

**I had my 88th birthday this year.**

**Here I am tickling the 88 ivories of the Fienning family Starr piano  
on which I learned to play as a boy.**

**My father, George, helped craft this piano and presented it to  
His wife, Frances, my mother, as a wedding gift in 1901.**

**It has been lovingly restored by my great-niece in California. What an  
unspeakable joy to play it again! (August 2004)**

**Be still and listen.....I'm playing your favorite Christmas carol!**

**Merry Christmas!**

AND

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe, Sr." in a cursive style.

George Fienning was a fine cabinet maker and practiced this art for 10 years at the Starr Piano Company in Richmond, IN. This is the piano he helped make and gave to Frances as a wedding gift.

