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Family

GENEALOGY OF JUDGE JAMES E. PEARCE
OF CALIFORNIA

DESCENDANT OF
JOHN PEARCE OF RHODE ISLAND
NATHAN PEARCE OF NEW YORK
DANIEL PEARCE OF NORTH CAROLINA
and
WILLIAM PEARCE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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FIRST GENERATION

1. John Pearce of Prudence Island, Portsmouth Township, Newport County, Rhode, born 1632, probably Wales, died 1692. Known as John Pearce "Mason" to distinguish him from John Pearce, son of Richard. Will dated 23 September 1689, proved 26 April 1692, Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island.

Children of John Pearce and Mary:

1) John, born about 1658, died 9 February 1746, North Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island. Married 8 March 1679, Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island, Martha Brayton, daughter of Francis Brayton and Mary.

*2) Daniel

3) Mary, born about 1666, married 1st Robert Hill, 2nd James Sweet, 3rd Edward Green.

John Pearce (Mason), may have been of the Baptist congregation of John Miles of Swansea, Wales, who were persecuted and came from Wales to Rehoboth, Mass, in 1662/3, and from there to Swansea, Plymouth Colony, Mass, 1666/7.

The "Clark-King Ancestry" by John Edwin Salisbury, says that according to tradition John Pearce came from Cornwall, England.

5 Jan. 1666, "John Pearce, admitted this day, a free inhabitant of this town." Portsmouth, Rhode Island Town Records.

5 April 1668, leased a house and several acres from William Cory. This house located in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

7 May 1673, he called himself aged forty-one years in giving testimony as to death of Rebecca Cornell. Therefore born about 1632.

He was chosen a cattle surveyor on Prudence Island.

4 May 1675, John Pearce (Mason) was made a freeman of the Colony from Portsmouth.

31 October 1677, John Pearce (Mason) and forty seven others were granted 5000 acres of land in East Greenwich, Rhode Island by the General Assembly.

12 January 1678, John Pearce (Mason) was permitted by the General Assembly to dispose of his East Greenwich property to Henry Matthewson.

16 March 1685, John Pearce (Mason) drawn on Jury at "Tryall's" at Newport, Rhode Island.

5 March 1686, John Pearce (Mason) was a member of the Coroner's Jury held at the house of James Sweet, Jr., on Prudence Island, Rhode Island.

23 February 1691, Major John Greene, deeded 430 acres of land in Natick and a meadow near there to John Pearce (Mason) inhabitant of Prudence Island.

20 August 1691, John Pearce (Mason) and his wife Mary, deeded 420 acres of land in Natick to their son Daniel. He to have possession at the death of his father.

John Pearce's will was dated 23 September 1689 and was proved 26 April 1692. Names wife Mary as Executrix and John Smith and Jeremiah Smith as Overseers. To his three children, John Pearce, Jr., Daniel Pearce and Mary Hill, wife of Robert Hill, he left one shilling each. To son John, a cow and his gun. To son Daniel, his mulatto boy. To daughter Mary Hill, a negro boy named George. To wife Mary, the rest of his estate.

His widow Mary Pearce's will was dated 17 September 1711, and proved 8 October 1711. Executor was son Daniel. To the poor brethren of Church of Christ to whom I do belong 40 shillings. The remainder divided between her three children. One third to son John Pearce, one third to son Daniel Pearce, and the other one third, less five shillings which was to be paid to Mary Sweet, her beloved daughter, was to be held by Daniel and supplied to the said Mary Sweet at his discretion, if said daughter Mary Sweet shall really want relief. All of said share undisposed of at the time of death of Mary Sweet to be divided among Mary Sweet's seven children by her first husband. Her negro woman Betty to son Daniel, but he to pay 10 pounds to his brother John in lieu thereof.

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SECOND GENERATION

Daniel Pearce, Sr., was born about 1662, and died in North Kingstown, Rhode Island sometime after 1731. Some records claim he probably died after 1744.

He was married twice but the first wife's name is unknown. His second wife, whom he married 13 december 1703 was Elizabeth Tucker, daughter of Morris Tucker and Elizabeth Gill. Elizabeth was born 7 April 1677, Salisbury, Mass., and died 1728.

Children of Daniel Pearce and ?:

1) Daniel, born about 1687, on Prudence Island, Rhode Island, died about 1758. Married October 1708, Patience Hill, daughter of Jonathan Hill and Elizabeth Holmes.

2) Margaret, born about 1689, married 1710 Ephraim Smith, son of Jeremiah Smith and Mary Gerardy. Ephraim Smith died 13 April 1722. Margaret married 2nd on 4 January 1725, Immanuel Clark, son of Benjamin Clark and Mercy Smith.

3) John, born about 1691, died 22 June 1744. Married 1718, Martha Sweet.

4) Mary, born about 1693, married 1715, John Moss or Morse. Married 2nd John Matthewson (Matteson).

Children of Daniel Pearce and Elizabeth Tucker:

5) Benoni, born 1704, died 20 November 1724, married 10 November 1723, Sarah Rhodes, daughter of William Rhodes and Sarah Mansfield. Sarah Pearce, widow of Benoni, married 2nd, 21 November 1725, William Havens.

* 6) Nathan

7) William, born 1709, died 7 August 1784, married Elizabeth Tillinghast, daughter of Charles and Mary Tillinghast. Elizabeth was born 1718 and died 11 November 1761.

Daniel Pearce was a butcher by trade.

6 June 1692, took oath as freeman of the town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

1694, 1695, and 1697 was constable in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

1698, 1701, 1705, 1710, 1711, he was a deputy to General Assembly from Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

1720, 1721, 1723, 1731, he was a deputy to General Assembly from North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

19 August 1696, he was on a Committee in regard to Town Pound.

25 August 1699, he was on a Committee to make a rate for a tax.

1700, Daniel Pearce, Senior, of Prudence Island, bought of Benjamin and Jonathan Viall and John Thomas of Swansey, 760 acres of land at Aquidnesett.

20 August 1706, Juryman.

1 September 1707, Assessor of rateable property.

1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, Justice of the Peace in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

6 June 1720, he was furnished with a law book by the town of Portsmouth, and was chosen ratemaker.

1721, he and his wife Elizabeth deeded to sons Daniel Pearce, Junior, and John Pearce, 400 acres of land in Aquidnesett.

8 January 1721/2, Daniel Pearce of Kingstown, gave a Negro or Mulatto Woman called Hannah, for love to his son and daughter Ephraim Smith and Margaret his wife. Said Hannah already in the possession of son Ephraim Smith.

1723, Daniel and his wife Elizabeth gave a deed of mortgage for 650 pounds to Colonel Samuel Brown, of Salem, on 350 acres of land.

1724, he was Overseer of the poor.

11 August 1724, Daniel Pearce of North Kingstown, made a deed of gift to the town of land for a road from Fones Bridge to the sea, for a driftway for public use.

10 March 1726, he and wife Elizabeth deeded 200 acres to his son Daniel of Prudence Island.

16 March 1726, Daniel Pearce of North Kingstown, and Elizabeth sold their farm of 433 acres for 3000 pounds to their sons Daniel and John Pearce of Prudence Island.

17 March 1726, Daniel and John Pearce gave a bond to their brothers, Nathan and William Pearce, that they would give them a part of their father's estate when they came of age.

July 1728, his son Daniel Pearce, Junior and Patience, his wife, of Prudence Island, gave bond to the town of North Kingstown to support his father and the latter's wife Elizabeth, and to furnish them the use of a horse.

13 November 1736, Daniel Pearce, before the town council of North Kingstown, agreed to bring a certificate from Portsmouth concerning his daughter Mary and her two children.

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THIRD GENERATION

Nathan Pearce, was born 22 April 1705/06, Prudence Island, Rhode Island. He died 15 March 1790, Pawling, Dutchess County, New York. He married 8 October 1724, at North Kingstown, Rhode Island, Abigail Spink, daughter of Nicholas Spink and Abigail. Abigail Spink was born 1704 at North Kingstown, Rhode Island, and died 7 January 1791, at Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.

Nathan resided in North Kingstown for a time and then from 1735 to 1742 he lived on Prudence Island, Rhode Island. He resided from 1742 to 1759 in Providence, Rhode Island. He went to Johnston, Rhode Island and was residing there in 1760 when he moved to Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, with all his sons except Benoni and most of his daughters.

He was a celebrated land surveyor and marked a line between North Kingstown and East Greenwich. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and was sometimes styled Rev. Nathan Pearce. He was a Justice of the Peace.

He settled in the valley at Pawling, New York, on a farm owned in 1926 by Gustav Ericson. It is located on the back road to Wingdale about 3 miles north from the Pawling Railroad Station. In one of the large rooms on the main floor of his house he conducted a private school.

He was a captain in the Revolution and fought at the battles of Long Island and White Plains. He was chairman of the Vigilance Committee of Pawling Precinct.

Children of Nathan Pearce and Abigail Spink:

1) Sarah, born 19 August 1725, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, married 2 June 1845, Richard Stafford, son of Thomas Stafford and Audrey Greene. Richard Stafford born 24 September 1721.

2) Abigail, born 10 February 1727, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, died 17 February 1789, buried Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, Rhode Island. Married 7 July 1751, Jonathan Truman of New London, Conn. Jonathan Truman was son of Thomas Truman and Susanna Mosier. He was born 25 August 1720 and died 17 February 1802. Buried Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, Rhode Island.

*3) Benoni

4) Ephraim, born 15 March 1733, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, died 28 March 1816, Dutchess County, New York. Married first, probably Lorany Matteson, daughter of Josiah Matteson and Rosannah. Married second, Phebe Manton, daughter of John Manton and Phebe Latham. This may have been her second marriage.

5) Susannah, born 27 April 1736, Prudence Island, Rhode Island.

6) Margaret, born 7 October 1738, Prudence Island, Rhode Island, died 23 September 1778, Pawling, New York. Married 1786 William Potter at Pawling, New York.

*7) Nathan

8) Phebe, born 25 May 1743, Providence, Rhode Island, died May 5, 1822, buried Pocasset Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island. Married Charles Dyer III on 25 March 1764, the son of Charles Dyer and Abigail Williams. He was born 21 November 1742, and died 14 August 1823. He is buried at Pocasset Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island.

9) William, born 12 September 1745, Providence, Rhode Island, died 17 January 1813, Pawling, Dutchess County, New York. Body removed from original cemetery and buried in Pawling Rural Cemetery, Pawling, New York, May 23, 1860, by Emma Stark. Married 2 March 1766, Pawling, New York, Chloe Cary, daughter of Rev. Henry Cary and Abigail Paul. Chloe Cary was born 6 June 1746, Ashford, Conn., and died 4 September 1778, of the measles. She is buried Pawling, New York. He married 2nd, 7 February 1779, Lydia Birdsall, daughter of John Birdsall and Rebekah Elwill. She was born 20 August 1727, Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, New York, and died 2 March 1813. Buried Greenbush, New York.

3 April 1745, was made a Freeman of the Colony from Providence.

1 May 1750, he took oath against bribery and corruption in Providence.

28 May 1744 bought of Acharia Matheson Jr., and wife Sarah 35 acres of land in Providence.

7 February 1749, Nathan and William Pearce signed petition to Rhode Island General Assembly for new bridge from Providence to Cumberland by lottery.

1755 and 1758, Justice in Providence.

May 1759, and August 1760, Justice in Johnston, Rhode Island.

17 July 1760, made a deposition in Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York, concerning Will of Cary Clark of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

17 May 1761, sold 20 acres of land in Johnston, Rhode Island to his son Ephraim, for good will and affection.

26 November 1761, bought 2 3/4 acres of land in city of Johnston, from Edward, Arthur, and Rachel Fenner.

29 March 1770 he bought 240 acres of land for 500 pounds in Pawling, New York from Judadiah Irish.

12 February 1775, sold to William Pearce, 154 acres of land in Pawling Precinct, Dutchess County, New York, for 600 pounds. Witnesses Abel Parker and Jonathan Pearce.

1778, he was the first Supervisor of the town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.

1784, sold land in Pawling to Benoni, called his son.

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FOURTH GENERATION

Nathan Pearce, Jr., born 17 January 1740, Prudence Island, Portsmouth Township, Newport County, Rhode Island. Died sometime between 11 January 1780, when his will was made and 1 June 1784, when his will was proved, in Dutchess County, New York. There was a will contest and the will was confirmed by the New York Appeals Court, Albany, New York, 13 October 1784. Married Elizabeth Culver. Elizabeth Culver married 2nd. William Conner. Information from a deed to clear title on property, she states she was formerly Elizabeth Pearce wife of Nathan, now Elizabeth Conner.

His will left one third of his moveable estate to his beloved wife Elizabeth. To his three sons all the rest of his estate, namely, Daniel, Robert Gilbert and Charles, equally divided. The sons to pay to his two daughters, Susannah and Hannah, each fifty pounds equivalent to silver dollars when they are eighteen. If either daughter should die before eighteen her part to go to the survivor. His sons to receive theirs when they are 21, and if any should die before reaching 21, his share to go to survivors. His brother William Pearce named guardian of the children. Brother William and wife Elizabeth executors. Witnesses James Stark, Sarah Pearce, Nathan Pearce.

Nathan Pearce Jr., was a captain in the Revolutionary War. He was the tax collector of the tax on those who refused to sustain the government. He was also collector of the military fines. He was murdered in his home by the Tories during the war.

Children of Nathan Pearce Jr. and Elizabeth Culver:

*1) Daniel

2) Robert Gilbert Livingston. Born about 1772, Pawling, Dutchess County, N.Y. Married Eunice Worden, born about 1777, died 20 January 1840, Andes, Delaware County, New York. Lived in Dutchess County until after 1800. In 1813, according to the deed records he was living in Unadilla, Otsego County, New York.

3) Charles. Born Pawling, Dutchess County, New York. Married Polly, (last name unknown). Lived in Dutchess County until after 1800. In 1808 he was living in Unadilla, Otsego County, New York. According to deed records he was still living there in 1836.

4) Susannah. Born Pawling, Dutchess County, New York. Married 1st: ___ Crandall. Married 2nd. 26 January 1800, Captain James Stark as his 2nd wife.

5) Hannah. Born Pawling, Dutchess County, N.Y. Died 30 December 1827, Unadilla, Otsego Co. N.Y. Married Stephen Raymond.

14 December 1761, Nathan Pearce, Jr. bought 20 acres of land in Johnston, Providence County, Rhode Island from Ephraim and Phebe Pearce.

15 October 1763 sold 20 acres of land bought of Ephraim Pearce to his honored father Nathan Pearce for the sum of one hundred fifty pounds. Nathan Pearce living at Dutchess County, New York. Witnesses Benoni Pearce, Joseph Borden Junior. On 3 November 1763 Nathan Pearce Junior appeared in person and acknowledged the deed before James Angell at Providence, Rhode Island.

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FOURTH GENERATION

Benoni, born 23 November 1730, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, died 31 October 1819, buried near Pocasset Pond, Johnston, Rhode Island. He married 5 May 1754, at Coventry, Rhode Island, Mehitable Walker, daughter of Daniel Walker and Mary Perry. She was born 22 September 1733 at Attleboro, Mass., and died 26 June 1800, at Paullingstown, New York. Married by Rev. Samuel Drowne.

Benoni married 2nd Ruth Tweedy, 27 July 1800, at Pawling, New York. Married by William Pearce, Esq. Ruth Tweedy was the daughter of John Tweedy and Jane Edmonds. She was 52 years old when she married Benoni. After the death of Benoni she moved to Danbury, Conn. and died at the residence of her niece Mrs. Ann Wildman on the 27th April 1830, age 81. There were no children of this marriage.

Benoni lived in Providence most of his life, going to Pawling, New York about 1784, when he purchased land from his father, Book 15, Page 463, and 464. He sold land to Henry Pearce 16 May 1807 with wife Ruth and deed was signed in Cranston, R.I. Book 20, Page 416, 417.

His will dated at Pawlings Town 13 April 1807, proved at Providence, Rhode Island, 31 January 1820, mentions his wife, Ruth, children, Lydia M. and John Hancock, grandchildren Cyrus Pearce Tillinghast, Cyrus Stark, Henry Stark, William Pearce Stark, Benjamin Dyer, Jr., Cornelia Pearce, daughter of Samuel Pearce, Mehitable Walker Pearce, Benoni Pearce and Paris Pearce, sons of Daniel Pearce, and sons-in-law Paris Jencks Tillinghast and Dr. Benjamin Dyer. His Codicil dated 16 February 1819 mentions Mehitable W. Pearce, Ruth Tweedy Pearce, Anstis Pearce and Cornelia Pearce, daughters of Daniel Pearce.

Children of Benoni Pearce and Mehitable Walker

1) Sarah, born 16 April 1755, Johnston, R.I. died 13 July 1798, Danbury, Conn., buried Pawling Rural Cemetery, Route 22, Pawling, New York. Married James Stark, as his first wife, 17 September 1780, Pawling, New York. James Stark was the son of James Stark and Elizabeth Cary. He was born 12 December 1760, Dover, New York, died 10 June 1812, Danbury, Conn. Buried Pawling Rural Cemetery, Pawling, New York. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

James Stark married 2nd. Susannah (Pearce) Crandall, the daughter of Nathan Pearce, Jr., Benoni's brother.

2) Elizabeth Walker, born 7 April 1757, Providence, Rhode Island, died 17 June 1813, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Married 13 November 1777, Thursday, P.M. at Cranston, Rhode Island, Paris Jencks Tillinghast, son of Nicholas Tillinghast and Joanna Jencks. Paris was born 19 March 1757, Providence, Rhode Island, died 26 September 1822, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

3) Martha, born 17 May 1759, Providence, Rhode Island, died 13 April 1806, Johnston, Rhode Island. Buried near Pocasset Pond, Johnston, Rhode Island. Married 11 February 1791, Pawling, New York, Samuel Pearce, son of Ephraim Pearce. They were married by William Pearce, Esq. Samuel Pearce was born 3 January 1757, Providence, Rhode Island. After the death of Martha, Samuel removed to Fayetteville, North Carolina. He married 2nd. Margaret Leonard, 25 December 1806, at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

4) Cyrus, born 30 November 1761, Providence, Rhode Island, died 7 October 1762, Providence, Rhode Island.

5) Abigail, born 9 August 1763, Providence, Rhode Island, died 12 April 1831, buried Pocasset Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island. Married 20 April 1788, Dr. Benjamin Dyer, son of Charles Dyer and Phebe Pearce. Dr Benjamin Dyer was born 8 July 1768, Cranston, Rhode Island, died 15 May 1831, Providence, Rhode Island.

6) Oliver, born 7 August 1765, Providence, Rhode Island, died 20 November 1815, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Buried Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Married 28 December 1788, Providence, Rhode Island, Mary Smith West, daughter of Dr. Benjamin West. Mary was born about 1769 and died 11 September 1822, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Buried Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

7) Nathan, born 26 January 1768, Providence, Rhode Island, died 7 May 1820, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Married 16 April 1795, Pawling, New York, Clarissa Harlow Phelps, daughter of Captain Josiah Phelps and Anna Denslow. Married by William Pearce, Esq. Clarissa Harlow Phelps was born 7 February 1780 at Harwinton, Conn. She died 19 April 1853 at Fayetteville, North Carolina. Married 2nd. John Winfield Howell, 18 December 1821, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

8) Lydia Mann, born 26 May 1770, Providence, Rhode Island, died 26 July 1848, Cranston, Rhode Island. Buried Pocasset Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island. She never married. According to Will of her father Benoni Pearce, she was insane.

*9) Anstis

10) John Hancock, born 15 October 1774, Providence, Rhode Island. Married 13 May 1812, Frances Eccles, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Benoni Pearce was a deputy in Providence five times beginning in 1769.

1774, he was on a committee to report to the General Assembly upon the seizure of the sloop "Two Pollies" by the Spaniards on the Mississippi River.

5 May 1752 took oath against bribery and corruption in Providence, Rhode Island.

23 March 1762, he was director in a lottery for paving certain streets in Providence.

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FIFTH GENERATION

Daniel Pearce was born 8 May 1769, Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, died 10 October 1846, Randolph County, North Carolina. He married his cousin Anstis Pearce, daughter of Benoni Pearce and Mehitable Walker. They were married 9 March 1794, at Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, by their uncle Col. William Pearce, Esq. Anstis was born 9 September 1772, Providence, Rhode Island, died 14 June 1844, Randolph County, North Carolina. They lived in Pawling, New York until about 1807, when they returned to Rhode Island. About 1818, they went to North Carolina, where he is on record as living in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina. In 1819, while living in Fayetteville, he bought land from McMasters in Chatham County, North Carolina and moved there.

Children of Daniel Pearce and Anstis Pearce:

1) Ira, born 11 December 1794, Wednesday, Pawlings, New York, died when 3 days old.

2) Mehitable Walker, born 15 April 1796 8 A.M. Friday, Pawlings, New York. Married 12 February 1825, William Deggas Wren, son of John Wren and Patience Carroll. William Deggas Wren was born 24 September 1794. Two children Anthony Lafayette Deggas Wren, and William Washburn Wren.

3) Benoni, born 3 November 1798, Pawlings, New York, died 6 June 1876, Wilbur, Gregg Township, Morgan County, Indiana. Date of death taken from tombstone, located in Wilbur, Indiana in a private graveyard located on what was the Pearce farm. Clyde Covington Pearce a descendant of Benoni's was still living in Martinsville, Indiana, age 93, in 1981, and remembers living on the farm as a boy. Benoni married 1st. Abigail Gregory in North Carolina. She was born 10 March 1801, Chatham County, North Carolina and died 20 March 1841, Wilbur, Morgan County, Indiana. He had eight children by his first wife. Six of the sons were in the Civil War and two of them died in the service.

Married 2nd. Diana Orreil, 5 June 1845, Hendricks County, Indiana. Diana Orreil was born 1813, daughter of Mark Orreil of North Carolina. Benoni and Diana had three children.

*4) Paris

5) Ruth Tweedy, born 2 June 1804, Saturday, Pawlings, New York, died 1864, Wilbur, Indiana. Buried Poplar Grove Cemetery, Wilbur, Indiana. Married 9 February 1830 William Lynch, Chatham County, North Carolina. William Lynch, born 1807, North Carolina, died 1888. Married 2nd Martha Martin, 3 November 1864. Nine children by first wife. Had four sons killed in the Civil War. All bought back to Wilbur, Indiana for burial.

6) Anstis, born 28 May 1807, Saturday, in Rhode Island. Died in Illinois. Married 12 October 1847, Cumberland County, North Carolina, William Carver. William Carver was born about 1815 in North Carolina. In 1850 and 1860 Census they were living Brush Creek, Randolph County, North Carolina. One child. Daniel Paris Carver.

7) Abigail Dyer, born 15 July 1809, Cranston, Rhode Island, died Wilbur, Indiana. Married 2 October 1837, Randolph County, North Carolina, Abraham Owen. Abraham Owen was born about 1809 in North Carolina, died 29 December 1864, Wilbur, Morgan County, Indiana. Buried Poplar Grove Cemetery, Wilbur, Indiana. Four children. 1850 Census was living Southern Division, Randolph County, North Carolina. 1860 Census living Gregg Township, Morgan County, Indiana.

8) Cornelia Frances, born 12 December 1811 Thursday, Providence, Rhode Island. Died 1902 Farlington, Kansas. Married Nicholas Dafford (Originally DeFord) 21 December 1837, Randolph County, North Carolina. Nicholas Dafford was born 19 December 1798, died 1879, Little Rock, Arkansas. He was son of William Dafford. Resided in North Carolina until after the Civil War and then moved to Wilbur, Indiana. Some of the family that remained in North Carolina used the name Daffron.

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1824 Daniel deeds land to Paris Pearce in Chatham County, North Carolina. Grantor Deed Book 2, page 315.

1824 Daniel deeds land to Benoni Pearce in Chatham County, North Carolina, for love and affection. Grantor Deed Book 2, page 198.

2 November 1832 Daniel purchases from Ira McDaniel 100 acres more or less in Randolph County, North Carolina. Deed Book 19, Page 386.

1840 Census show him living in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Records of William Wren, great great grandson of Mehitable Walker Pearce. William Wren still living in Siler City, North Carolina (1981). Owner of Siler City Mills.

Private graveyard with 13 graves on the property formerly owned by Benoni Pearce, Wilbur, Gregg Township, Morgan County, Indiana. Present owner still caring for graves.

Hendricks County, Indiana Marriage Records, Book 2, page 340. Benoni Pearce and Diana Orreil.

Randolph County Marriage Bond of Paris Pearce and Rachel Kivet.

Gravestones at Rocky River Methodist Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina. Located at back of Thompson farm, Chatham County, North Carolina.

Cemetery records of Poplar Grove Cemetery, Gregg Township, Morgan County, Indiana.

Chatham County Marriage Bond, William Lynch and Ruth Tweedy Pearce.

Cumberland County Marriage Bond of William Carver and Anstis Pearce.

Randolph County Marriage record of Abraham Owen and Abigail Dyer Pearce.

Randolph County Marriage record of Nicholas Dafford and Cornelia Frances Pearce.

Family records of Dorothy Allen Craghead (handed down from Cornelia Frances Pearce Dafford). Dorothy Craghead still living (1981) at Jetmore, Kansas.

Conversations with Clyde Covington Pearce, age 93, of Martinsville, Indiana, grandson of Benoni Pearce.

Census Records of Morgan County, Indiana 1850-1860-1870-1880.

Census Records of Randolph County and Chatham County, North Carolina, 1830-1840-1850-1860-1870-1880-1900.

Year book of Dutchess County Historical Society, Vol. XI, page 35, 36, 37.

Raleigh Register Newspaper Death Notices; October 30, 1846, Daniel Pearce of Dutchess County, N.Y.

SIXTH GENERATION

Paris Pearce, born 12 July 1801, Saturday 8 A.M., Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, died 24 March 1853, Chatham County, North Carolina. (Aged 51 years, 8 months, 12 days). Buried Rocky River Methodist Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina, on the back of the old Pearce homestead. Married 11 May 1827, Rachel Kivet, daughter of Peter Kivet II and Sarah York. She was born 5 July 1803, and died 5 July 1865. (Aged 62 years). Buried Rocky River Methodist Cemetery. Paris Pearce was mentioned in the will of Benoni Pearce, father of Anstis Pearce.

Children of Paris Pearce and Rachel Kivet:

1) Benjamin Franklin, born 7 February 1828, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 1 January 1871, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina. Buried Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Married 4 October 1854, Cumberland County, North Carolina, Maria Atkins, daughter of Mary Atkins. Maria Atkins was born 28 September 1832 in North Carolina and died 1 January 1881. Buried Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

2) Mary, died young

*3) Alfred

4) Elipa, infant daughter, died young. Buried Rocky River Methodist Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina.

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"Fox Family History", by John Franklin Vallentine, Ph. D. Brigham Young University.

"Kivett Genealogy", published at the Kivett Reunion held in 1980, at Randolph County, North Carolina.

Gravestone records at Rocky River Methodist Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina.

Vital records of North Carolina, Chatham and Randolph County, State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Cemetery records at Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

SEVENTH GENERATION

Alfred Pearce was born 1829, Chatham County, North Carolina and died during the Civil War, 10 December 1862. He became ill while a soldier in the Confederate Army and was sent to a military hospital at Lynchburg, Virginia where he died of smallpox.

He was married 6 September 1855 to Sarah Adaline Fox, daughter of George Fox and Sally Teague. Sarah Adaline Fox was born 13 March 1836, Chatham County, North Carolina and died 5 August 1914, Chatham County, North Carolina. Buried Rocky River Methodist Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina. Age 78 years, 4 months, 23 days.

He was a Sergeant in Company A, 5th Regiment, known as the Bloody Fifth. It was assembled at Halifax, North Carolina.

He is buried at the old City Cemetery in a part of the Confederate Soldiers Section called "Yankee Square".

He was buried by the Diuquid Funeral Home, which is still in existence 1984, and they have a copy of his burial Record. Buried on 20 December 1862. Age 33.

Children of Alfred Pearce and Sarah Adaline Fox:

1) E.A.M., born 14 May 1856, died 7 September 1856. Buried Rocky River Methodist Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina.

*2) James Wesley

3) Mary Elizabeth, born 10 August 1859, Albright Township Chatham county, North Carolina, died 8 December 1928, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina. Never married.

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Civil War pension application of Sarah Adline Fox.

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Military record of Alfred Pearce/Pierce.

"Descendants of William Marcus Cooper", by Oliver Henry Cooper.

Vital Records of Chatham County, North Carolina. Birth Certificate of Mary Elizabeth Pearce. Book A, page 794.

Marriage Index, Chatham County, North Carolina. Sarah Adline Fox and Alfred Pearce.

Letter from Benjamin Franklin Pearce to his brother Alfred Pearce, commenting on the death of the daughter who died in 1856.

Marriage record of Benjamin F. Pearce and Maria Atkins, Cumberland County, North Carolina. Vol. 25.

North Carolina Troops, Vol. 1, page 205.

Death Certificate of Sarah Adaline Pearce, Chatham County, North Carolina.

EIGHTH GENERATION

James Wesley Pearce, born 29 June 1857, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 15 November 1926, Chatham County, North Carolina. Buried Hickory Grove Church Cemetery, Silk Hope Road, Chatham County, North Carolina.

Married Emily Caroline Hinshaw, 30 July 1884, at Hickory Grove Church, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Emily Hinshaw, daughter of Zimri Hinshaw and Martha McMath Clark. Emily Caroline Hinshaw was born 19 May 1855, Chatham County, North Carolina and died 2 May 1908, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina.

Zimri Hinshaw was the father of George Washington Hinshaw, and son of William Hinshaw and Ruth Hinshaw.

James Wesley Pearce married 2nd. 20 September 1909, Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, Maggie A. Waters, born about 1884, Pitt County, North Carolina. Divorced February 1912.

James Wesley Pearce married 3rd. 12 August 1925, Louise E. Staley. Louise Staley was born 15 April 1878 and died 6 January 1961, daughter of Isaac Hutchings and Fannie Gattis. She is buried at Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Children of James Wesley Pearce and Emily Caroline Hinshaw:

1) Mary Margaret, born 21 July 1885, Liberty, Randolph County, North Carolina, died 29 March 1956, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina. Buried Hillcrest Cemetery, Hermitage, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married Hubert Linvell Blair, born 27 January 1882, North Carolina, died 8 January 1948, Wheatland, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

2) Anna, born 12 December 1886, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 3 November 1942, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Married 1 April 1917, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, Fred R. Thompson, son of Willie J. Thompson and Viola Piper. Fred R. Thompson was born 5 May 1880 and died 14 November 1937. Buried Hickory Grove Church Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina.

3) Junius, born 23 November 1888, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 2 October 1889. Buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, Chatham County, North Carolina.

*4) William Wade

5) George Ross, born 26 June 1893, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 12 February 1941, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina. Buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Married 1st. May Maude Woody, 24 December 1921, Siler City, Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Married 2nd. Sophronia B. Brower, born 14 December 1897, Randolph County, North Carolina, died 29 January 1961, Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina, daughter of Alfred Brower and Della Jeanette Jones. Sophronia Brower was married previously to Roscoe Poe.

6) Alfred Otis, born 25 August 1894, Chatham County, North Carolina. Died 2 July 1953, Parker, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. Buried Parker Presbyterian Cemetery, Parker, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. Married 3 October 1938, Blanche (Palm) Aiken. Blanche was born 25 May 1897, Parkers Landing, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. Died 22 November 1992, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Fred Palm and Charlotte Horner. Buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Parker, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

7) Infant daughter, born 4 July 1897, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 4 July 1897, buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina.

8) Oscar Zimri, born 5 March 1899, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 13 August 1962, Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina. Buried Oakwood Cemetery, Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina. (No headstone) Married 22 February 1943, Ida (Bennie) Hutchings, Lee County, North Carolina. Ida Hutchins born June 9, 1909, died April 30, 1973, Jacksonville, Florida. Ida Hutchins previously married to Robert Commach Kivett, born 10 May 1899, North Carolina, died 16 January 1933.

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Tombstone for James Wesley Pearce, Hickory Grove Church Cemetery, Silk Hope Road, Chatham County, North Carolina.

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Cemetery record of Louise Staley Pearce, Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

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NINTH GENERATION

William Wade, born 6 May 1890, Mud Lick, Chatham County, North Carolina, died 31 March 1965. Buried St. Marys Cemetery, New Castle, Pennsylvania. Married Annabell Diamond, 7 April 1919, Trenton, New Jersey. Annabell Diamond, born 16 November 1891, Kingston, Ulster County, New York, died 14 January 1984, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Edward Diamond and Ella Mary Hayes of Kingston, Ulster County, New York.

William Wade was a soldier during World War I. Steelworker. After their marriage in 1919 they resided in Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania until about 1941 when they moved to New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Children of William Wade Pearce and Annabell Diamond:

1) Charles Otis, born 24 December 1919, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died 7 September 1995, North Lima, Mahoning County, Ohio. Buried St. John Catholic Cemetery, Lowellville, Mahoning County, Ohio.

Married 1st. Viola Parkinson, 22 February 1941, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Viola Parkinson, born 24 January 1921, Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Parkinson and Zettie Van Valkenbury. Divorced. Three children of this marriage: Robert Charles, Gaile Elaine, Richard Joseph.

Married 2nd. Angie (Geminiani) Buckley, 24 June 1955, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Angie Buckley born 8 June 1916, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Paul Geminiani and Marie Trancossi. Divorced. One child of this marriage: Charles Otis.

Married 3rd. Ann (Baron) Dupleak 24 December 1972.

*2) James Edward

3) William Francis, born 26 October 1922, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married 16 August 1955, Dorothy C. (Lelenko) Sheaffler, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Dorothy Sheaffler born 6 October 1921, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. One child of this marriage: Billie Jean.

4) John Wesley, born 15 June 1924, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married 1st. 15 June 1947, Frances Palladino, Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Samuel Palladino and Blanche Gross. Frances Palladino born 5 March 1925, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died 9 August 1993, Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio. Buried All Souls Cemetery, Cortland, Trumbull County, Ohio. Two children of this marriage: John Wesley and Mark Gannon. Married 2nd. 29 April 1995, Blessed Sacrament Church, Warren, Ohio, Lois Kellar.

5) Dorothy Marie, born 24 September 1925, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married 18 October 1947, John Peter Carey, son of James Thomas Carey and Catherine Elizabeth Mahon. John Peter Carey born 18 January 1923, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Eight children of this Marriage: Kathryn Ann, Sheila Maria, John Timothy, Sharleen Patricia, Dorothy Ellen, Rebecca Bridget, Cynthia Elizabeth, Jacqueline Moira.

6) Marjorie Ellen, born 7 September 1927, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married 30 August 1958, Dominic Dorenzo, son of Antonia Dorenzo and Ann Costanza. Dominic Dorenzo, born 2 February 1928, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died 13 July 1985, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Two children of this marriage: James Dominic, Jean.

7) Mary Kathryn, born 8 October 1929, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married 24 June 1952, St. Marys Church, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, Arnold Paul Hogue, son of Paul Hogue and Effie. Arnold Paul Hogue, born 6 May 1928, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Divorced. Five children of this marriage: David Arnold, Christine Ann, Dennis Arthur, Douglas Allen, Daniel Paul.

8) Carolyn Ann, born 13 December 1931, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Unmarried.

9) George Richard, born 1 May 1933, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, married 19 December 1969, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Paramount, Los Angeles County, California, Auxilliadora (Gloria) Kirkland, daughter of Henry Kirkland and Louise Espinoza. Gloria born 28 July 1945, Bluefield, Nicaragua. Two children of this marriage: Richard Kirkland, Julianne Nicole.

10) Virginia Rose, born 16 August 1935, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, married 8 August 1959, St. Marys Church, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, Richard Thomas Hamilton, son of Louis W. Hamilton and Esther Graham. Richard Thomas Hamilton born 17 September 1930, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Five children born of this marriage: Deborah Lou, Richard Thomas Jr., Lori Anne Hamilton, Jennifer Leigh, Walter Shawn.

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Birth Certificate of Marjory Ellen Pearce, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Certificate No. 1550710-27.

Birth Certificate of Mary Kathryn Pearce, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Certificate No. 1603760-29.

Birth Certificate of Virginia Pearce, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Certificate No. 1064660-35.

TENTH GENERATION

James Edward Pearce, born 6 March 1921, Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married 25 July 1942, Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama, Margaret Deichler, daughter of Edward Adolph Deichler and Margaret Allen. Margaret Deichler was born 7 December 1923, McDonald, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

James Edward lived in Farrell, Pennsylvania until January 1942, when he entered the United States Air Force. After world War II he lived at New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania for a period of one year and then in August 1947, he went to Los Angeles, California to attend the University of Southern California. After graduation on November 5, 1950 he became a Deputy Sheriff for the County of Los Angeles. On November 1 1956 he became a Superior Court clerk for the County of Los Angeles. He attended night school at Southwestern University Law School in Los Angeles, California, and became an attorney in January 1965. In 1976 he was elected to the office of Judge of the Los Cerritos Municipal Court, Bellflower, Los Angeles County, and was reelected in 1982 and 1988. He retired at age 70 on March 5, 1991.

Lived in various places in the city of Los Angeles until 1948 when he moved to Compton, California. In 1952 he moved to Whittier, California for a period of four years. In 1956 moved back to Compton, California. On January 1, 1967, moved to Cerritos, Los Angeles County, California. On August 10, 1994, moved to Nuevo, Riverside County, California.

Children of James Edward Pearce and Margaret Deichler:

1) Judy Marie Pearce, born 7 October 1944, Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Married 14 February 1968, Joel Kelly. Divorced. No children. Residing 1996, Murietta, Riverside County, California. Employed by Social Security Administration in Long Beach, California.

2) James Edward, born 2 December 1946, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Married 1st. 14 July 1973, Las Vegas, Clark county, Nevada, Vickie Morgan. Divorced 2 May 1978. No children. Married 2nd. 29 March 1980, Lake Tahoe, Placer County, California, Capri McCaleb, born 25 June 1946, Orange County, California. Three children of this marriage: Derek McCaleb, Carin McCaleb Shawn McCaleb. Attended Western State University of Law in Fullerton, California and now an attorney in Redding, California. Residing 1996, Redding, California.

3) William Richard Pearce, born 4 January 1959, Lynwood, Los Angeles County, California. Married 20 October 1984, Garden Grove, Orange County, California, Dawneen Lynnette Smead, daughter of Leonard and Virginia Smead. Two children of this marriage: Jamie Leigh, Megan Elizabeth. Graduated from Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado, and received his Master Degree from University of Southern California. Employed by Mcdonald Douglas, Long Beach, California as an Engineer. Residing 1996, Yorba Linda, Orange County, California.

4) John Robert Pearce, born 4 April 1960, Lynwood, Los Angeles County, California. Employed by Disneyland, Anaheim, California. Residing 1996, Nuevo, Riverside County, California.

5) Joanyyn Pearce, born 13 July 1962, Los Angeles County, California. Married 2 May 1987, Rancho Capistrano Church, San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California, Kevin Dean Miller, son of Dean Reed Miller and Marcia Kristine Lindblad. Kevin Miller born 12 March 1959, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. No children. Residing 1996, Murietta, Riverside County, California.

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Birth Certificate of Margaret Deichler, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Certificate No. 2156520-23

Marriage License and Certificate, Montgomery County, Alabama. Certificate 24881.

Discharge papers from the United States Air Force.

Birth Certificate of William Richard Pearce, Los Angeles County, California. Certificate No. 7055.

Birth Certificate of John Robert Pearce, Los Angeles County, California.

Birth Certificate of Joannyn Pearce, Los Angeles County, California.

DOCS REFERENCE ONLY

**SCARBORO WASHINGTON STANFIELD -
JENNIE ALLEN PHELPS STANFIELD FAMILY**

CAPTION:

Scarboro Washington Stanfield, b 1891, Glennville, Tattnall Co, GA, holding daughter, Mildred. First born, Helen LaVerne, is standing between her father and mother, Jennie Allen Phelps Stanfield, b 1894 in Mabel, Sumter County, FL. Photo was taken in front of their home located near Mascotte in Lake County, circa 1916. Scarboro died two years later in the 1918 Flu Epidemic while working at the Brunswick Naval Ship Yard during WWI.

From Phelps Family Archives of Karen Newell Eitel

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Mary-Louise, This is my maternal grandparents. My mother, the last of three daughters born to this family, was born in May 1918. Soon after her birth her father, Scarboro, volunteered to work at the ship yard in Brunswick, Ga. He moved there to work in August and died in November, the same week the war ended. My mother, of course, never knew her father since she was only 6 months old when he died. My work on the Stanfield family line helped her learn more about him. I was able to presented the research to her a year before she died in 1998.

Report of County Commissioners.

We, the undersigned, County Commissioners in and for the County of Chambers,
Florida, do hereby report that at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held this day, the foregoing
application of Eliza Pearce for a pension under the Law of Florida,
was investigated by us; that we are satisfied that the applicant does not own property to exceed the value of
\$5,000, and that the representations made in the petition and affidavits are true and that a pension should be
granted to the applicant.

Witness our hands this 10 day of August, A. D. 1917.

- (1) W. B. Smith Chairman.
(2) C. W. Douglas
(3) S. S. Keen
(4) D. H. Herlong
(5) County Commissioners.

By the County Commissioners, Attest:

M. R. Pearce
Clerk Circuit Court.

NOTE—All Blanks must be filled out. All information required must be fully and accurately given.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

That she does not own property, including real estate, personal property, mortgages or other collateral securities, stocks or bonds in this or any other State to exceed in value the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

That the following is a true and correct statement of all property owned by me in this or any other State:

Real estate, located at....., \$.....
....., \$.....
....., \$.....
....., \$.....
....., \$.....
Personal property....., \$ 100
Cattle, horses and other live stock....., \$.....
Stocks....., \$.....
Bonds....., \$.....
Mortgages, notes and other securities....., \$.....
Total....., \$ 100

That she has heretofore been granted a pension from the State of Florida under Certificate No 22223
That she is not a pensioner of any other State.

That her Postoffice address is... Lulu County of
Columbia State of Florida.

Edgar Peace
(Claimants must sign Christian name.)

Attest:

(1) N. M. Jones
(2) T. E. Adams

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29 day of July

A. D. 19...; and I hereby certify that the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[Signature]
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

(FORM B.)

STATE OF FLORIDA,

County of Columbia

We, the undersigned citizens of... Columbia County, State of
Florida, do hereby certify that we personally know Edgar Peace, who is an appli-
cant for a pension under the Laws of Florida, and that from our own personal knowledge, and from the best
information available, we believe that the applicant does not own property to exceed in value the sum of \$5,000,
and that the statements made by her relative to the value of her property are true and correct.

(To be signed by two citizens.)

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29th day of July 1909

[Signature]
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

Application For Increase of Pension UNDER THE LAWS OF FLORIDA

Lulu, Fla. 5/10-1912

I, Eliza Pearce Pensioner No. 4126 of the State of Florida under the laws of Florida do hereby make application to the State Board of Pensions for an increase in pension allowed me at the rate of \$150⁰⁰ per annum.

I am unable on account of the disabilities shown below and by attached affidavit of a reputable physician, to earn a livelihood by manual labor.

(Here state fully and plainly the disability from which the applicant for increase is suffering, state any loss of limbs or eyesight and give age. Please avoid the use of technical terms.)

Loss of eyesight - general debility due to advanced age (80)

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May A. D. 1912

Eliza Pearce ^{by} mark

Witness

J. A. Smith
S. H. Smith

Address Lulu, Fla.
S. H. Smith (N.P.)

Physicians Affidavit My com expires Feb 17 1916

STATE OF FLORIDA,

County of Columbia

Before me personally came Eliza Pearce, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a resident of the State and County aforesaid, that she personally knows Eliza Pearce the applicant named in the foregoing application for a pension. The deponent further says that she has carefully examined the said applicant's physical condition and finds:

(Here state nature, character and extent of wounds, disease or disability. Please avoid technical terms)

Eye sight almost totally lost
general weakness and debility due to
her advanced age (80)

This deponent further says that the said Eliza Pearce is permanently disabled by reason of such disabilities from earning a livelihood for herself by manual labor.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 10

day of May

A. D. 1912 S. H. Smith (N.P.)

J. W. Gains

Physician

B. M. Iron

Physician

NOTE--All persons entitled to Pensions under the Laws of Florida who apply for the amount allowed in cases of total disability must submit the affidavits of two reputable physicians stating specifically the personal ailment and conditions that render the applicant entirely helpless and incapacitated, physically or mentally, for any work or business.

My com expires Feb 17 1916

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Widow's Pension Claim

UNDER THE ACT OF 1909

(FORM A.)

STATE OF FLORIDA,

County of

Columbia

On this 29 day of July, A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and 1909, personally appeared before me, a Clerk of the County and State aforesaid, Ely A. Pearce, a resident of Sumner County of Columbia State of Florida, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the provisions of Chapter 5885, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1909.

That she is the widow of John D. Pearce who was enlisted under the name of J. D. Pearce on the 14 day of May, 1861, in Company H, 4th Regiment of the State of Florida and who was honorably discharged at Home Apr 9, 1865, on account of Lee's Surrender.
(Here give complete statement of other service, if any.)

That he also served

He was at home on sick furlough

That she was lawfully married to the said John D. Pearce under the name of Ely A. Hancock in the County of Columbia, State of Florida on the 20 day of July, 1849 and that she was not divorced from him and that she has not remarried since his death, which occurred on the 17 day of May, 1873, in the County of Columbia State of Florida

That she is a resident of Columbia County, Florida, and has continuously resided in the State of Florida since the day of about 1855

I was 77 July 8, 1909



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ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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FILE NO. 568
Act of 1913
Former Claim No. 35000
Application No. 15773
Pensioner No. 4126

CLAIM FOR PENSION
By *Elizabeth Pearce*
OF *Colony* Postoffice
Columbia County
WIDOW OF
OF
Company
Regiment

FILED IN PENSION DEPARTMENT
AUG 12 1909
19...

APPROVED
SEP 9 1909
19...

With pay from JUL 1 1909 19...
At the rate of \$ 120 per annum

Secretary of Board.
FILED IN COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.
19...

Capital Pub. Co. State Printer D.C.
Tallahassee, Florida.

FILED IN PENSION DEPARTMENT
AUG 12 1909
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Pearce
family

THE GREEN - MEADOR FAMILY BIBLE

Information from this Bible is submitted by Roger Meador, Route 2, Box 60, Hutchins, Texas 75141-9730. The original family Bible is owned by Mrs. Bertha Mae (Cox) Meador - Bratcher of Weatherford, Texas. Submitters Note: All individuals listed in this record were residents of Bluff City, Ouachita County (later Nevada County) Arkansas.

TITLE PAGE

Holy Bible - 10th Edition. American Bible Society, New York, 1856.

BIRTHS

William Charles Green was born Nov. 12, 1856.
Mary Bryson Green was born Oct 19, 1861.
Bryson Green (born) Mar. 15, 1830.
Eliza Jane Green (born) Feb. 12, 1859.
James Monroe Meador (born) Mar. 6, 1854.

DEATHS

J.M. Meador died Jan 31th 1928.
Jane Meador died Mar. 13th 1930.

BIRTH PAGE(continued)

Roland George Raymond Meador Feb. 22, 1911.
David Gene Meador January 8, 1937.
Geraldine Euzeba Meador 30 August 1941.
Gary William Meador 6 October 1946.
George Roger Meador 3 June 1951.
Maxie Jane Meador 5 January 1954.

DEATH PAGE

Henry Orlando Billingsley June 19, 1926.
Mrs Jessie Arnott February 2, 1929.
Georgina Rodger (Arnott) Billingsley 16 September 1948.
William Orlando Billingsley 28 February 1960.

MARRIAGE PAGE

Wm O. Billingsley & Georgia R. Arnott Dec. 23rd 1900.
Hugh A. C. Billingsley & Ethel Sanderpher Dec. 2nd 1922.
Jessie B. Billingsley & Harvey D. Monk Oct. 28, 1934.
Marion E. Billingsley & Roland G. Meador March 25, 1936.

THE JAMES MONROE PEARCE FAMILY BIBLE

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Submitters Note: The early residents of this family was in the Chidister, Ouachita County, and Bluff City, Nevada County, Arkansas area.

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J.M. Pearce and M.A. Starnes was Married Oct 27, 1886.

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Johnie May Pearce was born August 30, 1887.
 Nettie V. Pearce was born November 23, 1888.
 W. C. Pearce was born November 25, 1890.
 Martha Belle Pearce was born March the 6th 1893.

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Martha Belle Pearce Died July 21, 1895.
 James M. Pearce Died July 31, 1898.
 Maxie Starnes Pearce Henry Died July 12, 1945.
 Nettie V. Pearce Munn Died Feb. 7, 1946.
 W.C. Pearce Died May 24, 1963.
 Johnie E. May Pearce Meador Died Dec. 26, 1966.