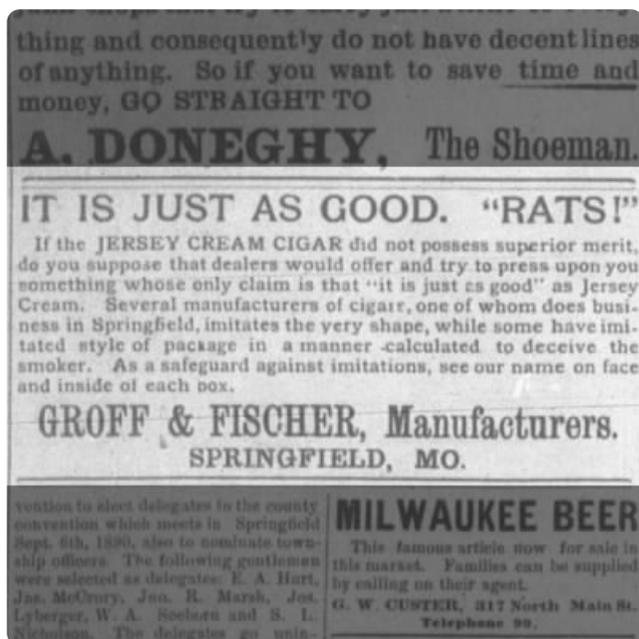
### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"When I was going to school - I always wished I was a man so I could make money and be independent. . . . now I realize the days of my childhood were the happiest. . . . When you Darling are with me I shall always shoulder my burdens with a light heart."

**20 Aug 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1890 **Groff & Fischer Cigar Advertisement**



1 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Missouri

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1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Missing Georgena, Albert says he kisses her photo, "which does not shrink from me as you do," but he doesn't blame her doing what she thinks is right, adding he regrets he does not share her faith since it has "a good influence over its subjects."

1 Sep 1890 PM • Springfield, Missouri

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1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Writing after visiting Georgena, Albert says "Pet I feel miserable without you" but will do the best he can until they next meet on the 25th. He doesn't know Mr. Groff's intent but hopes for immediate possession so things are ready for Georgena's arrival.

1 Sep 1890 AM • Springfield, Missouri

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1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"My only hope is that we may live long to enjoy the happiness in store for us. No matter how long life lasts - it's always too short in happiness." Albert says he is having a suit made "by my favorite Tailor" and will ask Frank to be his best man.

4 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Missouri

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1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert reports business enterprise is approved by all parties. He will make \$20/week plus an equal share of profits. The firm will be named "The Groff-Fischer Cigar Co." He will be measured for Prince Albert suit "of the very latest style" for the wedding.

6 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Missouri

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**1890 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I am almost positive that we will make St. Louis our home shortly. . . . I am glad your Mother feels relieved. . . . I will be the smallest Stock Holder in the Co., but will receive an equal share of profits" because of my practical experience.

**10 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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**1890 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"Just think - after sixteen days from today, we will be one - how much happier I will be . . . I ordered our announcement cards from St. Louis yesterday and my tailor is finishing my Prince Albert and I will be in readiness in a few more days. "

**14 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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**1890 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I . . . counted the letters received from you and found 54. The one received this morning makes just 55. That is not many (tis it) but it proved an elegant sufficiency in our case. I think I am cheated - I ought to have as many as you."

**17 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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**1890 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

**17 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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**1890 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I expect this will be the last time I will address you as your Beaux - next time I will sign myself as your husband and ... your answer to this will be the closing of our correspondence as lovers.... I will always do my best to ... be loving and true."

**20 Sep 1890 • Springfield, Missouri**

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**1890 Marriage**

Albert George Fischer married Georgena Aloysius Hendy in Springfield, Missouri, on October 1, 1890, when he was 26 years old.



**Georgena Aloysius Hendy**

1866–1927

**1 Oct 1890 • Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, United States of America**

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**1890 Residence**

Albert George Fischer lived in Springfield, Missouri, in 1890.

Albert & Georgena lived with Albert's mother Henrietta and sister Mollie at 736 South. Business was Groff & Fischer located at 325 South. Mollie also worked in the business, and Horatio, who lived at 741 South, was a solicitor for Groff & Fischer.

**1890 • Springfield, Missouri, USA**

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1892

**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Writtten from Springfield to Georgena in St. Louis: "I found Ma, Mollie and Lillie in good health and the home just looks too lovely.... I am going out on a hunt for Ferneau tonight yet.... How lonesome I am going to be without you and the baby."



**1 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

1892

**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert reports that their furniture arrived, and they will be using the downstairs bedroom formerly occupied by the Groffs. He says his mother's house is "the most attractive on South Street. . . . You can smell the flowers for a block away."

**2 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

1892

**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert complains that he has written three letters in three days without a single letter from Georgena. Her family is moving, so he hopes that is the reason and that she is not ill. He reports that he is laying carpet and fixing up their room.

**3 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

1892

**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"It would do you good to be here - the place is so beautiful" with cherry trees, peaches, apples, pears, plums, grapes, gooseberries, blackberries, currants, and a vegetable garden. "The front of the house is entirely covered with honeysuckles."

**5 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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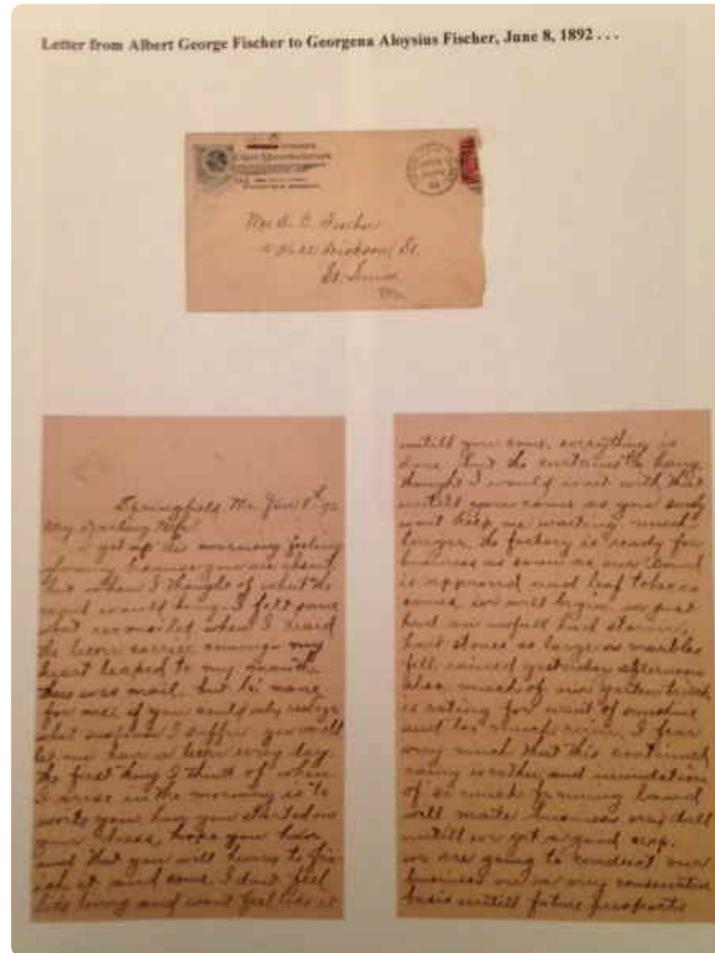
**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"If you delay coming long, you may come here to find me sick from longing for you .... Your room will be complete by tomorrow." I had to send "for shades to match mother's.... It would look bad to have two colors of shades showing from the same house."

**7 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

## 1892 Address

Albert writes Georgena, who is still living in St. Louis, telling her he misses her and wants her to join him as soon as possible.



8 Jun 1892 • 736 South, Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

## 1892 Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert chides Georgena for not writing more. He misses her, and "I miss the good old beer at night. When you come - you shall have your beer whenever you have a desire for it. I will have a case of bottled Anheuser-Busch sent to the house for you only."

10 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri

## 1892 Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Every day brings me closer to a resolution ... Come as soon as you can as I wish to become a Catholic in your presence... My ambitions formerly were for possession of wealth but since we have married I thought more of you than making money."

11 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri

1892

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Am sorry to hear that baby is troublesome, but the poor little thing can't help it. Something aches and of course she must cry - just like you and I done at the same age. I don't think baby would suffer so much here as the house is always so nice & cool."

**13 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1892

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I almost forgot that the 14th was the 2nd Anniversary of our engagement and the 13th two years ago is the first time I kissed you.... I feel so lonesome without you that I would much rather tire myself out working ...than lay awake longing for you."

**15 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1892

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I regret very much to be informed . . . you won't be here before the 1st. You promised . . . you would not remain more than two weeks and now you are going to stay over four weeks. " To get revenge, Albert threatens to wear white socks for a year.

**16 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1892

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert got up early "to get shaved before the rush and to my disappointment learned that I could not get shaved in Springfield on Sunday . . . well I . . . made up my mind to get shaved or bust a suspender"--and he tells how he got the barber to do it.

**18 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1892

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Am very sorry to hear Leona is sick. Poor little thing - the city is too warm for her. . . . Start for Springfield Tuesday morning without fail as the babies life may be in danger. . . . Our house is so nice and cool. I am awful anxious about the baby."

**18 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1892

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am awfully disappointed that I am not to see you tonight, but since your mother is sick, I will have to excuse you. I hope she is not seriously so, and that she is better by now. . . . I haven't any cigar makers coming yet" so must make them all myself.

**21 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1892

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Glad to hear your mother's better. Always makes me feel uneasy when anyone is sick. Frank will be in Chicago in time to congratulate Grover Cleveland upon his nomination for the Presidency by the Democrats. That was good news to me."

**23 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1893

### **Job Offer from J. A. Logwood, Cigar and Tobacco Agents**

"We have an opportunity of tendering a position to a good cigar salesman for the City trade here in St. Louis. We are authorized to off \$100 per month as a guarantee. The firm is strictly A1-- and you would have a fine line to offer the trade."

**19 Jun 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri**

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1893

### **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

Georgena writes Albert to let him know she arrived safe and on time, though she saw a train wreck on the way. "All of the cars were in splinters. The sight of it unnerved me for a time." She closes by saying, "I just kissed Leona and baby for you."

**2 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri**

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1893

### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I feel deserted. Wouldn't be near so bad if I was on the road. Must make 2800 cigars before I start if I am going at all. . . . Don't let the children forget their Pap and above all don't forget your inferior half, even if you do have a flying time."

**4 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1893

### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert muses on the hard times afflicting himself and people he knows but expresses hope for his ambitions. "This winter is going to be awful on the poor. . . . I am determined . . . I am going to make that \$5000.00 which you say we will never have."

**5 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1893

### **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

"I didn't go see the Veiled Prophet parade. I was afraid to leave the children - until they are better acquainted with Pa. Frank wanted to take me to the V. P. ball (that is - to view it from the gallery.) But I . . . could not leave the children."

**5 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri**

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1893

### **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I fell from Grace today. I was so determined that I would be goody good, but I eat a small bit of pigeon . . . and never thought of what I had done until I sat down for a Friday dinner of eggs - well, the just man falls seven times a day . . ."

**6 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1893

### **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

"Hope you will . . . do what is for the best so that you can make that \$5000 right soon. We rush the growler every day, but I don't grow any fatter yet. Leona is more fond of beer than I am - she goes to the sideboard for the pitcher and says Me - beer."

**8 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Missouri**

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**1893****Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"If business was only good, I could put in the time working, but its getting worse all the time. I think it will be a dead stand still in cigars . . . . If I was in the chicken business I would be right 'in it' as there is a strong demand for eggs."

**10 Oct 1893 PM • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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**1893****Letter from Georgena to Albert**

After visiting your Aunt Sophie, "I had Pa to come for me about 10 o'clock. Then he insisted on me going to one race at the south side race track. It was so nice to see them race at night by Electric Light. It was after 11 o'clock when we got home."

**10 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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**1893****Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"Ain't you getting a little tired of visiting. You have been gone 10 days now. It's been a year to me. . . . This visiting might be alright for you but its tough on me. I'm going to get myself a temporary wife until you return. Of course you won't mind."

**10 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Missouri**

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**1893****Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Fighting loneliness, Albert writes, "Fortune may smile on us some day. We are not going backward - that's some consolation in these stringent times. A person ought not complain no how as long as they are in good health - in that respect we are Blessed."

**12 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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**1893****Letter from Georgena to Albert**

"I am sorry you are so lonesome. Still I won't consent to you getting a temporary wife - if you do - I will be home on the next train - then you will have more wives than you can manage. . . . I feel it might be sometime before I would see Ma again."

**13 Oct 1893 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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**1894****Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I am already missing my best half. . . . I fear I will be asking you to come back before you have had your stay out. If you drink any water - you better boil it . . . but I hardly expect you will drink very much water. Beer you know, is already boiled."

**11 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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**1894****Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I expect you did not realize you were in St. Louis on your arrival due to the new Station. I think I am right good as I haven't done anything other than read the papers when I got through working - go to bed - get up in the morning and go to work again."

**13 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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1894

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Mollie got a letter from Carrie . . . She said she hadn't a nickel in the house. She made a dress for a neighbor for \$1.50 . . . She worked so hard her old trouble returned and that she would now have to . . . buy medicine. Ma cried over the letter."

**16 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1894

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert says Mollie and Ma decided to "stand for" \$5.00 he sent to help Carrie since they can afford it better. "I never expect any return of favors . . . as long as Filkins lives. I was about as hard up as I'll ever be after Groff done me . . ."

**19 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1894

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am still broke so much so that I can't go on the road until I get some money. . . . If I had the money you can just bet that I would have been in St. Louis before this. . . . I couldn't feel worse were I in Jail."

**24 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1894

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Now that I have paid insurance and interest - I haven't money enough to go on the road or to buy tobacco. I am going to do my best to sell all my Jersey Creams to Springfield Grocer Co. If I succeed I can buy more tobacco and go to work again."

**25 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1894

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am almost sick - it seems the harder I try to get along the more misfortunes occur. Have lost \$50.00 this month in bad accounts. . . . I hope that you don't get blue too - I can get blues enough for both. "

**26 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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1894

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I haven't sold my Jersey Creams yet - but will know tomorrow. . . . If I get rid of those cigars I will be enabled to go right to work again. . . . I am not as blue as I have been. Have reconciled myself, but I do feel awfull lonesome at night."

**28 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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1894

### Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Had more bad luck - J. W. Hardesty broke again . . . making \$15.50 I loose on him. They say too much Beer broke him both times - I rarely ever have a loss but what several more follow. . . . I am going to . . . get out of debt this coming year."

**30 Sep 1894 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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**1894 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I am sorry to inform you I could not sell the Jersey Creams . . . I have made arrangements to go on the road with a Springfield liquor drummer and I am going to stay on the road until every cigar in the house is sold," so you should remain in St. Louis.

**4 Oct 1894 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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**1894 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I know I will sell the cigars in a much shorter space of time since your promise to come home as soon as they are sold - I will now have something to spur me on.... I will have to inaugurate a system of most rigid economy ... to catch up with my losses."

**7 Oct 1894 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri**

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**1894 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I am going to work like a tiger and I hope that I can have you start by next Monday for home. I may be dissappointed - for if I am not in good luck - it may take me ten days to sell out so don't get ready to come untill I write you to."

**9 Oct 1894 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA**

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**1894 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"Pet! I sold just 2000 cigars today and if I continue to do this well I will ask you to come home in a few days as I haven't but 4900 more to sell. . . . Will leave here early in the morning."

**11 Oct 1894 • Billings, Christian, Missouri, USA**

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**1894 Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I wrote you last night to come home by next Wednesday . . . I still have 1900 cigars to sell and I'll do my level best to sell them tomorrow. . . . I am feeling well enough - but so anxious to see you and the babies that I feel just like homesick."

**14 Oct 1894 • Purdy, Barry, Missouri, USA**

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**1895 Employment**

Letterhead of G. A. Fischer, Successor to Fischer & Ferneau. This is the name of the company that the 1899 Springfield city directory suggests is owned by George A. Fischer, who is also shown as living with the A. G. Fischer family in 1899.



**1 Oct 1895 • Springfield, Missouri**

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1895

## Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I now, at the 5th anniversary of our happy marriage - renew the avowal of my love for you, and feel happy to say that I love you better than ever, although when we married I thought I could not love you more than I did then."

1 Oct 1895 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1897

## Factories Provide Employment for Thousands

Mentions A. G. Fischer's cigar factory (not G. A. Fischer, though the letters could easily have been transposed)

9 Oct 1897 • Springfield, Missouri

1899

## Residence

Albert George Fischer lived in Springfield, Missouri, in 1899.

G. A. (not A. G.) Fischer is listed under Cigar Manufacturers

1899 • Springfield, Missouri, USA

1899

## G. A. Fischer, Cigar Manufacturing

The city directory shows George A. Fischer, cigar manufacturer, living with Albert's family at 736 South St. It also shows Albert and Mollie working as cigar makers for G. A. Fischer. George also lived in St. Louis and may be related to Albert's father?

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Fischer Geo. A. cigar mfr 220 St Louis r 736 South			
Fischer Henrietta, wid Fred W r 736 South			
Fischer Horatio L. cigarmkr A E Spriggs r 432 Kimbrough			
Fischer Mollie J. packer G A Fischer r 736 South			
Fischer William H. brewer St L & S F r 1942 Benton av			

1899 • Springfield, Missouri

1900

## Fischer's Cigar Advertisement

1 Sep 1900 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1900

## No Discount on Quality for Fischer's Premium Cigar

Source: Chickasha Daily Express

There is no discount on the quality of Fischer's Premium Cigar. It is home made, hand made, and smoked by Chickasha people. Ask for it and take no other.

4 Sep 1900 • Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma, USA

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1900

## Frank B. Hendy with A. G. Fischer Cigars

Miss Melton, of Ft. Worth, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McColl.

Frank B. Hendy who has been for a number of years with the W. A. Stickney cigar company of St. Louis, Mo, arrived in our city yesterday and is now with A. G. Fischer our Chickasha cigar man.

Mr. Andrew Wise one of the Galveston suffers, made the Express a very pleasant call today

1 Oct 1900 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

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1900

## Fischer Cigar Ad (Chicksha Daily Express)

These advertisements appeared regularly around this time.

**DO YOU SMOKE?**  
Fischer's Premium Cigars, if not why not try them; they are the only hand made 5 cent cigar on this market, made of finest quality of tobaccos, as sweet as a nut. They please many smokers—maybe they will please you. See that you get Fischer's Premium when you ask for them.

17 Nov 1900

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1900

## Residence

Albert George Fischer lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1900.

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Roomer. His family was not living with him at this time. Occupation is cigar manufacturer.

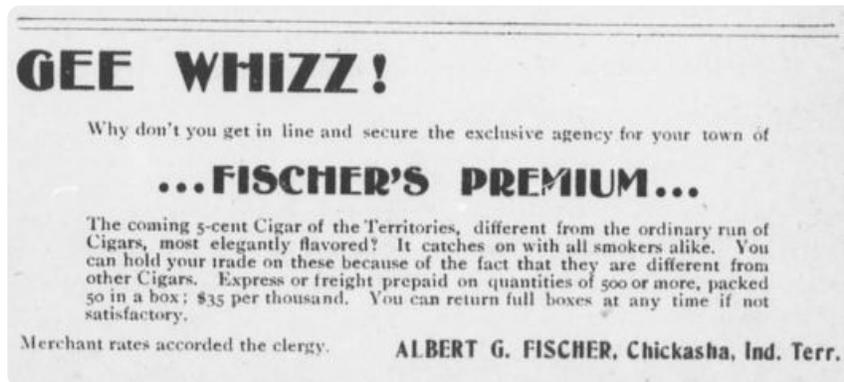
1900 • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA

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1901

## Gee Whizz! Ad for Fischer Cigars

The Indian Advocate (Sacred Heart Mission, Okla. Terr.), Vol. 13, No. 5, Ed. 1, Wednesday, May 1, 1901



1 May 1901 • Oklahoma

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1901

## Fischer's Guarantee Cigar Now on Sale

21 May 1901 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

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1901

## A. G. Fischer's Mother Ill in Springfield, Mo.

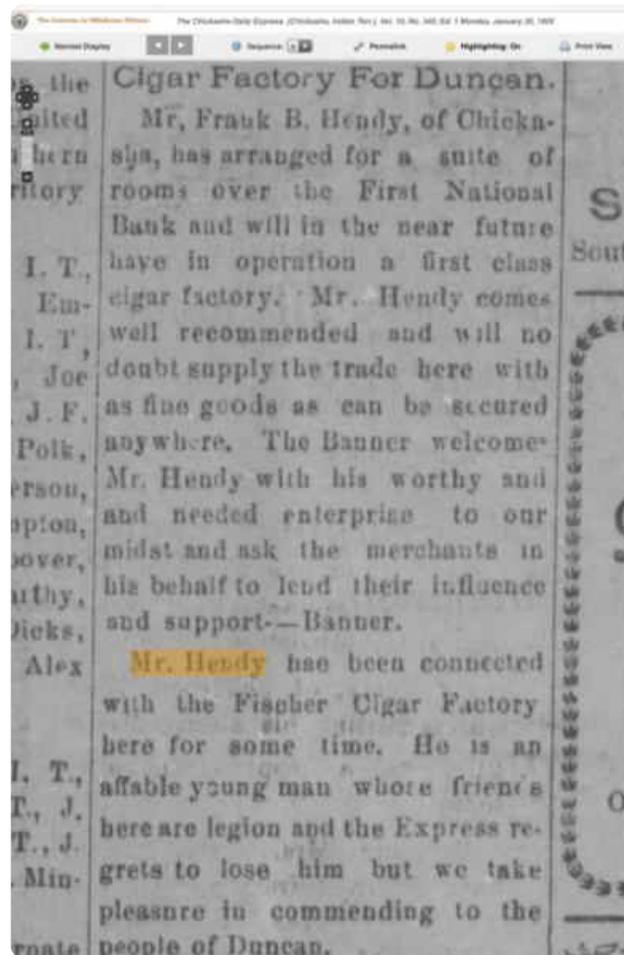
31 Oct 1901 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

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1902

## Cigar Factory for Duncan

Chickasha Daily Express, Monday, January 20, 1902



20 Jan 1902

1902

## A. G. Fischer

"Mr. Fischer is a clever gentleman, thoroughly understanding the cigar business and should be encouraged in his efforts to establish a valuable manufacturing enterprise in Chickasha."

25 Oct 1902 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1903

## Fischer and Breen Cousins (?)

Mildred & Dorothy Clarkson identified the girl to the far right as Leona Fischer. The girl sitting near the horse's head could be Virginia Fischer. Wondering if the other girl on the horse is Aeolian Breen and the one standing is Stella Breen, cousins whom Virginia mentioned in her later years. This photo is the companion to the one of Georgena, Albert, Grandma Hendy & Aunt Mollie or Sallie Breen?



Abt. 1903 (?)

1903

## Hendy and Fischer Family

This photo & one of girls with a horse were printed together so were most likely taken at the same time. Catherine Hart Hendy, Georgena Hendy, and Albert George Fischer have definitely been identified. Could the woman to the left be Mollie Fischer or Sarah Jane (Sallie) Hendy Breen, who Catherine frequently visited in Cincinnati, and the girls in the other photo her daughters, Stella and Aeolian?



Abt. 1903 (?)

1904

## Fischer Cigar Factory Has Largest Output in Okla

"The Fischer factory has the largest output of any cigar factory either in Oklahoma or Indian Territory and 90 per cent of the cigars are sold in Chickasha."

7 May 1904 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1905

## A. G. Fischer Grand Knight for New K of C Chapter

26 Jan 1905 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1906

## AG Fischer Cigar Factory Listing

Chickasha Daily Express. Tuesday, March 6, 1906

*A. G. FISCHER CIGAR FACTORY.*  
A. G. Fischer, Proprietor. Manufacturers of domestic cigars.

6 Mar 1906

1907

## Para Vita Carbonated Mineral Water for Health

This must have been a brief business experiment for Albert (and a logical one, given all of his folksy medical advice for Georgena!): "For stomach, kidney troubles, loss of appetite, drink Para Vita carbonated mineral water."

29 Jul 1907 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1910

## A New Cigar Factory Is To Open Soon

Chickasha Daily Express, Monday, March 14, 1910.



14 Mar 1910

1910

## Real Estate Transfer

22 Mar 1910 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1910

## A. G. Fischer Moves to Duncan, Opens Hardware Co.

"A. G. Fischer and family, pioneer residents of Chickasha, left yesterday for Duncan, where they will make their home, Mr. Fischer going into the hardware business in that city."

29 Mar 1910 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1910

## Residence

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Head; Occupation is Retail Merchant

1910 • Duncan Ward 2, Stephens, Oklahoma, USA

1918

## Occupation

R. L. Polk & Co.'s Oklahoma State Gazetteer and Business Directory shows listing for A. G. Fischer business as real estate and loans (Source: <https://www.stephenscogen.org/~okstephe/PolkDirectory.txt>)

1918 • Duncan, Stephens, Oklahoma, USA

1924

## Fischer Family Portrait

Back row: Virginia, Leona, Gertrude; Middle row: Albert, Georgena; Front row: Robert and Pete Clarkson, Marion Robinson



1924

1930

## Residence

Albert George Fischer lived in Duncan, Oklahoma, in 1930.

Marital Status: Widowed; Relation to Head: Head; Address: 1010 S. Twelfth St., Duncan, OK

**1930 • Duncan, Stephens, Oklahoma, USA**

1935

## Residence

Albert George Fischer lived in Duncan, Oklahoma, in 1935.

**1935 • Duncan, Oklahoma**

1940

## Residence

Albert George Fischer lived in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on April 1, 1940.

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Father-in-Law

**1 Apr 1940 • Ardmore, Carter, Oklahoma, USA**

1943

## Death

Albert George Fischer died on January 17, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, when he was 78 years old.

He died at the home of his daughter Gertrude (Fischer) Robinson. Services were at St. Francis Church in Oklahoma City, followed by burial in Duncan, OK.

### *Death Record*

#### **Albert G. Fischer**

Albert G. Fischer, the father of Mrs. L. L. Robinson and Mrs. Paul J. Clarkson, formerly of Ardmore, died Sunday morning at the home of the former daughter in Oklahoma City. Services will be at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday in St. Francis church, Oklahoma City, followed by burial at Duncan.

Fischer was born in St. Louis, Mo., February, 1865. Reared and educated in St. Louis he later moved to Chickasha and thence to Duncan, where he was in business until he retired in 1931. Since then he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Robinson and family who recently moved to Oklahoma City. The other daughter now resides in San Antonio, Texas.

Besides these daughters he is survived by 10 grandchildren.

17 Jan 1943 • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA

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## Burial

Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, United States of America