

John Isaac Wesley Fisher

- 1854 September 25. John Isaac Wesley Fisher is born a slave in Hannibal, Missouri
- 1863 Fisher begins to learn the blacksmith trade in St. Louis under the political leader Ed "Boss" Butler.
- 1872 Baldwin meets Fisher in St. Louis and Fisher becomes Baldwin's farrier in San Francisco and later Santa Anita, where he becomes the foreman of the ranch
- 1875 March 19. Lucky Baldwin purchases 8, 000 acres of Rancho Santa Anita for \$200,000 in cash
- 1878 Santa Anita becomes a breeding farm. Baldwin's horses successfully raced on eastern circuits
- 1885 Fisher is sent to South Carolina to recruit workers on contract. Many come from Bennettsville, county seat of Marlboro County: Adams, Hollins, McQueen, Morris, Shaw. (Leroy Criss)
- 1886 January 30. South Carolina families arrive at Santa Anita
May 17. Monrovia is founded
- 1887 February 16. John Fisher married Joherness A. Shipton in Denver
- 1888 First listing in Denver City Directories
- 1893 John Fisher married Annie Brumfield and they become the parents of two children, one of whom died in infancy
- 1900 Fisher family still in Denver; move to Santa Anita later that year
- 1907 December 7. Opening of first Santa Anita Park, located where the county park in Arcadia is today.
- 1909 March 1. Death of Lucky Baldwin. Fisher family moves to 620 E. White Oak in Monrovia. Blacksmith shop at 109 E. Colorado

- 1911 January. Listed in Monrovia City Directory living at 620 E. White Oak
Blacksmith shop was located at 624 E. White Oak
- 1913 May 17. Permit issued to move house and blacksmith shop
- 1913-1914 Listed in Monrovia City Directory living at 428 E. Maple
- 1916 December 22. Divorces Annie Fisher and marries Cora L. Carr, 36 years his junior
- 1919-1920 Annie and Julian (Gladys) listed in Monrovia City Directory living at 428 E. Maple
- 1920 January 7. John and Cora Fisher living in Holtville. John working as a blacksmith in the Holtville City Shop.
- 1924 John Fisher living at 620 Duarte Avenue
- 1924 August 19. Permit issued to remodel 823 S. Shamrock
- 1928 February 18. Permit issued for a store at 821 S. Shamrock (Route 66)
- 1930 John Fisher living at 823 S. Shamrock
- 1934 Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Santa Anita Park. Fisher acknowledged and invited to help in turning the first shovelful of dirt
- 1935 John and Cora Fisher living at 603 E. Maple
- 1938 May 7. Cora dies
- 1940 January 16. John Fisher dies at 603 E. Maple. Buried at Live Oak
- 1958 Annie Fisher dies at the age of 90

Quote from Baldwin's 1934 biography: "He'd have made me rich if I'd had sense enough to let him."