

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO

PEARCE PIONEERS IN KENTUCKY

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EXPLANATION

Additional research, since the publication of the original book in 1969, has shown that there was an additional generation in the Pearce line, to those shown in the book, namely yet another William Pearce, who was the father of William Pearce (1), and the grandfather of William Pearce (2), in the book.

This Supplement is published, therefore, to insert the newly found generation, ahead of those in the book, under the title "REVISED FIRST GENERATION". What was "FIRST GENERATION" in the book, has been rewritten under the title "REVISED SECOND GENERATION", and is included, also, in this Supplement.

The pages of the Supplement have been numbered 11-A, 11-B, 12-A, 12-B, 13-A, 13-B, 14-A, 14-B, 15-A, 15-B, to replace, completely, pages 11-15 in the book. All generation numbers in the book, pages 11-161, should be increased by one number greater than the number shown in the book, whether the generation number is spelled out, or is indicated by a number in (). That is, "SECOND GENERATION (2)" now becomes "THIRD GENERATION (3)", and so on up to and including "TENTH GENERATION (10)" which becomes "ELEVENTH GENERATION (11)".

The ERRATA for the book has been revised, also, and certain ADDENDA has been added, on pages 14-B, 15-A and 15-B of the Supplement.

Appreciation is expressed, again, to all who have aided in the research of uncovering the data that made possible the publication of the book, and of this Supplement.

This Supplement is being mailed, gratis, to all who received a copy of the original book, so far as can be determined at this date. It should be placed with the original book, so future researchers will find the complete record of this Pearce line, from 1655 to 1972.

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REVISED FIRST GENERATION

William Pearce (1), the founding father of our Pearce line in America, came from England (perhaps Wales) to Maryland in 1655. He indentured himself to Captain Thomas Howell for seven years, without wages, to pay for his transportation, as shown by Maryland Patents, Liber Q, Folio 62 (1655): "Thomas Howell demandeth fifty acres of Land for his transportation of William Peirce into this Province Anno 1655. Warrant to Surveyor to lay out for Thomas Howell 50 Acres ret(urnable) 1 Jan. next."

Maryland Warrants, Liber 5, Folio 55 (1662) records that at the end of his period of servive "...William Pearce demands 50 Acres of Land for his time of Service performed to Capt. Thomas Howell...." His friend, Robert Neave, joined with him in requesting land "said Neave and Pearce desireth Warrant joyntly for 250 Acres. Warrant i(ss)ude to the Surveyor Generall to lay out 250 (acres) Joyntly for the said Neave and Pearce return(able) the last (of) September following...."

Maryland Rent Rolls, Liber #1, Folio 5A says: "Pascalls Chance Sur. 6 Decr. 1662 for Geo. Pascall on the South side (of) the Land called Gordon. Poss(esso)rs 200 a(cres) Wm. Smith for Robt. Gotts orp(ha)ns. 100 A(cres) Wm. Pearce."

By 1705, William Pearce (1) may have died, as apparently his daughter, Sarah, wife of Jonathan Tipton (1), may have inherited his rights to occupy 100 acres of Pascall's Chance, as indicated by the following excerpt from Maryland Warrants, Liber #6, Folio 426-427 (1705): "Whereas Jonathan Tipton, of Anne Arundel County, by his humble petition to his Lord's Dep(uties)hath set forth that he is in pos(session) in his Rights of his wife Sarah, the daughter of Wm. Pearce, of part of a Tract of land called Pascalles Chance, originally layed out for three hundred acres To w(hic)h there is a piece of warrant land Contiguous, unto w(hic)h the petitioner made some small improvements by reason whereof....he prays that he might have a Sp(ecia)l war(ran)t to lay thereon...." The petition was granted 11 July 1705.

This is, indeed, a fortunate record, since it establishes the fact that Sarah (Pearce) Tipton was the daughter of William Pearce (1). Other records, as listed in "REVISED SECOND GENERATION", establish that William Pearce (2) was a brother of Sarah, and therefore, both of them were children of William Pearce (1).

Nothing is known of other children, if any, of William Pearce (1). It is possible that some, if not all, of the Pearces, Peirces and Pierces recorded in the registers of All Hallows Parish, St James Parish and St Annes Parish (all in Anne Arundel County, Maryland) were related to our Pearce line.

More intensive research might disclose additional data on William Pearce and his relatives. We are quite content, however, to have uncovered the above facts and to be able to connect them with the later Pearce generations in our line.

REVISED SECOND GENERATION

William Pearce (2), son of William Pearce (1), brother of Sarah Pearce Tipton, father of William Pearce (3) and of John Pearce (3); b Anne Arundel County, Md.; d autumn of 1719, Anne Arundel County, Md.; m Elizabeth Anderson, 5 Sept 1711, Anne Arundel County, Md., as recorded on p. 78 of All Hallows Parish Register.

St James Parish Register, p. 355, records the births and baptisms of the two sons of William Pearce (2), as follows: "William Pearce (birth date not given), father William, mother Elizabeth, baptised 20 June 1714. John Pearce, born 10 March 1714, father William, mother Elizabeth, baptized 11 April 1714."

Maryland Patents, Liber FF #7, Folio 305-306 and Liber PL #4, Folio 392-393 record the issue (16 Jan 1716) and the renewal (6 Aug 1719) of a patent for 100 acres of land, to William Pearce (2), as follows: "...in consideracon that William Pearce of Annarundell County hath due unto him One hundred Acres of Land....by virtue of a Warrant granted him for that Quantity the twenty second day of October Seventeen hundred and SixteenWee doe therefore Grant unto him the Said William All that Tract or parcell of Land lyeing in Baltimore County Called Pearces Folley in the Woods Betwixt patapscoe falls and Gunpowder Falls and nigh a Tract of Land Called Chelsey."

Maryland Rent Rolls, Liber 18, Folio 96 says: "Pierces Folly 16 January 1716 for William Pierce betwixt Patapsco falls & Gunpowder Falls. Poss(esso)r 100 (acres): (Annual Rent) 0 (pounds): 4 (shillings): 0 (pence) Dr. Geo. Buchanan."

Maryland Patents, Liber HWS #11, Folio 221 records that this Dr. Geo. Buchanan, of Baltimore County, bought "Pearce's Folly", 11 May 1739, from "William Pearce, Baltimore County taylor, and John Pearce, Anne Arundel County shipright, cojunct heirs of William Pearce, late of Anne Arundel County, deceased."

The will of William Pearce (2) was made 12 Sept 1719 and proved 19 Oct 1719, so his death occurred between those dates. The will is abstracted in Baldwin's Maryland Calendar of Wills, Vol. IV, p. 215, as follows: "To sons William and John, and their hrs., real estate equally. Shd. either son die before division leaving issue, sd. hrs. to have an equal right with surviving son. Sons to be for themselves at 16 yrs. Wife Elizabeth, extx., to bring up child. and give them, at age 21, their lawful share of personal estate. Overseers: Nephews Thomas and William Tipton. Test: Rev. Henry Hall (first Rector of St James Parish), John Stevens, Susanna Wanill." The will and related papers are also found in Maryland records: Original Wills, Box P, Folder 19; Wills, Liber #15, Folio 217-220; Testamentary Papers, Box 26, Folder 8; Accounts, Liber #5, Folio 31-32.

Since this record names the widow, the two sons and two Nephews, it definitely connects the first three Pearce generations in our line.

The Anderson Family

Elizabeth Anderson, who married William Pearce (2), was the daughter of John Anderson and Elizabeth Pratt, as shown by the record of her birth, 15 Oct 1694, and of her baptism, 17 Sept 1704, in St. James' Parish Register.

John Anderson was one of the executors of the will of Thomas Pratt, on 1 May 1711, probated 11 July 1711, wherein Thomas Pratt contingently leaves land to his sister, Elizabeth (the wife of John Anderson). See Wills, Liber #13, Folio 337-338.

John Anderson's own will was made 20 Sept 1725, probated 31 March 1727, as shown by Wills, Liber #15, Folio 272-273. In it he names his wife, Elizabeth; his sons, Thomas, William and Benjamin; his daughters, Hannah and Elizabeth; and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Powell.

Skordas, in his Early Settlers of Maryland, pp. 8-9, lists a number of Anderson immigrants to Maryland, during the period 1651-1679. One of these was a John Anderson who obtained a warrant, 24 March 1658, for 2300 acres of land, as shown by Patents, Liber 5, Folio 55. This John Anderson was probably the same individual as the father of Elizabeth Anderson.

After the death of William Pearce (2), his widow, Elizabeth, married secondly a Mr. Manning, as shown by Accounts, Liber #5, Folio 31-32, wherein "Eliz. Manning, formerly Eliz. Pearce", made an accounting of her administration of the estate of William Pearce (2), on Feb 12, 1722.

The Tipton Family

This section of "Pearce Pioneers in Kentucky" has been rewritten to include many corrections, supplied mostly by Col. John B. Tipton, 725 North Farragut Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909. Mrs. W. W. Housewright, another Tipton descendant, 601 North Reagan, San Benito, Texas 78586, has been very helpful, also. It is understood that Rev. Ervin Charles Tipton, 25 Sunset Way, San Rafael, Calif. 94901, is writing a book on the Tipton family, which will contain many facts not included in this brief sketch.

Jonathan Tipton (1), the founder of the family in America, came to Maryland, ca 1690, from Jamaica Island. He was born, ca 1639, in Shropshire, England, the son of Edward Tipton, whose ancestry has been traced back to Sir Anthony de Tipton, who was knighted by King Edward I, in 1282.

Jonathan married Sarah Pearce, daughter of William Pearce (1), soon after coming to Maryland. The earliest Maryland record found is on page 309 of St. James' Parish Register, covering the baptism of their three sons, Thomas, William and Jonathan, 25 April 1699, when Thomas was about six years of age. Sarah died before 15 Dec 1709, the date on which Jonathan married Mary Chilcote, as his second wife, St. James' Parish Register.

The next Maryland record of Jonathan Tipton (1) is found in Warrants, Liber #6, Folio 426-427, an abstract of which was quoted in "REVISED FIRST GENERATION" of this Supplement, wherein Sarah, the wife of Jonathan, is identified as the daughter of William Pearce (1). This record, when considered conjunctively with the baptism of Thomas, William and Jonathan Tipton (St James Parish Register, p. 309), and with the naming of Thomas and William Tipton as "loving Nephews" of William Pearce (2) (Wills, Liber 15, Folio 217-220), positively proves that William Pearce (2) was the son of William Pearce (1).

Jonathan Tipton (1) and his family moved from Anne Arundel County to Baltimore County, in the same general neighborhood as William Pearce (3), sometime between his second marriage, in 1709, and his deeding to Thomas Tipton (2), in 1726, "...all that parcell of Land Called Strife being part of a Large Tract or parcell of Land Called Port Royall...", as shown by Land Record, Liber IS #H, Folio 306-307. Other Baltimore County land holdings of Jonathan Tipton (1) were "Poor Jamaica Man's Plague" and "Molly and Sally's Delight", named after his two daughters, and recorded in Patents, PL #7, Folio 636 as being granted in 1727.

Jonathan Tipton (1) died early in January 1757, as recorded in The Maryland Gazette, Number 612, published Thursday, 27 Jan 1757: "We are informed that the beginning of this month, Died in Baltimore County, Mr. Jonathan Tipton, aged 118 years. He was born in Kingston on Jamaica (see correction on the previous page and immediately below), which place he left while young (see correction), and lived almost ever since in this Province, and had his perfect senses to the last, especially a remarkable strength of memory. His youngest sons are reckoned among the oldest men in Baltimore County."

This notice is inaccurate as to his birth in Jamaica and as to his leaving Jamaica while young. He was born in Shropshire, England, about 1639, and probably went to Jamaica as a young man, possibly as a member of Venable's Expedition which took the island from the Spanish in May 1655. In that case, he would have been 16 or so in 1655 and would have been about 50 when he came to Maryland about 1690, hence 118 years of age at his death.

Some of the descendants of Jonathan Tipton (1) and Sarah Pearce Tipton are listed below. Where "St James" is listed, this means St James Parish Register, Anne Arundel County, Md.; where "St Pauls" is listed, it means St Pauls Parish Register, Baltimore County, Md.

1 - Thomas Tipton (2), b 8 Apr 1693 St James; baptised 25 Apr 1699 St James; m Sarah Steptoe; had eight children:

A - Mary Tipton (3), b 18 da, 2 mo, 1717; m John Stevenson, 13 Nov 1735, St. Pauls.

B - William Tipton (3), b 27 Feb 1719, St Pauls; d 14 Feb 1797; m/1 Tabitha Wright, 25 Nov 1736, St Pauls; m/2 Angelica Cole, who was b 19 Mar 1720 and d 2 Aug 1796; had seven children:

- a - Tabitha Tipton (4), b 5 da, 5 mo, 1747; d 15 da, 9 mo, 1827; m Mordecai Price, 17 Jan 1771, as his second wife; had ten children: Isabel, Joshua, Rebecca, Acquilla, William, Rachel, Benjamin, Elizabeth, John, Kenturah.
 - b - Acquilla Tipton (4), d 1827; m Mary ----; had eight children: Joshua, Rachel, Nancy, Elenor, Rebecca, Ruth, Elizabeth, Sarah.
 - c - Joshua Tipton (4), d 1831.
 - d - Nicholas Tipton (4), m Esther Price, daughter of Mordecai Price and his 1st wife, Mary Hyatt, 25 da, 5 mo, 1775.
 - e - Isabella Tipton (4), m William Whiteford.
 - f - Angelica Tipton (4), m Samuel Wheeler, 29 Nov 1783.
 - g - Rebecca Tipton (4), b 1745/47; d 25 Aug 1824; m Acquilla Parrish, 7 June 1789; had six children: Nicholas, John, Luke, Tabitha, Rebekah, Angelica.
- C - Thomas Tipton (3), b 8 da, 3 mo, 1721, St Pauls; m Elizabeth Belt, 6 May 1778, St Pauls.
 - D - Jonathan Tipton (3), b 2 da, 9 mo, 1723; d 1803; m Elinor Bryant, 24 da, 9 mo, 1745, St Pauls.
 - E - John Tipton (3), b 6 da, 7 mo, 1726, St Pauls; d 1808.
 - F - Luke Tipton (3), b 24 da, 1 mo, 1728, St Pauls; d 1808.
 - G - Solomon Tipton (3), b 17 da, 3 mo, 1732, St Pauls.
 - H - Sarah Tipton (3), b 17 da, 7 mo, 1734, St Pauls.
- 2 - William Tipton (2), b 27 July 1696; baptised 25 Apr 1699, St James; d 6 May 1726, St Pauls; m Hannah Price, ca 1719/20, who d 1776/77; had three children:
- A - Samuel Tipton (3), b 13 May 1721, St Pauls; d 1804; will probated 11 Nov 1804; had six children:
 - a - Samuel Tipton (4).
 - b - Richard Got Tipton (4)
 - c - Gerrard Tipton (4)
 - d - Sarah Tipton (4).
 - e - Susannah Tipton (4).
 - f - Cassandra Tipton (4), b 1751; d 31 Aug 1835; m Abraham Cox, 30 Sept 1779.
 - B - Sarah Tipton (3), b 30 Oct 1722; m Christopher Cole; had three children:
 - a - Ezekial Cole (4).
 - b - Christopher Cole (4).
 - c - Mordecai Cole (4).
 - C - Mordecai Tipton (3), b 18 Apr 1724, St Pauls.

3 - Jonathan Tipton (2), b 25 Mar 1699; baptised 25 Apr 1699, St James; m/1 Elizabeth (Pierce ? or Edwards ?); m/2 Mary ----; had three children by each wife:

A - Edward Tipton (3), b 27 da, 10 mo, 1728, St Pauls; d 1795.

B - Col. John Tipton (3), b 15 da, 8 mo, 1730, St Pauls; d 1813; m Mary Butler; Rev. War Veteran; mentioned in Ray's "Tennessee Cousins", in connection with founding of "State of Franklin".

C - Sarah Tipton (3), b 12 da, 8 mo, 1734, St Pauls.

D - William Tipton (3), b 30 da, 8 mo, 1736, St Pauls.

E - Col. Joseph Tipton (3), b 1738; d 1842, aged 104, Warren Co., Tenn.; Rev. War Veteran.

F - Maj. Jonathan Tipton (3), b 1750, Frederick Co., Va.; d 18 Jan 1833, Cumberland Co., Ky.; Rev. War Veteran; mentioned in Ray's "Tennessee Cousins", in connection with founding of "State of Franklin".

(NOTE: Col John and Maj. Jonathan were close cousins of Lieut. Philip Crawford Pearce (4), who was also a Rev. War Veteran, and was counted as a citizen of "State of Franklin", about 1785/6. Since they all lived near each other in Baltimore Co., Md., they probably went to northwestern North Carolina (later eastern Tenn.) together, about 1784/5.)

4 - Sarah Tipton (2), the "Sally" after which the tract of land "Molly and Sally's Delight" was named in Baltimore County, Md.

5 - Mary Tipton (2), the "Molly" after which the tract of land "Molly and Sally's Delight" was named in Baltimore County, Md.

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REVISED ERRATA AND ADDENDA

Table of Contents: Replace with "Revised Table of Contents", page 11-B.

Pages 16-19: Change "Second Generation" to "Third Generation", and raise all Pearce generations in () by one number.

Page 20: Add "William Pearce (1)" at the top of the chart, and raise all Pearce generations in () by one number.

Pages 21-52: Change "Third Generation" to "Fourth Generation", and raise all Pearce generations in () by one number.

- Page 21: Add a paragraph at bottom of page: "Marvin J. Pearce, Sr., based his membership in S. A. R. (National No. 99430 and Kentucky No. 1421) on the Revolutionary service of Lieut. Philip C. Pearce (4)."
- Page 24: Last word, first line of description of the Ashby Pearce Book, is "reading"; last word, second line, is "Platt"; also eliminate one "was" from third line.
- Page 52: Elizabeth Calhoun Garrison was b 8 Mar 1824, and had four children: 1 - Luther, b 8 Jan 1853; 2 - Seneca, b 11 May 1854/55; 3 - Harmon, b 25 July 1856; 4 - Justus, b 10 Nov 1857. Harmon m Carrie Bell Irwin, 22 Nov 1877, and had three sons: 1 - George, d unmarried in Wales; 2 - Frank Layranes, b 8 Oct 1880, d 2 Oct 1946, m Dollie Elizabeth McCubbin, and had five children, one of whom m B. K. Swartz and mothered B. K. Swartz, Jr., Route 9, Box 10-A, Muncie, Ind. 47302, who supplied this data; 3 - Frederick, who is thought to have impersonated his brother George to collect his pension; at least the family received two separate death notices.
- Pages 53-72: Change "Fourth Generation" to "Fifth Generation", and raise all Pearce generation numbers in () by one number.
- Pages 73-83: Change "Fifth Generation" to "Sixth Generation", and raise all Pearce generation numbers in () by one number.
- Pages 84-98: Change "Sixth Generation" to "Seventh Generation", and raise all Pearce generation numbers in () by one number.
- Page 95: Joel Harrison Pearce (8) m/2 Elmira Shrode. His daughter, Lola Orpha Pearce (9), was from m/1. Lola Orpha m/1 Walter H. Topper, 17 Nov 1917, and had a son, Charles Walter Topper, b 16 Oct 1921, who m Marie C. Striegel, and had four children: 1 - Patricia Marie Topper, who m Wm. Nicholas Cline II, and had two children: A - Joanne Marie Cline, B - William Nicholas III; 2 - Teresa Ann Topper; 3 - Catherine Sue Topper; 4 - Joel Scott Topper. Lola Orpha m/2 Charles A. Willis, 7 July 1943, and he d 19 Dec 1964, without issue.
- Page 96: Cinthia J. Pearce m/1 Bob Hust, and had four children: 1 - Scoville Hust; 2 - Delbert Hust, d March 1971; 3 - Emma Hust, deceased; 4 - Susie Hust, deceased. Cinthia m/2 ---- Rodgers, no children.
- Page 98: Clyde Clinton Pearce (8) d 29 Apr 1971, Atlanta, Ga.
- Pages 99-129: Change "Seventh Generation" to "Eighth Generation", and raise all Pearce generation numbers in () by one number.
- Page 103: Add to children of Patricia Ann Brubaker and Thomas Keith Perry: "4 - Heath Aaron Perry, b 17 Oct 1969, Germany; d young; 5 - Patricia Perry, b 14 Nov 1971, Ft. Ord, Calif.

- Page 109: Add: "1 - William Pearce" at top of right hand column, and raise all Pearce generation numbers by one number.
- Page 112: Correct birth date of II Reuben Morse (Moss) to "1738".
- Page 116: Correct birth date of Elizabeth Moss to "1769".
- Page 124: Change date of "1875" to "1785", 2nd paragraph from bottom.
- Page 126: Change "III" to "IV" as generation of Marcellus Jordan Moss. Change "IV" to "V" as generation of Sarah Elizabeth Moss. Change last portion of statement about Matilda Emma Moss to: "had three sons and a daughter, Elbridge, Musillus, Orine and May."
- Page 127: Eliminate "unmarried" in statement about James Vittetow, and add: "m Mollie Mae Paddock, 1932, Evansville, Ind.; had a daughter, Alice Vittetow, b 2 Sept 1935, Sebree, Ky., who m John A. Robinson, 5 Nov 1948, and had three children: James Lee, b 1 June 1950; Sheryl Marie, b 14 Jan 1952; Robert Allan, b 19 May 1954." Change "V" to "VI" as generation of Margaret Lula Ligon. Change "VI" to "VII" as generation of Marvin J. Pearce, Sr.
- Pages 130-151: Change "Eighth Generation" to "Ninth Generation", and raise all Pearce generation numbers in () by one number.
- Page 140: Correct spelling of "Armistice" 3rd paragraph from bottom.
- Pages 156-157: Change "Ninth Generation" to "Tenth Generation", and raise all Pearce generation numbers in () by one number.
- Page 156: Add to record of Willard Cail Pearce, Jr. "m 23 Dec 1971, Orlando, Fla., Deborah Jane Murray, b 16 Oct 1947, Greenville, Miss., daughter of Dr. Charles Alvin Murray and Sara Jane McCorkle."
- Page 158: Change "Tenth Generation" to "Eleventh Generation", and raise all Pearce generation numbers in () one number. Add to the list of children of Marvin J. Pearce, III, "Alice Lygon Pearce, b 5 Nov 1969, Barneveld, N. Y."
- Page 159: Raise Pearce generation numbers in () by one number. At the close of paragraph three, add: "a son, Kevin Scott Pearce was b. 13 Nov 1970, Los Angeles, Calif."
- Page 160: Raise Pearce generation numbers in () by one number.
- Page 161: Raise Pearce generation numbers in () by one number. Change "A", "B" and "C" to "a", "b" and "c", under "Descendants of Kirtley Eldridge Pearce".

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WITH NOTES ON RELATED FAMILIES:

AKIN, ANDERSON, ARRAS, BENEDICT, BURDEN, CARROLL,
GILBERTZ, HOEPFINGER, JORDAN, LIGON, MAJORS,
MOSS, REDMOND, STANHOPE, STAPLETON,
SWAFFORD, TIPTON, TORR.



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Dedicated to
the loving memory of my father
John Henry Pearce
born Webster County, Kentucky, son of
Absalom Benjamin Pearce, and his wife,
Esther C. Majors



"Honour thy father and thy mother:
that thy days may be long upon the
land which the LORD thy God giveth
thee."
- Exodus 20:12

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FOREWORD

After more than seven years of almost constant research on the Pearce family, I have been able to document each of eleven generations, back to the William Pearce who married Elizabeth Anderson, 1711, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Try as hard as I might, however, I was unable to locate documentary proof of his connection with earlier Pearces in Maryland, possibly going back to the first contingent of settlers, consisting of about twenty "gentlemen" and about two hundred "laborers", who founded St. Marys, near the mouth of the Potomac River, in 1634; or, perhaps, the connection may be to an early settler of Kent Island, where William Claiborne had established a settlement several years ahead of the Calvert colonists.

The chances are that ancestors before the William Pearce, mentioned above, followed the trade of tailor, as this William Pearce was a tailor, as was his son, William Pearce, and his grandson, Philip C. Pearce, after him. Somewhere, there must be records that would prove this, but I have been unable to locate them.

Because of advancing age, I have decided it is advisable to put my findings into writing and publish this book, so there will be a record that can be consulted by future researchers, rather than have them spend so many years rediscovering what I have found.

Many others who are interested in genealogy have been of untold help to me, and I will try to give credit where it is due, as I proceed with the book.

Over three hundred copies of this book will be donated to genealogical libraries and historical societies in practically every state of the Union, so it should be easy for future researchers to easily consult this book, if they have the desire.

I am not gifted with speed on the typewriter, using only two fingers, and I frequently punch the wrong key. I have tried to correct such errors as I made, but, undoubtedly, have overlooked some of them. I ask the reader to be tolerant, and to forgive such uncorrected errors as they are found.

Perhaps some member of later generations will have the desire and ability to research our Pearce line more completely, and may discover the first Pearce ancestor to come to America. Hopefully, in such an event, a supplement or sequel to my book will be published, to make the information available to still later researchers.

El Cerrito, California, July 1969.

Marvin J. Pearce, Sr.

THE NAME OF PEARCE

The study of names is an absorbing and elusive subject. In the dim ages of the past, there was no indication of personal relationship, but only relation to the same tribe, race or clan of people. Primitive personal names, or some form of oral designation, doubtless originated with speech itself. During the period of the barbaric days, first or given names were the only designations borne. Nothing else was necessary, as at that time each member of the tribe knew all the others and only one name of address was used. Centuries passed and as society became more complex, need arose for more specific designations; surnames or family names are the result of this need.

The assumption of surnames commenced in Normandy, France, in the eleventh century, about a hundred years after it was settled by a band of Scandinavians from the north. The custom gradually extended into England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and elsewhere. By the end of the twelfth century hereditary names had become common in England, but as late as 1465 Edward V. issued a decree to compell Irish outlaws to adopt surnames, "either of some town, or of some colour, as Blacke or Brown, or some Art or Science, as Smyth or Carpenter, or some office, as Cooke or Butler".

As a result, the major portion of surnames are derived from these sources:

- 1 - From baptismal or personal names.
- 2 - From bodily or personal characteristics.
- 3 - From locality or place of residence.
- 4 - From trades, occupations and offices.
- 5 - From the senses of sight, hearing, taste, and feeling.
- 6 - From uncertain origins, due to obsolescence, corruption, abridgement, euphonization or translation of obscure words.

Those surnames derived from the designation of the father who first adopted the name, or surnames based on the father's personal name, are usually formed by the addition of a prefix (such as "Mac", "Fitz", "Ap", "O", etc.), or of a suffix (such as "son", "s", "ing", "kin", etc.), meaning "son of", etc.

The names derived from bodily or personal characteristics, usually grew out of nicknames given to their first bearer (such as "Short", "Little", "Small", "Long", "Tallman", "Bigg", "Grave", "Goode", "Best", "Meane", "Rich", "Poor", "Swift", etc.).

Place of residence or locality names are often indicated by prefixes (such as "de", "de la", "del", etc.) or by suffixes (such as "ton", "ham", "ford", "ley", etc.). Many of these names derive from obscure villages, hamlets and estates not found on maps of today.

Trades, occupations and offices are still recognizable in the surnames that came from them (such as "King", "Prince", "Bishop", "Clark", "Smith", "Carpenter", "Mason", "Baker", "Cooper", "Taylor", etc.)

Those surnames based on the senses are also usually self explanatory (such as "Black", "White", "Green", "Blue", "Soft", "Lowe", "Sweet", etc.)

Sometimes the original meaning of the word from which a surname comes is entirely hidden by obsolescence, corruption, alteration, abridgement, or translation from a foreign language. Or the surname may be based on a location, event or happening that is long since lost to memory.

The origin of the surname Pearce is not at all certain. Some think it was derived from Pierre or Pier, the old French form of the baptismal name of Peter, with the "s" or "ce" added as an ending to designate "son of". Others think Pearce may be a variation of the French percer, anglicized to pierce, meaning "to thrust into with a pointed instrument", and may have been used first as the surname of one who was especially accomplished as an archer, lancer or swordsman. Still others hold that the name comes from "Percy Forrest", the home of the Percy or Perci family in Normandy, at the time of the invasion of England by William the Conqueror, and that the Perci or Percy name has been changed to Pearce, gradually and progressively with the passage of time.

All of these are good theories, but most etymologists are of the opinion that the Percy explanation is the true one, since it is almost impossible to distinguish between the sound of Percy, Pearcy and Pearce, if the final "e" of Pearce is stressed and given the long sound. This connection between Pearce and Percy is shown by many English records, and by American records as late as 1815, when our ancestor Absalom Pearce was shown on the War of 1812 Muster Rolls and Pay Rolls as Absalom Pierce on two occasions and as Absalom Pearcy on two other occasions.

That there has been several changes in the spelling and pronunciation of the name is borne out by English records, and by the following quotation from the Introduction, page ix, of "Seven Pierce Families", by Harvey Cushman Pierce (1936):

"Before the English orthography was settled in the eighteenth century, the name was written many ways, according to the writer's idea of what spelling most clearly represented its sound. In the oldest pronunciation the vowel sound appears to have been the same as in pair or there. Later the pronunciation was modified to purse, which is still heard in New England. ----- After this date (1800), with the spreading of the families throughout the country, the latter spelling (Pierce) has become the most common, and the name is generally pronounced the same as the similarly spelled verb (pierce). A less used form is Pearce."

Some of the variations in spelling have been: Percy, Peircy, Piercy, Pearcy, Pers, Perse, Perce, Perys, Peyres, Pereys, Peers, Peirs, Peirse, Peirce, Piers, Pieres, Pierse, Pierce, Pears, Peares, Pearse, Pearce. Sometimes, the name is spelled several ways in the same document.

SOME PERCY AND PEARCE FAMILIES OF EARLY ENGLAND

Some authorities think the ancestry of the Pearce family goes back to Manfred the Dane, who lived about 972 A.D., and participated in the invasion of that portion of France which later became Normandy. One of his descendants, William de Perci (1030-1096), was a fighting companion of William the Conqueror in the Norman invasion of England (1066). For his help, Perci was awarded large estates in northern England, principally in County Northumberland, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

Northumberland Line: The descendants of this branch are known as the Northumberland line, which included the following who were influential in English history:

Richard de Percy was appointed one of the 25 barons (1215) to enforce the Magna Charta. In the early part of the fourteenth century, Peirs de Graveston was the favorite of Edward II (King 1307-1327). Also, in 1301, the ninth Baron Percy signed the baron's letter to the Pope.

The twelfth Baron Percy became Marshall of England under Richard II (King 1377-1400), and was made the first Earl of Northumberland, and henceforth bore that title instead of his previous name - Henry, Baron Percy. His younger brother was made Earl of Worcester in 1397. In 1399, Henry IV made the Earl of Northumberland the constable of England. This first Earl was the father of Sir Henry ("Hotspur") Percy, the renowned Knight, who did so much to defeat the Scots, capturing the Earl of Douglas at the battle of Halidon Hill, but losing his own life at the battle of Shrewsbury (1403).

The second Earl was a son of "Hotspur", and he was slain at the battle of St. Albans (1455). The third Earl was slain at the battle of Towton (1460). The fourth Earl was murdered while trying to collect a subsidy on behalf of Henry VII (King 1485-1509). The fifth Earl died in 1527, and the sixth in 1537. The seventh Earl was beheaded in 1572, the eighth found shot in the Tower (1585). The ninth Earl spent 15 years imprisoned in the Tower. The tenth Earl fought against Charles I (King 1625-1649), but later helped in the Restoration.

The eleventh Earl died without male issue, and his only daughter married the Duke of Somerset. Their son, Algernon, also died without male issue, and their daughter married Sir Hugh Smithson and had a son, Hugh, who took the name of Percy and became the Duke of Northumberland, when that title was created in 1766. This line of Dukes continues down to the present time (1969).

There is evidence that other members of the Percy family in Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and elsewhere in England, changed their name to early forms of Pearce, and gradually spread into other sections of England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, and their lines are known by the county or shire in which they lived, as mentioned below.

But, first, we should describe the arms of the Northumberland Line, as given in Burke's "General Armory":

Armorial Bearings of Northumberland Line of Percy, Pierce, Pearce, Etc.:

Arms: "Argent, a fesse humettee gules, between three ravens rising sable."

Crest: "Dove with olive branch in beak."

Motto: "dixit et fecit." Translation: "He said (it) and he did (it).
(An illustration, in black and white, is found on page 6.)

Somersetshire Line: Hubert Peres, Ralph Peyres, Adam Pereys and Richard Perys were in Somersetshire about 1327. John Pierce was a resident of Midsomers Norton, ca. 1570.

Yorkshire Line: Isolda Peer-doughter and Magota Peers-wyf are recorded in Yorkshire, ca. 1379. Peres Peirs fought at the battle of Bosworth-field, as standard bearer to Richard III, in 1485. Peter Peirse lived in Yorkshire ca. 1520. John Piers was Dean of Salisbury and Christ Church, and became Archbishop of York in 1589.

Devonshire Line: As early as 1550, a branch of the Pearce family settled in Holsworthy, and for nearly three centuries its members were prominent in the town's affairs. Rev. George Peirce resided in Tiverton, early in the sixteenth century. Burke's "Landed Gentry" describes the armorial bearings of the Devonshire Line:

Armorial Bearings of Devonshire Line of Peirce, Pierce, Pearce, Etc.:

Arms: "Az. on a fesse, Ar., three pellets between as many pelicans, Or, vulning themselves ppr."

Crest: "Issuing out of clouds an arm embowed, in armour, holding a spear in pale all ppr., tied above the elbow with a ribbon, gu"

Norfolk Line: Robert Piers of this line married Anne Dalton before 1560, and had a son Martyn or Martin, who settled in Cambridge-shire.

Essex Line: John Peers, of County Essex, settled at London before 1560.

Warwickshire Line: One named Peers or piers lived there in the early sixteenth century.

Surrey Line: There was a Pears or Pierce there about the end of the sixteenth century, and one of his sons moved to County Middlesex.

Thus, it will be seen how widely spread were the Pearces in England before settlement of the American colonies. I have no idea as to which English branch our particular "founding father" was related. Mrs. Lois Ehlers employed the Hennessee Studio, Salisbury, N. C., to prepare a Pearce Coat-of-Arms for the Maryland Pearces, and they came up with:

Arms: "Azure a chevron or between three pelicans."

Crest: "A lions head erased proper."

(An illustration, in black and white, is found on page 6.)



Pearce

Northumberland Branch Coat-of-Arms



Pearce

Maryland Branch Coat-of-Arms

EARLY PEARCES IN AMERICA

There were Pearces in Virginia as early as 1610, three years after Jamestown was founded, viz., Captain William Peirce, (Jester and Hiden, "Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607-1625", pp. 261-263).

Abraham Peirce settled in Plymouth Colony almost immediately after it was founded, as his name was among the taxpayers of 1623. (Pierce, "Seven Pierce Families", p. 3).

In Maryland, Robert Peirce became an immigrant within a year after the first contingent of emigrants, consisting of about twenty Catholic gentlemen and two hundred Protestant laborers, founded St. Mary's near the mouth of the Potomac river, in 1634. His name appears on page 355 of Skordas, "The Early Settlers of Maryland" as "Peirce, Robert, Gent., Land Patents, Liber ABH, Folio 77, Immigrated 1635 in the ship, "Merchant Adventure".

Within fifty years, there must have been more than 100 Pearce families in the three colonies, since Skordas records the names of almost forty immigrants to Maryland alone, in the period 1635-1680, as follows:

Skordas Page No.	Name of Immigrant	Patents		Remarks
		Liber	Folio	
353	Pearce, Andrew	4	70	Transported 1659.
	Henry	16	394	" 1671.
	Jane	5	3	" 1661.
	William	10	417	" prior to 1666.
	William	5	55	Service 1661.
354	Pearcy, John	13	111	Transported 1667.
	Pears, John	11	246	Service 1667. Of St Mary's Co.
	Pearsey, Thomas	Q	178	Immigrated prior to 1657.
	Pearce, Aba	15	443	Transported 1671.
	Frances	12	602	" 1670.
	Dr. John	WC2	51	Immigrated 1678 with wife and one person. Of Calvert Co.
	Rachel	17	333	Service 1672. Wife of John.
	Sarah	WC2	51	Transported 1678. Wife of Dr. John.
	William	18	329	Transported 1675.
	Peers, John	15	380	" 1676.
	Richard	15	380	" 1676.
	Peirce, Frances	12	373	" 1669. Wife of Robert.
	John	Q	239	Transported 1651-2.
	John	Q	28	" 1656.
	John	17	554	Immigrated 1663. Of St. Mary's Co. Chirurgeon.

Skordas Page No.	Name of Immigrant	Patents		Remarks
		Liber	Folio	
355	Peirce, John John	15	338	Transported 1676.
		WC2	302,303	Immigrated 1680. Of Calvert Co.
	Mary	13	121	Transported 1667. Wife of Thomas.
	Richard	3	22	Transported 1649. Servant.
	Robert	12	273	Immigrated 1669.
	Robert, Gent.	ABH	77	" 1635 in the ship "Merchant Adventure".
	Thomas	6	36, 89	Transported 1660.
	Thomas	13	121	Immigrated 1667. Of St. Mary's Co.
356	Perce, Richard	Q	62	Transported 1655.
		6	48	Immigrated prior to 1663.
	Sebilla	7	506	Transported 1664.
	William	5	90	" 1656.
	William	6	214	" 1663.
	William	10	286	" 1666.
	Percie, Robert	1	60-61	Immigrated 1635.
	Percy, Joan	12	477	Transported 1670.
357	Robert	1	73-74	Immigrated 1635.
	Peres, Francisco	1	20, 37,	
			38, 166	Transported 1635-37. A Molato.
363	Pierce, George	4	14	" 1659. Servant.
	Richard	ABH	46	" 1649. Servant.

Note: In the above list, "Immigrated" means the individual furnished his own transportation. "Transported" means that someone other than the individual paid for his passage. "Servant" means the individual contracted to repay his transportation costs by acting as a servant for a period of years. "Service" means the individual had completed his period of servitude satisfactorily.

The following paragraph is quoted from page v, Foreword, by Morris L. Radoff, Archivist and Record Administrator, State of Maryland, in the book "The Early Settlers of Maryland", by Gust Skordas, Assistant Archivist, State of Maryland, from which the above list was extracted:

"Now, for the first time, there is an accurate alphabetical index listing of all the names of those who came and demanded land under the conditions of plantation. This is a remarkably useful work, especially for Maryland, because no list of passengers or ships has survived. Since the land was given free on demand, we can assume that most, if not all, of the immigrants to Maryland for the first fifty years, are listed. There is much supplementary information also, because every man who claimed land claimed it not only for himself, but for those he transported with him, wives, children, other relatives, maids and men servants. So far as I know, nothing comparable to these records exists in any other State in the Union."

The practice of giving free land upon demand for transportation of immigrants was discontinued in Maryland in 1680, therefore, the Skordas book is not helpful for research after that year, except as the records therein may lead to other records of later years. For the period 1635 to 1680, however, it can be considered as the most accurate listing of all immigrants that is available. It was first made available to the public in 1968, and, therefore, deserves to be used as a basic research tool for the period covered.

My great great grandfather, Absalom Pearce, stated in the 1850 Census of Ohio County, Kentucky, that he was born, 1773, in Maryland. Similar statements were made in Census reports for other areas, by several Pearce descendants of Maryland parentage.

The Maryland connection of our family is further supported by "The Ashby Pearce Book", described in more detail in the chapter of this book dealing with the life of Philip C. Pearce, father of Absalom Pearce. It is sufficient to say here that Ashby Pearce was a nephew of our Absalom Pearce. His father, Phillip Pearce, and Absalom Pearce were brothers, both being sons of Philip C. Pearce, the oldest subject in "The Ashby Pearce Book". The statement is made that both Phillip and his father, Philip C., were born in Baltimore, Md. It is thought that Baltimore County, rather than Baltimore City, was intended.

Also, there is a biography of Ashby (Ashbey) Pearce, pp. 771, 772, of H. K. Hines' "An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon" (1893), in which the following is stated:

"Ashbey Pearce, an Oregon pioneer of 1847, and now an honored resident of Albany, was born in Harrison county, Indiana, June 30, 1821.

"Philip Pearce, his father, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, his ancestors having settled there in 1834 (1634 intended), with the emigration of Lord Baltimore. The boyhood days of Philip were passed in Tennessee and Kentucky, where he lived with his parents, engaged in various occupations. He was married in 1807 to Miss Aley Torr, a native of the James river country, Virginia, where her ancestors settled as early as 1630. Being opposed to slavery and its influences, he left Kentucky in 1811, and settled in Boone township, Harrison county, Indiana, where he was engaged in farming until 1835. Removing to Knox county, Illinois, that year, he passed the rest of his life there, his wife dying in 1855, aged sixty-eight years, and he in 1875, aged ninety-two. In their family were ten children who lived to maturity."

There is a possibility, of course, that Hines was incorrect about the ancestors of Ashby Pearce settling in Maryland, 1634, and that they did not arrive until a later date. In this connection, it is interesting to note what George B. Everton, Sr., had to say on page 110 in his book

"Handy Book for Genealogists", about the principal periods of settlement of Maryland:

"The first contingent of emigrants to be shipped to the new colony in 1634 consisted of about twenty Catholic gentlemen and two hundred Protestant laborers. They established a settlement about nine miles up the St. George's river, which empties into the north side of the Potomac river, near its mouth.

"Already occupying Kent Island in the Chesapeake Bay, just opposite the present site of Annapolis, were William Claiborne, a Virginia planter, and a large group of settlers he had brought there from Virginia several years ahead of the Calvert colonists. Continuous warfare ensued between the two factions, as Claiborne refused to adhere to orders from the British King granting the territory to Lord Baltimore. It was not until Claiborne's death in 1677 that hostilities ceased.

"The Maryland colony enjoyed a rapid growth. This was due, in a measure, to the pronouncement of its founder that religious toleration and protection would be extended to all Christians of whatever shade of religious belief who would come there to establish their homes. The Act Concerning Religion, passed by the colony in 1649, declared that 'no person professing to believe in Jesus Christ shall henceforth be troubled or molested on account of religion'.

"This attracted a large group of Puritans who had become disgusted with the activities of the Church of England controlling Virginia. They left Virginia and came into Maryland. They settled and built up what is now Anne Arundel County. This influx increased the population of Maryland to about thirty thousand people.

"In 1660 another migration brought many settlers to the so-called Eastern Shore, the land east of Chesapeake Bay. This movement was so great it necessitated the organization of Talbot county. About five years later with the migration continuing steadily, Somerset county was formed south of Talbot."

So, there is a possibility that our earliest Pearce ancestor may have come into Maryland from Virginia, or elsewhere, rather than directly from the British Isles. Each of the 40 immigrants from the Skordas book needs to be researched thoroughly to see if a link can be found to William Pearce of Anne Arundel County who married Elizabeth Anderson in 1711. Failure to make such a connection, may necessitate research in Virginia, or elsewhere, to establish the identity of our founding father.

I can hardly hope for enough years to do all this searching myself, and had better put together and publish the facts I have accumulated, leaving the task to some younger Pearce descendant to see what more can be found about 17th Century Peaces. Hopefully, this will be done and the results published as a sequel to this book.

FIRST GENERATION

William Pearce (1), born ----; died 1719, Anne Arundel Co., Md.; married Elizabeth Anderson, 5 Sept 1711, Anne Arundel Co., Md.

The Anderson Family

Elizabeth Anderson was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Anderson, as established by the record of her birth, 15 Oct 1694, and of her baptism, 17 Sept 1704. (St. James Parish Register, 1663-1856, Anne Arundel Co., Md.).

After the death of William Pearce (1), Elizabeth married a Mr. Manning, as shown by an accounting for William Pearce's estate, which she returned in 1721, in which she described herself as Elizabeth Manning, widow of William Pearce. (Accounts, Liber L15, Folio 31).

Skordas, "The Early Settlers of Maryland", pp. 8, 9, lists almost 30 male Anderson immigrants to Maryland, during the period 1651-1679. If any of these was the ancestor of John Anderson, is not known.

Baldwin, "The Maryland Calendar of Wills", 1635-1743, lists several Andersons, in Anne Arundel and other Maryland counties. Of these, the two having greatest interest are:

Vol. III, p. 214: Will of Thomas Pratt, Anne Arundel County, made 1 May 1711, probated 11 July 1711. "To sons Thomas, Joseph and John and their hrs., in equal shares, 266 A., in two tracts, viz., 100 A., 'Pratt's Security', and 166 A., 'Pratt's Choice'; should sons die without issue, sd. lands to pass to dau. Ann and hrs., and in turn to child. of sister Elizabeth -----. To wife Jane, residue of estate. Exs.: John Anderson, Edward Parrish. Test: Alex Tanzey, Dan'll Osburn, Thos. Norris." (Will Bk. 13, p. 337).

This raises the question: Is the executor, John Anderson, the husband of Elizabeth -----, the sister of Thomas Pratt? If so, are these John and Elizabeth Anderson the same individuals as the parents of our Elizabeth Anderson, who married William Pearce (1)?

Vol. VI, p. 43: Will of John Anderson, Anne Arundel County, made 20 Sept 1725, probated 31 March 1727. "To son Thomas, dau. Hannah and sons William and Benjamin, personally. To dau. Eliza., use of certain personalty during life, at her decease to granddau. Eliza. Powell and hrs. Wife Eliza and son William, exs., and residuary legatees. Test: Thomas Gimber, William MacDaniell, Saml. Batte." (Will Bk. 19, p. 272).

This raises the question: Is this John Anderson the same individual as John Anderson, the father of Elizabeth Anderson, who married William Pearce (1)? If so, then the children of our John and Elizabeth Anderson would seem to be:

- 1 - Thomas Anderson.
- 2 - Hannah Anderson.
- 3 - William Anderson.
- 4 - Benjamin Anderson.
- 5 - Elizabeth Anderson, m William Pearce (1); had daughter, Elizabeth Pearce, who m a Mr. Powell.

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The parents of William Pearce (1) have not been identified. It is not known where or when he was born, or how long he resided in Anne Arundel County, before marrying Elizabeth Anderson. Likewise, it is not known how or if he is connected to any of the Pearces who came into Maryland before 1680, as listed in Skordas "The Early Settlers of Maryland".

Anne Arundel County Wills, Inventories, Administration Accounts, Tax Lists, Deeds and other records have been searched rather fully up to 1700, without finding a possible 17th Century Pearce ancestor in that county, other than possibly the Daniel Pearce who married Ann Hopper on 10 (month not legible) 16-- (exact year not legible). (All Hallows Parish Register, Anne Arundel County, Md.)

There are other church records of Pearces in Anne Arundel County, viz.:

St. James Parish Register, p. 379, Priscilla Pearce married Henry Austin, Mr. Jno. Long officiating, 7 Oct 1736.

St. Annes Parish Register, p. 424, John Pierce m Catherine Harroll, 23 Jan 1724; also, p. 432, Mary Peirce m Timothy Pumphrey, 30 June 1730.

All Hallows Parish Register has records of the following, in addition to the Daniel Pearce and Ann Hopper mentioned above:

p. 78: John Pierce m Mary Simpson, 18 Nov 17--(illegible).
Daniel Peirce and wife, Elizabeth, had children:

- p. 98: son, Benjamin, b 31 Jan 1723.
- p. 121: dau, Sarah, b 3 Nov 1725.
- " son, Daniel, b 15 Oct 1729.
- " son, Aquila, b 7 March 1730.
- " son, Nicholas, b 11 Apr 1735.
- " dau, Rachel, b 9 Feb 1737.
- " dau, Rebecca, b 11 Apr 1740.

p. 316: John Pierce, parents not named, baptised 14 Nov 1722.

The earliest record of William Pearce (1) that has been found is that of his marriage, on page 78 of All Hallows Parish Register, Anne Arundel County, Md.: 5 Sept 1711, William Pearce married Elizabeth Anderson, by license.

The St. James Parish Register, Anne Arundel Co., Md., records the baptism of the two sons of William and Elizabeth Pearce on page 355: William Pearce, no birth date given, father William, mother Elizabeth, baptised 20 June 1714. John Pearce, born 10 March 1714, father William, mother Elizabeth, baptised 11 April 1714.

On 16 Jan 1716, William Pearce of Anne Arundel Co., Md., patented 100 acres, "Pearce's Folly", in Baltimore County, betwixt Patapsco Falls and Gunpowder Falls, nigh a tract called "Chelsey". (Patents, Liber FF#7, Folio 305, also Liber Pl#4, Folio 392, also Rent Rolls, Liber 18, Folio 96).

The will of William Pearce (1) was made 12 Sept 1719 and probated 19 Oct 1719. In it he described himself as "taylor" of Anne Arundel County. Reference to the will is made in Will Box P, Folio dev. 19, also Box 26, Folio 8, also Wills, Liber 15, Folio 217. The will is also abstracted by Baldwin, "The Maryland Calendar of Wills", Vol. IV, p. 215, as follows:

"To sons William and John, and their hrs., real estate equally. Shd. either son die before division leaving issue, sd. hrs. to have an equal right with surviving son. Sons to be for themselves at 16 yrs. Wife Elizabeth, extx., to bring up child. and give them, at age of 21, their lawful share of personal estate. Overseers: Nephews Thomas and William Tipton. Test: Rev. Henry Hall, John Stevens, Susanna Wanill."

Elizabeth Pearce, Anne Arundel Co., Md., is confirmed as executrix in Will Box 26, Folio 8, along with Robert Franklin. She made an accounting of her administration of the estate, in 1721, under the name Elizabeth Manning, William Pearce's widow. (Accounts Liber L 15, Folio 31). This shows she married a Mr. Manning within about two years after the death of William Pearce.

The Tipton Family

It is interesting to note that William Pearce, in his will, named two nephews, Thomas and William Tipton, as "Overseers" to carry out the provisions of his will. This means that he had a sister who had married a Mr. Tipton, and it was two of her sons that he wished to act as "Overseers". In Warrants, Liber IA, Folio 426-427, 481 L, a reference is made to Sarah Pearce as the wife of Jonathan Tipton. The Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (Mormons) has done a lot of research on Tiptons, and the information on the following pages has been taken from pp. 370-373 of one of their books, on the Parrish Family.

Children and Some Descendants of Jonathan Tipton and Sarah Pearce:

1 - Thomas Tipton, b 8 Apr 1693, Anne Arundel Co., Md.; baptised 25 Apr 1699 (p. 309, St. James Parish Register); married Sarah ----- ; had eight children:

A - Mary Tipton, b 18 da, 2mo, 1717; d 6 Dec 1736 (both from St. Pauls Parish Register, Baltimore Co., Md.)

B - William Tipton, b 27 Feb 1719, Baltimore Co., Md. (St. Pauls Parish Register); d 14 Feb 1797, Baltimore Co., Md. (St. James Parish Register); m/1 Tabitha Wright, 25 Nov 1736 (St. Pauls Parish Register); m/2 Angelica Cole, not identified, but b 19 Mar 1720, d 2 Aug 1796. William Tipton had seven children:

(a) - Tabitha Tipton, b 5 da, 5 mo, 1747; d 15 da, 9 mo, 1827; m Mordecai Price, son of John Price and Rebecca Merriman.

(b) - Aquilla Tipton, d 1827; m Mary ----- ; had eight children:

1 - Joshua Tipton.

2 - Rachel Tipton.

3 - Nancy Tipton, m Henry Leaf, 11 Feb 1798.

4 - Elenor Tipton.

5 - Rebecca Tipton.

6 - Ruth Tipton.

7 - Elizabeth Tipton, m John Whiteford, 1 Dec 1795 (Balt. Co., Court House Marriage Records).

8 - Sarah Tipton.

C - Thomas Tipton, b 8 da, 3 mo, 1721, Balt. Co., Md. (St. Pauls).

D - Jonathan Tipton, b 2 da, 9 mo, 1723, Balt. Co. (St. Pauls); m Elinor Bryant, 24 da, 9 mo, 1745 (St. Pauls)

E - John Tipton, b 6 da, 7 mo, 1726, Balt. Co., Md. (St. Pauls).

F - Luke Tipton, b 24 da, 1 mo, 1728, Balt. Co., Md. (St. Pauls).

G - Solomon Tipton, b 17 da, 3 mo, 1732, Balt. Co., Md. (St. Pauls)

H - Sarah Tipton, b 17 da, 7 mo, 1734, Balt. Co., Md. (St. Pauls)

2 - William Tipton, b 27 July 1696, Anne Arundel Co., Md.; baptised 25 Apr 1699 (St. James Parish Register, p. 309); d 6 May 1726 Baltimore Co., Md. (St. Pauls Parish Register); m Hannah Price, about 1719-20, she d 1776-77; had three children:

A - Samuel Tipton, b 13 May 1721, Baltimore Co., Md. (St. Pauls); d 1804, Baltimore Co., Md.; will probated 11 Nov 1804 names six children:

(a) - Samuel Tipton.

(b) - Richard Got Tipton.

(c) - Gerrard Tipton.

(d) - Sarah Tipton.

(e) - Susannah Tipton.

(f) - Dau. who m Cox

B - Sarah Tipton, b 30 Oct 1722, Baltimore Co., Md.; m Christopher Cole; had three children:

- (a) - Ezekiel Cole.
- (b) - Christopher Cole.
- (c) - Mordecai Cole.

C - Mordecai Tipton, b 18 Apr 1724, Baltimore Co., Md. (St. James).

William Tipton's widow, Hannah (Price) Tipton, m/2 about 1725-26, John Bosley of Baltimore Co., Md., who d about 1767-1772, his will being probated 20 Apr 1772, Bk. 3, p. 213, Balt. Co.

3 - Jonathan Tipton, b 25 Mar 1699, Anne Arundel Co., Md.; baptised 25 Apr 1699 (St. James Parish Register, p. 309); m Elizabeth -----; had three children:

- A - Edward Tipton, b 27 da, 10 mo, 1728 (St. James Parish Register)
- B - John Tipton, b 15 da, 8 mo, 1730 (St. James Parish Register).
- C - Sarah Tipton, b 30 da, 8 mo, 1736 (St. James Parish Register).

(Sarah (Pearce) Tipton, wife of Jonathan Tipton, Sr., died before 15 Dec 1709, the date on which he married his second wife, Mary Chilcote, Anne Arundel Co., Md. (St. James Parish Register)).

There is a record (Patents, Liber PL7, Folio 636) of Jonathan Tipton patenting 200 acres of land, "Molly and Sally's Delight", west side of main falls of Gunpowder River, Baltimore County, in 1730. Whether this was Jonathan, Sr., d 1756, or Jonathan, Jr., b 1699, is not known.

Ray in his "Tennessee Cousins" has quite a bit to say about Colonel Jonathan Tipton, also about Colonel John Tipton, in writing about the formation of State of Franklin and about Washington County, N. C. (now Tenn.). Could these be Jonathan and John, sons of Thomas, above?

Tradition among several descendants of Jonathan Tipton, Sr., has it that he was born, 1638, at Kingston, Jamaica, son of Machak Tipton and Hester -----; moved to Baltimore in 1670; married Sarah Pierce, 1690, whose father was said to be Capt. William Pierce; and died 1 Jan 1756 (or 1757, or 1758) in Baltimore, Md., aged 118 years. Some descendants feel that his age was exaggerated and that he was born later than 1638. Some descendants also add children other than the three named above in the Mormon records, as follows:

- 4 - John Tipton (One wonders if he is not confused with John Tipton, son of Jonathan, Jr., in the above Mormon records).
- 5 - Joseph Tipton, not identified.
- 6 - Edward Tipton (One wonders if he is not confused with Edward Tipton, son of Jonathan, Jr., in the above Mormon records).
- 7 - Sally (Sarah?) Tipton (One wonders if she is not confused with Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Tipton, Jr., in the above Mormon records).
- 8 - Molly (Mary?) Tipton (One wonders if she is not confused with Mary, daughter of Thomas Tipton, in the above Mormon records).

SECOND GENERATION

William Pearce (2), son of William Pearce (1) and Elizabeth Anderson; born 1713, Anne Arundel County, Md.; died after 1783 Tax List was made in Baltimore County, Md.; married Mary Crawford, 3 June 1735, Baltimore County, Md. (St. Pauls Parish Register, Baltimore County, Md., Volume I, page 153).

His birthdate is established by two records: On 31 Oct 1763, William Pearce, "taylor", of Baltimore County, aged 50 years, made a deposition about a tract of land, "Stone's Adventure", then in the possession of Catherine Tells. Subtracting 50 years from the date of 1763, gives a date of 1713 for the birth of William Pearce (2). (Baltimore County Land Records, Liber B#P, Folio 181).

The St. James Parish Register, Anne Arundel County, Md., page 355, records the date of baptism of William Pearce, father William, mother Elizabeth, as 20 June 1714. His younger brother, John Pearce, was born 10 March 1714, and baptised 11 April 1714, according to the same church register. This means that William Pearce (2) was born 1713, or earlier. Since his parents were not married until 5 Sept 1711, he probably could not have been born before the middle of 1712, nor after the middle of 1713, since his younger brother was born 10 March, 1714.

The indications are that William Pearce (2) moved to "Pearce's Folly", 100 acres, nigh a tract called "Chelsey", in Baltimore County, betwixt Patapsco Falls and Gunpowder Falls, before his marriage to Mary Crawford in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, on 3 June 1735. William Pearce and his brother John Pearce had inherited this land, equally, in 1719, under the terms of their father's will. William Pearce (1) had patented the land in 1716. Volume 2, page 27, of the 1737 Tax List of Upper Hundreds Patapsco, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, as copied by Ida Charles Wilkins Foundation, shows William Pearce was a taxpayer, but does not name "Pearce's Folly". It is named in another 1737 record (Liber HWS 1A, Folio 34), where William Pearce and John Pearce are shown to be the owners at that time.

Furthermore, in Liber HWS 1A, Folio 221, it is recorded that a deed to "Pearce's Folly" was made on 11 May 1739, by William Pearce, Baltimore County "taylor", and John Pearce, Anne Arundel County "ship-wright", co-junct heirs of William Pearce, late of Anne Arundel County, deceased. The buyer was Dr. George Buchanman of Baltimore County.

On 28 Feb 1744, William Pearce applied for a patent on "Molly's Industry", 10 acres, Baltimore County, and the warrant was granted 27 Apr 1745. (Patents, Liber #2, Folio 178, and Patents #64, Liber G#E, Folio 420).

"By virtue of a common warrant (one for virgin or unimproved land), granted 27 April 1745, to lay out for William Pearce of Baltimore County 10 acres laid out on the south side of the Great Falls of

Gunpowder River beginning at a bounded white oak the beginning of tract Gunner's Range."

Certificate, dated 22 Sept 1748, includes a survey which plots the previous survey of "Molly's Industry", and a note: "on the vacant land is an old school house abt 12 foot square built of loggs and covered with clapboards".

William Pearce and "Molly's Industry" are also mentioned in the following records:

- 1745 - Rent Roll 1, Anne Arundel and Baltimore, Folio 223.
- 1750 - Calvert Papers # 904, p. 74, Baltimore County Debt Book.
- 1754 - Baltimore County Debt Book, Folio 51.
- 1755 - " " " " , Folio 49.
- 1756 - " " " " , Folio 53.
- 1757 - " " " " , Folio 49.
- 1758 - " " " " , Folio 57.
- 1761 - " " " " , Folio 49.

On 20 June 1755, William Pearce, "taylor", of Baltimore County, mortgaged "Molly's Industry" to William Young, Sheriff, for 50 pounds sterling, by virtue of sundry actions. (Liber BB #1, Folio 413).

On 14 June 1758, William Pearce conveyed "Molly's Industry" to William Young, Sheriff. His wife (name not given), talked to in private, released her dower rights. Apparently this was a "Mortgage Deed" to secure the payment of a debt, and it must have been paid, as William Pearce is listed in the following records in connection with "Molly's Industry":

- 1758 - Baltimore County Debt Book, Folio 57.
- 1761 - " " " " , Folio 49.
- 1762 - " " Patents F, Liber BC & GS #23, Folio 141.
- 1783 - " " Tax List, Middle and Back River Upper Hundreds, where William Pearce is shown as owning 9 acres, part of Molly's Industry, and 5 acres, Pearce's Lot, and that his family consisted of two whites.

On 23 Sept 1762, William Pearce applied for a patent to "Pearce's Security to Molly's Industry", 2 1/4 acres, part of vacant land adjoining "James's Meadows", belonging to Stephen Price, "Lane's Tryangle", belonging to Charles Ridgely, and "Molly's Industry", belonging to the petitioner, lying near tract "Gunner's Range". The certificate was dated 23 Mar 1763. (Baltimore County Patents F, Liber BC & GS #23, Folio 141).

Patents 101, Liber BC & GS #21, Folio 311, under date of 12 Apr 1763, has the following to say:

"By special warrant (one covering improved property), granted 23 Sept 1764 to lay out for William Pearce of Baltimore County twenty five and one half acres joining the three tracts James's Meadow Lane's

Triangle and Molly's Industry whether cultivated or otherwise. Examined and passed 12 April 1763. Received two shillings and 3 pence for the within land and 10 shillings for the improvements patent may therefore issue 22 November 1763."

Under date of 22 Aug 1764, the following is recorded in Patents 106, Liber BC & GS #26, Folio 173: "In consideration that William Pearce of Baltimore County Maryland hath due unto him twentyone acres by warrant for that quantity granted him 13 April 1764 grant said William Pearce tract Pearce's Lott in Baltimore County begin at the end of the first line of tract Tracy's Park. Certificate of survey 22 August 1764. Patent 22 August 1764."

The 1763 Tax List, Baltimore County, Saint Thomas Parish, Back River Upper Hundred, at Maryland Historical Society, shows on page 9:
"Pearce, William."

"Pearce's Security to Molly's Industry", 2 1/4 acres, and "Pearce's Lot", 21 acres, are charged to William Pearce as follows:

1766 - Baltimore County Debt Books, Folio 92.
1768 - " " " " , Folio 104.
1769 - " " " " , Folio 113.
1770 - " " " " , Folio 91.
1771 - " " " " , Folio 96.

On 6 Sept 1769, William Pearce (2) deeded "Pearce's Security to Molly's Industry" to his son, Philip Grafford Pearce (3), as shown by the following record in Liber AL #A, Folio 461-462:

"To all Christian People to whom these Presents shall come I William Pearce do send Greetings know ye that I the said William Pearce of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland, Taylor, For and in consideration of the Natural Affection and Fatherly Love which I have and Bare to my Living Son Philip Grafford Pearce of the aforesaid County and Province and for a further in consideration of five shillings sterling money by him to me in hand paid and in further (consideration?) for him the aforesaid Philip to wall in the graveyard with stone sixteen feet square and for divers other and good causes considerations to me hereunto moving have given and by these presents give grant aliened ensconce and confirm unto the said Philip Grafford Pearce and to the lawful begotten heirs of his body and then to the next lawfull begotten heir and so from one lawfull begotten heir to another forever all that tract of land called Pearce's Security to Molly's Industry lying on the Ridge known by the name of Britain Ridge Patterned by the said William Pearce in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty three containing and Bounding as expressed in the said Pattron the aforesaid William Pearce's (interest?) in the same excepted to have and to hold all the aforesaid tract of land with all the appurtenance belonging thereunto belonging or in

any wise appertaining to him Philip Grafford Pearce except as before excepted and to the lawfull begotten heirs (same words as above) and to the only use and behoofs of the said Philip Grafford Pearce as excepted as before excepted and to the lawfull begotten heirs (same words again as above) so that I the said William Pearce excepted as before excepted nor my heirs nor any other person from me or them nor in their nor in my names nor in the name right or stead of them shall nor by any ways nor means hereafter have any claim chaling or demand any estate right title interest of in or to the Premissces as before given nor any part or Parcel thereof they and every one of them shall be utterly barred and excluded forever by these presents in witness whereof the said William Pearce hath hereunto set his hand and seal this 6th day of September 1769."

On the 1773 Tax List, Back River Upper Hundred, Baltimore County, As Taken By William Hutson, Copied By Ida Charles Wilkins Foundation, at Maryland Historical Society, there appears:

Page 5, line 1: "Pierce, William, No. of white males, 1".

line 2: "Pierce, Grofford Philip, No. of white males, 1".

In 1778, "William Pearce, Senr." and "Philip Grafford Pearce" signed an Oath of Fidelity to Maryland, which is to be found in Box 3, Folder 9 at the Maryland Hall of Records. Seventy two of their neighbors signed also.

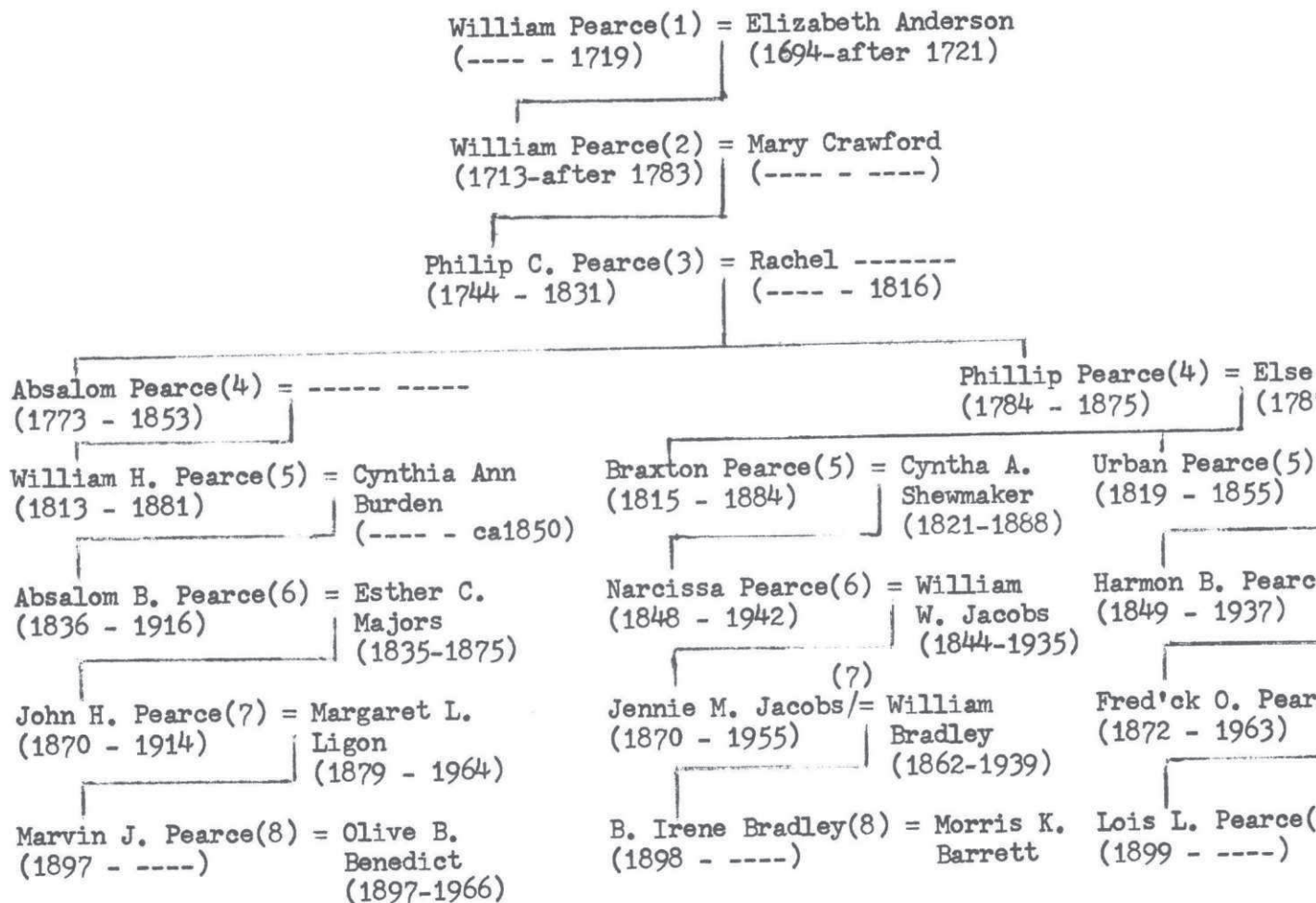
"I do swear that I do not hold myself bound to yield any Allegiance or Obedience to the King of Great Britain, his Heirs or Successors, and that I will be truly faithful to the State of Maryland, and will to the utmost of my Power support ... (illegible) ... and defend the Freedom and Independence thereof and the Government as now established against all open Enemies, and secret and traitorous Conspiracies, and will use my utmost Endeavours to disclose and make known to the Governor, or some one of the Judges ... (illegible) ... thereof all Treasons or traitorous Conspiracies, Attempts or Combinations against ... (illegible) ... or the Government thereof which may come to my knowledge. So help me God."

"William Pearce, Snr." appears on line 20, and "Philip Grafford Pearce" appears on line 26 of the 1778 Unpublished War Records of Maryland, The Worshipful Richard Holliday Returns, at Maryland Historical Society.

On the 1783 Tax List, Middle and Back River Upper Hundreds, Baltimore County, at the Maryland Historical Society, William Pearce is shown as owning 9 acres, part of "Molly's Industry", and 5 acres, "Pearce's Lot". His family included two whites.

This is the most recent record of William Pearce (2) that has been found. So far as known, there is no record of his children, other than the one son, Philip Grafford Pearce (3).

COMPARATIVE PEARCE PEDIGREES OF
B. IRENE BRADLEY BARRETT, M.D.
LOIS LEONA PEARCE EHLERS
MARVIN J. PEARCE, Sr.



THIRD GENERATION

Lieut. Philip C. Pearce (3), son of William Pearce (2) and Mary Crawford, b 12 Feb 1744, Baltimore Co., Md.; d 3 July 1831, Paoli, Ind.; m/1 Rachel -

----- He was a Lieut. during the Revolutionary War. He went to the Watauga River settlement (State of Franklin), in North Carolina, now Tennessee, about 1785; on the 1790 to 1794 Tax Lists of Washington Co., N. C.; in Clark Co., Ky., 1798; in Shelby Co., Ky., 1808 to 1816; in Orange Co., Ind., 1816 to 1831. He m/2 Mrs. Catherine McCabe, before 1820, without any children resulting.

Much data, for Pearce and related families, has been supplied by two cousins, to whom I now pay tribute:



Mrs. Irene Bradley Barrett, M.D., (8) is shown at the left. She lives at 5400 Pooks Hill Rd., Apt. 916, Bethesda, Md. 20014. She has been most helpful in proofreading the preliminary draft of this book, and in supplying several suggestions for improvement. She has devoted many years to collecting data on the Pearce family and related families, all of which she has generously allowed me to use. Her D. A. R. membership (National No. 537208) is based on the Revolutionary service of Lieut. Philip C. Pearce (3).

Mrs. Lois Leona Pearce Ehlers (8) and Marvin J. Pearce, Sr. (8) are shown at the right. She lives at 1100 Ptarmigan Dr., Manor 4, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94595. She has been most generous with facts and data, including pictures, which she has collected during several years of research. Her D. A. R. membership is based on the Revolutionary participation of Lyman Jackson, one of her ancestors, through Elizabeth R. Jackson who married Urban Pearce(5).



While no documentary evidence has been found to definitely prove that it was our William Pearce (2) who married Mary Crawford, 3 June 1735, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore Co., Md., there is much circumstantial evidence that this is true:

- 1 - William Pearce (1) patented "Pearce's Folly, 1716, betwixt Patapsco Falls and Gunpoder Falls, nigh "Chelsey", Baltimore Co., Md.
- 2 - William Pearce (1) willed his real estate, 1719, to his two sons. William Pearce (2) and John Pearce (2).
- 3 - William Pearce (2) and John Pearce (2) were shown as the owners of "Pearce's Folly", 1737.
- 4 - William Pearce (2) was shown as a taxpayer, 1737, on the Tax List of Upper Hundreds Patapsco, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore Co., Md.
- 5 - A William Pearce married Mary Crawford, 1735, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore Co., Md.
- 6 - A popular nick-name for Mary was, and is, "Molly". Mary Crawford may have been called by this nick-name.
- 7 - William Pearce (2) gave the name "Molly's Industry" to the ten acres he patented, 1744, on the south side of the Great Falls of Gunpowder River, Baltimore Co., Md.
- 8 - William Pearce (2) named his son "Phillip Grafford (Crawford) ", possibly in honor of the maiden name of his wife.

From the above facts, it seems highly probable that our William Pearce (2) was the same individual as the William Pearce who married Mary Crawford, 1735, and that they were the parents of Lieut. Philip Grafford Pearce (3).

This leads to a discussion of the middle name "Grafford". In Baltimore Co., Md., records he is found variously as "Philip Grafford Pearce", "Philip G. Pearce" and "Philip Pearce". In North Carolina records he is "Phil Grafford Pierce" and "Philip G. Pearce". In Kentucky records he is "Philip Pearse", "Phillip C. Pearce", "Phl C. Pearce", "Philip Pearce" and "Phl Craffort Pearce". In Indiana records he is "Philip Craffort Pearce", "Philip Crawford Pearce" and "Phil Craffort Pearce". The "Ashby Pearce Book" gives his name as "Philip C. Pearce, Grand F."

It is well to remember that English orthography was not settled until about the beginning of the 19th Century. Each clerk, recorder, copyist, or individual spelled a word as it sounded to him. Audible pronunciation of "Grafford", "Crafford", "Craffort" and "Crawford" will sound almost indistinguishable. There is little wonder that the name was spelled so many different ways.

Also, in the "Pennsylvania Dutch" variety of English, as spoken just a few miles north of Baltimore County, Md., "C" is often pronounced "G", as in "Glarence" for "Clarence"; "V" for "W", as in "Villiam for "William"; "W" for "V", as in "Wanderbilt" for "Vanderbilt". Likewise, "d" and "t" are often interchangeable, especially at the end of words.

A personal experience will illustrate what I mean. While living in Berks County, Pa., 1930-1938, I happened to be standing near a counter in a local department store, where initialled handkerchiefs were on sale, just before Christmas. When the clerk asked a young native girl what initials she would like, the reply was "I'll take a C for Glarence and a W for Villiam".

So, "Crawford", "Crafford", "Craffort", "Grafford" can easily refer to one and the same individual. I prefer to use "Philip C. Pearce" in this book, since that is the way his grandson, Ashby Pearce (5) designated him in the "Ashby Pearce Book".

While on the subject, it is interesting to note that Skordas in his "Early Settlers of Maryland" shows the following spellings:

Crafford - David, George and John;
Craford - Ann and John;
Crauford - Richard;
Crawford - James, Patrick, Thomas and William;
Grafford - Peter.

Also, in Baldwin's "The Maryland Calendar of Wills" there are similar varieties of spelling the name, viz.:

Crafford - Quinton;
Craford - Elizabeth, James (twice), John and Samuel;
Crawford - David, James (twice) and Margaret.

Which, if any, of the above early Maryland individuals is the ancestor of Mary Crawford, who married William Pearce, 1735, is not known.

The date of birth, and of death, of Philip C. Pearce (3) has been obtained from the "Ashby Pearce Book", now owned by my fourth cousin, Mrs. Henry R. Ehlers, 1100 Ptmargin Drive, Manor No. 4, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94529, whose line of descent is:

William Pearce (1), William Pearce (2), Philip C. Pearce (3), Phillip Pearce (4), Urban Pearce (5), Harmon Bardsley Pearce (6), Frederick Orion Pearce (7), Lois Leona Pearce Ehlers (8).

I have photo copies of the pertinent pages of this "Ashby Pearce Book" which were supplied by the courtesy and kindness of Mrs. Ehlers. She has been most helpful, also, in supplying other facts, and in proofreading the initial manuscript of this book.

THE "ASHBY PEARCE BOOK"

This book was started by Ashby Pearce (5), son of Phillip Pearce (4) and grandson of Philip C. Pearce (3). It is a record of Ashby Pearce, his father, his grandfather, his mother, his wife, his brothers and sisters, and a few other relatives of younger generations. Ashby Pearce had no children, so the book covers only three generations. It contains several pictures, and a biography of Ashby Pearce (source unknown) that is similar to the one quoted in the chapter "Early Pearces in America", but different in that it contains the sentence "The ancestors of Ashby Pearce came to America in 1630 and '34 and settled in Virginia, on the James river." This locale, no doubt, refers to the Torr family, from which Ashby's mother came, who were residents of James River, Va. But the date, 1634, may refer to Ashby's Pearce ancestors, as that is the date of the first contingent of permanent settlers in Maryland, at Saint Mary's.

Special note is made of the following items concerning the ownership of the book during the last century:

- 1 - The book is substantially bound with an embossed cover reading "Pictorial Family Register". It was designed by A. H. Latt, M. D., and was published by three firms:

George Maclean, Philadelphia, New York and Boston;
E. Hannaford and Company, Cincinnati, and Chicago;
F. Dewing and Company, San Francisco, California

It bears the date 1871.

- 2 - The following is hand written in ink on the cover lining:

"First - Ashby Pearce Book"
"Second - Narcissa Carothers"
"Third - Lucy E. Knell"

- 3 - On the first page of the fly-leaves is written:

"I reseived this Book from Aunt N. Carothers in April, 1911."
(Signed) "Lucy E. Knell"

There are four distinct handwritings in the book. The first is believed to be that of Susan (Read or Reed) Pearce, Ashby's wife, who was a schoolteacher; the second is that of Ashby Pearce, himself, as determined by comparison with other specimens of his known writing; the third is the same as that found on the inside of the cover, and on the fly-leaves, that of Lucy E. Knell; the fourth is that of Harmon Bardsley Pearce, son of Urban Pearce, grandson of Phillip Pearce, and great grandson of Philip C. Pearce, identified by comparison with other known specimens of his handwriting.

- 4 - At the death of Harmon Bardsley Pearce, the book was stored in his trunk by his youngest daughter, Lola Eunice Pearce Connor, who resides in Watsonville, Calif.
- 5 - In October 1963, Mrs. Connor telephoned Mrs. Ehlers that she had found "the long lost Ashby Pearce Book", and asked Mrs. Ehlers to come to Watsonville and get it, if she would like to have it.
- 6 - Thus, Mrs. Lois Leona Pearce Ehlers, 1100 Ptarmigin Drive, Manor No. 4, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94529, became the present owner of the book. She cherishes it very highly, as she is intensely interested in genealogy.

On the next page of this book, we reproduce the two pages of the "Ashby Pearce Book", dealing with Philip C. Pearce. The pages have been reduced in size, about 15%, to make them fit this book's pages. His birthplace is probably Baltimore County, Md., rather than Baltimore city, as indicated in the book. His religion is given as "Catholic", because it is thought that he adopted that religion when he married Mrs. Catherine McCabe, and because Orange County, Ind. was a strong Catholic community. His ancestors and descendents are almost all Protestant.



FRONT COVER OF THE "ASHBY PEARCE BOOK"

REGISTER OF

AUTOGRAPH

Name *Philip C. Pearce (Grand F.)*
 Birthplace *Baltimore Md*
 Date of Birth *Feb. 12. 1744.*
 Descent *English*
 Father's Name _____
 Mother's Name _____
 No. Br's & Sisters _____
 Education *Common English*
 Occupation *Sailor*
 Politics *Whig*
 Religion *Catholic*
 Date of Marriage _____

Stature *Six Feet ¹⁴/₁₆*
 Weight *One hundred*
 Habit *Full*
 Complexion *Fair*
 Color of Hair _____
 Color of Eyes *Black*
 Health *Good*
 Date of Death *July 3. 1*
 Disease *kill'd By a Ho*
 Place of Death *Polia*
 Age *Eighty seven yrs.*
 Place of Interment *Polia*

No record has been found of the marriage of Philip C. Pearce (3). His wife's name was Rachel, as shown by the deed he and she made (Shelby County, Ky., Deeds, Bk. N, p. 220), on 10 Sept 1816, when they were preparing to move to Orange County, Ind.

It might have been Rachel Wheeler, daughter of Solomon Wheeler and Rachel Taylor, that Philip C. Pearce (3) married. Solomon Wheeler was the son of William Wheeler and Martha West, who were married in All Hallow Parish, Anne Arundel County, 14 Nov 1706. Rachel Taylor was the daughter of Thomas Taylor and Sarah Price. Thomas Taylor was the son of Richard Taylor and Anne Tracy. Sarah Price was the daughter of Mordecai Price and Mary Parsons, who were also the parents of Rachel Price, who married Dennis Garrett Cole, and had a daughter Rachel Cole, who married a Pearce. Dennis Garrett Cole was the son of John Cole and Joanna Garrett, daughter of Dennis Garrett and Barbara ----- . Both Solomon Wheeler and Dennis Garrett Cole lived in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, therefore were neighbors of William Pearce (2).

We know that Rachel Wheeler married a Pearce through the fact that her father's will (Burns Abstracts of Baltimore County, Md., Wills, Bk. 4, p. 204), made 12 March 1783 and filed 14 March 1787, mentions his daughter Rachel Pearce, as well as other children.

Also, we know that Rachel Cole married a Pearce through the fact that her father's will (Baltimore County Wills, Liber 3, Folio 252), made 1 Dec 1772 and filed 16 June 1773, mentions his daughter Rachel Pearce.

All of this data on the Wheelers and Coles has been supplied by Mr. Robert W. Barnes, 1204 Silverthorne Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212. He has done a vast amount of research on both families, since Mrs. Barnes is connected with both families. He also has been very helpful to me by supplying other data that has been included in this book.

There are many Cole and Wheeler immigrants to Maryland, listed in Skordas "The Early Settlers of Maryland". Likewise, there are many references to Cole and Wheeler in Baldwin's "The Maryland Calendar of Wills". Of all of these, the will of William Wheeler, Baltimore County planter, in Vol. VII, p. 252 and Vol. VIII, p. 48, is of most interest, since it is believed to be the will of the William Wheeler that was the father of Solomon Wheeler, and the grandfather of Rachel Wheeler:

"Wheeler, William, planter, Baltimore Co., (made) 19th Apr., 1732; (probated) 6th June, 1738. To sons John, William, Richard, Thomas, Samuel, Weaston, William, Jr., and Moses and dau. Mary Murray, personalty. To wife Martha, extx., entire real estate during life; after her decease the same to sons Solloman and Isaac and their hrs. They failing issue to pass to son Weaston and hrs., and residue of personalty until sons Solloman and Isaac and daus. Martha and Ann come of age. Test: Buckler Partridge, Jane Partridge, Henry Williams. 7th June, 1738. Widow claims her thirds. (Bk.) 21 (p.) 894."

On p. 48, Vol. VIII, "The Maryland Calendar of Wills", and in Bk. 22, p. 100 of the original will records, appears this note:

"No will appears but at the request of Martha Wheeler on October 3rd, 1739, Jane Partridge took oath before the court that she and Henry Williams were witnesses to a will of William Wheeler which had not been probated."

All this data on the Wheeler family is given so that future researchers might have a starting point from which to begin their search for evidence that Rachel Wheeler was the wife of Philip C. Pearce (3). It is a curious fact that the names of Solomon and Rachel first seem to appear in Pearce families in generations that are later than the third.

Now, we return to the presentation of records dealing with Philip C. Pearce (3).

Baltimore County Deeds, 1768-1770, Liber AL A, Folio 461-462:
6 Sept 1769 - William Pearce makes Gift Deed for "Pearce's Security to Molly's Industry", to his son Philip Grafford Pearce. See Second Generation for full details.

1773 Baltimore County Tax List, Back River Upper Hundred, at Maryland Historical Society:
Philip Grafford Pearce appears on line 2, and William Pearce appears on line 1.

1778 Oath of Fidelity, Box 3, Folder 9, at Maryland Hall of Records:
Philip Grafford Pearce and William Pearce, Snr., signed Oath of Fidelity to Maryland. See more details under Second Generation.

Unpublished Revolutionary War Records of Maryland, The Worshipful Richard Holiday Returns for 1778, Baltimore County, Md., at Maryland Hall of Records:
Philip Grafford Pearce appears on line 26, and William Pearce on line 20.

Unpublished Revolutionary War Records, Baltimore County Militia, Return of Capt. Benja. Talbott's Company, Belonging to Colo. Edward Cockey's Battalion, at Maryland Historical Society:
31 May 1779 - On line 3 appears "Pearce, Philip G. Lieutenant".

Original Muster Roll, Presented to Maryland Historical Society by Francis B. Culver, Printed in Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol. 7, p. 90:
31 May 1779 - Repetition of the above data.

Archives of Maryland, Vol. 45, p. 159, at Maryland Hall of Records:
Journal and Correspondence of Maryland, 1780-1781:
Letter, 26 Oct 1780, Edwd. Cockey, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee: "Sir There are several Commissions wanting for the Officers of my Battalion....."

..... And also Commissions for the following Gentlemen as officers for Capt. John Cockey's Company, who has resigned, and has not acted for some time; Benjamin Talbott, Capt. Vincent Talbott first Lieut. Thomas Chineworth second ditto and Philip Pearce Ensign....."

(Note by M. J. P.: Prior to 1871, Ensign was the lowest rank of commissioned officers. Please note, however, that Philip G. Pearce was acting as Second Lieut., in 1779, per the Muster Roll and Return cited above.)

1783 Tax List, Baltimore County, Md.:

Philip G. Pearce was listed, in the Middle and Back River Upper Hundreds, as owning 4 acres of "Pearce's Security to Molly's Industry". His family consisted of 6 white inhabitants, not broken down by age or sex.

This is the last Maryland record found of Philip C. Pearce (3). It is believed that he left Maryland for the settlement on the Watauga River in North Carolina (now Tennessee), shortly thereafter. The "Ashby Pearce Book" reveals that his son, Phillip Pearce (4), was born in Baltimore (Co.) Md. 24 Feb 1794, so it was probably after that date and his family started on the journey.

The following is quoted from "Tennessee Cousins", by Worth Stickley Ray, pp. 22, 23, 24:

"WHEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, BECAME PART OF FRANKLIN. COL. JOHN SEVIER and his friends, who had fought in the revolution, in the wars against the Indians, and whose combined wisdom had established the first Government on the Watauga, organized a separate State about 1785, which was called FRANKLIN. Col. JOHN TIPTON, to whom belongs the credit of having sided in all previous governmental progress on the Watauga, opposed this new step; one that North Carolina, at first condoned, and later condemned.

"..... one needs to read Judge Samuel Williams' "History of the Lost State of Franklin" to understand it all.

"This embryo government duly functioned for some two years, having its State Officials, its House and Senate and its public officials, who, in most instances, were composed of those who had served under North Carolina. Can we say this State of Franklin was a failure? No. But it did not and seemingly could not, continue to 'fit into' the political picture. So, it passed out.

(Six paragraphs are omitted here, for brevity, then Ray continues)

"However, in 1787, while the State of Franklin was trying feebly to function, the people of the WATAUGA and of FRANKLIN, had petitioned North Carolina for a change and for further release from so-called North Carolina rule, which taxed them, but gave nothing in the way of protection in return.

"This petition is interesting for the names that were attached to it. The names are here published from N. C. STATE RECORDS Vol. 22, pp. 705-714. No doubt this petition hastened the transition to Territorial Rule, 1790."

"PETITION BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE STATE OF FRANKLIN TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

"PETITIONERS in this instrument sought to be released from all obligations to the State of NORTH CAROLINA, which was still claiming the territory. Less than three years thereafter they became residents of the 'TERRITORY S. of OHIO'."

Then a list of 433 names is given, among which is "Phil. Grafford Pierce".

Philip G. Pearce first appeared on the 1790 Tax List of Washington County, N. C., whose territory in those days embraced the entire area of what is now the state of Tennessee. He last appeared on the 1794 Tax List of Washington County, N. C., where he was listed as delinquent. He had, probably, already started on another journey with his family, this time into Kentucky.

The earliest Kentucky record we have found of him is quoted on page 37 of "Clark County, Kentucky, Marriages", by Dr. George Doyle: 18 Jan 1798, Philip Pearce, father of Nancy Pearce, signed the consent for her to marry John Stepleton. The consent was attested by Absolum Pearce and Jeremiah Web. The bondsman was Wm. Hughs, teste D. Bullock.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN STEPLETON (STEEPLETON, STAPLETON) AND NANCY ANN PEARCE (4):

John Stepleton, b 8 Sept 1778; d 23 June 1857; m Nancy Ann Pearce (4) on 18 Jan 1798, Clark Co., Ky. She was b after 1780 and d 3 June 1857. They had thirteen children:

- 1 - Thomas Stepleton (5), b 13 Dec 1798; m Mary -----; had children:

A - Harrison Stepleton(6), b 1830	F - Thomas Stepleton(6), b 1843
B - Mary Stepleton(6), b 1834	G - Huldah Stepleton(6), b 1844
C - Melvina Stepleton(6), b 1837	H - Woodford Stepleton(6) b 1845
D - William Stepleton(6), b 1839	I - John Stepleton(6), b 1850
E - Margaret Stepleton(6) b 1840	
- 2 - Mahala Stepleton (5), b 1 Mar 1801
- 3 - William Stepleton (5), b 11 Jan 1803
- 4 - Zerella Stepleton (5), b 17 Dec 1804

- 5 - Harrison Whitsey Stepleton (5), b 30 Dec 1808; d 9 July 1863 at battle of Corydon, Ind.; m Elizabeth Mauck, b 1812, d 9 Sept 1892; had seven children:
 A - Frederick Stepleton(6) b 1833 E - Sylvania Stepleton(6) b 1844
 B - Harvey Stepleton(6) b 1835 F - Nancy Stepleton(6) b 1847
 C - Francis N. Stepleton(6) b 1837 G - Absolom Stepleton(6) b 1849
 D - Ann Stepleton(6) b 1840
- 6 - Deborah Stepleton (5), b 20 Feb 1809
- 7 - Elial Stepleton (5), b 29 Dec 1810
- 8 - Harvey Heath Stepleton (5), b 1 May 1813; d 13 Dec 1888; m/1 Emily Bealor, 6 May 1837, had three children; m/2 Nancy Trotter Enlow, 1 Mar 1848, had nine children:
 A - Louisiana Tabitha Stepleton(6), b 1834; m Sam Robly
 B - Nancy Stepleton(6), b 1840; d 23 Sept 1877; m Jonathan Garey, son of Mica and Jane Garey, on 14 Jan 1858. He was b ca 1823 and d 7 Nov 1875. They had seven children:
 (a) Laura Ann Garey(7), b 15 Nov 1858; d 6 Nov 1942; m Elisha Richard Bondurant, son of Louis Bourbon Bondurant and Lydia Webb, 23 Dec 1879. He was b 26 Apr 1847 and d 12 Oct 1909. They had seven children:
 1 - Annie Almetta Bondurant(8), b 30 June 1881; d 13 Dec 1962, Sherman, Texas.
 2 - Carlton Bondurant(8), b 30 May 1883; d 1918.
 3 - Clay P. Bondurant(8), b 13 Sept 1885; d 22 Apr 1887.
 4 - Imogene Bondurant(8), b 27 June 1889; d 21 Mar 1914; m William Burch Long, son of Newton Abner Long and Mary Ellen Fenwick, 27 Dec 1907. He was b 5 Aug 1880 and d 4 Dec 1953. They had two daughters:
 A - Annie Laura Long(9), b 17 Jan 1910; m/1 Joseph Thomas Perdue, son of George Thomas Perdue and Isabel Cissell, 5 May 1927. He d 22 Nov 1930. They had two daughters. Annie Laura Long Perdue m/2 Perry Gaines Meers, 11 Sept 1947, without issue.
 (a) Anna Imogene Perdue(10), b 2 Sept 1928; m/1 Henry Haskell Elmore, son of Lloyd Elmore and Ora Dell Hogan, 15 Nov 1947, had one son. Anna Imogene Perdue Elmore m/2 Norman Glenn Johnson, son of Clarence Leonard Johnson and Ada Evelyn Meadows, 12 Apr 1951; had three children.
 1 - Richard Haskell Elmore(11), b 1 Nov 1948
 2 - Norman Glenn Johnson(11), b 6 July 1952
 3 - John Thomas Johnson(11), b 5 Sept 1955
 4 - James Maxwell Johnson(11), b 1 Dec 1961
 (b) Mary Ellen Perdue(10), b 11 June 1930; m Stanley Alton Worsham, 15 Nov 1947. He is son of Eathon Worsham and Onia Hurt. Two children:
 1 - Rebecca Ann Worsham(11), b 31 Oct 1948; m Richard Dean Wilson, son of Woodrow Wilson and Edith Mae Piper, 3 Aug 1966; have a son:
 A - Richard Alton Wilson(12), b 4 Sept 1968.

- 2 - Lisa Jean Carole Worsham(11), b 20 Jan 1964
- B - Minnie Elizabeth Long(9), b 21 July 1912; m Robert Reed Young, son of Jesse Young and Hassie Williams, 3 Sept 1932; have four children:
- (a) Robert Reed Young(10), b 18 Aug 1933; m Genie Ann Gleim, daughter of Delbert V. and Geneva Gleim, 14 Sept 1957; have two children:
 1 - Katherine Ann Young(11), b 3 Mar 1959
 2 - Sarah Gene Young(11), b 6 July 1962
- (b) Lloyd Davis Young(10), b 19 Apr 1935; m Barbara Coen, daughter of Frank H. Coen, 6 Mar 1960; have three children:
 1 - Susan Heidi Young(11), b 3 Feb 1961
 2 - Robert Davis Young(11), b 20 Dec 1961
 3 - Richard Reed Young(11), b 4 May 1966
- (c) William Perry Young(10), b 6 May 1937; m Judith May Gleim, daughter of Delbert V. and Geneva Gleim; have two children:
 1 - Carl Christopher Young(11), b 6 Sept 1961
 2 - Jenny Ellen Young(11), b 15 Mar 1964
- (d) Laura Ellen Young(10), b 24 Mar 1943; m Robert Louis Woolfolk, son of Robert Louis Woolfolk and Eleanor Crosier, 29 Mar 1964.
- 5 - William H. Bondurant(8), b 14 Dec 1892
 6 - Elisha Richard Bondurant, Jr.(8), b 22 June 1895
 7 - Bourbon Patch Bondurant(8), b 18 Feb 1898.
- (b) Alfred Hamlin Garey(7), b 26 Sept 1860; d 14 Jan 1862
 (c) Ulyssees S. Grant Garey(7), b 11 Nov 1862
 (d) William T. Garey(7), b 4 Mar 1865
 (e) Minnie B. Garey(7), b 7 Apr 1870
 (f) Charly C. Garey(7), b 23 Apr 1871
 (g) Harvey Heath Garey(7), b 8 Feb 1874
- C - Strauder Stepleton(6), b 22 Dec 1843
 D - Sarah Stepleton(6), b 20 Oct 1850; m William D. Ivie
 E - Thaddeus Stepleton(6), b 12 Dec 1852; m Ella Stepro
 F - Iva Belle Stepleton(6), b 29 Jan 1854; m Frank Harris
 G - Mary Jane Stepleton(6), b 24 Apr 1858; m/1 M. Davis; m/2 Isaac Leas
 H - Stella Stepleton(6), b 19 Feb 1861; m/1 M. Hughes; m/2 Jim Jameson
 I - Joseph E. Stepleton(6), b 11 Feb 1863; d in infancy
 J - Hattie Stepleton(6), b 13 May 1864; m Dr. William Denbo
 K - John Stepleton(6), b 17 Oct 1866; d in infancy
 L - Minerva A. Stepleton(6), b 12 May 1869; m George Taylor
- 9 - Emily Stepleton (5), b 11 July 1815
 10 - America Stepleton (5), b 12 June 1817
 11 - Wesley Stepleton (5), b 18 Mar 1819
 12 - William Strauder Stepleton (5), b 24 July 1821
 13 - John Stepleton, Jr.(5), b 18 Aug 1824; m Lydia Noon, 10 Apr 1851. She was b 22 Feb 1830 and d 17 July 1863

Thomas Stepleton, thought to be a brother of John Stepleton, but without documentation at this time, married Mary Pearce (4), sister of Nancy Ann Pearce (4)

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It is interesting to note that Phillip Pearce (4) was in Shelby County, Ky., as early as 2 Nov 1807, when he made a Marriage Bond to marry Else Torr, as follows:

Shelby County, Ky., Marriage Bonds:

"This shall oblige us our heirs &c to be held and firmly bound unto Christopher Greenup Esq Gov. of this Commonwealth for the time being & his successors &c in the penal sum of L (pounds) 50 under and upon this condition that if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage intended to be solemnized between Philip Pearce and Miss Else Torr Given under our hands and seals this 2nd day of November 1807

Phillip Pearce
A. M. Gaugh"

Also, it is interesting that Absalom Pearce (4), another older son of Philip C. Pearce (3), had also preceded his father to Shelby County, Ky. He bought Lot 49, on Long Run, Shelby County, Ky., from Lynch and Blanton, on 13 May 1806. (Shelby Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. G, p. 312). Also, on that same day, 13 May 1806, George Pearce, thought to be a younger brother of Absalom Pearce (4), but without documentation, bought Lot 200, on Long Run, Shelby County, Ky., from C. Lynch. (Shelby Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. G, p. 275). Absalom Pearce (4) also bought Lot 33, on Long Run, Shelby Co., Ky., from C. Lynch, on 1 Apr 1807. (Shelby Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. H, p.296)

It was not until 16 March 1808 that Philip C. Pearce (3) first appeared on Shelby County, Ky., records, as follows:

Shelby County, Ky., Deeds, Bk. I, p. 56:

"This Indenture made this 16th of March 1808 in the year of our Lord between John Fisher and Rebekah his wife of County of Shelby and Commonwealth of Kentucky of one part and Phillip C. Pearce of the County of

Bullitt and Commonwealth aforesaid of other part In consideration of the Sum of \$1270.00 current money of Kentucky paid by Phillip C. Pearce acknowledged grant bargain and sell unto said Pearce one certain tract or parcel of Land of sixty Acres by Survey situated laying and being in the county of Shelby on the waters of Floyds Fork corner to Benjamin Johnson William Fram

Wit: Reubon X (his mark) Smidy
Phillip Pearce

John Fisher
Rebekah Fisher"

On the same day, 16 March 1808, Rheubin Smithy, one of the witnesses to the above deed, bought another 60 acres of land on Floyds Fork, from John and Rebekah Fisher. Phl. C. Pearce (3) and his son Phillip Pearce (4) were two of the witnesses to this deed. (Shelby Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. I, p. 58.) Thus, the Pearce and Smithy families became neighbors, and five years later, 17 Feb 1813, Elijah Pearce (5), oldest son of Ab-salom Pearce (4), married Betsey Smithy, daughter of Reuben Smithy. (Shelby Co., Ky., Marriages, by Burns, p. 67.)

1810 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.:

Philip Pearce:

1 m 45 & Over
1 m 16 to 26

1 f 45 & Over
1 f 16 to 26

Deborah Pearce (4) was the female, aged 16 to 26, as per the Marriage Bond quoted below. The male 16 to 26 was probably George Pearce (4), but no documentary proof has been found. A George Pearce was living near Philip C. Pearce, in Orange County, Ind., on 2 Apr 1827.

Marriage Bond, Shelby Co., Ky.:

"This shall oblige us our heirs &c to be held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of L (pounds) 50 lawful money The conditions of the above obligation is such that if there is no law-ful cause to obstruct the marriage intended to be solemnized between Charles Toor and Miss Deborah Pearce daughter of Philip C. Pearce who personally appeared and gave his consent thereto then the above obli-gation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in law Given under our hands and seals this 8th October 1812

Charles Toor
Phl. C. Pearce"

The above Marriage Bond is quoted to show that Philip C. Pearce (3) sometimes abbreviated both the Philip and the Craffort (Crawford), in signing his name.

Philip C. Pearce and his wife Rachel, apparently decided to move to Indiana, in 1816, as shown by the following deed:

Shelby County, Ky., Deeds, Bk. N, p. 220:

"Indenture made this 10th day of Sept. 1816 between Philip C. Pearce

and Rachel Pearce his wife of the county of Shelby and the State of Kentucky of one part and Joseph Plummer of Franklin County and State aforesaid of the other part That Philip C. Pearce and his wife in consideration of the Sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1400) in money of the United States hath granted bargained and sold a certain tract or parcel of Land situated and lying and being in the county of Shelby on the waters of Long Run part of a Survey in the name of James Kemp the same which was conveyed to said Pearce by deed from John Fisher and of record in the Shelby County Court Clerk Office containing sixty Acres corner to Benjamin Johnson corner to R. Smithey

Phl. Craffort Pearce
Rachel Pearce"

Almost immediately, Philip C. Pearce (3) and his wife Rachel went to Orange County, Ind., where he took up two adjacent 80 acre parcels of land, from the government, as follows:

8 Oct 1816 - E 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 34, Township 1 N, Range 1 W, 80 acres. (This was sold, on 5 Oct 1833, by Catherine Pearce, widow of Philip C. Pearce, to Alexander McCabe, her son by a previous marriage.)

18 Oct 1816 - W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 34, Township 1 N, Range 1 W, 80 acres. (This was sold in two parts, 1832 and 1837, by Catherine Pearce, widow of Philip C. Pearce, to Absalom McCabe, her son by a previous marriage.)

Rachel Pearce died in Indiana sometime between 1816 and 1820, as indicated by the 1820 and 1830 Census records and by his will. He married a Mrs. Catherine McCabe before 1820.

1820 Census, Orange County, Greenfield Twp., Indiana:

Philip C. Pierce:

1 m 45 & Over	1 f 45 & Over
1 m 10 to 16	1 f 10 to 16

1830 Census, Orange County, Greenfield Twp., Indiana:

Philip C. Pierce

1 m 80 to 90	1 f 50 to 60
1 m 20 to 30	

The 1820 Census does not tell us much about the new wife of Philip C. Pearce (3), since the female's age is given only as 45 & Over. The 10 to 16 male is Absalom McCabe. The 1830 Census shows the wife to be 50 to 60 years of age, whereas the 1810 Census in Shelby County, Ky., showed Philip C. Pearce's wife, Rachel, to be approximately the same age as himself. The 20 to 30 male on the 1830 Census is Absalom McCabe.

History of Orange County Indiana, (1884), (Reprinted 1965), Stout's
Print Shop, Paoli, Indiana:

"Within what is now Greenfield Township there was no entry of land prior to 1815." Twenty land entries are given between 1816 and 1820. Two of these are "Phillip C. Pearce, 1816", and "Charles Toor, 1817". This means that within about a year after Philip C. Pearce (3) came to Orange County, Ind., from Shelby County, Ky., he was joined by Charles Toor and his wife, Deborah Pearce (4). A list of 59 voters at an election, held on the first Monday in August 1817, is given, and one of these is "Phillip C. Pearce". (Page 400).

Philip C. Pearce made his will on 9 Oct 1829, as follows:

"WILL OF PHILIP CRAWFORD PEARCE In the name of God Amen! I Philip Crawford Pearce of the County of Orange and State of Indiana considering the uncertainty of mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be the almighty God!) for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catharine Pearce the use of my farm during her widowhood and all the kitchen furniture and bed and bedding and one cow and calf, two sheep, two sows and pigs all of her own choice. Second. I give and bequeath Bemillian Elliott one bed and bedding of a good quality. Third. I give and bequeath unto Absolom McCabe all the balance of my property of every description both real and personal and for him to take possession of my real estate as soon as my wifes interest as above stated shall cease. Nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the aforesaid Absolom McCabe from intering at any time on a part of my real estate and improve and occupy and hold the same so as not to interfere with the present farm. In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of October 1829.

Test.
Wm. Hoggatt
Absolom Gobble

Phil. Craffort Pearce (SEAL)"

"The State of Indiana
Orange County

"Be it remembered that on this 10th day of August 1831 the last will and testament of Philip Craffort Pearce, deceased, was produced to me John McVey Clerk for said county and was proven by the oath of Absolom Gobble one of the subscribing witness thereto (William Hoggatt the other subscribing witness being since deceased) which is him recorded as above.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of August, 1831.

/s/ Jno. McVey, Clk."

The above will and proof are recorded in Will Record #1, Page 64, in the office of the Clerk Orange Circuit Court.

It will be noted from the sample pages of the "Ashby Pearce Book", reproduced a few pages previously, that the health of Philip C. Pearce was "Good" on the date of his death, "July 3, 1831", when he was "Kild By a Horse", at the age of "Eighty seven yrs. 5 mo. 20 d."

The "Ashby Pearce Book" says that Phillip Pearce (4) had three brothers and five sisters. However, another hand-written record, made by Emma Pearce (6) Aldrich, says that Phillip Pearce (4) had three brothers and four sisters. A copy of this second record was supplied by Mrs. Zora Aldrich Hazlett, deceased since 26 Sept 1962, but formerly of Galesburg, Ill. Her line of descent is: Zora Aldrich Hazlett (7), Emma Pearce Aldrich (6), Woodford Pearce (5), Phillip Pearce (4), Philip C. Pearce (3), William Pearce (2), William Pearce (1). It is not known whether there were five or four daughters of Philip C. Pearce (3), but there must have been four sons, as both records agree on this point.

The children of Philip C. Pearce (3) that have been identified are as follows:

- 1 - Benjamin Pearce (4), m Mary -----, lived in Northwest Missouri; d in St. Joseph, Mo., before the Civil War; had, at least, one son:
 - A - Solomon Pearce (5), b 1830; m Sarah J. -----; lived in Gentry County, Mo.; had children (per 1860 & 1970 Census:
 - (a) - Nancy E. Pearce (6), b 1858.
 - (b) - John Pearce (6), b 1860.
 - (c) - Sarah Pearce (6), b 1862.
 - (d) - Mary C. Pearce (6), b 1864; m ----- Stevens.
 - (e) - Birdette Pearce (6), b 1870.
(Mary was called Polly; either Sarah or Birdette was also called Anne, and she m ----- McMahan.)

(Part of the above data was supplied by Mrs. Bertha M. Jacobs Hart, whose family knew the Solomon Pearce family. Mrs. Hart's line of descent is: Bertha M. Jacobs Hart (7), Narcissa Pearce Jacobs (6), Braxton Pearce (5), Phillip Pearce (4), Philip C. Pearce (3), William Pearce (2), William Pearce (1).)

- 2 - Absalom Pearce (4), see next chapter for details.
- 3 - Phillip Pearce (4), see immediately following pages for details.
- 4 - George Pearce (4?). This assumption of the name of the fourth son is based on the following facts:
 - A - On 13 May 1806, George Pearce and Absalom Pearce each bought land on Long Run, Shelby Co., Ky., where Philip C. Pearce also bought land, 16 March 1808.
 - B - There was a George Pearce living near Philip C. Pearce in Orange Co., Ind., on 2 April 1827.

- 5 - Nancy (Ann) Pearce (4), b after 18 Jan 1780, Baltimore Co., Md. (She was not of age 18 Jan 1798, when her father gave his consent for her marriage). She m John Stepleton, 18 Jan 1798, Clark Co., Ky. They later lived in Harrison Co., Ind., and in Knox Co., Ill., near her brother, Phillip Pearce (4). Some of her descendants have been given in previous pages of this chapter.
- 6 - Deborah Pearce (4), b after 1794, probably in Tennessee or in Kentucky. (She was not of age on 2 Nov 1812, when her father gave his consent for her marriage). She m Charles Torr (Toor or Tarr), brother of Else (Aley or Aalla) Torr, who m Deborah's older brother, Phillip Pearce (4). The ceremony was performed 2 Nov 1812, Shelby Co., Ky. They moved to Orange Co., Ind., near her father, in 1817.
- 7 - Mary Pearce (4), m Thomas Stapleton, who may have been a brother of John Stepleton who m Nancy (Ann) Pearce (4), above. The time and place of the marriage is not known, nor is it known whether she was younger or older than her sister, Nancy (Ann) Pearce (4).
- 8 - Rachel Pearce (4), b ca 1795, probably in Tennessee or Kentucky. She m John Davis, 14 Jan 1813, Shelby Co., Ky. Nothing is known of her descendants.

THE TORR (TOOR OR TARR) FAMILY

Biographies of Ashby Pearce (5) say that his maternal ancestors came to Virginia, 1630, and settled, eventually, on the James River. No extensive research has been done to confirm this. Casual research has indicated that the Torr children who married children of Philip C. Pearce, in Shelby Co., Ky., were grand children of a William Torr, who was b in Va., ca 1720, and m Mary Troxal. His son, William Torr, Jr., was b in Va., ca 1745, and m Elizabeth Crawford there. The 1890 First Census of Virginia shows a William Toor living in Frederick Co., Va., with a total of 7 whites in his family. Whether this is the same as the William Torr in Shelby Co., Ky., in the early 1800s, is not known. The children of the Shelby Co., Ky., William Torr were:

- 1 - John Torr, m Hannah McKinney.
- 2 - William Torr, m Anna Campbell.
- 3 - Aley (Else or Aalla) Torr, b 12 May 1787, James River, Va.; d 13 July 1855, Gilson, Knox Co., Ill.; m Phillip Pearce (4), 12 Nov 1807, Shelby Co., Ky.; descendants given in later pages.
- 4 - Charles Torr, b 7 July 1791, James River, Va.; d 6 Sept 1861, Shelby Co., Ky.; m Deborah Pearce (4), 2 Nov 1812, Shelby Co.
- 5 - Rebecca Torr, m Wm. Thomas Stevens, 9 Sept 1805, Shelby Co., Ky.
- 6 - Frances Torr, m ----- Langley.
- 7 - James Torr, m/1 Sarah Boone; m/2 Nancy Boone, younger sister of Sarah. They were daughters of Moses Boone.

CHILDREN OF PHILLIP PEARCE (4) AND ALEY (ELSE) (AALLA) TORR (TARR) (TOOR):

Phillip Pearce (4), son of Philip C. Pearce (3) and Rachel -----, b 24 Feb 1784, Baltimore Co., Md.; d 24 May 1875, Gilson, Knox Co., Ill.; m Aley (Else or Aalla) Torr (Tarr or Toor) 11 Nov 1807, Shelby Co., Ky. She was b 12 May 1787, James River, Va., the daughter of William Torr and Elizabeth Crawford; she d 13 July 1855, Gilson, Knox Co., Ill. They had eleven children:

- 1 - Elizabeth Jane Pearce (5), see following pages for details.
- 2 - Owen Pearce (5), b 23 Mar 1810, Cincinnati, Ohio; d unmarried, 25 Nov 1830, Harrison Co., Ind.
- 3 - Amanda Pearce (5), see following pages for details.
- 4 - Woodford Pearce (5), see following pages for details.
- 5 - Braxton Pearce (5), see following pages for details.
- 6 - Philip Pearce, Jr. (5), b 30 Mar 1817, Harrison Co., Ind.; d infant.
- 7 - Urban (Urbane) Pearce (5), see following pages for details.
- 8 - Ashby (Ashbey) Pearce (5), b 30 June 1821, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 28 May 1902, Albany, Oregon; m Susan Reed (Read), 10 Sept 1860, Albany, Oregon. She was b 1820, Westmorland, N. H., and d 6 June 1898, Albany, Oregon. She was the daughter of Quartus Reed and Susannah Butterfield. They had no children.
Ashby Pearce (5) moved to Knox Co., Ill., with his parents, about 1835, when he was about 14 years of age, where he remained until 1847, when he crossed the plains with a wagon train that was in command of Nathaniel Bowman, to become an Oregon pioneer when about 26 years of age. He located a 640 acre claim on the Willamette River, near the present site of Albany, and built a log cabin.
During the Winter of 1847/1848, he fought in the Cayuse Indian War for six months, under Capt. McKye. He spent some time mining gold in California, then entered the mercantile business in Albany. He, later, operated the ferry at Albany, for 20 years; built the first brick building in Albany; built and gave to the congregation a memorial Universalist church. There is a biography of him on pp. 771 and 772 of H. K. Hines' "An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon" (1893), and another one (source unknown) in the "Ashby Pearce Book".
- 9 - Joseph A. Pearce (5), see following pages for details.
- 10 - J. Farley (Fairley) Pearce (5), b 28 Oct 1826, Harrison Co., Ind.; d unmarried, 7 Jan 1849, Marion Co., Oregon.
- 11 - Narcissa Pearce (5), see following pages for details.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH JANE PEARCE (5) AND PLINY RICHARDSON:

(Data from Bible and obituary records owned by Lois Mable Stevens Capps(8), Knoxville, Ill., through Lois Leona Pearce Ehlers(8), Walnut Creek, Calif.)

Elizabeth (Betsy) Jane Pearce (5), daughter of Phillip Pearce (4) and Aley Torr, b 5 Sept 1808, Franklin Co., Ky.; d 16 Oct 1905, Knoxville, Ill.; m Pliny Richardson, 5 Dec 1833, Harrison Co., Ind. He was the son of Daniel Richardson, b 18 Apr 1776, and Mary Norton, b 15 Sept 1780. There were eight children:

- 1 - John Murray Richardson (6), b 27 Sept 1834, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 26 Nov 1885, Oakland, Iowa; m Caroline Hawkins Yard, 25 Dec 1885. She was b 27 Jan 1836; d 4 Sept 1905. They had nine children:
 - A - Jessie Richardson (7), d in infancy.
 - B - Aaron Richardson (7).
 - C - Mary Jane Richardson (7), b 14 Oct 1869, Henderson Co., Ill.; d 24 Sept 1938, Oakland, Iowa; m Henry Gregg; had a son:
 - a - Carolle E. Gregg (8).
 - D - Lucy Charlotte Richardson (7), b 22 Sept 1864, Boise, Idaho; d 30 July 1946, Idaho; m Wesley William Albright, b 1821, d 1948.
 - E - Andrew Richardson (7), d young.
 - F - Anna Richardson (7), m James Shannonaker or Shrumahan.
 - G - Caroline Elizabeth Richardson (7), m William Baxter or Bar.
 - H - Murray Richardson (7), m Ammy -----.
 - I - Henry Richardson (7), m Elizzia Bales.

- 2 - Alvah S. Richardson (6), b 8 Sept 1836, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 10 May 1906, Portland, Ore., while on his way from Meeker, Colo., to his daughter Elizabeth's home in Seattle, Wash., and his body was brought back to Meeker, Colo., for burial; m ----- Jaggert, 1 Apr 1857. There were thirteen children:
 - A - , B - and C - (names unknown, died young).
 - D - Eaton Richardson (7), lived Meeker, Colo.
 - E - Samuel Richardson (7), lived Meeker, Colo.
 - F - Rhoderick Richardson (7), lived Fulton Co., Ill.
 - G - Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Richardson (7), m ----- Sebree, lived Seattle, Wash.
 - H - Harmoniah Richardson (7), m ----- Snidee.
 - I - Tena Richardson (7), m ----- Pipett.
 - J - Minerva Richardson (7), m ----- Pearson.
 - K - Orpha Richardson (7), m ----- Byerly.
 - L - Leslie Richardson (7), lived Meeker, Colo.
 - M - Ray Richardson (7), lived Meeker, Colo.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH ("BETSY") JANE PEARCE RICHARDSON (5), CONT'D.:

- 3 - Harmoniah Richardson (6), b 1 Sept 1839, Knox Co., Ill.; d 15 Dec 1915, Knox Co., Ill.; m Eric (Evi) Sherman, 28 Jan 1859, Knox Co., Ill. He was b 15 Jan 1837; d 29 Jan 1906, Gilson, Ill. There were thirteen children:
- A - Owen Jay Sherman (7), b 7 Feb 1859, Gilson, Ill.; d 20 Oct 1933, Gilson, Ill.; m Alice Tracy, who d 23 Oct 1936; had four children:
 - a - Effie Sherman (8), b 26 July 1882, Gilson, Ill.; m/1 Arthur Speak; m/2 Otto Stairwalt.
 - b - Elsie Sherman (8), b 2 Nov 1884, Knox Co., Ill.; m Oscar Earnest, 20 Dec 1906, Gilson, Ill. Oscar was b 1 Nov 1882; d 2 Apr 1935. Much of the data in this section was supplied by Elsie Sherman Earnest (8) to Lois Leona Pearce Ehlers (8), who visited her in Gilson, Ill. in 1966.
 - c - Clarence Earnest Sherman (8), b 20 Nov 1886, Knox Co., Ill.; d unmarried 14 June 1951.
 - d - Evi Urban Sherman (8), d young.
 - B - Pliny William Sherman (7), b 11 June 1861, Gilson, Ill.; d 7 Apr 1923; m Anna Hart.
 - C - Olive Lucretia Sherman (7), b 25 Oct 1863; d Apr 1907; m John Hart.
 - D - Emily L. Sherman (7), 27 Jan 1865; d same year.
 - E - Isaac A. Sherman (7), b 21 July 1866; d same year.
 - F - Charles Reubi Sherman (7), b 16 Nov 1868; d 2 July 1948.
 - G - Ann E. Sherman (7), b 29 June 1870; d same year.
 - H - Lester A. Sherman (7), b 12 Oct 1871; d 7 Feb 1961.
 - I - Alva(h) Tryon Sherman (7), b 27 Nov 1872; d 12 Jan 1952; m Fannie Murphy.
 - J - Jessie Sherman (7), b 4 Oct 1874; d same year.
 - K - George Kunlee Sherman (7), b 20 Nov 1875; d 1 Mar 1948; m/1 Mary Victoria -----; m/2 Idesia -----.
 - L - Lucy Ellen Sherman (7), b 19 Feb 1877; d 29 Aug 1916; m Frank Butt.
 - M - Leonard Sherman (7), b 13 Feb 1882; d 196-; m Jessie Bloom, 21 Aug 1902.
- 4 - Daniel Richardson (6), b 25 Feb 1841, Knox Co., Ill.; d 8 Aug 1924, Lewiston, Neb.; m Sarah A. Ryner, 18 Apr 1869, after Daniel's return from service in the Civil War. Sarah was b 25 Aug 1848, Warren Co., Ill.; d 23 Apr 1928, Lewiston, Neb. They had six children:
- A - Oliver Richardson (7), d an infant.
 - B - Alvah H. Richardson (7), d 13 Oct 1908.
 - C - Truman R. Richardson (7), lived Lewiston, Neb.
 - D - Bert D. Richardson (7), lived Lewiston, Neb.
 - E - Sherman S. Richardson (7), lived Crab Orchard, Neb.
 - F - Frank S. Richardson (7), lived Crab Orchard, Neb.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH JANE PEARCE RICHARDSON (5), CONT'D.:

- 5 - Aley P. Richardson (6), b 25 Mar 1843; d 18 July 1869, Knox Co., Ill.
- 6 - Owen P. Richardson (6), b 17 Nov 1845, Knox Co., Ill.; m Ann Powell, 18 July 1869; lived Lewiston, Neb.
- 7 - Pliny Orlando (Orley) Richardson (6), b 7 Feb 1848, Knox Co., Ill.; d 12 Oct 1916, Knox Co., Ill.; m Emmarillice (Rill) Pickrel, 2 Nov 1871, Knox Co., Ill. She was b 4 Mar 1853, Knox Co., Ill.; d 19 Mar 1932, Knox Co., Ill. She was the daughter of Solomon Pickrel, b 18 Nov 1827, d 14 Sept 1860, and Salinda Lotts, b 24 June 1830, d 20 Jan 1911. Salinda Lotts was the daughter of Isaac Lotts and Nancy Knox. Salinda Lotts Pickrel m/2 James Rebstock, 25 July 1866. Pliny O. Richardson and Emmarillice Pickrel had six children:
- A - James Elbert Richardson (7), b 29 June 1873, Gilson, Ill.; d 24 July 1953, Opportunity, Wash.; m Maude Maxey, 26 Nov 1898.
 - B - Lois Richardson (7), b 11 Sept 1875, Knox Co., Ill.; d unmarried, 2 Jan 1932, Gilson, Ill.
 - C - Marshall William Richardson (7), b 20 Apr 1880, Gilson, Ill.; d 29 Apr 1960, Galesburg, Ill.; m on 20 Dec 1905, Jessie Custer, b 9 Jan 1883, d 10 July 1945, Galesburg, Ill.
 - D - Salinda Pearl Richardson (7), b 7 Dec 1882, near Halsted, Kan.; d 4 Dec 1954, Galesburg, Ill.; m Roy Leslie Stevens, 10 Feb 1915, Peoria, Ill. He was b 28 Aug 1887; d 1 Jan 1960, Knoxville, Ill.; the son of George William Stevens and Tryphena Louise Corbin. Salinda Richardson Stevens had three children:
 - a - Lois Mabel Stevens (8), D.A.R. No. 480238, b 9 Nov 1916, Knox Co., Ill.; m Alvin Leroy Capps, 23 Dec 1939, Knoxville, Ill. He was b 23 Aug 1902. No children.
 - b - Jean Stevens (8), b 9 June 1919, Gilson, Ill.; m Robert Craig Miller, 26 June 1941.
 - c - Roy Leslie Stevens, Jr. (8), b 2 July 1921, Gilson, Ill.; m Marion Quiggins, 21 Dec 1948, Knoxville, Ill. Marion was b 27 June 1927, the daughter of Marvin Quiggins and Helen Daily Swank.
 - E - Glenn Bardette Richardson (7), b 3 Nov 1887; m Amy Bloomfield, 10 Mar 1919. She was b 21 Mar 1898.
 - F - Orland Leo Richardson (7), b 6 Nov 1893, Lincoln, Ill.; d 1967; m Grace Jacques 14 Jan 1920, who was b 26 Sept 1887.
- 8 - Martha Jane Richardson (6), b 14 Sept 1853, Knox Co., Ill.; d 23 Mar 1935, Knoxville, Ill.; m Richard Haney Pickrel, 17 Aug 1871, Knox Co., Ill. He was b 5 Apr 1846; d 21 June 1939; the son of Booker Pickrel and Susan Dempsey. He was a cousin of Emmarillice Pickrel who m Pliny Orlando Richardson (6). Martha Jane Richardson Pickrel had nine children:

SOME DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH JANE PEARCE RICHARDSON (5), CONT'D.:

Children of Martha Jane Richardson (6) and Richard Haney Pickrel:

- A - Lena Pickrel (7), m ----- Hughs; had three sons:
 - a - John Hughs (8).
 - b - Merrill Hughs (8).
 - c - Wayne Hughs (8).
- B - John U. Pickrel (7), lived DeLong, Ill.
- C - Clayton Pickrel (7), lived Knoxville, Ill.
- D - Thomas R. Pickrel (7), lived New York City.
- E - Frank Pickrel (7), lived Gilson, Ill.
- F - Mae Pickrel (7), lived Davenport, Iowa; m ----- Cook.
- G - Roxy Irene Pickrel (7); m ----- Dustman; d 18 Jan 1939, Tucson, Ariz.
- H - Leon Pickrel (7), lived Moline or Rock Island, Ill.
- I - Cecil Pickrel (7), lived Gilson, Ill.

(Martha Jane Richardson Pickrel (6) kept in close touch with Narcissa Pearce Carruthers (5) and with Narcissa Pearce Jacobs (6) and enjoyed exchanging family data, thus being responsible for many records that have been kept and passed along by Lois Mabel Stevens Capps (8).)

SOME DESCENDANTS OF AMANDA PEARCE (5) AND JOHN B. HENDERSON:

Amanda Pearce (5), daughter of Phillip Pearce (4) and Aley Torr, b 11 June 1812, Harrison Co., Ind.; m John B. Henderson, 1834. They had six children:

- 1 - Pleasant B. Henderson (6).
- 2 - Philip Henderson (6).
- 3 - William Joseph Henderson (6).
- 4 - Sarah Henderson (6), m Thompson.
- 5 - Aley Henderson (6), m Perkins.
- 6 - Arthur Henderson (6).

SOME DESCENDANTS OF WOODFORD PEARCE (5) AND MINERVA LOTTS (LOTTZ):

Woodford Pearce (5), son of Phillip Pearce (4) and Aley Torr, b 21 Dec 1813, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 18 Mar 1891, Gilson, Ill. m Minerva Lotts, 17 June 1841, Knox Co., Ill. Minerva was the daughter of Isaac Lotts and Nancy Knox, and she was b 8 Apr 1821 and d 3 Sept 1897, Gilson, Ill. They had nine children:

- 1 - Virgil Pearce (6), b 13 May 1842; d 22 Dec 1853; both Knox Co., Ill.
- 2 - Malissa Pearce (6), b 23 Dec 1845 (twin); d 22 July 1846.
- 3 - Charles C. Pearce (6), b 23 Dec 1845 (twin); d 16 Dec 1853.
- 4 - James C. or M. Pearce (6), b 1 Apr 1848; d 3 Nov 1864.
- 5 - Farley Pearce (6), b 2 Nov 1850; d 18 Nov 1850; both Knox Co., Ill.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF WOODFORD PEARCE (5) AND MINERVA LOTT, CONT'D.

- 6 - Lucian Pearce (6), b 30 Sept 1851; d 23 Nov 1864.
7 - Nancy A. Pearce (6), b 1864, Knox Co., Ill.; m Owen J. Aldrich who was Sheriff of Knox Co., Ill., and moved to Grand Junction, Colo. They had four children that are known:

A - Julia Aldrich (7), b 12 Oct 1877, Grand Junction, Colo.;
m ----- Wilson; had two known children:

a - John Wilson (8).

b - Ailene Wilson, b 3 July -----; m Wendell Ridley, an optometrist; they had a son:

1 - Robert Ridley (9); m Velma -----; he became an eye surgeon in Southern California; they had a daughter:

A - Karen Ann Ridley (10).

B - Alice Aldrich (7), never married; a retired school teacher who lived in Grand Junction, Colo.

C - Clarence Aldrich (7), m Leila -----; he became a judge at Meeker, Colo.; they had a daughter:

a - Harriet Aldrich (8), m ----- Hanks; had a daughter:
1 - Marguerite Hanks (9).

D - Jane Aldrich (7), m ----- Bills; lived Evanston, Wyo.

8 - Salenda Pearce (6), b 6 Apr 1856, Knox Co., Ill.; d 4 Dec 1856.

9 - Emma Pearce (6), b 1861; m P. Aldrich, 1878, Knox Co., Ill.; had three children:

A - Zora Aldrich (7), b 16 Jan 1879, Knox Co., Ill.; d 26 or 27 Sept 1962, Galesburg, Ill.; m Frederich Russell Hazlett, 23 Oct 1901, Rifle, Colo.; had two known children:

a - Doris H. Hazlett (8), m ----- Collins; lived Evanston.

b - Daughter, m ----- Pankey; had two children:

1 - Carole Pankey (9), m Jochimsen.

2 - William F. Pankey (9).

B - Lloyd A. Aldrich (7), served as City Engineer of Los Angeles, Calif.; after retirement lived San Fernando, Calif.;

m/1 Betty -----, divorced; had four children:

a - Charles Aldrich (8). b - Robert Aldrich (8).

c - William Aldrich (8). d - Janet Aldrich (8).

m/2 -----, marriage annulled.

m/3 Mrs. Agnes Vail

C - Son, died young by drowning.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF BRAXTON PEARCE (5) AND HIS TWO WIVES:

Braxton Pearce (5), son of Phillip Pearce (4) and Aley Torr, b 28 Dec 1815, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 18 July 1884, Peoria Co., Ill.; m/1 Nancy Ann Cook, 15 Jan 1835, Lexington, Ky. She d 2 Sept 1838, Morgan Co., Ind., after birthing one son:

1 - William F. Pearce (6), b 3 Dec 1836, Morgan Co., Ind.; m ----- Smith; had six children, one of whom was:

A - Eliza Pearce (7), m London Mills, a taxidermist, Billings, Mont.

Braxton Pearce (5) m/2 Cynthia Ann Shewmaker (Shoemaker), 10 Jan 1839, Morgan Co., Ind. She was b 18 July 1821, Lexington, Ky.; d 16 May 1888, Galesburg, Ill., the daughter of John Shewmaker and Susannah Larrimore (b James River, Va.), who were m 1815, Lexington, Ky. Ten children came from this second marriage:

2 - Joseph J. Pearce (6), b 22 Nov 1840, Martinsville, Ind.; m/1 Nancy Meyers; m/2 Elizabeth -----; served 4 years, Civil War; children:

A - Anna Elizabeth Pearce (7). B - William B. Pearce (7).
C - Ella Pearce (7). D - Edson Pearce (7).

3 - Rufus Pearce (6), b 26 Jan 1843, Martinsville, Ind.; m Emma Lawson; had seven children, three of whom were:

A - Isabelle Pearce (7). B - George Pearce (7). C - Nellie Pearce.

4 - Delva (Delvy) Pearce (6), b 1 July 1845, Martinsville, Ind.; d 23 Aug 1848, Knox Co., Ill.

5 - Narcissa Pearce (6), b 30 Jan 1848, Knoxville, Ill.; d 25 June 1942, Long Beach, Calif.; m William Wallace Jacobs, 15 Jan 1870, Knoxville, Ill. He was b 29 Feb 1844, Harpers Ferry, Loudon Co., Va.; d 1 Apr 1935, Long Beach, Calif. He was the youngest son of Elam Jacobs and Elenor A. Lyons. They had four children:

A - Jennie M. (Martha Jane) Jacobs (7), b 22 Sept 1870, Knoxville, Ill.; d 22 Feb 1955, Littleton, Colo.; m William Bradley, 3 Dec 1890, Montezuma, Iowa. He was b 9 Apr 1862, Budah, Bureau Co., Ill.; d 30 May 1939, Denver, Colo., the son of George Bradley, Monmouth, England, and Ann Timbrell, Gloucestershire, England, who came to America on their honeymoon, May 1857. Jennie M. Jacobs had three children:

a - Allen Edward Bradley (8), b 3 Mar 1893, Montezuma, Iowa; m Hazel Avis Whitney, 10 Aug 1920, Marlboro, Vt. She was b 12 Feb 1890, Marlboro, Vt., the daughter of Henry Franklin Whitney and Meta Aletta Hall; four children:

SOME DESCENDANTS OF BRAXTON PEARCE (5) AND HIS TWO WIVES, CONT'D.:

(Children of Allen Edward Bradley (8) and Avis Whitney):

- 1 - Elizabeth Marion Bradley (9), b 24 June 1921, Brooklyn, Iowa; m Stewart Grant Case, 24 June 1942, Seattle, Wash. He was b 15 May 1916, Fort Collins, Colo., the son of Bayard Runyan Case and Elizabeth McRae. Four children:
 - A - Lizbeth Lynne Case (10), b 21 Dec 1945, San Diego, Calif.
 - B - Gregory Stewart Case (10), b 10 Mar 1947, Fort Collins, Colo.
 - C - Laurie Marie Case (10), b 29 Mar 1949, Bloomington, Ind.
 - D - Garry Allen Case (10), b 4 Feb 1952, Aurora, Colo.
- 2 - William Whitney Bradley (9), b 9 Nov 1922, Brooklyn, Iowa; m Betty Lula Hickie, 2 Jan 1949, Colorado Springs, Colo. She was b 14 Dec 1927, Colorado Springs, Colo., the daughter of Homer Allen Hickie (b 1895) and Lula Belle Cahill (b 15 Apr 1903). Five children:
 - A - Marilynn Jean Bradley (10), b 14 Sept 1949, Morristown, N. J.
 - B - William Allen Bradley (10), b 4 June 1951, Morristown, N. J.
 - C - Carol Avis Bradley (10), b 2 June 1953, Morristown, N. J.
 - D - Katherine Ann Bradley (10), b 6 June 1956, Morristown, N. J.
 - E - Margaret Irene Bradley (10), b 31 Jan 1965
- 3 - Whitney Allen Bradley (9), b 27 June 1925, Grinnell, Iowa; m Ruth Ann ("Pat") Wolf, 25 Mar 1949. She was b 23 Oct 1926, Manhattan, Kans., the daughter of James McNair ("Max") Wolf (b 19 May 1879, d Jan 1956) and Lucille Berry (b 26 Nov 1893). Children:
 - A - James Allen Bradley, b 22 June 1955, Powell, Wyo. (Adopted).
 - B - Ann Whitney Bradley, b 25 Jan 1960, Denver, Colo. (Adopted).
 - C - Rebecca Lee Bradley (10), b 25 Oct 1963, Casper, Wyo. (Natural child).
- 4 - Joan Hazel Bradley (9), b 15 Sept 1927, Grinnell, Iowa; m James Davis Brown, 14 June 1949, Lillieton, Colo. He was b 27 Feb 1923, Butte, Mont., the son of Ronda Bartlett Brown, of Boone, N. C., and Katherine Fullerton, of Butte, Mont. Five children, all b Denver, Col.:

SOME DESCENDANTS OF BRAXTON PEARCE (5) AND HIS TWO WIVES, CONT'D.:

Children of Joan Hazel Bradley (9) and James Brown:

- A - Richard Bradley Brown (10), b 25 Jan 1953.
- B - Ronda Joan Brown (10), b 25 Mar 1955.
- C - James Brown (10), b & d 23 Nov 1957.
- D - Reena Kay Brown (10), b 17 Sept 1961.
- E - Ronald James Brown (10), b July 1966.

Children of Jennie M. Jacobs (7), Continued:

- b - Bertha Irene Bradley (8), b 5 June 1898, Montezuma, Iowa; m Dr. Morris Karlyn Barrett, son of Jasper Morris Barrett and ----- Payne, of Grayville, Ill., 21 Mar 1936, Black Hawk, Colo.; divorced 1947, Tampa, Fla. B. Irene Bradley Barrett (8) is also a Doctor of Medicine. No children from this marriage, but there were two sons from Dr. Barrett's first marriage to Helen Nicholson, who d 1932, namely:
 - 1 - Warren Morris Barrett.
 - 2 - Richard Allen Barrett.
- c - Leslie Loren Bradley (8), b 5 May 1901, Montezuma, Iowa; d 6 Dec 1962, Puyallup, Wash.; buried Arlington National Cemetery, Sec 43, Lot 4938; m/1 Della Saylor, who already had a daughter, Gwendolyn Saylor, from her previous marriage; m/2 Dorothy Underwood Hutchinson, 28 or 29 July 1945, Derby, England. They met during World War II, while Leslie was serving with the 8th Air Corps. She already had three sons from her previous marriage:
 - 1 - Tony Hutchinson, a psychiatrist, who remained in England.
 - 2 - John Robin Hutchinson, Ph. D., in Physics, now with Bureau of Standards, Gaithersburg, Md.
 - 3 - David Hutchinson, works in Washington, D. C.

(Children of Narcissa Pearce (6) Continued):

- B - William Earl Jacobs (7), b 14 Oct 1875; d 5 Sept 1877, both Powshiek Co., Iowa
- C - Bertha Marie Jacobs (7), b 2 Oct 1877, Powshiek Co., Iowa; d 9 Aug 1964, Los Angeles, Calif.; m Herbert Clinton Hart, 21 June 1899. He was b 25 Apr 1869, Hillsborough, Ill.; d 1933, Altadena, Calif. They had two children:
 - a - Lyman Herbert Hart (8), b 8 Dec 1900, near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; m Edith Aurelius Harris, 26 Aug 1926, Chicago, Ill.; had a son:
 - 1 - Dwight Harris Hart (9), b 8 Aug 1930; m Janis Pitt.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF BRAXTON PEARCE(5) AND HIS TWO WIVES, CONT'D.:

Children of Bertha Marie Jacobs Hart, Contd.:

- b - John Dwight Hart (8), b 10 Sept 1902; m/1 1929, Marie Frelsen, divorced; m/2 1940, Jean Mork who d; m/3 1947, Louise Marsh with a daughter Barbara Marsh, who m Allan Kew, and have a daughter, Suzanna Kew. Two children:
1 - William Lyman Hart, b 31 Dec 1936, from m/1.
2 - John Dwight Hart (9), b 18 June 1948, from m/3.

Children of Narcissa Pearce (6), Cont'd.

- D - John Davis Jacobs (7), b 22 Feb 1880; d 15 Aug 1965, Long Beach, Calif.; m/1 Sue Palmer, daughter of George Palmer and Elizabeth Moore, 14 Feb 1907. She was b 30 Apr 1882, Des Moines, Iowa; d 19 Mar 1943, Long Beach, Calif. John Davis Jacobs (7) m/2 Edith Pratt Spry Greer, 31 Dec 1947. She was the daughter of Amos L. Spry and Mary Helen Pratt, and was b 6 May 1881. No children from either marriage.
- 6 - Nancy Ann Pearce (6), b 11 July 1850; d 6 Oct 1869, Knoxville, Ill.
- 7 - Peter Godfrey Pearce (6), b 9 Apr 1853, Knoxville, Ill.
- 8 - Mary Marinda Pearce (6), b 12 Dec 1855, Decatur Co., Iowa; d 16 May 1866, Decatur Co., Iowa.
- 9 - Cynthia Ellen Pearce (6), b 5 May 1858, Decatur Co., Iowa; m William Moran; had five children:
A - Ida Moran (?). D - John Moran (?).
B - Emma Moran (?). E - James Moran (?).
C - Alline Moran (?).
- 10 - Minerva J. Pearce (6), b 16 June 1861, Gentry Co., Mo.; m Scott Trainoer; had a daughter:
A - Neva Trainoer (?).
- 11 - Philip John Pearce (6), b 30 July 1864; m Alice Seibert; had a son:
A - Ray Pearce (?).

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SOME DESCENDANTS OF URBAN PEARCE (5) AND ELIZABETH R. JACKSON:

Urban Pearce (5), son of Phillip Pearce (4) and Aley Torr, b 13 July 1819, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 24 Aug 1855, Gilson, Ill.;
m Elizabeth Ruth Jackson, 24 May 1846, Knox Co., Ill.
She was b 15 Aug 1824, Erie Co., Pa., the daughter of David Bardsley Jackson and Lucy Hendryx (daughter of Corneilius Hendryx). Elizabeth d 11 Nov 1882, Gilson, Ill. They had four children:

SOME DESCENDANTS OF URBAN PEARCE (5) AND ELIZABETH R. JACKSON, CONT'D.:

- 1 - Harriet A. Pearce (6), b 3 July 1848, Gilson, Ill.; m Henry Hart, Oct 1867, Gilson, Ill. They had no children.
- 2 - Harmon Bardsley Pearce (6), b 11 Oct 1849, Gilson, Ill., d 3 Mar 1937, Watsonville, Calif.; m/1 Martha Mehitable Hadley, daughter of John Albert Hadley and Lucinda M. Harmon, 30 Apr 1871, Maryville, Mo. Martha was b 2 Aug 1849, New Hampshire; d 10 Dec 1889, Denver, Colo. There were four children from this marriage.

m/2 Mrs. Mary Irene Williams Lord, Denver, Colo.; there were two children from this marriage.

- A - Frederick Orion Pearce (7), b 17 Nov 1872, Maryville, Mo.; d 16 Jan 1963, Longmont, Colo.; m/1 May Eleanor Gibson, dau. of Abraham Gibson and Emeline Hause, 5 Aug 1896, Brighton, Colo. May was b 10 Aug 1872, Belle Plaine, Kan.; d 8 July 1964, Walnut Creek, Calif. There were four children from this m/1. Frederick m/2 Mrs. Rose Attmore Hill, 14 Dec 1914, Denver, Colo. Rose was b 21 Oct 1871, Battle Creek, Mich.; d 10 Dec 1956, Brighton, Colo. No children from m/2.

- a - Frederick Owen Pearce (8), b 14 Dec 1897, Brighton, Colo.; m Muriel Gooderham Castleman, 29 July 1922, Berkeley, Calif. Muriel was b 17 Feb 1900, Riverside, Calif. They had one child:

- 1 - Barbara Loraine Pearce (9), b 18 Apr 1925, Berkeley, Calif.; m Elbert Paul Wayne, 9 June 1946, Berkeley, Calif. He was b 6 Oct 1922, Fresno, Calif. They have two children:

A - Linda Carol Wayne (10), b 13 Oct 1950, Berkeley, Calif.

B - Nancy Ann Wayne, adopted, b 3 May 1960, Sacramento, Calif.

- b - Lois Leona Pearce (8), b 30 Oct 1899, Brighton, Colo.; m Henry Rudolph Ehlers, 2 June 1920, Berkeley, Calif. Henry was b 8 Aug 1899, Contra Costa Co., Calif., the son of Rudolph Hardwig Ehlers and Emma Josephine Brockhurst (daughter of Samuel Brockhurst and Mary Ann Tew). Her D.A.R. No. is 448035. They have two children:

- 1 - Henry Wallace Ehlers (9), b 4 Sept 1922, Berkeley, Calif.; m Elaine Bertha Angell, 4 Apr 1943. Elaine was b 17 Apr 1922, New Orleans, La., the daughter of Charles Richard Angell and Helen D'Ounay. They have three children:

A - Gail Lynn Ehlers (10), b 4 Feb 1949, San Francisco, Calif.

B - Pamela Jean Ehlers (10), b 20 June 1950, San Francisco, Calif.

C - Henry Wallace Ehlers (10), b 18 Oct 1956, Redwood City, Calif.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF URBAN PEARCE (5) AND ELIZABETH R. JACKSON, CONT'D.:

Children of Lois Leona Pearce Ehlers (8), Cont'd.:

2 - Lois May Ehlers (9), b 5 Apr 1926, Oakland, Calif.; m James Wallace Fisher, 9 Feb 1947, San Francisco, Calif. James was b 4 Oct 1924, the son of Roland Fisher and Margaret Tucker of Cardin, Okla., and Auburn, Calif. Her D.A.R. No. is 454975. They have five children:

- A - James Wallace Fisher, Jr., (10), b 13 July 1948, Sacramento, Calif.
- B - Clinton Hale Fisher (10), b 22 July 1950, San Jose, Calif.
- C - Richard Lloyd Fisher (10), b 18 Apr 1952, Modesto, Calif.
- D - Henry Raul Fisher (10), b 12 Nov 1955, Modesto, Calif.
- E - David Elmer Fisher (10), b 30 July 1958, Modesto, Calif.

c - Gerald Gibson Pearce (8), b 23 Aug 1901, Brighton, Colo.; m/1 Zanita Mueller, 1938, San Francisco, Calif., divorced, no children; m/2 Dorothy Allen, daughter of Judd Allen, 2 Nov 1941, Carson City, Nev., divorced 1943, Palo Alto, Calif., one daughter; m/3 Katherine Kettler, June 1947, Las Vegas, Nev., divorced 1951, San Francisco, Calif., two children; m/4 Olive Lasher, Aug. 1955, Menlo Park, Calif., divorced 1958, Menlo Park, Calif., no children; m/5 Mrs. Eloise Parr, divorced, no children; m/6 Mrs. Ellaine Hickey, Sept 1963, no children.

- 1 - Suzanne Pearce (9), by m/2, b 5 Sept 1942, Berkeley, Calif.
- 2 - Rodney Gibson Pearce (9), by m/3, b 8 Feb 1948, Berkeley, Calif.; m Sandra Berlin, Dec 1966; have a son:
 - A - Jamie Lynn Pearce (10), b July 1967.
- 3 - Sandra Belle Pearce (9), by m/3, b 11 Jan 1950, Berkeley, Calif.

d - Ernest Pearce (8), b 17 Apr 1903; d 15 Sept 1903, Brighton, Colo.

B - Leona LaVanchia Pearce (7), b 31 Mar 1875, Maryville, Mo.; d 20 Mar 1960, Lincoln, Neb.; m William Grant Fullargar, 12 Mar 1893, Fruita, Colo. He was b 8 Sept 1867, New York; d 5 Feb 1948, Lincoln, Neb. They had one child:

a - Walter Frederick Fullargar (8), b 17 Apr 1894, Neola, Iowa; m Clara Thompson, 22 Dec 1921, Lincoln, Neb. They had one child:

SOME DESCENDANTS OF URBAN PEARCE (5) AND ELIZABETH R. JACKSON, CONT'D.:

- 1 - Betty Ann Fullargar (9), b 12 Dec 1923, Lincoln, Neb.; m/1 Richard William Greening, 1 Feb 1946, Lincoln, Neb., had three children (Richard was b 4 June 1923, Chicago, Ill.); m/2 Edward Farmer, 12 Dec 1962, no children.
 - A - Gary Greening (10), b 20 Aug 1947, Los Angeles, Calif.
 - B - Gay (Gae) Greening (10), b 2 June 1948, Los Angeles, Calif.
 - C - Gregg Greening (10), b 22 Apr 1952, Los Angeles, Calif.
- C - Charles Clevenger Pearce (7), b 21 June 1879, Fort Lupton, Colo.; d 21 Dec 1930, Brighton, Colo.; m Cline Matilda Avis, 7 Aug 1907, Denver, Colo. She was b 25 Mar 1885, Denver, Colo. They had two sons:
 - a - Robert Wallace Pearce (8), b 25 May 1908, Denver, Colo.; m Eula Modean Gross, 18 May 1934, Brighton, Colo. She was b 31 Jan 1911, Hobart, Okla. They had two sons:
 - 1 - Robert Lindsey Pearce (9), b 28 June 1949, Golden, Colo.
 - 2 - Graig Wallace Pearce (9), b 5 Sept 1955, Golden, Colo.
 - b - William Harmon Pearce (8), b 20 July 1912, Denver, Colo.; m Mary Louise Leinberger, 9 Apr 1939, Denver, Colo. She was b 18 Apr 1914, Chicago, Ill. They have four children:
 - 1 - Charles Cleavenger Pearce (9), b 31 Mar 1940, Denver, Colo.; married; two children.
 - 2 - Carol Ann Pearce (9), b 31 Jan 1943, Denver, Colo.; m Donald Charles Thompson, son of Major Donald Charles Thompson and Charlotte McMahon; have two children, one of whom is:
 - A - Timothy Nicholas Thompson (10), b 29 May 1963, Livermore, Calif.
 - 3 - James Duane Pearce (9), b 11 Oct 1945, Denver.
 - 4 - Janelle Sue Pearce (9), b 17 Nov 1950, Denver.
- D - Son (twin), b 21 Sept 1883, Brighton, Colo.; d at birth.
- E - Clayton Austin Pearce (7), b 21 Sept 1883, Brighton, Colo., the other twin; d 19 June 1959, Golden, Colo.; m Mary McCallister, 27 Mar 1913, Boulder, Colo. Mary was b 1 Nov 1896, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and d 18 Dec 1962, Denver, Colo. She was the daughter of Alvah G. McCallister and Mary Monroe. See Addenda, page 161, for children and descendants.
- F - Hazel Bonita Pearce (7), b 19 June 1884, Fruita, Colo.; m William Arthur Blundell; two adopted children.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF URBAN PEARCE (5) AND ELIZABETH R. JACKSON, CONT'D.:

Children of Harmon Bardsley Pearce (6), Cont'd.:

- G - Lola Eunice Pearce (7), b 28 Sept 1897, Fruita, Colo.;
m Harry Connor, 22 July 1922, Brighton, Colo.; no children.

Children of Urban Pearce (5), Cont'd.:

- 3 - Lucy Elizabeth Pearce (6), b 6 May 1852, Gilson, Ill.; d 8 Dec 1925,
Gilson, Ill.; m George Knell, 31 Dec 1868, Gilson, Ill. He was b
16 Oct 1837, Quincy, Ill.; d 1926, Gilson, Ill. No children.
- 4 - Viria (Vira) E. Pearce (6), b 28 May 1855, Gilson, Ill.; d 22 Aug
1855, Gilson, Ill.

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SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH A. PEARCE (5) AND ELIZABETH C. GARRISON:

Joseph A. Pearce (5), son of Phillip Pearce (4) and Aley Torr, b 6 Sept
1824, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 12 Aug 1858, Chicago,
Ill.; m Elizabeth Calhoun Garrison, 1 Apr 1852;
they had three children:

- 1 - Luther Pearce (6), b 8 Jan 1853.
- 2 - Seneca Pearce (6), b 11 May 1854 or 1855.
- 3 - Hermon Pearce (6), b 10 Nov 1857.

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SOME DESCENDANTS OF NARCISSA PEARCE (5) AND GEORGE CAROTHERS:

Narcissa Pearce (5), daughter of Phillip Pearce (4) and Aley Torr,
b 30 July 1828, Harrison Co., Ind.; d 1918;
m George Carothers, 1854; had seven children:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 - Alvin J. Carothers (6). | 5 - Anna A. Carothers Monroe.(6). |
| 2 - Alvina A. Carothers (6). | 6 - Newton A Carothers (6). |
| 3 - Augusta E. Carothers (6). | 7 - Elda A. Carothers (6). |
| 4 - Andrew (Anderson) Carothers (6). | |

FOURTH GENERATION

Absalom Pearce (4), son of Philip Crawford Pearce (3) and his wife, Rachel --(Wheeler?)--, born Baltimore County, Maryland, 1773; died Ohio County, Kentucky, 1853;
m/1 --(name unknown)--, ca 1791, Washington County, N. C. (now Tenn.);
m/2 Polly Casey, daughter of Riley Casey, 20 Nov 1817, Shelby Co., Ky.;
m/3 Mrs. Ruth White, 14 Oct 1838, Ohio Co., Ky.; father of twenty-one.

The date and place of birth of Absalom Pearce (4) is learned from the 1850 Census of Ohio Co., Ky.

There are no Maryland records of Absalom Pearce (4), so far as we know. He was only 10 or 12 years of age when his father left Baltimore County, Md., about 1785, for the Watauga River settlement in Washington County, N. C. (now Tenn.), where he remained for eight or ten years. The father was one of 433 signers of the "Petition by the Inhabitants of the State of Franklin to the State of North Carolina", in 1787. (Worth S. Ray, Tennessee Cousins (1950), pp. 22-24 and North Carolina State Records Vol. 22, pp. 705-714.)

He and his father probably left Washington Co., N. C. (now Tenn.), about 1794, and started for the state of Kentucky, as the father appeared on the Tax Lists of 1790-94 in Washington County, being listed as delinquent in 1794, probably meaning he had already left the county. Later Census reports in Shelby County, Ky., show that Absalom Pearce had one son and one daughter born before 1794, therefore, he must have married his first wife, ca 1791, while still living in Washington Co., N. C.

The first written record of Absalom Pearce (4) that we have found is when he witnessed the consent of his father for Absalom's sister, Nancy, to marry John Stepleton, made in Clark Co., Ky., on 18 Jan 1798. (Clark County, Kentucky, Marriages, by Dr. George Doyle, p. 37) I also have a certified copy of this consent. In this record, the name was written "Pearse" for Philip, Absalom, and Nancy. Absalom's name was spelled "Absolum" in this record.

Two years later (1800) Absalom Pearce appears on the Second Census of Kentucky (Tax List), as a resident of Jefferson County, Ky.

Shortly thereafter, Absalom Pearce (4) began to appear in Shelby Co., Ky., (formed from Jefferson County in 1792) records. He bought Lot 49, on Long Run, from Lynch and Elanton, on 13 May 1806. (Deed Bk. G, p. 312) Incidentally, George Pearce (thought to be a younger brother of Absalom) bought Lot 200, on Long Run, from C. Lynch, on the same date, 13 May 1806. (Deed Bk. G, p. 275) Absalom bought Lot 33, on Long Run, from C. Lynch, on 1 Apr 1807 (Deed Bk. H, p. 296), and his father, Philip C. Pearce bought Lot 60, on Long Run of Floyd's Fork, from John Fisher, on 16 Mar 1808. (Deed Bk. I, p. 56)

1810 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.:

<u>Absalom Pearce:</u>	<u>Males:</u>	<u>Females:</u>
(Absalom)	1 - 26 to 45	1 - 26 to 45 (Wife)
(Elijah)	1 - 16 to 26	1 - 26 to 45 (Unidentified)
(Philip C.)	1 - Under 10	1 - 16 to 26 (Esther)
(Obediah)	1 - Under 10	1 - 10 to 16 (Rachel)
(Benjamin)	1 - Under 10	1 - 10 to 16 (Leuvinia)
		1 - 10 to 16 (Peninah)
		1 - Under 10 (Rosannah)
		1 - Under 10 (Mariah)
		1 - Under 10 (Nancy)
		1 - Under 10 (Susan)

Burns - Shelby County, Kentucky, Marriages:

Page 14 - Charles Casey to Levinia Pearce, father Absolum, 1817
" Robert Casey to Rachel Pearce, father Absolum, 11-12-1815
" Riley Casey to Peninah Pearce, father Absolum, 12-16-1818
" John Davis to Esther Pearce, father Absolum, 9-7-1810
Page 67 - Absolum Pearce to Polly Casey, father Riley, 11-20-1817
" Elijah Pearce to Betsey Smithy, father Reuben, 2-17-1813

Thus it will be seen that Absalom Pearce's first wife died before 1817, and that he married Polly Casey, daughter of Riley Casey, on 20 Nov 1817. Also, Riley Casey, father of Polly Casey, married Peninah Pearce, daughter of Absalom Pearce, on 16 Dec 1818. The two families were further tied together by Robert Casey marrying Rachel Pearce, on 12 Nov 1815, and by Charles Casey marrying Levinia Pearce, in 1817. Absalom's oldest daughter Esther Pearce, married John Davis, on 7 Sept 1810, and Absalom's oldest son Elijah Pearce, married Betsey Smithy, daughter of a neighbor, Reubin Smithy on 17 Feb 1813.

Riley Casey, the father of Polly Casey, was a brother of Colonel William Casey, who was born in Frederick County, Va. He came to Kentucky early in the winter of 1779 and lived that winter in a camp on the Hanging Fork of Dix River. He, with the Logans, McClures, et al, established at Logan's Station at Buffalo Springs, near the present town of Stanford, Lincoln County. In the spring of 1791, he formed a party of the Butlers, Montgomerys, Harveys, et al, for the purpose of making settlements of Green River, on Russel's Creek. They erected a block house, for better defense against the Indians. Casey County, Ky., was named after Col. William Casey.

Polly Casey had a sister, Frances Casey, who married Daniel Iler, father of Elizabeth Iler, who married Benjamin Pearce (5), and of Jane Iler, who married Solomon Pearce (5), sons of Absalom Pearce (4). It can be seen how closely intertwined the blood of Pearces, Caseys and Ilers became in later generations, with four Pearces marrying Caseys, one Casey marrying an Iler, and two Pearces marrying Ilers.

War of 1812 Service of Absalom Pearce:

P | ⁴ | Va.
(Lieut. Col. Huston.) | Militia.
(Lieut. Col. Wooding.)

Absalom Pearce
pot, } Capt. William Parsons' Company
of Infantry, 4 Reg't Virginia Mil.*
(War of 1812.)

Appears on
Company Muster Roll

for *Sep 6 to Nov 2*, 181*4*

Roll dated *Norfolk*

Nov 2, 181*4*

Date of appointment or enlistment, *Sep 6*, 181*4*

Date of appointment or commencement of service, } _____, 181 .

To what time engaged or expiration of service, } _____, 181 .

To what time engaged or enlisted, *Mar 6*, 181*5*

Present or absent, *present*

Remarks and alterations since last muster: _____

* This company was designated at various times as Capt. William Parsons' and Capt. Henry Tabb's Company.

(669) *J. E. Douglas* Copyist.

P | ⁴ | Va.
(Lieut. Col. Huston.) | Militia.
(Lieut. Col. Wooding.)

Absalom Pearce
Appears with the rank of *pot* on a
Pay Roll

of Capt. William Parsons' Company, 4 Reg't
Virginia Militia at Norfolk,*
(War of 1812,)

for *Sep 6 to Nov 2*, 181*4*

Roll dated *Nov 2*, 181*4*

Commencement of pay, *Sep 6*, 181*4*

Expiration of pay, *Nov 2*, 181*4*

Time charged, _____ months, *27* days.

Pay per month, _____ dollars, _____ cents.

Amount of pay, _____ dollars, *20* cents.

Remarks: _____

* This company was designated at various times as Capt. William Parsons' and Capt. Henry Tabb's Company.

(672c) *J. E. Douglas* Copyist.

(From General Services Administration, National Archives and Records)

War of 1812 Service of Absalom Pearce:

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4
(Lieut. Col. Huston.)
(Lieut. Col. Wooding.)

Va.
Militia.

Absalom Pearce⁺
priv. { Capt. Henry Tabb's Company of
Infantry, 4 Reg't Virginia Militia.*
(War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Nov 2, 1814 to Feb 22, 1815,
the day on which they were discharged.

Roll dated Norfolk
Feb 22, 1815.

Commencement of service
or of this settlement, Nov 3, 1814.

Expiration of service or
of this settlement, Feb 22, 1815.

Present or absent, present

Distance from place of discharge home, 520M

County, Mason

Remarks:

* This company was designated at various times as Capt. William Parsons' and Capt. Henry Tabb's Company.

J. B. Douglas
569 Copyist.

P

4
(Lieut. Col. Huston.)
(Lieut. Col. Wooding.)

Va.
Militia.

Absalom Pearce
Appears with the rank of priv. on a

Pay Roll

of Capt. Henry Tabb's Company of Infantry, at-
tached to 4 Reg't Virginia Militia at Norfolk,*

(War of 1812,)

for Nov 2, 1814 to Feb 22, 1815,
and for returning home.

Roll dated Feb 22, 1815.

Commencement of pay, Nov 3, 1814.

Expiration of pay, Feb 22, 1815.

Time paid for, 3 months, 20 days.

Pay per month, 8 dollars.

Amount, 29 dollars, 60 cents.

Distance home, 520 miles.

Rate per day, 20 miles.

No. of days, 26 days.

Pay per day, 25 cents.

Pay returning home, 6 dollars, 70 cents.

Total amount, 36 dollars, 30 cents.

Remarks:

* This company was designated at various times as Capt. William Parsons' and Capt. Henry Tabb's Company.

J. B. Douglas
(572c) Copyist.

(From General Services Administration, National Archives and Records)

It is interesting to note that even though Absalom Pearce (4) was 41 years of age, and already the father of thirteen or fourteen children, seven of whom were under ten years of age, he left home and went all the way to Norfolk, Va., to enlist in the Virginia Militia, for a period of about six months, in the War of 1812.

His first wife, name unknown, probably died about 1814, since Census records show that no children were born between that date and about 1818, after he had married his second wife, Polly Casey, late in 1817. It may have been that this loss, plus the fact that there were four daughters and two sons who were about grown and capable of taking care of the younger children, contributed to his decision to aid his country, and at the same time "get away from it all" for awhile.

The reason for Absalom Pearce (4) returning from Norfolk, Va., to Mason County, Ky., instead of to Shelby County, Ky., at the time of his discharge, is not known. Possibly the only reason for specifying travel pay to Mason County was that Maysville, Ky., in those days, was one of the principal landing points on the Ohio River, not too far from Shelby County. The chances are that he travelled overland from Norfolk, Va., to Pittsburgh, Pa., thence down the Ohio to Maysville, Ky., and then overland again to Shelby County, Ky.

1820 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.:

<u>Absalom Pearce:</u>	Males:	Females:
(Absalom)	1 - 45 and Up	1 - 16 to 26 (Wife, Polly)
(Philip C.)	1 - 18 to 26	1 - 10 to 16 (Nancy)
(Obediah)	1 - 16 to 18	1 - 10 to 16 (Susan)
(Benjamin)	1 - 10 to 16	1 - Under 10 (Catherine)
(Solomon)	1 - Under 10	
(William H)	1 - Under 10	
(Zacheus)	1 - Under 10	

Note that three sons and a daughter were born between 1810 and 1820. Also note that Elijah, 1813; Esther, 1810; Rachel, 1815; Leuvinia, 1817; and Peninah, 1818 were married, as noted in a previous page, and had left home by 1820. Also that Rosanah and Mariah, had also gone elsewhere, and were probably of age, or nearly so, by 1820.

Rosanah Pearce married Alex Frazier, 30 Apr 1824. (Burns, Shelby County, Ky., Marriages, p. 29)

Mariah Pearce married William A. Burden, 1826 or shortly thereafter, according to testimony in Ohio Co., Ky., Cir. Court Case No. 933.

Benjamin Pearce married Elizabeth Iler, daughter of Daniel Iler and Frances Casey, 16 Mar 1826, Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 62.

About 1826, Absalom Pearce (4) moved from Shelby Co., Ky., to Ohio Co., Ky., as indicated by the purchase of land from Thomas S. Slaughter and his wife Lucy Booker Slaughter, by Absalom Pearce, on 1 March 1826.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deed Book E, p. 728:

"This Indenture made the first day of March one thousand Eight hundred and twenty six Between Thomas S Slaughter and Lucy Booker his wife late Lucy Booker Bibb of the one part and Absalum Pearce of the County of Ohio of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars in Commonwealth paper to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold unto the said Absalum Pearce his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Ohio and state of Kentucky containing one hundred acres being part of a tract of land of 8680 acres patented to May Banister & Company and bounded as follows viz Beginning at a black gum ash and white oak North East Corner to Jeremiah Tilfords hundred acre survey thence South 63 West one hundred and twenty seven poles to a Hickory dogwood & black oak thence south 27 East one hundred and twenty seven poles to three white oaks thence north 63 East one hundred and twenty seven poles to two hickories thence north 27 west one hundred and twenty seven poles to the Beginning To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land with all its appurtenances unto the aforesaid Absalum Pearce his heirs and assigns forever and the sd. Thomas S Slaughter and Lucy Booker his wife late Lucy Booker Bibb doth covenant and agree with the sd. Absalum Pearce that they will forever warrant and defend the aforesaid tract of land from themselves and their heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written

Tho. S Slaughter (Seal)
Lucy B. Slaughter (Seal)

Logan County Set

I Spencer Card Clerk of said County Court do certify that the within indenture of Bargain & sale from Thomas S Slaughter and wife to Absalum Pearce was this day acknowledged before me in my office by said Slaughter and wife to be their act and deed I also Examined said Lucy B. Slaughter separate and apart from her said husband who acknowledged that she freely and volunterilly without threat or persuasion of her said Husband relinquishes all right to the land and premises contained in said Indenture derived by Inheritance or otherwise wished not to retract In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of March 1826

Spencer Card

State of Kentucky Ohio County Set

I Charles Hendersan Clerk of the County Court for said county do certify that on the 28th day of October 1826 the above Indenture of bargain and sale with the certificate of Spencer Card annexed was presented to me in my office and recorded

Ch Hendersan"

1830 Census, Ohio Co., Ky.:

<u>Absalom Pearce:</u>	Males:	Females:
(Absalom)	1 - 50 to 60	1 - 20 to 30 (Nancy)
(Solomon)	1 - 20 to 30	1 - 15 to 20 (Cath. Casey)
(William H.)	1 - 15 to 20	1 - 10 to 15 (Nancy Casey)
(Zacheus)	1 - 15 to 20	1 - 5 to 10 (Lydia Casey)
(Absalom, Jr.)	1 - 5 to 10	1 - Under 5 (Parenty Casey)
(Allen Casey)	1 - 5 to 10	
(Woodford)	1 - Under 5	
(Crawford)	1 - Under 5	
(Andrew J. Casey)	1 - Under 5	

Benjamin, Rosannah and Mariah, as noted before, had married and left home before 1830. Obediah and Susan were of age by 1830, and elsewhere, as was Catherine Pearce. Note that Absalom's second wife, Polly Casey, had died - about 1829, according to testimony of Absalom, Jr., who said his mother died when he was about nine years of age. Also, there were only three children born between 1820 and 1830 - Absalom, Jr., Woodford and Crawford. The Casey children are explained more fully below.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. F, p. 346:

20 Aug 1832 - "Absolem Pearce" sold to his son, Benjamin Pearce, the 100 acres of land, which Absalom had bought from Thomas S. Slaughter in 1826. The description is exactly the same in both documents.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 132:

14 Oct 1832 - Nancy Pearce married Alfred Renfrow. Nancy's older brother, Obediah Pearce, signed the marriage bond.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 88:

21 Oct 1832 - Solomon Pearce married Jane Iler, sister of Elizabeth Iler who married Benjamin Pearce, brother of Solomon Pearce.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 138:

25 June 1833 - William H. Pearce married Cynthia (Sintha) Ann Burden, both being under age. Absalom Pearce signed the consent for William H., and Benjamin Burden signed the consent for Cynthia Ann, also he as a Minister of the Gospel performed the ceremony on 25 June 1833. The details of these documents will be found in the next chapter.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 88:

28 Aug 1833 - Absalom Pearce signed a consent to marry for "my son John Green who is not of age". The bond was signed by William (H.) Pearce and Thomas Green. It is presumed that John Green was the stepson, rather than the actual son, of Absalom Pearce, but, if so, no

marriage record has been found in the period 1829 to 1837 for Absalom Pearce and Mrs. Green. Also, the 1830 and 1840 Census records of Ohio Co., Ky., do not show that Absalom Pearce had any children born to him during this period.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. G, pp. 11, 12, etc.:

9 Sept 1833 - "Absalom Pearce" made six separate agreements with Charles Henderson, Clerk of the Ohio County Court, by which six Casey children were apprenticed to him - the boys until age 21, and the girls until age 18. He was to teach the boys "the art and mystery of husbandry ----- reading, writing and common arithmetic including the rule of three", and the girls "the art and mystery of Housewifery ----- reading and writing". At the end of each apprenticeship, the boys were to be given "three pounds ten Shillings and a decent suit of new clothes", while the girls were to receive the same payment in cash and clothing.

These Casey children were the grandchildren of Absalom Pearce, and the nephews and neices of Polly Casey, Absalom's second wife, probably through Leuvinia Pearce and Charles Casey, who were married, 1817, in Shelby Co., Ky., as recorded on a previous page. So, there was a good reason for raising them to maturity.

The birth date of each child is given in the indenture of that child, as follows:

- 1 - Catherine Casey, 27 May 1818.
- 2 - Nancy Casey, 4 June 1820.
- 3 - Lydia Casey, 4 Feb 1822 (Twin).
- 4 - Allen Casey, 4 Feb 1822 (Twin).
- 5 - Pertheny Casey, 13 Apr 1825.
- 6 - Andrew Jackson Casey, 21 Aug 1829.

One wonders what tragedy or illness left these children without parents when they ranged in age from a few months to 11 years. At any rate, they were already in the household of Absalom Pearce by the time of the 1830 Census in Ohio Co., Ky. They probably had already been taken into the household before the death of Polly (Casey) Pearce, 1829.

Shelby Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. C #2, p. 201:

28 July 1835 - Absalom Pearce sold the last of his land in Shelby County, Ky., on Six Mile Creek, 95 acres, to D. Jones. Possibly one of his children, who did not come to Ohio County with him, had been living on the farm.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 121:

2 Oct 1837 - Susan Pearce married Isaah Burden, brother of William A., who married Mariah Pearce, sister of Susan. Also Isaah was the brother of Cynthia Ann Burden who married William H. Pearce, brother of Susan. The ceremony was performed 10 Oct 1837, by Wm. Anderson.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. H, p. 68:

9 Oct 1838 - "This Indenture made and entered into this 9th day of October 1838 between Absolom Peirce of the first part and Ruth White of the other part Witnesseth that whereas there is a marriage about to be entered into and solemnized between said parties for the purpose of Securing harmony and a mutual agreement of the children of Each party It is Covenanted and agreed that whatever property the said Ruth White may have with her at the time of the marriage she may have and hold for her own separate use and benefit free from and against the controul or use of the said Absolom and should the said Ruth die before the death of the Absolom her children may take the whole or any part of the said property belonging to the said Ruth White which which (repetition in the original document) may then be in Existance but to have no claims upon the said Absolom for any that may have been lost destroyed or worn out by use and should the said Absolom die before the said Ruth then and in that case the said Ruth is to have one sixth part of all the said Absoloms Estate both real and personal In Testimony whereof the said parties have Each their hands and seals hereunto subscribed and set the day and year first above written

Witness
Andrew Kasinger)
Walter Earp) witnesses

Ab Pearce (Seal)
her
Ruth X White (Seal)
mark

"Commonwealth of Kentucky Ohio County Fomt
I Charles Henderson Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that this writing between Absolom Pearce and Ruth White was this day produced to me in my office and proved to be the act and Deed of said Pearce and White by the oath of Walter Earp one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and recorded together with this certificate Given under my hand this 3d day of Nov 1838

Ch Henderson"

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriage Bond File, Year 1838:

"Know all men by by (repetition in original document) these presents that we Absolem Pearce and H. D. Taylor are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal Sum of fifty pounds Current money for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves our Heirs Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals an dated this 8th day of October 1838 The condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas there is a purpose of marriage between the above bound Absolem Pearce & Ruth White now if there should be no lawfull cause to obstruct Said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Test
Ch Henderson

Ab Pearce (Seal)
H. D. Taylor (Seal)"

"State of Kentucky Ohio County Sct

I Charles Henderson clerk of the county court for the county aforesaid do certify that bond and Security hath been taken in my office for the marriage of Mr Absolem Pearce & Ruth White also that they are both of age these are therefore to license and permit you to Join together in the holy State of matrimony according to the rites and ceremonies of the church to which you belong Said Mr Absolem Pearce & Ruth White and for so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant Given under my hand this 8 Day of October

To any minister of the Gosple)
legally authorized to celebrate)
the Rites of matrimony)

1838
Ch Henderson"

"I hereby scertify That The Rites of Matrimony were solemnized Between The within parties on The 14th day of October 1838 Witness my hand

B. Burden"

1840 Census, Ohio Co., Ky.:

Absalom Pearce:

Males:

Females:

(Absalom)	1 - 60 to 70	1 - 30 to 40 (Wife, Ruth)
(Zacheus)	1 - 20 to 30	1 - 10 to 15 (Parenty Casey)
(Absalom, Jr)	1 - 15 to 20	
(Henry White)	1 - 10 to 15	1 - 5 to 10 (Nancy White)
(Woodford)	1 - 10 to 15	
(Crawford)	1 - 10 to 15	
(John White)	1 - Under 5	

All of the Casey children, except Parenty, the youngest, had served their apprenticeship and left the household of Absalom Pearce. Solomon and William, and Nancy and Susan had married and left home. Absalom had married Mrs. Ruth White, and she brought three of her children, Henry, Nancy and John, to live with them. Absalom had no children born in the period, 1830 to 1840.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriage Bond File, Year of 1840:

29 July 1840 - Zacheus Pearce gave bond and obtained a license to marry Dorcas White. The ceremony was performed the next day, 30 July 1840, by Paul A. Borey.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. B, p. 5:

6 Sept 1842 - Catherine Pearce married George White. He died shortly thereafter, and she married second a Mr. Hall, according to testimony in Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933, in 1876.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. K, p. 140:

2 Dec 1846 - Absalom Pearce deeded 81 acres, "a part (of) the tract of land I now live on", to his son Zacheus Pearce, as a gift in return for the sum of one dollar. The deed was signed "Abasalom Pearce".

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. K, p. 331:

1846 - Absalom Pearce sold 110 acres to Catherine White, widow of George White, and daughter of Absalom Pearce.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. L, p. 179:

1849 - Absalom Pearce and wife Ruth sold to Eli Burden, 270 acres on Caney Creek.

1850 Ohio Co., Ky., Census:

Pearce, Absalom	77, farmer, born Maryland
Ruth	41, born Kentucky
Edward	9, born Kentucky
Zachariah	6, born Kentucky
White, Henry	22, born Kentucky
Nancy	18, born Kentucky
John	13, born Kentucky

Thus it will be seen that Absalom Pearce (4) fathered a son at the age of 68, and another son at the age of 71, with the help of his younger wife, Ruth (White) Pearce. The three White children are Ruth's and her first husband ----- White. All of Absalom's other children are of age and no longer living with him.

Ohio Co., Ky., Wills, Bk. C, pp. 151, 152, 153:

"In the name of God Amen I Absalom Pearce of the County of Ohio and State of Kentucky being at this time of sound mind and memory And being fully apprised of the Certainty of death and being desirous of disposing of what Property I may have yet undisposed of Do ordain and establish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking setting aside and declaring Void all Wills by me heretofore made

"1st It is my Will and desire that after my decease my body be buried in a decent but plain manner and after the payment of my burial expenses and all my just debts that the balance of my personal Property I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ruth for the use of herself and my two youngest children viz: Edward and Zacharias Pearce with the exception of one mare and colt which is already the property of my Said beloved wife and if said mare and colt Should be in Contemplation of law Considered my property I will and bequeath unto her Said Mare and Colt to have and to hold forever

"2nd I will and bequeath unto my Said beloved wife Ruth all my land say the tract of land upon which I now live Containing by estimation about One hundred and fifty acres including the farm which she is to have and hold during her natural life and after her death the whole of said tract of land to be equally divided between my two Said Youngest children Edward and Zach(a)rias their heirs and assigns to have and to hold forever, together with all the personal Property which may be left after the decease of my Said beloved wife The clock and Cupboard to go to Edward and the Sugar Chest and Small Bureau to Zac(h)arias

"Third I appoint my beloved wife Ruth my Sole Executrix with full power to Sell or otherwise dispose of any of my effects privately for the payment of any just debts And it is also my desire that no Security of any kind be required of her and that She Carry out this Will in the best way she Can and that she keep the Said two children with her and do all she Can for their education and Support upon said farm and that Said boys are by no means to be bound out In Testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand and Seal this September 5th 1850

Attest

his
Henry X White
mark

Absalom Pearce (Seal)

his
Isaiah X Burden
mark

his
Joseph X Ford
mark

Woodford Pearce

"We whose names are subscribed as witnesses to the above will and Testament of Absalom Pearce are fully Satisfied that he is of Sound mind and disposing memory and that Said Will and Testament was read over in our presence to said Absalom Pearce and that he acknowledged that he understood the Contents thereof and that he had assigned his name to the Same and that we were requested by him to subscribe our names as witnesses September 5th 1850

his
Henry X White
mark

his
Joseph X Ford
mark

his
Isaiah X Burden
mark

Woodford Pearce

Kentucky Vital Statistics, 1852-1861, under Ohio County Deaths, says:

"1855, Nov 30 - Absolom Pierce, 85, married, farmer, born in Baltimore, Md. Parents: Unknown. Cause: Dysentery." This is incorrect as to date (should be 1853); age (should be 80). His will probated Dec. 1853.

"State of Kentucky
Ohio County Set

December Term 1853

"The last Will and Testament of Absalom Pearce was produced in Court and duly proven to be the act and Deed of said Pearce by the oath of Woodford Pearce and Joseph Ford Subscribing witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded

"Whereupon the Same together with this Certificate hath been admitted to record in my office Given under my hand this 18th December A D 1853

R. Seth Moseley Clk O. C. C."

<u>Solomon Pierce, et al,</u>)	
Plaintiffs,)	<u>Ohio County, Kentucky, Circuit Court</u>
-VS-)	
)	<u>Case No. 933, File No. 3035(E)</u>
<u>Edward Pierce, et al,</u>)	
Dependants)	<u>Book 26, Page 209, 22 Jan 1876</u>

In spite of the apparent clarity of the Last Will and Testament of Absalom Pearce (4), as quoted above, a law suit evolved almost twenty-five years later, as to who owned the land. The original records of this suit were found by me in the basement of the Court House, Hartford, Ky., on 8 June 1965, and carefully studied. The following summary outlines the principal points:

Absalom Pierce (so spelled in the records), deceased, had three wives, and children by all of them. His last will and testament, dated 5 Sept 1850, proved 18 Dec 1853, willed 150 acres of land to his third wife, Ruth, for life then to be divided equally between his two youngest sons, Edward and Zacharias Pearce, children of Ruth.

Solomon Pierce, an older son of Absalom Pierce, through his first wife (name not given), claimed the land had been sold twice, after the death of Ruth, by Edward and Zacharias Pierce, half brothers of Solomon. Solomon said he had bought half of the land from Zacharias and that Benjamin Pierce, next oldest full brother of Solomon, had bought the other half from Edward Pierce, full brother of Zacharias. Edward Pierce claimed he sold his half of the land to William H. Pierce, next youngest full brother of Solomon, and that Zacharias, then deceased, had sold his half to James A. Burden, a Minister of the Gospel, and a nephew of Solomon, through Solomon's sister, Susan Pierce.

The record gives the names of 14 children of Absalom Pierce. (Actually there were a total of 21 children: 15 by the first wife, name unknown; 4 by the second wife, Polly Casey; and 2 by the last wife, Mrs. Ruth White. Apparently, only those children who themselves, or whose descendants were living in Ohio County, Ky., were named.)

The list of the 14 children named in the suit, is given below, in the order named in the records, not necessarily in order of age:

- 1 - Edward Pierce
- 2 - Zacharias Pierce, deceased, unmarried, in Indiana
- 3 - Solomon Pierce
- 4 - Woodford Pierce
- 5 - Benjamin Pierce
- 6 - Absolem Pierce
- 7 - Rosanah Frazier, late Pierce
- 8 - Mariah Burden, late Pierce
- 9 - Susan Burden, late Pierce, deceased, who left children:
 - A - Zachias Burden
 - B - James A. Burden, Minister of the Gospel
- 10 - Zachias Pierce, deceased, who left children:
 - A - Nancy Pierce
 - B - Martha Autry, late Pierce
 - C - Woodford F. Pierce
 - D - James A. Pierce
 - E - Thomas W. Pierce
 - F - Hester Ann Bratcher, late Pierce
 - G - Margaret Ellen Faught, late Pierce
- 11 - Catherine Hall, late Pierce
- 12 - William H. Pierce
- 13 - Crawford Pierce, deceased, leaving an only child:
 - A - Martha W. White, late Pierce
- 14 - Nancy Renfrow, late Pierce

From marriage records, census records, etc., the names of all seven of the children of Absalom Pearce (4) that were not named in the suit. They are:

- 15 - Esther Pearce
- 16 - Elijah Pearce
- 17 - Rachel Pearce
- 18 - Leuvinia Pearce
- 19 - Peninah Pearce
- (All of whom did not move to Ohio Co., Ky., with their father Absalom)
- 20 - Obediah Pearce, deceased without issue
- 21 - Philip C. Pearce, living elsewhere than Ohio Co., Ky.

Interview With William Hulbert Pierce, Age 92, Only Surviving Grandson of Absalom Pearce (4), 12 June 1965, 1403 Wing Ave., Owensboro, Kentucky, in Presence of his Step-daughter (and Niece) Anna Alger (Pierce) Thomas:

He is the son of Edward Pearce (5), next to the youngest son of Absalom Pearce (4), and was named after my great grandfather, William Harrison Pearce (5), although each of them used a different middle name. In spite of his age, he was alert, healthy and strong. He reads the Bible and newspapers without the aid of glasses. He changed the spelling of

his last name to "Pierce", because he found most people wanted to spell it that way. Also, after many years of association with Baptist and other Protestant churches, often as the preacher, he was converted to Catholicism quite late in life, because he felt the Bible teaches that to be the original Christian faith, though he did not agree with all the doctrines and practices of the modern Catholic Church.

He said the original Pearce pioneers in Kentucky walked all the way from Maryland, and that they had owned much land that is now within the city limits of Louisville, Ky.

He confirmed the list of 14 children of Absalom Pearce (4), as taken from the law suit mentioned above, and gave much information about the descendants of many of them. At that time, I did not know of the other seven children, not mentioned in the law suit, so I did not ask him for any details on them. His step-daughter and niece, Mrs. Anna Alger (Pierce) Thomas, with whom he was living, gave me many facts about the other descendants of Edward Pearce (5).

This interview was summarized in a Notarized Affidavit made by me, 14 June 1965, and sent to Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Thomas for verification of its accuracy, which they did by signing their names thereto on 17 June 1965. This document I have in my Pearce files.

The children of Absalom Pearce (4) and his three wives, together with some other descendants, are repeated below, approximately in age order, from sources as indicated:

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE - NAME UNKNOWN:

- 1 - Esther Pearce, b before 1794 (1810 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married John Davis, 7 Sept 1810 (Burns, Shelby Co., Ky., Marriages, p. 14)
- 2 - Elijah Pearce, b before 1794 (1810 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Betsy Smithy, dau. of Reuben Smithy, 17 Feb 1813 (Burns, Shelby Co., Ky., Marriages, p. 67)
- 3 - Rachel Pearce, b between 1794-1800 (1810 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Robert Casey, 12 Nov 1815 (Burns, Shelby Co., Ky., Marriages, p. 14)
- 4 - Leuvinia Pearce, b between 1794-1800 (1810 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Charles Casey, 1817 (Burns, Shelby Co., Ky., Marriages, p. 14)
- 5 - Peninah Pearce, b between 1794-1800 (1810 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married, 16 Dec 1818, Riley Casey, father of Polly Casey, who married Absalom Pearce (4) (Burns, Shelby Co., Ky., Marriages, p. 14).
- 6 - Philip C. Pearce, b between 1802-1804 (1810 and 1820 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Betsy Ann Burden, 14 May 1840 (Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Vol. A, p. 41). He was listed as "of age", and she was listed as "consent of female's parent guardian". He was, no doubt, named after his grandfather, Philip Crawford Pearce (3).
- 7 - Obediah Pearce, b between 1802-1810 (Shelby Co., Ky., 1810 Census); died in Indiana, childless (Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933)

- 8 - Benjamin Pearce, b between 1804-1810 (1810 and 1820 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Elizabeth Iler, dau. of Daniel Iler and Frances Casey, 16 Mar 1826 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 62) He was on 1830 Census, Ohio Co., Ky., married but childless. He died childless in Indiana (Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933)
- 9 - Rosannah Pearce, b between 1804-1810 (1810 and 1820 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Alex Frazier, 30 Apr 1824 (Burns, Shelby Co., Ky., Marriages, p. 29)
- 10 - Nancy Pearce, b between 1804-1810 (1810 and 1820 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Alfred Renfrow, 14 Oct 1832 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 29)
- 11 - Mariah Pearce, b between 1804 and 1810 (1810 and 1820 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married William A. Burden (Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933, also Deed Bk. W, p. 202).
- 12 - Susan Pearce, b between 1804-1810 (1810 and 1820 Census, Shelby Co., Ky.); married Isaah Burden, 10 Oct 1837 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 12); died before 1876 (Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933); had at least two children:
 A - Zachias Burden
 B - James A. Burden, Minister of the Gospel.
- 13 - Solomon Pearce, b 1811 (Ohio Co., Ky., Census, 1870); married Jane Iler, dau. of Daniel Iler and Frances Casey, and sister of Elizabeth Iler, who married Benjamin Pearce, brother of Solomon, 21 Oct 1832 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 88); went to Indiana and had several children, but returned to Ohio Co., Ky., in time for the 1860 Census; had children:
 A - Philip Pearce, b 1834, Ohio Co., Ky.; married Sarah J. -----
 and had children:
 (a) - Mary H. Pearce, b 1866, Ohio Co., Ky.
 (b) - William S. Pearce, b 1868, Ohio Co., Ky.
 (c) - Zelma J. Pearce, b 1869, Ohio Co., Ky.
 (d) - Sherman Pearce
 (e) - Newton Pearce
 (f) - Grant Pearce
 (g) - Anna Pearce
 (Birth dates from 1870 Census, Ohio Co., Ky.; names of last four children from William Hulbert Pearce)
- B - William A. Pearce, b 1839, Indiana; married Mary A. ----- ;
 had a child:
 (a) - James Pearce, b 1865, Ohio Co., Ky.
- C - Martin V. Pearce, b 1843, Indiana; married Elizabeth ----- ;
 had children:
 (a) - William Pearce, b 1866, Ohio Co., Ky.
 (b) - Sarah Pearce, b 1868, Ohio Co., Ky.
 (There may have been others).
- D - Caroline Pearce, b 1845, Indiana; with her brother, Philip Pearce, on 1870 Census; married J. H. Osborn, 28 Feb 1875, Webster Co., Ky.
- E - Nancy M. Pearce, b 1849, Indiana.
- F - Casander (Casey) A. Pearce, b 1853, Indiana

- 14 - William Harrison Pearce, b 1813. See next chapter for details.
 15 - Catherine Pearce, b between 1810-1815 (1830 Census, Ohio Co., Ky.);
 m/1 George White, 6 Sept 1842 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. B, p. 5)
 m/2 ----- Hall (Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933)

CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE - POLLY CASEY:

- 16 - Zacheus (Zachias) Pearce, b 1819 (1850 and 1860 Census, Ohio Co., Ky);
 died 1865 (Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933); married Dorcas
 White, 30 July 1840 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. B, p. 12); had
 children:
- A - Mary E. Pearce, b 1841; married B. M. Faught.
 - B - Thomas W. Pearce, b 1843; married Elizabeth J. Pearce, 11 Jan
 1863, Ohio Co., Ky.; became Minister of the Gospel; went to
 Grayson Co., Ky.; had children:
 - (a) - Thomas L. Pearce, b 1864
 - (b) - Alonzo Pearce, b 1867
 - (c) - Manda Pearce, b 1869
 - (Possibly others also)
 - C - Nancy M. Pearce, b 1844
 - D - Martha C. Pearce, b 1846; married J. W. Autry
 - E - Hester Ann Pearce, b 1851
 - F - Woodford F. Pearce, b 1857; married Mary E. ----- ; went to
 Grayson Co., Ky.; had children (1880 Grayson Co., Ky., Census)
 - (a) - Thomas Pearce, b 1874
 - (b) - Zacious Pearce, b 1876
 - (c) - Samantha Pearce, b 1878
 - (d) - Birdie Pearce, b 1879
 - (Possibly others also)
 - G - Margaret E. Pearce, b 1859.
 - H - James F. Pearce, b 1861.
- 17 - Absalom (Absolem) Pearce, b 17 May 1820; d 1892; m Sarah Hicks, 1851;
 lived at Chalybeate Springs, Webster Co., Ky.; was pastor at Mt.
 Lebanon General Baptist Church; was one of the founders of General
 Baptist Union, Kentucky Association; had 10 children, 9 of whom have
 been identified from 1860 and 1880 Census, Webster Co., Ky.:
- A - Mary Pearce, b 1852; m/1 E. F. Pearce, 1886; m/2 G. B. Cobb,
 1899.
 - B - James L. Pearce, b 1854; d 1924; m Musia Dora -----; a son:
 - a - John Denzil Pearce, b 31 Aug 1894; d 4 Mar 1960;
 m Kathryn H. -----.
 - C - Franklin Pearce, b 1856; d 1938.
 - D - George B. Pearce, b 1858; m Ellie Ranes, 1886; children:
 - a - Blanche Pearce.
 - b - Albert Pearce, had son George Pearce who d 1960.
 - c - Elonnie Pearce.
 - E - William F. Pearce, b 1859.
 - F - Isaac H. Pearce, b 1861; d 1932; m Fannie Purtle, 1893.
 - G - Sarah F. Pearce, b 1864; m L. D. Hampton, 13 Apr 1897.
 - H - Martha Edna Pearce, b 1866.

- I - Daniel O. Pearce, b 3 Oct 1873; d 10 Dec 1926; m Frances Belle Pearce, his 2nd cousin, daughter of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (see Sixth Generation), 27 Dec 1897; ten children:
- a - Areal Pearce, b 31 July 1900; m Addie Lilly, 22 May 1922; had son:
 - Dave Urban Pearce, m Lin Davis.
 - b - Lois Pearce, b 29 July 1903; d 10 Oct 1905.
 - c - Merrill D. Pearce, b 29 Sept 1904; m/1 Lillie Sue Clay, 11 Apr 1924; had five children:
 - 1 - Marlyn Sue Pearce 4 - Ruth Maybella Pearce
 - 2 - Ardie Ray Pearce 5 - Charles Norman Pearce
 - 3 - Thomas Glenn Pearce
 - m/2 Erma Johnston, 30 Apr 1945; had four children:
 - 6 - Erma Kay Pearce 8 - Name Unknown
 - 7 - Paul Pearce 9 - Name Unknown
 - d - Melvin Ray Pearce, b 11 Apr 1906; m Zelma Earl King, 22 Dec 1928; had a son:
 - Gerald Melvin Pearce, b 1 Apr 1931; d 1936.
 - e - Opal Edith Pearce, b 17 Dec 1907; m/1 James H. Trader, 13, Aug 1946; m/2 Raymond E. Kiefer, 9 Mar 1957.
 - f - Pauline Pearce, b 26 Mar 1909; m Winford Austin Hunter, 19 Feb 1934, who d 6 Aug 1968; had two sons:
 - 1 - Gene Austin Hunter, b 16 Oct 1935; m Naomi DePriest, 13 July 1957.
 - 2 - David Earl Hunter, b 14 Nov 1941; m Jeanette Griese, 18 June 1966.
 - g - Mozelle Pearce, b 18 Aug 1911; m Rev. Raymond Earl Reich, 7 Aug 1935; had a daughter:
 - Mina Earl Reich, b 10 Feb 1940; m Dale S. DeWitt, 12 July 1958; have a son:
 - David Sumner DeWitt, b 22 Nov 1962.
 - h - Lilburn V. Pearce, b 29 Oct 1915; m/1 Louise Harriet Barton, 24 Dec 1936; had a son:
 - 1 - Gary Don Pearce, m Marge -----; have daughter:
 - Donnette Pearce
 - m/2 Dorothy Kreitemeyer, 28 Feb 1946; had a son:
 - 2 - Paul Pearce.
 - i - Evadean Pearce, b 8 Mar 1918; m Carl Turner, 18 Feb 1939; had two sons:
 - 1 - Donell Melvin Turner, b 28 Jan 1941; 2 sons:
 - A - Michael T. Turner, b 18 Jan 1961.
 - B - Mitchel S. Turner, b 2 Aug 1963.
 - 2 - Arnold Eugene Turner, b 25 Nov 1951.
 - j - Dorris Elmer Pearce, b 6 Nov 1921; m Mildred Constance Oyerton, 30 June 1945; have a son:
 - Bruce Pearce.

18 - Woodford Pearce, b 1828; m Catharine White; died childless.

19 - Crawford Pearce, b 1825-1830; d before 1876, leaving an only child: Martha W. Pearce.

CHILDREN BY LAST WIFE - MRS. RUTH WHITE:

- 20 - Edward Pearce, born 16 Feb 1841, Ohio Co., Ky.; married Mary Ann Brown, born 28 May 1844, died 8 May 1924; had children:
- A - Agnes Cordelia Pearce, born 8 Nov 1864; married Luther Johnson.
 - B - William Cicero Pearce, born 16 Dec 1867; died young.
 - C - Matilda A. Pierce, born 29 May 1869; married Simon Johnston, no relation to Luther Johnson.
 - D - Alger Bracton Pearce, born 29 Sept 1891; married Nancy Elizabeth Vance who was born 1875 and died 6 July 1964; had children:
 - (a) - Ruth Olive Pearce, died an infant.
 - (b) - Archie Pearce, married Ollie Goodman; had children:
 - 1 - Harlan Pearce
 - 2 - Anna Merle Pearce, who married Garnet Smith.
 - (c) - Eckles Pearce, married first Ozona Wright and had:
 - 1 - Ray Vaughn Pearcemarried second Daffa Embry and had children:
 - 2 - Betty Lou Pearce, married Donald Taylor and had two children.
 - 3 - William Pearce, no children.
 - 4 - Anna Marie Pearce, still single, 1965.
 - (d) - Luther Edward Pearce, married Parris Thomas and had children:
 - 1 - Edward Pearce, married ----- Smith.
 - 2 - Mattie D. Pearce, married ----- Edlund.
 - 3 - Dottie Pearce
 - (e) - Anna Alger Pearce, born 22 June 1905; married Leonard Thomas, who was born 6 Sept 1902; had children:
 - 1 - Benjamin C. Thomas, born 27 Feb 1923; died young.
 - 2 - Damon Thomas, born 20 March 1925; married Faye Lane; had children:
 - A - Sue Carolyn Thomas
 - B - Sharon Gaye Thomas
 - 3 - Albin Thomas, born 18 Jan 1927; died Dec 1952 in a car wreck.
 - 4 - Bernadine Thomas, born 11 Sept 1930; married Thurmond Dawson; had children:
 - A - Connie Jean Dawson
 - B - Darlene Dawson
 - C - Denise Dawson
 - D - Carroll Dawson
 - 5 - Shirley Pierce Thomas, born 13 Nov 1934; married Darrell Bruner; had children:
 - A - Kevin Lee Bruner
 - B - Alisa Gale Bruner
 - C - Loria Ann Bruner

(Nancy Elizabeth Vance Pearce married second James Russell, and had four children; she married third Curtis Thomas, and had no children; she married fourth William Hulbert Pierce, brother of her first husband, Alger Bracton Pearce, and had no children).

- E - William Hulbert Pearce (Pierce), born 28 Feb 1874; married first Antha Jane Autry, who died 10 July 1943; married second Nancy Elizabeth Vance Pearce Russell Thomas (see note above); had no children by either marriage.
- F - John Edward Pearce, born 28 Sept 1897; m Elizabeth Hughes.
- G - Ruth Viola Pearce, born 4 Jan 1879; died young.
- H - Susan Bertha Pearce, born 6 May 1880; died young.

(The above facts were developed in interview with William Hulbert Pearce (Pierce) and Mrs. Anna Alger Pearce Thomas, 12 June 1965, 1403 Wing Ave., Owensboro, Ky. The dates were taken from their family Bible).

- 21 - Zacharias (Zack) Pearce, born 1844, Ohio Co., Ky.; died unmarried in Indiana, before 1876 (Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933)

FIFTH GENERATION

William Harrison Pearce (5), son of Absalom Pearce (4) and his first wife (name unknown), born 1813, Shelby Co., Ky.; died 6 Aug 1881, Ohio Co., Ky.; m/1 Cynthia Ann Burden, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Burden, 25 June 1833, Ohio Co., Ky.; m/2 Sarah Green, ca 1852, Ohio Co., Ky.

Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 138:

The original marriage bond, consents and return of the marriage of William H. Pearce to Cynthia Ann Burden, 25 June 1833, have been found in the Marriage Bonds File for the year 1833, Ohio Co., Ky., and are quoted in full, as follows:

Marriage Bond: "Know all men by these presents that Mr. William H. Pearce and John D. Crow are held & firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal Sum of fifty pounds Current money for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves our Heirs & Jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals & dated this 18 day of June 1833

"The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a purpose of Marriage between the above bound William H. Pearce & Miss Cynthia Ann Burden

"Now if there should be no lawful cause to obstruct sd Marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Test
Ch Henderson

his
William H. X Pearce
mark
J. W. Crowe"

Consents: "I certify to the clerk of Ohio county that I give my Consent for my daughter Cynthia Ann Burden to marry William H. Pearce June 17th 1833

Test
Ch Henderson

Benjamin Burden"

"I certify that I am willing for my son William H. Pearce to marry Miss Cynthia Burden June 15 1833

Test
Ch Henderson

Absalom Pearce"

Marriage Return:

"I heare by certify that the Rite of Marriage is solemnized between William H. Pearce and Sinthy Ann Burden as per License from Ohio County as witness my hand this 25th day of June 1833

Benjn Burden M G"

THE BURDEN FAMILY

There are several variations in spelling the name, such as Borden, Bordin, Burden, Burdin, Burdon, Burton, etc. To show how early there were Burdens in Virginia, the following is quoted from page 53 of "Early Virginia Emigrants", by George Cabell Greer (1912):

Burden, John,	1636,	Brought over by John Gookin, Gent.,	-----	County.
"	"	1637	"	" " Bridges Freeman, James City County.
"	"	1637	"	" " John Gookin, New Norfolk County.
"	"	1637	"	" " William Frye, James City County.
"	"	1637	"	" " Daniell Gookins, New Norfolk County.
"	"	1638	"	" " Mr. John Gookins, Upper New Norfolk.
"	Edw.	1637	"	" " Daniell Gookins, New Norfolk County.

These were probably only two men, John and Edward Burden, rather than seven separate men. Their names were repeated in several land grants for transportation of emigrants.

There were other Burdens or Bordens who settled early in New Jersey, and gave their name to Bordentown in Monmouth County. From Series II, Genealogy and History Magazine, by Dorothy Ford Wulfect, 51 Park Ave., Naugatuck, Conn. 06770, the following is quoted:

"BORDEN, Benjamin, b. 6 April, 1675, Monmouth Co., N. J.; d. 1743, near Winchester, Va.; m. his cousin, Zeruah Winter, dau. of William and Hannah (Grover). He was son of Benjamin and 1st wife, Abigail (Grover) Borden. 11W(2)326."

From page 146 of Series I, Vol. 1, of the same Genealogy and History Magazine, the following is quoted:

"BORDEN, Benjamin, Jr., son of Benjamin, m. ca 1744, Magdalene (Woods) McDowell, wid. of John. She m. (3) 4 Feb., 1754, John Bowyer. 5W(1)68; Kegley, pp. 149-150; Morton, p. 474."

And from page 223 of Series I, Vol. 1, of the same magazine, the following is quoted:

"BURDEN, Benjamin, Jr. See Borden. Albemarle, p. 355, gives Burdon."

Thomas Marshall Green in his book "Historic Families of Kentucky" (1889), says on pp. 6, 7, 8 that this second Benjamin Burden (Borden) who married Zeruah Winter, came to Virginia from England, before 1736, as an agent of Lord Fairfax, the proprietor of Northern Neck, Virginia. (The above Wulfec Magazine data, however, says he came to Virginia from New Jersey.)

Green continues with a story of Burden going on a buffalo hunt with

John Lewis and Lewis' sons, during which they captured a young buffalo calf. Burden carried the calf back to Williamsburg, Va., and presented it to Governor Sir William Gooch, as a live trophy. Pleased with what was then a curiosity in the-water Virginia, the Governor gave Burden a patent for 500,000 acres of land, or any less quantity, situated on the Shenandoah or James rivers and not interfering with previous land grants. The patent had the further condition that Burden would, within ten years, settle no less than 100 families on the land - 1,000 acres for every family settled or cabin built, with the privilege of purchasing an additional adjacent 1,000 acres at one shilling per acre.

Burden had selected 10,000 acres in the forks of the James River, later known as "Burden's Grant", but he became lost and could not find his way to the land. He came upon the evening camp of Ephrim and John McDowell and James and Mary (McDowell) Greenlee, on Sewells Creek. John McDowell was an expert surveyor and he accepted Burden's offer of 1,000 acres to anyone who could pilot him to his land. The McDowells and Greenlees, and many of their friends and relatives, settled there, as did Burden himself, until near his death in 1743.

The will of this Benjamin Burden, 1742, is abstracted on p. 318 of Vol. I of Chalkley's "Records of Augusta County, Virginia" as follows:

"NOVEMBER, 1758 (A). Wm. Russell vs. Borden. - Benj. Borden's will dated 1742. He left his lands in New Jersey and lands in Bullshire, Smith's Creek, North Shenandore and James River, except 5,000 acres, which he devised to his daughters, Abigail Worthington, Rebecca Bronson, Debora, Lydia and Eliza Borden; other legacies and devises to sons, Benjamin, John and Joseph, and his wife, Zeruah, and daughter, May Fearnley, wife of William Fearnley. Benjamin and Zeruah qualified as executors. Fearnley refused. Afterwards (1746) Zeruah, on account of bodily infirmities, resigned, and Benjamin took the whole estate. In April, 1753, Benjamin, Jr., died. John and Joseph, in 1753, conveyed their interests to William Russell. Benjamin Borden, Jr., had a daughter, Martha, an infant in 1754."

There are dozens of records in Vol. III of Chalkley's "Records of Augusta County, Virginia" in which Benjamin, the younger, transferred lands to many individuals, mostly in accordance with agreements made by Benjamin, the elder, during his lifetime. Benjamin, Jr., married Magdalene (Wood) McDowell, the widow of Capt. John McDowell, who was killed by an Indian ambuscade near Lexington, Va., 25 Dec 1742. His younger brothers, John and Joseph Burden, lived with him until his death from small-pox, March 1753. They then sold their interests in the estate of Benjamin Burden, Sr., to William Russell, and went elsewhere.

Joseph Burden, the youngest son of Benjamin Burden, Sr., and Zeruah Winter, was born 1734/35, probably in New Jersey. He married Jane ----- and died 1803, Iredell County, N. C. His will is abstracted on p. 251, Vol. III, Chalkley's "Records of Augusta County, Virginia", as follows:

"CIRCUIT COURT WILL BOOK No. 2 - Page 4. - Will of Joseph Borden, of Iredell County, N. C., dated, 29th April, 1803. - Wife, Jane; son, Levi, all land in Green River in Kentucky; son, Benj. Joseph Borden; granddaughter, Sally Lasnet, daughter of Richard Lasnett and Rebecca; grandson, Joseph Lasnett; granddaughter, Mary Lasnett; grandchildren, children of William Saunders and Mary; brother-in-law, Thomas Bromson; sister, Deborah Henry."

No record has been found that links our Rev. Benjamin Burden, of Ohio and Butler Counties, Kentucky, with this Joseph Burden who died in N. C., 1803, but the fact that he left his lands on Green River, in Kentucky, to his son Levi Burden, and the fact that both Ohio County and Butler County, Ky., are on the Green River, indicate that such might be the possibility.

James Burden is listed in Bourbon County, Ky., in the First Census of Kentucky, 1790. Probably the same James Burden, together with a John Burden (possibly a son), is listed in Nicholas County, Ky., in the Second Census of Kentucky, 1800. This James Burden is probably the father of our Rev. Benjamin Burden, who married Elizabeth Tully, 6 Nov 1801, Nicholas County, Ky., Marriages, Vol. A, p. 1.

The Benjamin Burton on the 1810 Census of Ohio Co., Ky., is probably the same individual as our Rev. Benjamin Burden. After 1810, he lived in Butler Co., Ky., where he died, 1862. The appraisal and sale of his personal estate are recorded in Butler Co., Ky., Record Book D, p. 65. Both the 1850 and 1860 Census Records of Butler Co., Ky., list him and his wife, Elizabeth, as being born in Maryland. Whether the Burdens and the Pearces knew each other in Maryland is not known. There were many marriages between the two families in Kentucky, as listed later, below.

Will Book B, p. 51, Butler Co., Ky.:

"I Elizabeth Burden Resident in Butler County Ky. make the following as my will towit: 1st I hold a note on my Son Alfred D. Burden for the sum of \$83.57 cts dated 30th of October 1863 Which I give unto him and Desire the same Delivered up to him at my Death after his paying the interest on the same 2d I hold a note on my Daughter Martha Daughety for the sum of \$73.55 cts dated 18th day of July 1863, which I give unto her and Desire the Same Delivered to her at my Death when She pays the interest on the Same 3d I give unto my two Daughters Delela Coy and Jemimah McCandlous to be Equally Devieded Between them all of my Clothing Beds Beading Bead Steds bead Cloth- ing and all my house hold and Kitchen Furnature of Every Description and the same I desire to be given up to them at my Death 4th I De- sire that all my money on hand at the date of my Death after my Funeral Expences are paid out of it to be divided as follows towit among the Remainder of my Children to the Children of my Son William deceased one Dollar To the Children of my Son G. W. Burden Deceased one dollar to the Children of my Son Isiah Burden decd. One dollar

To my Son Benjamin Burden Decd one dollar to the Children of my Son Ely Burden decd one dollar. To the children of my Daughter Cynthia pierce Decd one dollar to the children of my Daughter Harriet Henderson Decd one dollar to the children of my Daughter Mariah Smith Decd one dollar and to my Daughter Elizabeth pierce one dollar and of the Remainder of money I Desire to be Equally devied Among Remaining three Sons towit J. T. Burden Ahasuereed Burden and G. S. Burden in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of November 1866

Witness

W. E. Beesley
M. A. Beesley

Elizabeth Burden (Seal)"

Butler Co., Ky., Deed Book O, p. 272:

"For and in consideration of the sum five hundred and 48/100 dollars in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we the undersigned have this day bargained and sold, and do by these presents grant, bargain, Sell & convy unto William E. Beesley all of our claim, interest, right and title in and to any and all lands or lands of which Benjmin Burden Decd died seized and possessed, lying in the County of Butler & State of Kentucky, and also all our right title interest and claim in and too any and all lands, the Equitable title whereof was in the said Benjamin Burden decd at the time of his death of which the title is due and ought to belong to the heirs at law of said decedent, with the appurtenances and improvements to Such interest as we severally have in and to said land or lands belonging and als(o) all the right and claim which either of us may have for improvements and work done on any of said lands against the estate of said decedent lying in Butler County, Ky. unto the Said William E. Beesley his heirs and assigns with title of Generell Warranty forever. Witness our hands this 26th day of Febuary 1869.

Benjamin F. Burden
James D. Burden
Woodard Burden
Elizabeth Burden
Benjamin Burden
Alfred D. Henderson
By Woodard Burden
Van R. Romans

J. T. Burden
Wm M. Smith
his
Elisha X Payton
mark
his
Finethy X Smith
mark
her
Mary J. X Payton
mark
her
Elizabeth A. X Gillstrap
mark

Daniel D. Gillstrap
E. F. Pearcy

It is, indeed, remarkable that one couple, Rev. Benjamin Burden and Elizabeth Tully, should have seventeen children and that all of them are named in her will.

- 1 - Alfred D. Burden, b 1823; m/2 Mrs. Mary Pharris, 26 June 1878.
- 2 - Martha (Patsy) Burden, b 1817; m Mathew Dougherty.
- 3 - Delila Burden, m Allen Coy, 15 Nov 1829, Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 169.
- 4 - Jemimah Burden, m/1 John Green, step-son or adopted son of Absalom Pearce (4), 12 Sept 1833, Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 88; m/2 ----- McCandlous.
- 5 - William A. Burden, m/1 Mariah Pearce (5), daughter of Absalom Pearce (4); m/2 Matilda Smith; m/3 Catherine Finley, 25 May 1854, Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 43.
- 6 - Garrett Wayne Burden, b 1824; m Mary McCandless, 7 Dec 1859, Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. 2, p. 363.
- 7 - Isiah Burden, m/1 Susan Pearce (5), daughter of Absalom Pearce(4), 10 Oct 1837, Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 12; m/2 Dorothea Wall, 23 Nov 1859, Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 357.
- 8 - Benjamin F. Burden, m/1 Martha J. Wilson, 22 May 1854, Ohio Co., Ky.; m/2 Cassander Elizabeth Baird, 30 May 1858, Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. G, p. 65.
- 9 - Ely Burden, m Meriah Morris, 8 July 1830, Ohio Co., Ky., Bk. A, p. 83.
- 10 - Cynthia Ann Burden, m William Harrison Pearce (5), son of Absalom Pearce (4), 25 June 1833, Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 138.
- 11 - Harriett L. Burden, b 1825, m Robert Henderson, Feb 1845.
- 12 - Mariah Burden, m/1 John Beasley, 26 Apr 1846; m/2 John B. Smith.
- 13 - America Jane Burden, m Robert A. Dockery, 10 July 1843.
- 14 - Elizabeth Ann Burden, m Philip C. Pearce (5), son of Absalom Pearce (4), 14 May 1840, Butler Co., Ky., Bk. A, p. 41.
- 15 - John T. Burden, b 30 July 1802; d 17 Feb 1876; m Mary Ann Fulkerson, 12 May 1823, Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 17.
- 16 - Ahassureed Burden.
- 17 - Gabriel S. Burden, m Martha (Patsy) Coy, 1 Jan 1834.

The Pearce and Burden families were General Baptists and, undoubtedly, saw each other several times each month at church services. As a result, the children of the two families came to know each other quite well, resulting in five marriages between the two families:

Mariah Pearce, daughter of Absalom Pearce (4), married William A. Burden, son of Rev. Benjamin Burden, and had a son, Lorenzo Burden, born 1832. She died young, and then William A. Burden married Matilda Smith as his second wife, by whom he had at least four children: David, John, Rhoda and Eli Burden. Matilda died before 25 May 1854, when William A. Burden married Catherine Finley (Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p.43), by whom he had at least three children: Sarah J., Mariah C. and Sylvester Burden. The names of the children are taken from the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Census Records of Butler Co., Ky.

Jemimah Burden, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Burden, married John Green, step-son or adopted son of Absalom Pearce (4), on 12 Sept 1833 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 88). After the death of John Green, his widow, Jemimah, married a Mr. McCandlous (McCandless), for her name is so given in her mother's will, 24 Nov 1866. (Butler Co., Ky., Wills, Bk. B, p. 51).

Susan Pearce, daughter of Absalom Pearce (4), married Isaiah Burden, son of Rev. Benjamin Burden, on 10 Oct 1837 (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 121), and had children:

- 1 - James W. Burden, m Mariah E. Whitehead, 26 July 1868 (Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Vol. 5, p. 259), a Minister of the Gospel.
- 2 - Joseph A. Burden, m Nancy Embry, 3 Dec 1877 (Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Vol. 10, p. 212), and had children:

A - Laurence Burden (girl).	D - Allison Burden.
B - Corbit Burden.	E - Clarence Burden.
C - Lizzie Burden.	F - Jessie Burden.
- 3 - Zachariah Burden, m Manerva Jane Givens.
- 4 - Elizabeth Burden, m Daniel Gilstrap.
- 5 - Nancy Burden, m Thomas M. Keown.
- 6 - Margaret Burden, m James P. Green.

Susan (Pearce) Burden died before 23 Nov 1859, when Isaiah Burden and Dorothea Wall were married (Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 357).

Philip C. Pearce (5), son of Absalom Pearce (4), married Elizabeth (Betsy Ann) Burden, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Burden, on 14 May 1840. (Butler Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 41).

William Harrison Pearce (5), son of Absalom Pearce (4), married, 25 June 1833, Cynthia (Sintha) Ann Burden, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Burden. (Ohio Co., Ky., Marriages, Bk. A, p. 138). Their children are named at the close of this chapter. Cynthia (Burden) Pearce died about 1850, and William Harrison Pearce (5) married Sarah Green soon thereafter, and had several children, named later in this chapter, and in Kentucky Vital Statistics, 1852-1861.

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"State of Kentucky)
County of Ohio) Know all men by this that I, William Harrison

Pearce, being of sound mind and in the right use of my faculties, do make this my last will and Testament, and bequeath as follows: 1st, I give and bequeath my soul after death to the God who gave it; 2d, I wish that after my death, that all my just debts be paid, and an equable distribution of any personal property that may remain be made among my heirs; 3d, In consideration of my son Letcher Pearce taking care of me and his mother Sarah during the remaining years of our lives, I bequeath and give to him, his heirs and assigns the right, title, and ownership of the farm containing One Hundred and fifty (150) acres of land on which I now live, and am now possessed, lying on the waters of Caney Creek, County of Ohio, State of Kentucky, to hold forever as his property, with this condition: that if his brother, Harvey Pearce, should live, or die leaving legal child or children, said One Hundred and fifty (150) acres of land is to be equally and fairly divided between the said Letcher Pearce and Harvey Pearce, but in case of death without any legal children said title and ownership of said land is to vest in said Letcher Pearce, his heirs and assigns forever. Further, the said Letcher Pearce and the said Harvey Pearce are to pay as soon as possible after my death, if not paid before, to each one of my legal heirs the sum of Five Dollars; 4th, And I further request my children see this my last will and testament be faithfully carried out, and live in peace with all men. Amen! As witness this 18th of April, 1881.

Attest: James R. Camp
William H. Burden

William Harrison Pearce his X"

"Renunciation of Will.

"Ohio County)
State of Kentucky) Sct.

"I Sarah Pearce widow of W. H. Pearce deceased of Ohio County do hereby renounce any all of the provisions of the Will of my late husband W. H. Pearce deceased & renounce all interests & claims under & within the provisions of said will, and assign as my reasons for the renunciation: That after my said husband's death by agreement among his heirs, the will was held for naught & the property was to be divided as required by law in the case of an intestate, and the personal property was set apart to me by the appraisers in pursuance to said agreement, & also the use of the land as a homestead. In the action of Letcher Pearce vs A. B. Pearce & G. S. Pearce admr vs Letcher Pearce consolidated therewith, this agreement has been ignored by the Court, & the property to be sold by the Administrator, thus leaving me homeless & houseless so far as my husband's property is concerned - since Letcher Pearce has failed & refused to provide & support me as by the provisions of the will he was required to do, for these reasons I have thus renounced the provisions of my husband's

Will & claim dower & homestead in my late husband's Estate, as the law entitles me to do. I have not done this sooner because I supposed the agreement of the heirs would be upheld by the Court, & I would thus get out of the property, the support which I was entitled, this 22nd day of Novr. 1886.

Sarah Pearce her X"

"I P. H. Alford deputy clerk of Ohio County & State of Kentucky, do certify that the foregoing Deed of renunciation was on 22nd day of Novr. 1886 produced to me in my County & acknowledged by the said Sarah Pearce to be her act and deed. Given under my hand this 22nd day of Novr. 1886.

P. H. Alford D. C.
For T. J. Smith, C.O.C.C."

"And the same was this day lodged for record, and has been duly admitted to record, in my said office, together with the and the foregoing certificate. Witness my hand, this 22nd day of Novr. 1886.

T. J. Smith, Clk."

Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Records, Basement of Court House:
1886, Letcher Pierce vs A. B. Pierce, et al: Case No. 1919, File No.
4302 $\frac{1}{2}$, Bk. 34, p. 296; and 1888, G. S. Pierce, Adm., vs Letcher
Pierce, et al: Case No. 1967, File No. 4302, bk. 34, p. 296.

These two cases are the actions mentioned in Sarah Pearce's renunciation of her deceased husband, W. H. Pearce, last will and testament. They were combined, consolidated, and tried together. Depositions and other trial records are filed in metal filing cabinets in the basement of the court house, under the office of the Clerk of Ohio County Circuit Court, and were inspected by me for a full day, on 7 June 1965. The following summary outlines the cases:

A copy of the will of William Harrison Pearce, made 18 Apr 1881, and proved in court by testimony of the witnesses, 5 Sept. 1881, and ordered to be admitted to probate and record. W. H. Pearce died 6 Aug 1881, per testimony of Letcher Pearce. The widow, Sarah Pearce, visited her step-son, A. B. Pearce, in Webster County shortly thereafter and requested him to act as Administrator. He declined, because the distance was so great, and advised her to get Gabriel S. Pearce, another step-son, living in McLean County, much closer to Ohio County, to take care of the matter. This was done, and on 14 Dec 1881 the Court appointed Isaac Bratcher, Pressley Bratcher and Joe Day to appraise the estate.

The appraised value of the personal property was \$419.31. All the heirs, consisting of the widow and nine children - four by the first wife, Cynthia Ann Burden and five by the second wife, Sarah Green - held a meeting and orally agreed to consider the will null and void and of no account; and to set aside to the widow all the personal property.

The widow, Sarah Pearce, testified that the Administrator set apart for her the following property:

One horse	\$50.00
One cow	20.00
Four hogs	8.00
One table and bible, loom and spinning wheel and cards	
One cooking stove	
1/2 doz. chairs	
One bridle (No value given for these last items)	

She also claimed she was entitled to other property in lieu of personalty not on hand, as follows:

In lieu of horse	\$100.00
" " " sheep	18.00
" " " poultry	5.00
" " " spinning gear	20.00
" " " saddle	10.00
" " " plow and gear	10.00
" " " axe, hoe	2.00
" " " provisions	50.00

There were also debts of the estate, approximately as follows:

Dr. J. R. Camp, calls and medicines, \$20.00
(This paid for by A. B. Pearce, therefore due him)

V. B. Rains, medicines (amount not stated)
(This, also paid by A. B. Pearce, therefore due him)

Gabriel S. Pearce, Adm., unpaid note, dated 6 Jan 1881, for \$100.00, from W. H. Pearce, which funds were turned over to A. B. Pearce by W. H. Pearce, to pay him for expenses incurred during sickness, death and burial (in Ohio County) of Joel Pearce while at A. B. Pearce's in Webster County.

A. B. Pearce testified that Letcher Pearce wrote to Gabriel S. Pearce saying that if any of the other children wanted to buy the 150 acres of land to come up to Ohio County and do so. "I went up and bought his entire interest. Nothing was said about (buying) 15 acres, or 1/9 of the land." The deed is for the entire 150 acres. After buying the land, A. B. Pearce arranged for Hardin Pearce to take care of his step-mother, giving him the use of the land for so doing.

Sarah Pearce, the widow, testified that Letcher Pearce acquired the 150 acres under the condition he would care for and support herself and husband during their lives, but he has failed to do so.

Letcher Pearce claimed he conveyed to A. B. Pearce only Letcher's interest (1/9 of the total), when in fact he owned the entire tract.

He, therefore, asked cancellation of the deed. He claimed he left the 150 acre home place in July 1882, about a year after his father's death. He lived in a separate house in same yard as his mother's house. Sarah Pearce and Hardin Pearce allowed him to work only 12 acres the last year he was there. They wanted him to pay rent for the balance of the land or move away. So, he moved, as he had been married since 1876, and could not make out by farming only 12 acres. He was residing, 1884, "this side of Caney Creek, not on the 150 acres of land."

Gabriel S. Pearce testified that Hardin Pearce stayed with Sarah, the widow, and provided for her. Letcher Pearce did nothing for his mother. Hardin got married in the autumn of 1885, and left the home place in the autumn of 1886. Gabriel also asks for payment of the \$100 note.

The decision of Evans P. Little, Judge of Ohio County Circuit Court, was short and sweet: "A. B. Pearce bought and owns only 1/9 of 150 acres and 8/9 of the land will be set aside and Letcher Pearce have costs. The personal estate, if to be found, will be first applied to debts, or if not, so much of the land will be sold as will pay them."

The children of William Harrison Pearce (5) are listed below, about in the order they were born, by each of his two wives:

CHILDREN OF CYNTHIA ANN BURDEN:

- 1 - E. C. Pearce (6), b b 24 Mar 1835; d 30 Mar 1875.
- 2 - Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6), see next chapter for details.
- 3 - Elisha F. Pearce (6), b 1839; d before 1886.
- 4 - James W. Pearce (6), b 1841; d before 1886.
- 5 - Delila Pearce (6), b 1844; d 3 Nov 1855.
- 6 - Gabriel S. Pearce (6), b 1845.
- 7 - Albert Pearce (6), b 1846.
- 8 - Lurena Pearce (6), b 1848.
- 9 - Reyal (Riley) Pearce (6), b 1850; m Sarah E. Jewell; had at least two children:
 - A - James K. Pearce, b 1871.
 - B - Sarah F. Pearce, b 1873.
- 10 - Joel Pearce (6), b 1851; d before 1886; m Nancy Sidney Brackett, 3 Dec 1873, Webster Co., Ky.

CHILDREN OF SARAH GREEN:

- 11 - Letcher Pearce (6), b 1853.
- 12 - Joseph Green Pearce (6), b 15 Oct 1854.
- 13 - Hardin Pearce (6), b 10 Apr 1856.
- 14 - Samuel O. P. Pearce (6), b 25 Aug 1858.
- 15 - Elizabeth Pearce (6), b 1861 (twin).
- 16 - Henry Pearce (6), b 1861 (twin).
- 17 - Harvey Pearce (6), d single before 1886.

SIXTH GENERATION

Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6), son of William Harrison Pearce (5) and Cynthia Ann Burden, b 5 Oct 1836, Grayson County, Ky.; d 16 Mar 1916, Evansville, Ind.; m/1 Esther (Easter) C. Majors (Major), 16 June 1858, Henderson County, Ky.; m/2 Viana (Vianer) Mason, 16 Mar 1876, Webster County, Ky.; Civil War veteran; lived 4 years, after adulthood, in Ohio County, Ky., 30 years in Webster County, Ky., 13 years in McLain County, Ky., and 8 years in Evansville, Ind.

Esther (Easter) C. Majors was born 24 Mar 1835, Henderson County, Ky.; died 30 Mar 1875, Webster County, Ky. She was the daughter of Phillip Majors, who died in Henderson County, Ky., between the 1840 and 1850 Census. She, aged 16 years, and her sister, Malinda Majors, aged 13 years, were listed as in the household of Easter Majors, aged 75 years, in the 1850 Census of Henderson County, Ky. Easter Majors, the senior, was the grandmother of Easter C. Majors and Malinda Majors. She was the widow of James Majors, Sr.

THE MAJORS FAMILY

Originally, the family name is said to have been Mauger, one of whom was an uncle to William the Conqueror, and archbishop of Rowen. Later, he renounced his church office and settled in the Island of Guernsey where he had several children by a lady of great beauty. The Mauger name became Mager, Magor, Major and Majors.

- I. Col. Edward Major, b 1615, England; came to Virginia in January 1634-35, on the ship "Bonaventure"; m Martha Butler, 1635; patented 450 acres on the Nansemond River, 18 May 1637, for the transportation of himself and 8 other persons; was Justice of the Peace for many years; served 5 terms in the Virginia House of Burgesses; was Speaker of the House, 1652; had children:
 - 1 - Edward Major, of Nansemond; m Sarah -----; d without issue, 1661.
- II. 2 - William Major, of York, an attorney and planter; b before 1639, Virginia; d 4 Oct 1716, York County, Va.; m Elizabeth Mason, 1665, daughter of Lemuel Mason (1628-1702) and Ann Seawell (1634-1705), and granddaughter of Lieut. Francis Mason (1585-1648), who came to Virginia, 1613, on the ship "John and Francis", also the granddaughter of Henry Seawell. They had children:
 - A - William Major, of York and New Kent Counties, Va.; had children:
 - a - Francis Major, baptised 1699.
 - b - John Major, baptised 1703.
 - B - Lemuel Major

III. C - John Major, b about 1677; m Anna Ballard, 1705; had children:

a - John Major, d 1768.

b - Edward Major.

c - Bernard Major.

IV. d - James Major, b about 1720; m 1745, his first cousin, Mary Ballard; a Revolutionary War soldier; had children:

1 - John Major, b before 1748; d 1810; Revolutionary War soldier; m Martha Marable; many descendants in Virginia.

2 - Sarah Major.

3 - Ballard Major, m Ann Hillard, 1797.

V. 4 - James Major, b about 1755; Revolutionary War soldier; more details below.

5 - Elizabeth Major.

For his war services, James Major was awarded Warrant No. 12399, for 100 acres. He went to South Carolina, where he and 4 sons under 16, his wife and a daughter were listed in Richland County in the 1790 Census. One of his sons was:

VI. James Majors, b about 1775, S. Car.; d about 1845, Henderson County Ky.; m Easter -----, about 1792; came to Kentucky, where he was on the 1800 Census, in Franklin County; went to Henderson County, Ky., before 1810, where he was on the Census for 1810, 1820, 1830 and 1840; had 10 children:

1 - Samuel Majors, b before 1794; was on the 1820 Census of Henderson County, Ky., for the one year, but not after that.

2 - James Majors, Jr., b 1794-1800; d 1840-50, after fathering 14 children by his wife, Catherine Sandifur, whom he m 1825, Henderson Co., Ky.:

A - Son, name unknown, b 1825-30.

B - Daughter, name unknown, b 1825-30.

C - Daughter, name unknown, b 1825-30.

D - Son, name unknown, b about 1830.

E - Son, name unknown, b 1830-35.

F - Samuel Majors, b 1830-35; m Elizabeth B. Walker, 15 Sept 1855, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 2, p. 23.

G - Alford M. Majors, b 1836; m Jane -----.

H - Greenberry H. Majors, b 1836; m Martha -----.

I - Franklin Majors, b 1840; m Martha E. -----.

J - Emily Jane Majors, b 1838; m Samuel Frazer, 1855, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 3, p. 59.

K - Luvina Majors, b 1842; m Joseph Proe, 1858, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 4, p. 21.

L - Martha Holland Majors, b 1843, m John Walker, 1860, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 4, p. 369.

M - Elizabeth Majors, b 1845.

N - Margaret Majors, b 1846.

VII. 3 - Phillip Majors, b 1802-04; had one son, James B. Majors,
VIII. and 4 daughters, one of whom was Esther C. Majors.

- 4 - Reuben Majors, b 1806; m Nancy W. -----; had 3 children, possibly more:
 - A - William T. Majors, b 1857.
 - B - Reuben H. Majors, b 1859.
 - C - James L. Majors, b 1860.
- 5 - Martha Ann Majors, b 1800-10; m Richard Sandifur, 30 Nov 1826, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 1, p. 32.
- 6 - Mary Majors, b 1800-10; m Eleadge Liles, 1833, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 1, p. 60.
- 7 - Emily Majors, b 1800-10; m Isaac M. Haleman, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 1, p. 58.
- 8 - Matilda Jane Majors, b 1810-15; m Byrd Chambers, 11 Oct 1836, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 1, p. 61.
- 9 - Mary Ann Majors, b 1815-20; m David A. Maloney, 26 July 1849, Henderson Co., Ky., Bk. 1, p. 113.
- 10 - Daughter, name unknown, b 1810-20.

Some of the land transactions that various Majors had in Henderson Co., Ky., are the following:

Henderson Co., Ky., Land Grants, Bk. 1, p. 262:
James Majors, "Junior", 3 Jan 1826, 40 acres on Green River, Warrant No. 15796.

Henderson Co., Ky., Land Grants, Bk. 1, p. 263:
James Majors, "Senior", 3 Jan 1826, 100 acres on Green River, Warrant No. 15794.

Henderson Co., Ky., Land Grants, Bk. 1, p. 273:
James Majors, "Junior", assignee of Archibald Dixon, 50 acres on Green River, adjoining Bennet Sandifer's East corner.

Henderson Co., Ky., Land Grants, Bk. 1, p. 272:
Philip Majors, 28 May 1832, 100 acres, on Green River near mouth of Cool Springs Branch, Kentucky Land Office Warrant No. 20826.

Henderson Co., Ky., Land Grants, Bk. 1, p. 288:
Philip Majors, 12 Aug 1838, 100 acres on Green River, at Rideout's corner, Kentucky Land Office Warrant No. 20806.

Henderson Co., Ky., Deed Bk. 1, p. 173:
James Majors, Jr., bought from Richard H. Ligon, 4 June 1838, 150 acres on Grave Creek.

Henderson Co., Ky., Land Grants, Bk. 1, p. 290:
Reuben Majors, 20 Mar 1839, 100 acres, on Green River, adjoining Thomas Clark, by County Court Order No. 16.

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Henderson Co., Ky., Marriage Bond Book 3, p. 521:

"Be it known, that we, Absolam B. Pierce as principal, and James B. Majors as surety, are jointly and severally bound to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

"The condition of this bond is as follows: That, whereas, Marriage is intended between the above bound Absolam B. Pierce and Esther Majors

"Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, this bond shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

"Dated at Henderson, Henderson County, Ky., this 14th day of June, 1858.

Absolam B. Pearce
James B. Majors"

Henderson Co., Ky., Marriage Bond Book B, p. 51:

"This is to certify that on the 16th day of June 1858 The Rites of Marriage were legally solemnized by me between Absalom B. Pierce and Miss Esther Majors at Alfred Melton, in the County of Henderson in the presence of Thos. Pierce & Emily J. Majors.

Signed Algernon Edwards"

MILITARY SERVICE OF ABSALOM BENJAMIN PEARCE (6):

The following is a copy of the Discharge Certificate of Absalom Benjamin Pearce, now in the possession of Elsie C. (Jobe) Rosso (Mrs. Geo. John Rosso), a granddaughter, now living in one of the western suburbs of Chicago, Ill.:

"To Whom It May Concern:

"Know ye - That Absolam B. Pearce - a Private of Captain Avery Byers Company H 35th Regiment of Ky. Mt. Infantry volunteers who was enrolled on the fourth day of August 1863 to serve one year or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the Service of the United States this Twenty ninth day of December 1864, at Louisville, Kentucky by reason of Expiration of Term of Service. (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

"Said Absolam Pearce was born in Grayson Co. in the State of Kentucky, is Twenty five years of age. Six feet and no inches high. Light complexion. Blue eyes. Light hair. and by occupation when enrolled, a Farmer.

"Given at Louisville, Ky. this Twenty-ninth day of December, 1864."

(Signed)

"Avery Byers, Capt."
"Commanding the Company"

(Signed)

"Chas. Fletcher, Capt."
"1st Inf. M. and D."

There is also a file WC 815 622 at the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C., on Absalom B. Pearce and his second wife, Vianer, relative to their pension application and similar matters. The following data comes from this file, a photo copy of which was sent to me under date of 4 Dec 1964:

Report from War Department, Record and Pension Division, to the
Commissioner of Pensions, 19 Jan 1891:

"Inv No. 782627 War Department, Record and Pension Division. Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions. Absalom B. Pearce, Co. H, 35th Reg't Ky. Inf. was enrolled Aug. 4, 1863 and M. O. with Co. Dec. 29, 1864. From Enrollmt, 1863, to April 30, 1864 he held the rank of Private and during that period the rolls show him present except as follows: Dec. 31/63 absent Ward Master in Hospl. The medical records show him treated as follows No record found Other records furnish nothing addl. bearing upon the case. By authority of the Secretary of War: (Signed) F. C. Arnsworth, Captain and Ass't Surgeon, U. S. Army Date Jan 19 1891."

Information Sheet 3-173, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions:

"So. Div.

C. J. W. Ex'r.

"Inv. No. 782,627

"Absalom B. Pearce

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

"Co. H, 35th Reg't. Ky. Vol. Inf. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., Mch. 13, 1899.

"SIR:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) H. Chief Grant, Commissioner.

"Absalom B. Pearce,

"Sebree,

"Ky.

"No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: Married man. Vianer Pearce. Vianer Mason.

"No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: 16th day March 1876. Webster Co. Ky. David More Head.

"No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: certificate of the minister in Clerks office Dixon Ky.

"No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: 16th day of June 1858 former marriage. March 30th 1875 she Died in Webster Co. Ky.

"No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names

and the dates of their birth. Answer: have children. Joel H. Pearce March 6th 1877. Aaron A. Pearce Feb. 14th 1879. Cintha J. Pearce Sep 15th 1880. Fanie B. Pearce May 3d 1882. Absalom C. Pearce Nov 8th 1883. Easter V. Pearce Nov 24th 1885. Olie M. Pearce Mar 10th 1887. Clyde C. Pearce Sept 29th 1892.

"First children Mary E. Mar 30th 1859. William L. May 3rd 1862. Benjamin S. May 17 1864. John H. June 3d 1870. James A. Mar 5th 1875.

"Date of reply, Mar 21st, 1899.

Absalom B. Pearce
(Signature)"

Act of May 11, 1912. Declaration For Pension:

"State of Indiana, County of Vanderburgh, ss:

"On this 3 day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and 12, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 75 years of age, and a resident of Evansville, county of Vanderburgh, State of Indiana; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Owensboro Ky., under the name of Absalom B. Pearce, on the 4 day of August, 1863 as a Private, in Company H 35th Mounted Infantry in the service of the United States, in the Civil War, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Louisville Ky., on the 29 day of December, 1864.

"That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 6 feet --- inches; complexion, Light; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, Light; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born Gray(s)on Co Ky. 1836.

"That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Ohio County Ky. 4 year. Webster Co Ky. 30 years. McClain Co Ky. 13 years. Evansville Ind 4 years

"That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 979366

"That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912.

"That his post-office address is Evansville Ind., county of Vanderburgh.

Attest: (1) Henry P. Bennighof
(2) J. H. Dannettell

Absalom B. Pearce
(Claimant's signature in full.)

"SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 3 day of June, A. D. 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, to the prosecution of this claim.

Elder Cooper
(Signature)
Notary Public
(Official character)"

The file includes a death certificate for Abasolm B. Pearce, from which the following data has been taken:

Place of death: Vanderburgh County, Perry Township, 327 Leslie St.

Full Name: Abasolm B. Pearce.

Sex: Male. Color or Race: White. Marriage Status: Married.

Name of Husband or Wife: Viana Pearce.

Date of Birth: Oct. 5, 1836. Age: 79 years, 5 months, 11 days.

Occupation: Retired Farmer. Birthplace: Kentucky.

Name of Father: Benj. Pearce. (NOTE BY M.J.P.- This is not correct, as shown by Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 1967, File 4302, reported in the Fifth Generation chapter of this book. Benjamin Pearce was the uncle of Absalom B. Pearce; William Harrison Pearce was the father of Absalom B. Pearce.)

Birthplace of Father: Kentucky. Maiden Name of Mother: Unknown.

Birthplace of Mother: Unknown. Informant: Viana Pearce

Date of Death: March 16, 1916. Cause of Death: La Gripp.

Medical Certificate: "I hereby certify, that I attended deceased from Nov. 15, 1916 (should be 1915) to Mar. 16, 1916 that I saw him alive on Mar. 15, 1916 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:32 P. M. (\$igned) J. W. Phares, M. D. Mar. 17, 1916, Evansville, Ind."

Place of Burial: Tutman Cemetery. Date of Burial: Mch 18, 1916.

Undertaker: A. Johann & Sons Co., Evansville, Ind.

Was the Body Embalmed? Yes. Embalmer's License No.: 68-436.

Filed: March 17, 1916. (Signed) P. H. Linthicum, M. D.

Declaration For Widow's Pension, 27 June 1916:

"On this 27 day of June A. D. 1916 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Viana Pearce aged 65 years, a resident of the city of Evansville, County of Vanderburgh State of Indiana who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Absalom B. Pearce who enlisted under the name of Absalom B. Pearce, on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1863 in Co. H 35 Reg't. Ky. Vols. and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, who was Honorably Discharged 29th day of Dec 1864, and died at Evansville, in the State of Ind. on or about the 16 day of Mar., 1916. That she was married under the name of Viana to said Absalom B. Pearce on the 16th day of Mar. 1876, by Rev. Morehead at Webster Co. Ky. That she has not remarried since the death of the said Absalom B. Pearce who was not employed or paid in the Army, Navy or Marine service of the United States after the date of his discharge from the above-mentioned command. That names and dates of births of all the children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows: None. That she has not heretofore applied for pension. That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provisions of the act of April 10, 1908. That she hereby agrees to allow her attorney the legal fee when the claim is allowed. She hereby appoints Joseph H. Hunter, of Washington, D. C., her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim; that her post-office address is Evansville County of Vanderburgh, State of Ind.

Attest: W. S. Way.S.R.
N. McEllis

her
Viana X Pearce"
mark

"Also personally appeared W. S. Way, Sr., residing at Evansville Ind and W. McEllis residing at Evansville Ind., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw the claimant Viana Pearce sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized said applicant as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

W. S. Way. S. R.
Wm McEllis

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of June, A. D. 1916
(SEAL) and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, W. S. Way Sr Wm McEllis erased, and the words ---- added; and that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Frank L. Mueller
Notary Public"

(The outside cover of the above declaration shows the number "SC 979366", the pension certificate number of Absalom B. Pearce, and the initials and dates of the several persons who examined and approved the declaration.)

In the file is also a certified copy of the following Marriage Certificate of A. B. Pearce and Viana Mason:

"THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on the 15th day of March 1876 the RITES OF MATRIMONY, were legally solemnized between Mr. A. B. Pearce and Miss Viana Mason at Joel Mayson's in the County of Webster in the presence of Jesse Stephens and E. R. Morehead.

Signed, D. Morehead, M. G."

"COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY) SCT.
"COUNTY OF WEBSTER *****("

"I, L. V. STONE, Clerk of the County Court in and for the State and County aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Marriage Certificate of A. B. Pearce and Viana Mason as returned by D. Morehead and which is of record in my office in Marriage Bond Book No. 8 at page 23.

"Given under my hand and seal of office at Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, on this the 12th day of August, A. D., 1916.

L. V. STONE, COUNTY CLERK.
BY J. W. Braden, DEPUTY CLERK."

Also in the file is a "Pensioner Dropped" statement, dated Nov 1919, Certificate No. 815622, that Pensioner Vianer Pearce has this day been dropped from the roll because of death Aug 15 1919.

Now, to get back to records, other than Civil War records, of Absalom Benjamin Pearce. These are not too great in number, as I did not get the chance to personally search records at the County Seats of Webster, McLean and Henderson counties, Kentucky, nor of Vanderburgh County, Ind. There are a few records in Ohio County, Ky., however, which I did come across, and which should be recorded here.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. T, p. 559:

4 June 1867 - Edward Pearce, younger half-brother of Absalom B. Pearce, and his wife Mary Ann Pearce sold to Absalom B. Pearce half of the tract of land on Caney Creek willed by Absalom Pearce (4) to Zachariah Pearce (5) and J. Edward Pearce (5), his two youngest sons. On the same date, 4 June 1867, James A. Burden, son of Susan Pearce (5), bought the other half of this Caney Creek property from Zachariah Pearce (5). This is the land that figured in the law suit, Ohio Co., Ky., Circuit Court Case No. 933, File No. 3035(E), which was reported in the Fourth Generation chapter of this book.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. W, p. 163:

2 Jan 1872 - Absalom B. Pearce and wife, Easter C. Pearce, sold to Gabriel S. Pearce, full brother of Absalom B. Pearce, 176 acres of this Caney Creek land.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. W, p. 163:

21 Mar 1872 - Gabriel S. Pierce (6) sold to James A. Burden 57 acres of the above Caney Creek land, apparently that portion which adjoined the land that James A. Burden purchased from Zachariah Pearce (5) on 4 June 1867.

Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. 2, p. 465:

1873 - Gabriel S. Pearce sold to Wm. H. Burden, the remaining 119 acres of the 176 acres on Caney Creek, that had been bought from Absalom B. Pearce on 2 Jan 1872 as reported above.

Thus, the original Absalom Pearce (4) land on Caney Creek, in Ohio Co., Ky., eventually ended up in the hands of Burden men, who were closely related through marriage to the Pearces.

Incidentally, Phillip Pearce (5) and his wife, Sarah A. Burden, sold to Wm. P. Allen, in 1880, their interest in the Caney Creek tract. (Ohio Co., Ky., Deeds, Bk. 6, p. 261.)

As indicated earlier in this chapter, the first wife of Absalom B. Pearce (6), Esther (Easter) C. Majors, died 30 March 1875, in Webster Co., Ky. Absalom B. Pearce (6) then married, as his second wife, Viana Mason, daughter of Joel Mason (Mayson), on 15 Mar 1876, as reported in the Military Service section of this chapter. Viana Mason Pearce died 15 Aug 1919, at the home of her youngest daughter, Ollie Pearce Jobe, in Johnston City, Ill.

The children of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6) and his two wives were as follows:

CHILDREN BY ESTER C. MAJORS:

- 1 - Mary Ellen Pearce (7), b 30 Mar 1859; m S. T. Sandifur, 1879, Webster Co., Ky.
- 2 - William Lee Pearce (7), b 3 May 1860, Webster Co., Ky.; d 1944, Johnston City, Ill.; m/1 Lizzie Hawkins (b 1867), 11 Nov 1886, Webster Co., Ky.; m/2 Mrs. Burlie Dunkerson (Duncanson) (b 1881), (d 1940), 4 Sept 1902, Webster Co., Ky. (m/1 is recorded Bk. 12, p. 630, Webster Co., Ky.; m/2 is recorded Bk. 20, p. 68, Webster Co., Ky.) Children:

By m/1: A - Lillian Ione Pearce (8), b 4 July 1891, Webster Co., Ky.; d 3 May 1922, Pekin, Ill.; m Earnest Waechter, 11 Apr 1917, Pekin, Ill.; no children.
B - Sarah Nannie Belle Pearce (8), b 17 Dec 1894, Webster Co., Ky.
m/1 Elmer Waterhouse, of Chicago, Ill., who d in an auto accident, 5 Nov 1936.
m/2 James B. Davis, of Winston Salem, N. C., who d of a heart attack in 1945.
m/3 J. B. Barker, of Chicago, Ill., in 1947, who d 1949.

There were no children from any of the marriages.

- C - Blonnie Pearce (8), b 4 June 1897, Webster Co., Ky.; m Don C. Moss, 8 Sept 1915, Marion, Ill. He was at one time County Superintendent of Schools in Williamson Co., Ill., and later became Postmaster of Marion, Ill. They had two children:

- a - William E. Moss (9), b 5 Nov 1916, Marion, Ill.; d 29 June 1959, Houston, Texas;
m/1 Norma Brown, 22 Apr 1939; divorced after one son was born:

- 1 - Norman Eugene Moss (10), b 20 Dec 1941;
m/2 Doris Hansier, 23 Aug 1944, London, Eng.; had one son:

- 2 - Antony Eden Moss (10), b 5 Oct 1945
London, Eng.; named after his godfather,
Prime Minister Antony Eden.

Doris Hansier was the daughter of a diplomat from England to Austria, and a personal friend of the Prime Minister of England, Antony Eden, hence the name of the son, Antony Eden Moss (10).

- b - Don Richard Moss (9), b 28 Dec 1924, Cambria, Ill.; m Mary Alice -----, 25 Aug 1962, Golconda, Ill.; has a son:

- 1 - Gregory Richard Moss (10), b 11 Sept 1968, Carbondale, Ill.

Children of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6), Cont'd.:

- By m/2: D - Clarence H. Pearce (8), b 2 May 1908, Johnston City, Ill.; m Iva H. Hyde, b 13 May 1908, Carbondale, Ill., on 22 June 1929 in Paducah, Ky.; children are:
- a - Jaqueline Novella Pearce (9), b 2 May 1929, Carbondale, Ill.; m Melvin Edwards, 23 Aug 1947, Johnston City, Ill.; children are:
 - 1 - Jane Michele Edwards (10), b 22 Nov 1947, Herrin, Ill.
 - 2 - Richard Lee Edwards (10), b 24 Oct 1954, Herrin, Ill.
 - b - Shirley Ann Pearce (9), b 8 Feb 1934, Johnston City, Ill.; m Gordon Lantrip, 6 June 1953, Johnston City, Ill.; children are:
 - 1 - Bethany Sue Lantrip (10), b 4 Sept 1954, Miami, Florida.
 - 2 - Tommy Lantrip (10), b 23 Nov 1957, Marion, Ill.
 - 3 - Jeffery Lantrip (10), b 22 Jan 1965, Evansville, Ind.
 - c - Sandra Sue Pearce (9), b 29 Apr 1942, DeSota, Ill.; m Charles Norman Armes, 4 June 1960, Johnston City, Ill.; children are:
 - 1 - Carol Sue Armes (10), b 30 Dec 1961, Melrose Park, Ill.
 - 2 - Charles Norman Armes, Jr. (10), b 19 Dec
- E - Lucille Pearce (8).
F - Lela Pearce (8).
- 3 - Benjamin Slaughters Pearce (7), b 17 May 1864, Webster Co., Ky.; m Molly Elizabeth Sheffer, 20 Oct 1890, Webster Co., Ky. (Bk. 14, p. 472); had six children:
- A - Olean Pearce (8), b 6 Feb 1892; d 1964, Oakland, Calif.; m Emil Simon; had two daughters:
 - a - Helen Simon (9), d 1964, Oakland, Calif.; m Robert Burns; had two children:
 - 1 - Molly Burns (10).
 - 2 - Mike Burns (10).
 - b - Dorothy Simon (9), m Rex Young.
 - B - Shirley Benjamin Pearce (8), b 24 July 1893; m Ruby Lively; had a son and a daughter:
 - a - James Crawford Pearce (9), m Mary Ann -----; had three sons, names unknown.
 - b - Norma Jean Pearce (9), m Jay Becker.
 - C - Kirtley Eldridge Pearce (8), b 4 Mar 1895; d 22 Nov 1942; m Maude Ethel Williams, who was b 3 July 1893 and d 12 Mar 1958; had two daughters and a son:
 - a - Dorothy Marion Pearce (9)
 - b - Audrey Janell Pearce (9)
 - c - Charles Edward Pearce (9)
- (See page 161 for further details)

Children of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6), Cont'd.:

- D - Samuel Emery Dowden Pearce (8), b 4 Oct 1896; m Gertie Mayfield Walker, b 5 Mar 1900, on 24 May 1918, Webster Co., Ky. (Bk. 27, p. 201); three children:
- a - Mildred Dayle Pearce (9), b 1 Feb 1919, Ky.; m William Vernon Mosley, b 29 Apr 1919; had four children:
 - 1 - Veronica Dayle Mosley (10), b 18 Apr 1944, Chicago; m Gerald Gruhn, b 24 Jan 1940; have a daughter: Mechelle Andrea Gruhn (11), b 4 Apr 1967, Ill.
 - 2 - David Ray Mosley (10), b 8 Apr 1950, Chicago.
 - 3 - Phillip James Mosley (10), b 3 Sept 1951; d 19 May 1969, Chicago, Ill.
 - 4 - Susan Elaine Mosley (10), b 2 Mar 1954, Chicago.
 - b - Emery Dowden Pearce (9), b 20 July 1923, Chicago, Ill.; m Janiece Winnefred Davis, b 24 Nov 1922, Iowa; children:
 - 1 - Pamela Roxanne Pearce (10), b 14 Nov 1952, Ariz.
 - 2 - Nedra Suzanne Pearce (10), b 25 Aug 1954, Ariz.
 - 3 - Jeffery Myron Pearce (10), b 14 June 1957, Ariz.
 - c - Mary Elizabeth Pearce (9), b 5 Apr 1925, Ill.; m Clyde Forester, b 22 July 1918; have eight children:
 - 1 - Martha Jo Forester (10), b 2 July 1945, Ga.; m Steven Andrew White; have son:
 - A - Steven Andrew White, Jr. (11), b 4 July 1965, Ga.
 - 2 - Clyde Emery Forester (10), b 12 Oct 1946, Ga.; m Karen Carlson.
 - 3 - Marylin Alice Forester (10), b 31 Oct 1951, Ga.
 - 4 - Carl Lamar Forester (10), b 18 June 1953, Ga (twin).
 - 5 - Roger Allen Forester (10), b 18 June 1953 (twin).
 - 6 - James Samuel Forester (10), b 2 Feb 1955, Ga.
 - 7 - Kathy Jean Forester (10), b 3 July 1959, Ga.
 - 8 - Fredrick Howard Forester (10), b 4 Aug 1967, Ga.
- E - Eupha Pearce (8), b 31 Mar 1899, Ky.; m Russell Shuppe; child:
 - a - Sally Ann Shuppe (9), m Elwood French.
- F - Grady Sheffer Pearce (8), b 25 Jan 1901; m Myrtle Hagan; child:
 - a - Betty Jane Pearce (9), m Richard Theaker; five children:
 - 1 - Paul Theaker (10).
 - 2 - Nancy Theaker (10).
 - 3 - Daughter, name unknown.
 - 4 - Son, name unknown.
 - 5 - Son, name unknown.

4 - John Henry Pearce (7), see next chapter for details.

5 - James A. Pearce (7), b 5 Mar 1875, Ky.; m Ona -----; lived Darlington, Mo.; had several children, name of only one known:

- A - Paul Pearce (8).

CHILDREN BY VIANA MASON:

- 6 - Joel Harrison Pearce (7), b 6 Mar 1877, Ky.; d 19 June 1960, Sebree, Ky.; m/1 Sarah T. Russell, 6 Apr 1898, Webster Co., Ky. (Bk. 18, p. 104); m/2 -----; m/3 Ida Mae Ligon Vitetow; only child:
 - A - Lola Orpha Pearce (8), b 2 Feb 1901, Ky.

Children of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6), Cont'd.:

- 7 - Aaron A. Pearce (7), b 14 Feb 1879, Webster Co., Ky.; d 29 Feb 1956, Johnston City, Ill.; m Ada Netherton, 20 June 1901, Webster Co., Ky.; had seven children: (See p.160 for details).
A - Clarica Pearce (8), m Joseph Burgess.
B - Kathlyn Pearce (8), m Yale Downes.
C - Vera Pearce (8), m Homer Oliver.
D - Darrell Pearce (8).
E - Hubert Pearce (8).
F - Winston Pearce (8).
G - Peggy Rae Pearce (8), d unmarried, 1965, Johnston City, Ill.
- 8 - Cinthia J. Pearce (7), b 15 Sept 1880, Webster Co., Ky., a twin;
m ----- Hurst; had at least one son: Scoville Hurst (8).
- 9 - Daughter, b 15 Sept 1880; twin to Cinthia J. Pearce (8); d young.
- 10 - Francis Belle Pearce (8), b 3 May 1882, Webster Co., Ky.; d 24 June 1947, Evansville, Ind.; m Daniel O. Pearce (6); see Pearce Fourth Generation for details.
- 11 - Absalom Cuvington Pearce (7), b 8 Nov 1883, Webster Co., Ky.;
d 20 May 1952, Evansville, Ind.; m/1 Estella Miller, 1922, Evansville, Ind.; had a son, Gerald Eugene Pearce (8), who d 1925.

m/2 Mrs. Elizabeth Gerald Martin, 17 Sept 1931, Evansville, Ind.;
no children, but he officially changed the name of her daughter by
her first marriage, from Clara Jean Martin to Clara Jean Pearce.
- 12 - Easter V. Pearce (7), b 24 Nov 1885, Webster Co., Ky.; d 25 Apr 1961,
Evansville, Ind.; m Benjamin F. Harralson, 24 Dec 1900. He was born
14 Sept 1875, Daviess Co., Ky. They had eight children:
A - Parvin Harralson (8), b 23 May 1904; d 14 Sept 1905.
B - Ruby M. Harralson (8), b 3 Mar 1906, McLean Co., Ky.; m John
Brown, 8 Mar 1930.
C - Forrest Harralson (8), b 28 July 1907, McLean Co., Ky.;
d 30 Dec 1910, Evansville, Ind.
D - Christine Harralson (8), b 8 Aug 1909, McLean Co., Ky.;
d 20 Nov 1910, Piggott, Ark.
E - Edna K. Harralson (8), b 11 Feb 1911, McLean Co., Ky.;
m Blair Hulsey, 10 Mar 1934.
F - Orville B. Harralson (8), b 1 July 1916, McLean Co., Ky.;
m/1 Mary L. Schnarr, 1 June 1940, who d 27 May 1950;
m/2 Isabell Marshall, 15 Oct 1952.
G - Aaron C. Harralson (8), b 24 June 1918, McLean Co., Ky.;
m Dorothy Whobrey, 14 Jan 1939.
H - Mildred E. Harralson (8), b 24 Apr 1920, Daviess Co., Ky.;
m Raymond Becker, 4 July 1949.
- 13 - L. Ann Pearce (7), b 24 June 1887, Webster Co., Ky.; d young.

Children of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6), Cont'd.:

- 14 - Olive Mildred Pearce (7), b 10 Mar 1888, Webster Co., Ky.; d 13 Aug 1963, Severna Park, Md.; m Marcus A. Jobe, 30 Oct 1904, who was b 31 July 1880, McLean Co., Ky. and d 4 Nov 1935, Anna, Ill.; their children were:
- A - Elsie Connie Jobe (8), b 11 Sept 1906, Comer, Ky.; m George John Rosso, 21 Dec 1929, Carterville, Ill.; he was b 22 Feb 1905; their children were:
 - a - Alice Joanne Rosso (9), b 27 Dec 1932, Berwyn, Ill.; m Lloyd Edwin Albright, 3 Sept 1955, La Grange, Ill.; he was b 13 June 1928; four children:
 - 1 - Daniel Russel Albright (10), b 1 Sept 1956.
 - 2 - Laura Ellen Albright (10), b 1 Aug 1958.
 - 3 - Dean Andrew Albright (10), b 19 Oct 1960.
 - 4 - Joel Lawrence Albright (10), b 10 Aug 1966.
 - b - Joyce Marilyn Rosso (9), b 20 Oct 1938, Berwyn, Ill.; m Dennis Hoyt Warner, 19 July 1958, Westmont, Ill.; he was b 20 June 1932, Chicago, Ill.; two children:
 - 1 - David Allen Warner (10), b 24 Mar 1962.
 - 2 - Paul Kenneth Warner (10), b 18 June 1964.
 - B - Kenneth Maurice Jobe (8), b 14 Oct 1907, McLean Co., Ky.; d 8 Nov 1952, Anna, Ill.; m Susan Hester Jones, daughter of John Jones, 22 Jan 1928, Cairo, Ill.; had five children:
 - a - Kendra Sue Jobe (9), b 19 Apr 1936; d same day.
 - b - Kenneth Dale Jobe (9), b 25 Apr 1937, Murphysboro, Ill.; m Doris Arlene Rogers, 15 Mar 1957, Anna, Ill.; she was b 27 Oct 1937, McClure Co., Ill.; two children:
 - 1 - Cheryl Sue Jobe (10), b 25 July 1958, Anna, Ill.
 - 2 - Pamela Kay Jobe (10), b 28 Sept 1963, Anna, Ill.
 - c - Sue Ann Jobe (9), b 21 Jan 1939, Murphysboro, Ill.; m Charles Edwin Peters, 22 Sept 1960, Stryker, Ohio; he was b 13 Jan 1936, Balsom, Ill.; children:
 - 1 - Mark Edwin Peters (10), b 20 May 1965.
 - 2 - David Michael Peters (10), b 28 Oct 1968.
 - d - Sandra Ruth Jobe (9), b 23 Dec 1940, Murphysboro, Ill.; m Eugene Richard Pikula, 19 Dec 1964; he was b 10 Sept 1939; have a son:
 - 1 - Eugene Pikula (10), b 18 Oct 1965.
 - e - Gene Earl Jobe (9), b 12 Jan 1942, Murphysboro, Ill.; m Shirley Jean Dillow, 21 July 1960, Herrin, Ill.; she was b 11 Apr 1938, Lick Creek, Ill.
 - C - Knosis Clyde Jobe (8), b 31 Jan 1912, Johnston City, Ill.; m/1 Norma Gene Hoffart, 15 Jan 1933, Carmi, Ill.; she was b 1 Aug 1912, d 13 Oct 1954, Herrin, Ill.; m/2 Florence Mae Swift, 5 June 1955; she was b 1 Sept 1902, Johnston City, Ill.
 - D - Ruth Elizabeth Jobe (8), b 4 Apr 1916, Johnston City, Ill.; m Maurice Eugene Williams, 30 June 1937, Johnston City, Ill.; he was b 23 June 1916, Johnston City, Ill.; two children:
 - a - Bruce Allan Williams (9), b 15 Mar 1947, Granite City, Ill.
 - b - Kay Marcelean Williams (9), b 1 July 1949, Herrin, Ill.

Children of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6), Cont'd.:

- 15 - Essa M. Pearce (7), b 20 Nov 1890; d young.
- 16 - Clyde Clinton Pearce (7), b 29 Sept 1892, Webster Co., Ky.;
m/1 Mrs. Elsa (Kissinger) Butram (b 25 Jan 1894, d 23 Feb 1928,
Frost Proof, Fla.) in 1916; had four children:
- A - Lebron Pearce (8), b 17 July 1916; d 5 Dec 1932.
 - B - Norman Ollie Pearce (8), b 9 Apr 1918; m Kathryn Cody
(b 30 May 1919) on 25 Aug 1940; have two children:
 - a - Garry Pearce (9), b 24 Mar 1948.
 - b - Raymond Pearce (9), b 15 Dec 1954.
 - C - Beverly Bane Pearce (8), b 27 Aug 1920; m Frank Morgan
(b 19 Oct 1908) on 3 Feb 1940; have two children:
 - a - Ronald Wayne Morgan (9), b 15 Jan 1941.
 - b - Tony Lee Morgan (9), b 11 Dec 1949.
 - D - Clyde Clinton Pearce, Jr. (8), b 17 Aug 1922; m Margaret
Mitchell (b 5 June 1921) on 13 Dec 1946; four children:
 - a - Carol Ann Pearce (9), b 9 Jan 1948.
 - b - Byron Pearce (9), b 12 Jan 1949.
 - c - Susan Pearce (9), b 10 July 1950.
 - d - David Pearce (9), b 11 Nov 1951.

Clyde Clinton Pearce (7) m/2 Elvie -----, 7 Apr 1929; there were
no children from this marriage.



FAMILY OF A. B. PEARCE (6), BEECH GROVE, KY. - ABOUT 1903

Olive M. Pearce (7) Clyde C. Pearce (7)

Absalom C. Pearce (7) Absalom B. Pearce (6) Viana Mason Pearce

SEVENTH GENERATION

John Henry Pearce (7), son of Absalom Benjamin Pearce (6) and Esther C. Majors, b 3 June 1870, Webster County, Ky.; d 9 Dec 1914, Johnston City, Ill.; m Margaret Lulu Ligon, daughter of Gustavus Adolphus Ligon and Sarah Elizabeth Moss, 11 Dec 1896, Evansville, Ind. She was b 4 Mar 1879, Henderson Co., Ky., d 31 May 1964, Marion, Ill. After the death of John Henry Pearce, she m/2 Turner S. Lanier, 26 Aug 1919, Marion, Ill. (Bk. Q, p. 283)

John Henry Pearce was born and grew-up on the farm of his father, Absalom Benjamin ("Squire Ben") Pearce, near Petersburg Methodist Church, a few miles west of Sebree, Webster Co., Ky. Across the road and a few fields, lay the farm of Mrs. Fanny (Sheffer) Allen, with whom "Maggie" Ligon was living as a "hired girl". The two met at church and elsewhere and were married by eloping to Evansville, Ind., when he was 26 years of age and she was 17 years old. (Bk. 19, p. 100)

"BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 11th day of December, 1896 the following marriage license was issued, to-wit:

"Indiana, To-wit: Vanderburgh County, ss: TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETINGS: Know ye, that any person empowered by law to solemnize marriage, is hereby authorized to join together as Husband and Wife John H. Pearce and Maggie L. Ligon and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient authority.

"In Testimony whereof, I, Chas. Sihler, Clerk of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court at Evansville, Indiana, this 11th day of December, 1896.

(SEAL)

Chas. Sihler Clerk

"BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That on this 1st day of January, 1897 the following Certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

"Indiana, to-wit: Vanderburgh County This Certifies, That I joined in marriage, as Husband and Wife John H. Pearce and Maggie L. Ligon on this 11th day of December, 1896.

Brackett Mills
Justice of the Peace"

The first seven years of their married life was spent on a small, rented farm, near Petersburg, Webster Co., Ky. Here their first three children, Marvin J. Pearce (8), Mabel Pearce (8) and Cecil Pearce (8), were born. Cecil lived less than a year, b 13 Jan 1901, d 4 Nov 1901, dying with spinal meningitis. Incidents connected with his funeral, when I was a little over four years of age, are the oldest memories in my mind. He is buried, with a small stone monument on his grave, in the Petersburg Methodist Church Cemetery, a few miles west of Sebree, Webster Co., Ky.

Before I was six years of age, the family moved to another rented farm, owned by my uncle, William L. Pearce (7), a few miles east of Sebree, Webster Co., Ky., near Grape Ridge school. It was in the dead of winter, with snow on the ground, that I rode on top of the few pieces of furniture and housekeeping equipment, from the old home to the new one. I became very cold during the trip, and it seemed an eternity before the fire that was started in the fireplace of the new home became large enough to warm me back to life. It was here that the fourth child, Corene Pearce (8), was born.

In those days, before tractors and riding cultivators were invented, and when there was no insecticides, the crops of a poor farmer, on a small farm, consisted of a vegetable garden to produce food for the table, a small field of wheat from which to make flour for the family, larger acreages of corn to provide meal for corn-bread and food for the horses, cows, pigs and chickens on the farm, and Burley tobacco to be sold for the cash needed for clothing, shoes, salt, sugar and coffee. Of these crops, tobacco required the greatest labor and consumed the most time - more than a full year from seed to market.

First, in the autumn, wood was cut and piled on a selected site, then set on fire to "burn" the seed-bed and free it from grass and weed seed. After cultivating the soil to a fine powder, the tobacco seed were sown by broadcasting them over the prepared soil. An open-weaved cloth, similar to cheese-cloth, but called "tobacco-cloth" in those days, was stretched a few inches above the seeded soil, to shade the tender plants and to prevent birds and animals from destroying them. Later, this cloth was removed and the plants allowed to "harden", or become accustomed to full sunshine. Then, on a rainy day preferably, the young plants are "pulled" from the seed-bed and transplanted into the tobacco-field, which has been prepared by plowing and harrowing until it is free of clods or lumps of soil.

After the plants are "set out", they are cultivated by hoeing and plowing, to keep down the weeds and to conserve moisture in the soil. As the growing season advances, worms appear, bent on eating big holes in the leaves, which down-grades the quality of the cured tobacco to a great extent. Before the advent of insecticides, these worms had to be picked off by hand and destroyed. Also, the "suckers" or unwanted side growth must be pulled off, so only the main stalk remains to receive the maximum nourishment from the roots of the plant. These operations keep the farmer busy during the summer months.

During the autumn months, before the first frost and when the plants have attained their maximum growth, they are "cut" individually by hand and left in the field to wilt. Then they are "strung" on hickory sticks, hauled to the tobacco barn, and "hung", head down, in tiers to "air cure" or dry. Later, a slow-burning fire is built under the tobacco to "fire" or smoke it. When very damp weather, during the rainy season, comes the tobacco is taken off the sticks, the leaves pulled from the stalk, the coarser stems removed from the leaves, the leaves sorted or "graded", according to quality, and bound into bunches or "hands" that are packed

into "hogsheads" or large barrels and then hauled to market by auction at a tobacco warehouse in a town or city that is large enough to serve as a shipping center. Meantime, considerable work has already been done to start next year's crop.

When the weather was not so wet as to "drown out" the crop, it was usually so dry as to "burn up" the leaves. The worms had to be fought continuously, in either case. When weather conditions were right and the crop plentiful, the price was usually so low that little cash was realized for a long, hard year of back-breaking work. It became self evident to John H. Pearce that he must find employment other than farming if he wished to give his children some of the better things in life.

John's oldest brother, William L. Pearce (8), had gone to Johnston City, Ill., a few years earlier, when the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad had been completed into the Southern Illinois coal fields, and many of the small towns had turned into booming small cities. Miners made good money, for those days, and spent it as fast as they made it. They furnished their own hand-digging tools, which were moved from mine to mine, as they changed jobs. Everything else had to be moved by horse-drawn wagons, in those days before trucks, and "teamsters" were kept quite busy. "Billy" Pearce had done quite well with a one-horse wagon, performing these tasks. So, John held an auction sale and raised a few dollars on his livestock and tools, and took his family on their first train ride to Johnston City, Ill.

They arrived after dark, late in 1906. None of them had ever seen an electric light, like the bare bulb burning in the small railroad station. Mable, the oldest daughter, exclaimed "Ain't it purty!" when she saw it, and that expression became a family saying from then on. An old grey horse, "Celum", and a second hand wagon was bought and John became a one-horse teamster, like his brother.

Marvin J. Pearce (8) has in his possession the account book of his father, John H. Pearce (7), in which the daily fees for "draying" were entered. The period covered is a little over five years, from 10 Dec 1906 to 3 Feb 1912. The earnings the first day amounted to only 85 cents and the income the first week was only \$8.10. The highest earnings for a whole year came to only \$1,079.95, for the last year in the record. Not much money for today, but better than 25 cents a day, from sun-up to sun-down, plowing corn or tobacco, which was the Kentucky "hired hand" wages for those days. The five year period showed:

Dec 1906 - Dec 1907	First Year	\$827.05
Dec 1907 - Dec 1908	Second Year	733.80
Dec 1908 - Dec 1909	Third Year	813.85
(Entire family quarintined for Smallpox from 12 Dec 1909 to 5 Feb 1910)		
Feb 1910 - Feb 1911	Fourth Year	988.45
Feb 1911 - Feb 1912	Fifth Year	<u>1,079.95</u>
Income for 5 year period		<u>\$4,443.10</u>

Averages: \$888.62 annually, \$74 monthly, \$17 weekly, \$3 daily, 30¢ hourly.

There was never enough money to put any into a bank account. As 25 or 50 cents was earned for doing a certain task, it was dropped into a deep, leather, snap-closed purse, where it remained until an unavoidable expense arose, when it was taken out again for that purpose only. Occasionally, a few dollars were accumulated in excess of daily needs, and these were used to make a payment on a debt.

It was under these circumstances that John H. Pearce borrowed \$389 from his brother "Billy", on 6 Apr 1907, with which to buy a vacant lot near the edge of town, and to build a three-room house and a small barn. The debt was paid off in four years, at the rate of about \$25 per three months. It was in this house that the fifth and last child, Leora Pearce (8) was born.

About 1911, the house was remodeled and enlarged, by adding three additional rooms, to give it the appearance as shown by the picture on the following page. John was also able to buy a span of young mules at about the same time, to become a "two-horse" teamster. Next, he bought an upright piano, hoping that his oldest daughter, Mable, would learn to play it. Also, he bought a new rug and some furniture for the parlor or "front room". He was looking forward to the time some young man would start "courting" his daughter. Next, he purchased a vacant lot on an adjacent street, in anticipation of his son getting married in a few years, and thus able to live near the family.

Suddenly disaster struck. In the summer of 1914, John became ill with what was diagnosed as "walking typhoid" fever. For weeks he continued to work, refusing to go to bed; finally, weakness forced him to give in to his illness. He never rose again; growing weaker day by day from the starvation diet that was the principal treatment for fever in those days, he finally died 9 Dec 1914.

He had accumulated little in worldly goods, but his life had been such an example to others that all business establishments in the town closed their doors for two hours during his funeral, as requested by the following proclamation:

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

"In accordance with the custom of showing respect for the departed, I, George P. Dodson, mayor of Johnston City, hereby request that all places of business close between the hours of 12:00 and 2:00 o'clock, Thursday, December 10th, 1914, on account of the funeral of John H. Pearce.

"GEORGE P. DODSON, MAYOR"

Fortunately, John had purchased \$3,000 in fraternal life insurance, which his widow used frugally to supplement her income from "taking in" boarders, and thus held the family together for five years until she remarried, 26 Aug 1919.

The descendants of John Henry Pearce (7) and Margaret L. Ligon are:

- 1 - Marvin J. Pearce, Sr., (8), see following pages for details.
- 2 - Mable Pearce (8), b 1 May 1899, Webster Co., Ky.; m/1 Fenley R. Moore, 6 Aug 1919, Williamson Co., Ill.; m/2 George J. Reber, 4 Feb 1938, Berks Co., Pa.; only child is:
 - A - Mary Elizabeth Moore (9), b 21 Apr 1921, Barnsley, Hopkins Co., Ky.; m Luther George Henry Bribaker (Lt. Col.), 26 Oct 1941, Berks Co., Pa.; had children:
 - a - Nancy Jo Brubaker (10), b 27 Dec 1942, Los Angeles, Calif.; m Johns Hopkins, Jr., 10 Oct 1964, Philadelphia, Pa.; has a child:
 - 1 - Jennifer Hopkins (11), b 16 May 1967.
 - b - Patricia Ann Brubaker (10), b 6 Apr 1945, Memphis, Tenn.; m Thomas Keith Perry, 6 Apr 1963, Anchorage, Alaska; had children:
 - 1 - Paula Ann Perry (11), b 17 Oct 1963; d 8 Nov 1963.
 - 2 - Brenda Perry (11), b 28 Dec 1965.
 - 3 - Thomas Keith Perry, Jr., (11), b 8 Dec 1966; d 11 July 1967.
 - c - Paul Luther Brubaker (Capt.) (10), b 27 July 1947, Phoenixville, Pa.; lost eyesight in battle in South Vietnam, 1968; m Miriam Rae Anderson, daughter of Howard G. Anderson, 24 May 1969, Oakton, Va.
- 3 - Cecil Pearce (8), b 13 Jan 1901, Webster Co., Ky.; d 4 Nov 1901, Webster Co., Ky., of Spinal Meningitis; buried Peterburg Methodist Church, near Sebree, Webster Co., Ky.
- 4 - Corene Pearce (8), b 27 Nov 1904, Webster Co., Ky.; m/1 Robert R. Samuel, 31 July 1923, Williamson Co., Ill.; had four children as given below; m/2 Moses L. Kee, 30 Aug 1959, Williamson Co., Ill., no issue.
 - A - Robert Franklin Samuel (9), b 20 Apr 1924, Johnston City, Ill.; m Betty Louise Perrine, 16 Nov 1947, Williamson Co., Ill.; had children:
 - a - Jennifer Jo Samuel (10), b 2 May 1949.
 - b - Mary Joyce Samuel (10), b 8 Dec 1951.
 - c - Brian Dale Samuel (10), b 17 Nov 1954.
 - B - Bonnie Lou Samuel (9), b 13 Mar 1925, Johnston City, Ill.; m Wallace John Cagle, 11 Aug 1943, Williamson Co., Ill.; divorced 7 Apr 1965, Williamson Co., Ill.; had children:

Children of Bonnie Lou Samuel Cagle (9):

- a - Larry Wayne Cagle (10), b 8 Aug 1946.
- b - Carolyn Lou Cagle (10), b 28 Oct 1949.
- C - Sylvia Sue Samuel (9), b 20 Sept 1937, Williamson Co., Ill.;
m Allen Ray Douglas, 15 Feb 1958, Williamson Co., Ill.; had
children:
 - a - Alana Sue Douglas (10), b 23 July 1960.
 - b - Steven Ray Douglas (10), b 6 May 1965.
- D - John Marvin Samuel (9), b 25 Dec 1938, Williamson Co., Ill.;
m Peggy Evaline Haddock, 8 Oct 1960, Oswego, Ill.; had
children:
 - a - Jay Richmond Samuel (10), b 22 Jan 1963.
 - b - Michael John Samuel (10), b 12 June 1965.
- 5 - Leora Pearce (8), b 27 Jan 1909, Johnston City, Ill.; m/1 Gilbert
Frank Wahl, 15 June 1935, Berks Co., Pa.; had one child; m/2 Merrill
Lamont Bloom, 24 Nov 1956, Hollywood, Calif.; no issue.
 - A - Linda Elaine Wahl (9), b 3 June 1941, Los Angeles, Calif.;
m Keith Leroy Mellor, 17 Dec 1960, Tucson, Ariz.



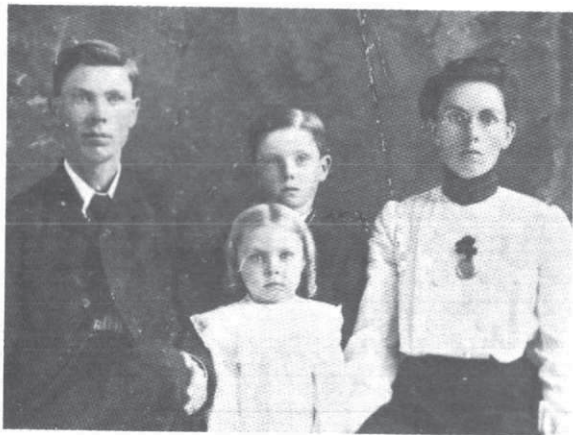
MABLE PEARCE (8)



CORENE PEARCE (8)



LEORA PEARCE (8)



John H. Pearce, wife "Maggie",
and children Marvin & Mable,
Sebree, Ky., about 1903.

The Pearce Home, 1907-1930,
711 Newton Avenue,
Johnston City, Illinois.



John H. Pearce
and wife, 1914,
Johnston City,
Illinois.



1-Margaret L. (Ligon)(Pearce) Lanier on her 75th birthday 2-Turner S. Lanier 3-Marvin J. Pearce, Sr. 4-Olive B. Pearce 5-Willard C. Pearce 6-June R. Pearce 7-Willard C. Pearce, Jr. 8-Scott G. Pearce 9-Jill S. Pearce 10-Marvin J. Pearce, Jr. 11-Marlyn Pearce 12-Marvin J. Pearce, III 13-Jeffrey S. Pearce 14- Caroline B. Pearce 15-Leora (Pearce) Wahl 16-Linda Wahl 17-Mable (Pearce)(Moore) Reber 18-George J. Reber 19-James (Reber's Foster Son) 20-Corene(Pearce) Samuel 21-Robert F. Samuel 22-Betty Samuel 23-Jennifer Samuel 24-Mary Samuel 25-Bonnie (Samuel) Cagle 26-Wallace J. Cagle 27-Larry W. Cagle 28-Caroline Cagle 29-Sylvia S. Samuel 30-John M. Samuel

THE LIGON FAMILY

Margaret Lula Ligon was b 4 March 1879, Henderson County, Ky., and d 31 May 1964, Marion, Ill. She was of the tenth generation of Ligon in America, the founding father, Col. Thomas Ligon (Lygon), having come to Virginia in 1641, with his cousin Sir William Berkeley, the Royal Governor who was appointed by King Charles I.

There are records of another ten generations of Lygons (Ligons) in England, back to about 1300. Through the Berkeleys, one of whom married William Lygon the great grandfather of our Col. Thomas Ligon, and another of whom married Sir William Dennis the maternal great great grandfather of our Col. Thomas Ligon, the Ligon descend through twelve generations from William the Conqueror and his niece, Eva Durand. Another ten generations of French Kings, carries the Ligon pedigree back to Charlemagne. Another twelve generations of French Kings brings the Ligon pedigree back to Pharamond, King of France and Germany (422-428). Along the way there were many marriages with descendants of Kings and Noblemen of France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Norway, Scotland, Bavaria, Mercia, Denmark, and England. There is a total of over 55 generations, more than 1500 years, of recorded Ligon ancestry. Few can prove such a lengthy pedigree of such high quality.

"Ligon Pioneers in Kentucky", a book published by Marvin J. Pearce, in 1967, and "The Ligon Family and Connections", a two volume work published by William D. Ligon, Jr., in 1947 and 1957, give the details of the Ligon pedigree. Copies are to be found in most genealogical libraries throughout America. These books are the sources for the following genealogical data.

THE LIGON PEDIGREE IN ENGLAND

George Lygon (1) was the father of William Lygon (2), who m Margaret ----- and was living in 1342. He became the father of Richard Lygon (3), who left records 1400-1410 and became the father of Thomas Lygon (4), who m Joan Braci, the only heir of William Braci, the ninth generation descendant of Robert de Braci, the companion in arms of William the Conqueror. Through this marriage, Warndon and Madresfield Court, still occupied by Lygons, came into possession of Lygons. He left records 1415-1448.

Thomas Lygon (4) became the father of Thomas Lygon (5), who m Anne Gifford. He fought for King Edward IV at the Battle of Towton in the War of Roses, 1461. He also fought for Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth Field, 1485, in which the Earl of Richmond was the victor and established the house of Lancaster by becoming Henry VII, the first Tudor King. Thomas Lygon (5) accepted the invitation of King Henry VII to become a supporter of the new regime and remained loyal until his death in 1507. His son was:

Richard Lygon (6), who m Anne Beauchamp, who became the sole heir of Richard Beauchamp of Powyck, her brother, who d about 1502. Thus, the lands and titles of the Beauchamps were added to those already possessed by the Lygons. The Beauchamp line goes back to Hugh de Beauchamp, the companion in arms of William the Conqueror, who granted him large estates in Hertford, Buckingham and Bedford shires. When Richard Lygon (6) d in 1512, and his wife in 1534, the titles and lands descended to the eldest son:

Sir Richard Lygon (7), b 1490; d 1556; m Margaret Greville. He was knighted at the Coronation of Queen Anne Boleyn on 30 May 1535 and was a favorite of King Henry VIII. He became the father of:

William Lygon (8), b 1512; d 1567; m Aleanor Dennis (Denys), daughter of Sir William Dennis and his wife Anne Berkeley, daughter of Maurice, Lord Berkeley. William Lygon (8) was among the gentlemen listed by Lord Cromwell in 1538, as "meet to be preferred" in the service of King Henry VIII. He d 1567, after fathering eleven children, the oldest being Richard Lygon (9), the ancestor of the present (1969) Sir William Lygon, Member of Parliament and 8th Earl of Beauchamp. Our American Ligon line, however, descends from the second son:

Thomas Lygon (9), who m Frances Dennis, a cousin of Thomas' mother Aleanor Dennis. He fathered eight children before he d in 1615, but all his descendants by the name of Lygon were fathered by the oldest son:

Thomas Lygon (10), b 1586; m a daughter of Dennis Pratt and became the father of Thomas Lygon (11), b 1625, who came to Virginia with his kinsman Sir William, Lord Berkeley, the Royal Governor, in 1641. Thus, the eleventh generation in England becomes the first generation in America, about which there are more details in the following paragraphs.

THE LIGON PEDIGREE IN AMERICA

Colonel Thomas Ligon (1), b 1625; d 1675; m Mary Harris, daughter of Capt. Thomas Harris, who came to Virginia from Essex, England, in 1611, when the Jamestown Colony was only five years old, and the entire population was less than 350. Col. Thomas Ligon (1) came to Jamestown in 1641, with his double cousin, Sir William Berkeley, the Royal Governor.

Those who can prove descent from Col. Thomas Ligon (1) are eligible for membership in the Jamestown Society, and other historical and patriotic societies, such as Colonial Dames, etc.

He was a member of the House of Burgesses, 1655-56; County Lieut. and Justice of the Peace, 1657. He was made Surveyor of Henrico Co. before 1667; Lieut Colonel before 1669. He acquired over 4,000 acres of land between 1664 and 1672, and his descendants added to this until the Ligon family held thousands of acres of land. He died in 1675, leaving six children, the oldest of whom was:

Major William Ligon (2), b 1650; d 1689; m Mary Tanner. There are many records of him in Henrico County, Va., some of them indicating that he was a man of strong will, reluctant to gracefully bow to the conventions of the time, if they did not please him. He made a trip back to England in 1683. He was the father of six children, the second son being:

William Ligon (3), b 1682; d 1764; m Elizabeth Batte, daughter of Captain Henry Batte and his wife Mary Lounds. He was almost as self-dependent as his father, stopping up roads he did not want used, fishing on Sunday, and refusing to have his land resurveyed. He left Henrico Co., about 1746, and went to Amelia Co. (now Prince Edward Co.), where he had acquired about 1800 acres on both sides of the Sandy River. He died in 1764, leaving a will, in which he named three children, one of whom was:

Joseph Ligon (4), b 1704; d 1752; m Judith Stewart, by whom he had eight children. He acquired over 3,000 acres of land, by patent and purchase, in Henrico County, Brunswick County, Amelia County and Chesterfield County, before his death in 1752, Chesterfield County, Va. His oldest son was:

Capt. Joseph Ligon (5), b about 1725; d 1780; m Judith Watts, by whom he had seven sons. About 1768, he bought about 1100 acres of land on the north side of the Dan River, in Halifax County, Va., and established a ferry, near the mouth of Aaron's Creek, across the Dan. He entered the Army, in 1775, as Lieut. of Halifax County Militia, and was promoted to Captain of Virginia Militia, in 1777. Proven descendants are, therefore, eligible for membership in Sons of American Revolution, Daughters of American Revolution, and similar patriotic organizations.

James Ligon (6), b 1770, Halifax Co., Va.; d 1815, Henderson Co., Ky.; m Judith Church, by whom he had ten children. He and his wife and eight children moved to Henderson Co., Ky., in 1808, when that section of Kentucky was still "wild Indian country". His oldest son was:

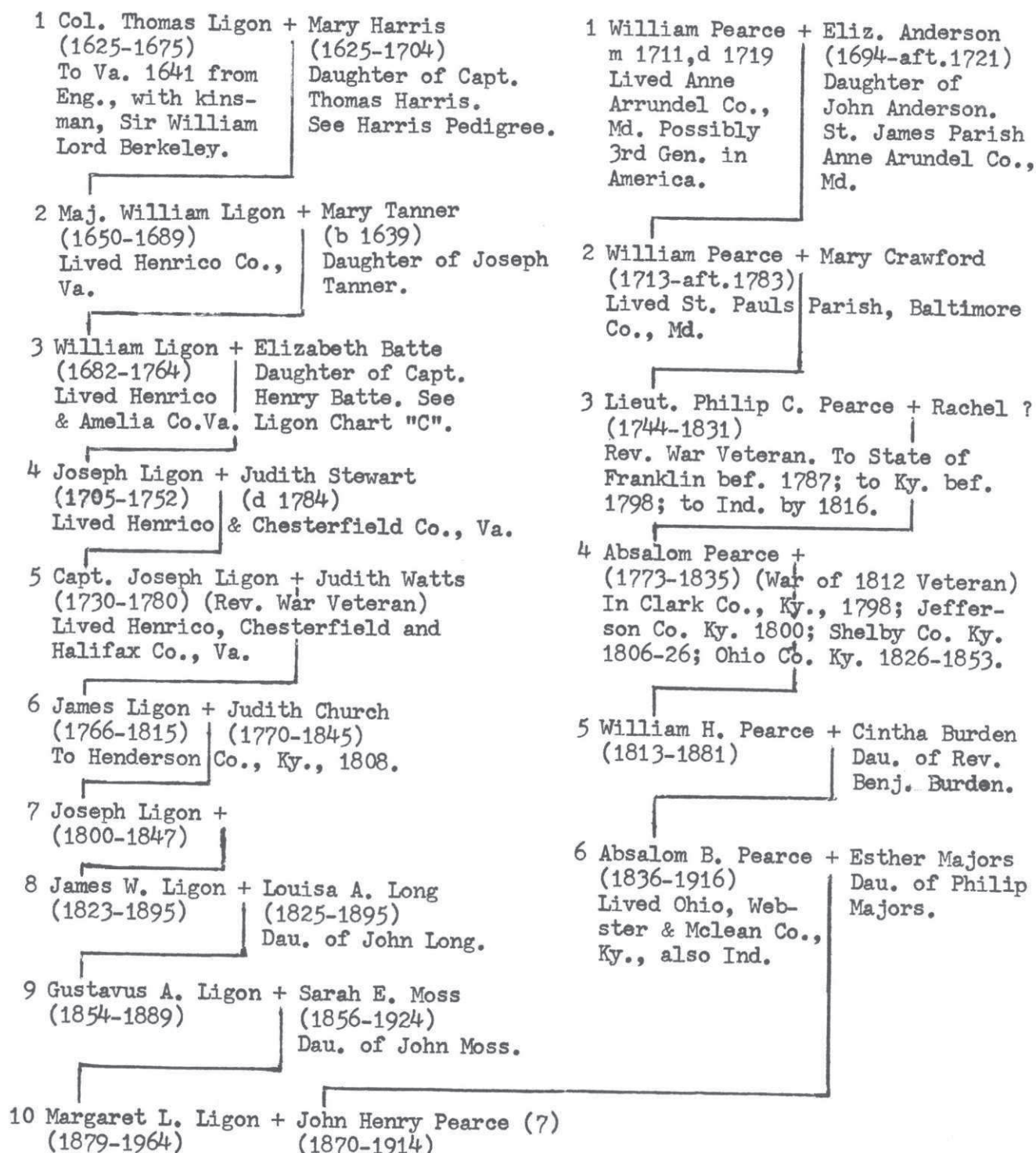
Joseph Ligon (7), b 1796, Halifax Co., Va.; d 1847, Henderson Co., Ky.; m -----, who was the mother of seven sons. She d about 1840, and he then m/2 Rebecca Harmer, who became the mother of a daughter and a son. His oldest son was:

James Washington Ligon (8), b 1823; d 1895; m Louisa A. Long; all in Henderson Co., Ky. Louisa's father, grandfather and great grandfather were all named John Long, and probably came from Virginia, before 1810. They had nine children, their third son being:

Gustavus Adolphus Ligon (9), b 1854; d 1889; m Sarah Elizabeth Moss; all in Henderson Co., Ky. They had six children, the oldest of whom was:

Margaret Lula Ligon (10), b 1879; d 1964, Marion, Ill.; m/1 John Henry Pearce, 1896, Evansville, Ind., who d 1914, Johnston City, Ill., after fathering five children; m/2 Turner Seth Lanier, 1919, Marion, Ill., who d 1958, Christopher, Ill., without issue from this marriage.

THE LIGON - PEARCE PEDIGREE IN AMERICA



THE MOSS FAMILY

The story of the Moss ancestors of my maternal grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth (Moss) Ligon, should have been told in my book "Ligon Pioneers in Kentucky", but the necessary facts had not been developed in 1967, when that book was published. Even now, after two more years of intensive research, some of the details are "fuzzy" and need more research to discover additional documentary proof.

My age is such that I may not be able to undertake this task, so I have decided to tell the story as it has been developed thus far, in the hope that others may be able to use it as a foundation for a more complete story. Otherwise, the data developed through years of research may be lost, and require rediscovery again.

I have not researched the Moss pedigree earlier than what is found in the records of Granville County, N. C. My story, therefore, will start with these records; perhaps others may be able to trace the generations back to a "founding father" in Virginia, or elsewhere.

I - Samuel Morse (Moss), parentage, birthplace and birthdate have not been established. He died, 1792, Granville Co., N. C., leaving a will, written 29 Apr 1760, proved Feb Court 1792, Witnesses: Christmas Ray and Thomas Craft.

Tax Lists for early Granville Co., N. C., are not publically available at this time for rechecking. They are about to fall to pieces, and can not be opened and folded another time. They are being saved until the local Historical Society finishes copying and indexing them, when they will be photographed and made available to the public. However, Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks Hummel, Oxford, N. C., and her father A. A. Hicks before her, copied such data as listed in this story, before they were isolated, and has supplied it to me in private correspondence.

1748 - 1749, Thomas Moss and son John Moss are listed. Whether they are related to our Samuel Moss, has not been established.

1754, Joshua Moss and brother William Moss are listed together. This Joshua Moss and wife Elizabeth sold 40 acres on the branches of Andersof's Swamp to John Williams Daniel. (Bk. L, p. 43) Joshua had bought 303 acres on Nutbush Creek, 1761, from Samuel Henderson. (Bk. H, p. 290) This Joshua Moss moved to Mecklenburg Co., Va., where he died, 1810. (Mecklenburg Co., Va., Will Book 6, p. 285) The will lists his wife, Elizabeth, and 12 children, among whom was "John Moss dec'd." The William Moss is found in Granville Co., N. C., deeds as early as 1752 (Bk. B, p. 45), again 1753 (Bk. B, p. 246), again 1756 (Bk. C, p. 96 and Bk. D, p. 411) and 1758, when the Sheriff sold his land at public auction. (Bk. G, p. 10) He went to Duplin Co., N. C., where he died 1762. He had listed himself and three sons: William, Richard and James, in the 1758 Tax List, Granville Co., N. C.

1755, Samuel Morse (ours) listed himself and sons Reuben and Samuel. He bought 125 acres on Buffalo Branch, 1757, from John Walker and wife Ann. (Bk. C, p. 197).

1758, Samuel Morse (ours) listed himself and sons Reuben and Samuel.

1760, Henry Moss listed himself and son Howell Moss. Howell bought 138 acres on Little Creek, 1760, from William Potter and E. Taylor. (Bk. J, p. 279). Howell was listed again with his father Henry in 1767. It was not until 1768 that Howell Moss listed himself alone. This Henry Moss and Howell Moss have not been identified.

1761, Samuel Morse (ours) listed himself and son Samuel. The other son Reuben, listed himself and Marcellus Jordan and William Wheeler. John Morse (the elder) listed himself and three negroes. Reuben had bought 120 acres on Nutbush Creek, 1760, from Thomas Craft and Elizabeth, his wife. (Bk. D, p. 2). John Morse bought 100 acres on Smith's Creek, 1761, from John Morrison. (Bk. D, p. 383). This is probably the same 100 acres as John Morse sold to Howell Lewis, 1762, described as "on Grassy Creek". (Bk. F, p. 270-271).

1761, Abraham Moss, next door to Reuben, listed himself, as he also did in 1767, 1769, 1771 and 1777. Abraham also had at least one land transaction (Bk. H, p. 220). He has not been identified and seems to have disappeared from Granville records after 1777.

1767, Samuel Morse (Jr.) listed himself and his father Samuel (Sr.). This younger Samuel had bought land on Crooked Run, 1763. (Bk. F, p. 388 and Bk. N, p. 102). He did not buy land on Nutbush Creek until 1772. (Bk. K, p. 152).

The will of Samuel Morse (ours) (Bk. 2, p. 280) names his wife Elizabeth (possibly Cobb, since Reuben named his second son Howell Cobb Moss) and three sons:

- 1 - John Morse, "the Elder", "two pounds three Shillings ninepence Virginia Money Likewise.....Seven pounds Sixteen Shillings and threepence.....now due to me".
- 2 - Samuel Morse, "The Plantation and Land Thereunto Belonging and all the appertainances thereunto and also all and Every my Personal Estate goods and Chatels after my wives decease". This Samuel died 1788, leaving a will (Bk. 2, p. 67), written 4 Feb 1788, proved May Court 1788, witnessed by John Craft and Francis Jones, with wife, Elijah Mitchel and brother Reuben Morse as Executors. For some unspecified reason, he gave to "Vinkler Jones Senr. all my seat or tract of land whereon I now live containing three hundred acres likewise two small parcels of land joining the tract of land I live on both parcels of land known by the name of Dentons the other by the name of Jones's likewise four hundred and fifty acres of land joining John Craft Charles Williams John Morse Reuben Morse & Stephen Sneed". He gave each of his sons only 150 pounds of money and a negro boy. He gave each of his daughters two negroes. One wonders the circumstances that prompted such attachment to Vinkler Jones.

2 - Samuel Morse (Continued). The will names his wife Phillis and five children:

- A - Allin Morse.
- B - Willis Morse.
- C - Sarah Christian, (m Gideon Christian, 6 Dec 1763, Bond No. 4080, p. 127, Hick's Granville Co., N. C., Marriage Bonds.)
- D - Martha Morse, (m William Craft, 17 Dec 1791, Bond No. 4106, p. 127, Hick's Marriage Bonds.)
- E - Mary Morse, (m John Craft, 24 May 1791, Bond No. 4107, p. 127, Hick's Marriage Bonds.)

3 - Reuben Morse, (no property willed to him), "whole and sole Executrix." See more details below.

II - Reuben Morse (Moss), son of Samuel Morse and Elizabeth Cobb(?); b ca 1638; m Martha Ann Jordan, daughter of Arthur Jordan and Elizabeth Turner, ca 1760; d 1819, Granville Co., N. C., leaving will dated 15 June 1816, proved May Court 1819, with Witnesses Seley Falkner and Thomas Daniel and Executors son Bennett Moss and John Hare. (Bk. 8, p. 236). The will mentions "all my children":

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|----------------------|---|--|
| 1 - John Moss. |) | "My will is that my negroes Julius Cyrus and |
| 2 - Howel Moss. |) | Dinah together with all my stock of horses |
| 3 - Samuel Moss. |) | cattle (not heretofore mentioned) Sheep and |
| 4 - Betsey Smith. |) | hoggs my Crop(s) of every description |
| 5 - Salley Smith. |) | plantation tools and household and kitchen |
| 6 - Patsey Smith. |) | furniture shall be sold on such credit as |
| 7 - Polly Longmire. |) | my Executors may think best and after pay- |
| 8 - Reuben Moss. |) | ing all my just debts I wish the Balance |
| 9 - Turner Moss. |) | equally divided Between all my children |
| 10 - Joshua Moss. |) | to wit" (Then follows the names in the |
| 11 - Marcellus Moss. |) | order given in the list to the left hereof.) |
| 12 - Franklin Moss. |) | |
| 13 - Bennett Moss. |) | |

Other bequests in the will are as follows: "...Bennet Moss.....all that tract of Land I now live on Bounded by the lands which I have heretofore dedeed to my sons Samuel Moss Franklin Moss Turner Moss and Howel Moss and the lands of Vincler Jones Sen. Vincler Jones J(r). and John Hare....."

".....Joshua Moss my negro Girl named Dolly....."

".....Turner Moss my pided cow and a calfe she being the Beld Cow....."

".....Joshua Moss fifty dollars which my son Bennett now owes me to be paid him by my said son Bennett in money or a horse of that value."

".....Bennett all my Blacksmiths Tools."

".....in Trust to Frederick Wiggins William Hawkins & William B. Hare

one negro Boy cald Richmond for the Benefit of my son Turner Mosses wife and children to be managed in such way as the said Trustees may think most conducive to their interest and benefit during the lifetime of the said Turner and his wife and after their deaths I wish the negro sold and the money equally divided Between all the Children of my said son Turner..... If however my son Turner should die and his widdow marry my will and desire is that the said Trustees shall have the power of dividing the property before her death or not as they may think Best being governed By principles of Equity and Justice."

"I hereby ratify and confirm the Right and Title in and to all the property which I have heretofore given any of my children where I have put said property in their possession. In this clause I include the negro man Bob Heretofore given my son Bennet Moss and the girl Hannah which he purchased of me."

Reuben Moss was a Revolutionary War veteran. Page 138, Bk. C, of Accounts of the United States with North Carolina, War of Revolution, shows he was due 14 Shillings for service. He also saw Military Service in 1771, as an Ensign in Colonial forces, as shown by the Owen Manuscripts, Washington, D. C.

I have had a wealth of correspondence with other descendants of Reuben Moss, and many of us who have done real research in depth are of the opinion that much of the widely distributed data about him, his wife and children is not based on proven facts. Unfortunately, many memberships in D. A. R. and other patriotic organizations are based on some of this inaccurate data. It is believed that Reuben either married Martha Ann Jordan earlier than 5 Jan 1768, the date usually given, or he had another wife before Martha. Some of the errors are discussed fully below, and it is hoped the new facts presented will be used to correct them.

I shall content myself by dealing only with such errors as have come to my attention, although there may be others of which I am not aware. To do this as clearly as possible, I will cite the customary data, from the D. A. R. application of Mrs. W. G. Weltz, Oxford, N. C., by using quote marks and underlinement, followed by my comments thereon.

"Reuben Moss, Sr., b 10-10-1747, d 3-10-1819". This is not accurate as regards the birthdate. I cite the following as proof that Reuben was born much earlier than 10 Oct 1747.

He was named as "whole and sole" Executor of the will of his father, Samuel Morse, in 1760, as explained in the previous page. This means he must have been at least 21 years of age at that time. By subtracting 21 years from 1760 we get 1739 as the latest probable birthdate of Reuben. This is eight years earlier than the D. A. R. date of 1747.

His father, Samuel Morse, listed himself and his son Reuben, on the 1755 Tax List. Reuben had to be at least 16 years of age to be so listed. Subtracting 16 years from 1755, we again arrive at the date 1739 as the latest probable birthdate of Reuben.

Reuben witnessed a deed in Mecklenburg Co., Va., on 3 Apr 1759, from Michael Salterwhite and wife Amey to Edmund Taylor. Again, he would have been at least 21 years of age to do so, therefore, he was born not later than 1738.

The Owen Manuscripts, Library of Congress, F262 G85 087, Minutes of Granville County, North Carolina, Vol. 1 (2?), gives under the heading "Orphan's Court, 21 Mar 1759" the fact that Reuben Moss took over the supervision of William Wheeler, aged 9, to learn the shoemaker's trade. If Reuben were born 1747, as stated in the D. A. R. records, he would have been only 12 years old in 1759, and probably could not have convinced the Judge he was capable of supervising and teaching a trade to a nine year old boy. If born 1738-1739, Reuben would have been about 21 years old in 1759, therefore eligible to teach a trade to an apprentice.

It was not until the 1760 Tax List that Reuben listed himself, with his brother Samuel. Since this was five years later than the 1755 Tax List on which his father, Samuel, listed him at age 16 or over, this means Reuben was at least 21 years old in 1760, therefore, born not later than 1739.

Reuben bought his first land, 120 acres on Nutbush Creek, 11 Aug 1760, from Thomas Craft and Reuben's sister Elizabeth Morse Craft. (Bk. D, p.2) He must have been at least 21 years old to do this, in 1760, i.e., born 1739 or earlier.

So, from these six separate pieces of evidence, we must conclude that the birthdate of 10 Oct 1747 for Reuben Morse, in the D. A. R. records, is an inaccurate date, eight or nine years later than the correct date.

"Married 4-5-1768, Mary Ann Polly Jordan, b 2-15-1750, d 10-5-1791". Reuben's wife's name was Martha Ann Jordan, rather than Mary Ann Jordan. This is shown by the deed (Bk. J, p. 279, 280, 281) from Reuben Morse and wife Martha to David Mitchel, for the 120 acres on Nutbush Creek, which Reuben had purchased in 1760, as noted above. Also, Arthur Jordan's will of 15 Dec 1790, proved Aug Court 1793, and the Bills of Equity in the settlement of his estate, 1796, refers to her as Martha, in Granville Co., N. C., records, some of which are loose papers, unindexed.

In the second place, no record has been found in Hick's Granville County, North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, nor in the court house of that county, nor elsewhere, of this marriage. If there was a record of the marriage at one time, it is now lost.

Mrs. Olivia P. Brisbin, 2001 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48906, a descendant of Reuben Morse, employed William H. Bason, Genealogist, Raleigh, N. C., to search all the North Carolina Marriage Bonds, Deeds, and newspaper records of that period, but nothing was found bearing on the subject, other than the 1768 deed mentioned above. Mrs. Brisbin also employed Miss Ida J. Lee, Genealogist, Richmond, Va., to search the records at the Virginia State Library, for all the Southeastern counties but the results were negative.

Mrs. Brisbin also employed Mrs. Thelma K. Frazee, Genealogist, 1911 R St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009, formerly closely associated with D. A. R. headquarters, to check into this matter. Mrs. Frazee talked for 45 minutes on the long distance telephone, early in July 1964, with Mrs. W. G. Woltz, Oxford, N. C., and her 87 year old mother, Mrs. E. G. Moss, who lived next door, and made a five page, single spaced, type-written report to Mrs. Brisbin, under date of 11 July 1964. Much of the data below comes from this report, and from earlier correspondence of Reuben Morse's descendants with Mrs. E. G. Moss, who, at one time, thought of herself as a Genealogist.

Mrs. E. G. Moss made an affidavit in Granville Co., N. C., 26 Feb 1927, which has been submitted to D. A. R. with one or more applications for membership. It reads:

"Personally appeared before me this day, Mrs. E. G. Moss, and states that she copied from the old family Bible of Arthur Jordan, the fact that Mary (Polly) Ann Jordan was the eldest daughter of Arthur Jordan."

This Bible, as late as 1915, was said to be in the possession of a Mrs. Huff of Northern Granville County. Mrs. E. G. Moss, in the telephone conversation, said the Bible was stored in a shed, behind a home, and about 15 years earlier (ie., about 1949) the Bible was destroyed by a fire that consumed the shed and its contents. Mrs. Brisbin, and other Reuben Moss descendants, wrote to Mrs. E. G. Moss repeatedly, since 1954, requesting permission to obtain copies of these Bible records and other Moss and Jordan records, but no reply was ever received, and no letters were returned, undelivered. Strange, that no one has ever been referred to others who had seen the Bible records and could verify their authenticity.

If Martha Ann Jordan were born 1750 and married 1768, as claimed, she would have been about 18 years old at the time of marriage, which may account for the choice of birth and marriage dates. There is evidence that she may have been born as early as about 1744.

Martha's mother, Elizabeth Turner, was married to Arthur Jordan as early as 1742, proved by the will of her brother, James Turner (Will Bk. 2, pp. 74, 75, 76, Brunswick Co., Va.), which gave his sister Elizabeth Jordan 150 acres of land in Isle of Wight Co., Va. The will is dated 11 Nov 1742. By subtracting 16 years from 1760, the probable true date of Martha's marriage, we get a date of 1744 as her probable birthdate, which is consistent with the above data.

Furthermore, Mrs. E. G. Moss said that Reuben Morse's wife died in 1791. It is thought that the true date may be later than this, as in Bills of Equity, Settlement of Arthur Jordan's Estate, 1796, Martha is named as "Martha Ann Moss", indicating she was still alive in 1796. The children of Turner Jordan, deceased 3 Jan 1781, were named as his heirs in the settlement, but not so with Martha's children, again indicating she was still alive in 1796.

It has always seemed unlikely that Martha could have borne 13 children within 20 years (1769-1789, in the D. A. R. records), but with the revision of her marriage date to 1760, her child-bearing span would be increased to 29 years (1760-1789).

Another indication that Martha and Reuben were married about 1760, is the fact that Reuben purchased his first land, on Nutbush Creek, that year. It was the custom, in those days, for a young man to acquire his first land about the time he got married.

Furthermore, in the 1761 Tax List, Reuben listed himself, Marcellus Jordan (brother of Martha Ann Jordan), and William Wheeler (his apprentice). The presence of Marcellus Jordan indicates a close relationship between the Jordan family and Reuben, possibly through marriage to Martha, or some other Jordan girl.

This second possibility is mentioned because the will of Sarah Hunt Jordan, mother of Arthur Jordan and grandmother of Martha Ann Jordan, was dated 26 Dec 1761 and probated Feb Court 1762. It was witnessed by "Agnes Moss", with an X mark. Agnes Moss has not been identified through wide search of Granville Co., N. C., records. Some believe that the names "Ann" and "Agnes" are forms of one name, and that the recorder may have written "Agnes" for "Ann", especially since "Ann Morse" appears on the 1780 Tax List of Granville Co., N. C., next to the name "Reuben Morse". It is thought that Martha Ann Jordan Moss, Agnes Moss and Ann Morse were probably all one person.

Finally, my ancestor, John Moss, was born 27 Oct 1761 on Nutbush Creek (Pension Application S 11114). No record of another Moss or Morse, other than Reuben, owning land on Nutbush Creek in 1761, has been found. This is discussed in more detail, later, but indicates that Reuben Morse and Martha Ann Jordan were married and living on Nutbush Creek at the time of John's birth.

"Elizabeth Moss, b Nov 1769, m Ransome Smith". We know from p. 136, Hick's Marriage Bonds, that Elizabeth Morse and Ransome Smith were married 26 Aug 1783 (Bond No. 4081). If 1789 were the correct birthdate, she would have been only 13 years old at her marriage. If she were 16 at marriage, her correct birthdate would be 1767. The 1850 Census of Marion Co., Tenn., where the Smiths went after leaving Granville Co., N. C., gives Elizabeth's age as 83, ie., born 1767.

While this matter has no direct bearing on my Moss line of descent, other than to show again that the 1768 marriage date of the D. A. R. records is incorrect, it does emphasize the many errors in the widely circulated data, and causes one to question the accuracy of any of the D. A. R. dates.

"John Moss, b 1771, m Polly Kitrell". They were married 27 Apr 1785, per p. 172, Hick's Marriage Bonds (Bond No. 7626). If he were born in 1771, as stated, he would have been only 14 years of age at marriage.

He was actually born in 1761, as discussed fully below, therefore, was about 23 years of age at the marriage to Mary Polly Kittrell. The age of 23 leaves room for the possibility that John may have married someone and had children, before he married Mary Polly Kittrell. See later discussion under III John Moss.

"Sally Moss, b Dec 1772, m Robert Smith". This seems about right, as Sally Moss married Robert Smith, 9 May 1789, p. 136, Hick's Marriage Bonds (Bond No. 4096).

"Howell Cobb Moss, b 12-10-1773, m Nancy Daniel, his first cousin, daughter of Elizabeth Jordan Daniel". John Daniel married Elizabeth Jordan, sister of Martha Ann Jordan, 1 May 1786, p. 102, Hick's Marriage Bonds (Bond No. 3385). Howell Cobb Moss married Nancy Daniel, 28 Jan 1791, Warren Co., N. C. Obviously, Nancy Daniel could not be the daughter of John Daniel and Elizabeth Jordan, as the first marriage occurred only five years before the second marriage. It might be that John had a wife before Elizabeth Jordan, and that Nancy Daniel was a child of this earlier marriage, but, in either case, she was not a daughter of Elizabeth Jordan, and, consequently, not a first cousin of Howell Cobb Moss.

Howell Cobb Moss died in Granville Co., N. C., 1831, without leaving a will, and his widow Nancy petitioned the Court for a division of the property among herself and seven children:

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| 1 - Jordon D. Moss. | 5 - Jackson Moss. |
| 2 - William Moss. | 6 - James Moss. |
| 3 - Richard Moss. | 7 - Martha Moss, wife of |
| 4 - Joseph Moss. | Woodson Vaughn. |

"Samuel Moss, b 1775, m Elizabeth Smith". This seems about right, as p. 180, Hick's Marriage Bonds, lists the marriage of Elizabeth Smith and Samuel Moss, 16 Dec 1794 (Bond No. 5647).

"Turner Moss, b 1777, m Sally Reavis". This seems to be correct, as p. 215, Hick's Marriage Bonds, lists the marriage of Sally Reavis and Turner Moss, 15 Nov 1797 (Bond No. 5296). In Deed Bk. 15, p. 215, four children are given as:

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| 1 - William Whitfield Moss. | 3 - Marcellus Moss. |
| 2 - Samuel Moss. | 4 - Anson Moss. |

"Sophia Moss, b 1778, m Benjamin Smith". Reuben Moss, in his will, named a daughter "Patsey" Smith, but does not name a daughter Sophia or Saphira or Martha. No record of the marriage has been found in Granville Co., N. C.

"Marcellus Jordan Moss, b 1779, m 1st Charity Ann Huff, m 2nd Polly Winthrop who had daughter Dixie, lived near Danville, Ky." This is not correct as to the name of either wife. His first wife was Olivia Huff, daughter of Daniel Huff and Southall Lundy, whom Marcellus married 6 Oct 1807 (Bond dated 27 Sept 1807), as recorded on pp. 67 and 163, Knorr's Marriages of Brunswick County, Virginia, 1750-1810. The second wife was Mary "Polly" Renfro, whom he married 7 Nov 1822, Knox Co., Ky.

"Franklin Moss, b 1781, m Sally Vaughn". This seems to be correct, as Sarah Vaughn married Franklin Moss, 15 Apr 1812, p. 197, Hick's Marriage Bonds (Bond No. 6386).

"Bennett Moss, b 1783, m Ann Merritt". This may be correct, as I have not found a record of the marriage in Granville Co., N. C. One of the Moss descendants has supplied a marriage date of 15 Apr 1811, without giving a source for the data.

"Joshua Moss, b 1785, died unmarried". This is probably incorrect, insofar as "died unmarried", as there was a Joshua Moss, aged 40-50, and a large family, in the 1830 Census of Claiborne Co., Tenn., where many of Reuben Moss' children first went from Granville Co., N. C. This would be the right age to correspond to the birthdate of 1785, given above.

There was also a Joshua Moss in Henderson Co., Ky., from about 1812 to the late 1840s. He was aged 26-45 in the 1820 Census, 40-50 in the 1830 Census, and 50-60 in the 1840 Census, all of Henderson Co., Ky. This is, also, the right age to correspond with the above birthdate, but, obviously, both of these Joshuas cannot be the son of Reuben Moss. I have a feeling, without proof, that the Henderson Co., Ky., Joshua may be a son of John Moss. This is discussed more fully below.

"Polly Moss, b 1787, m Longmire & moved to Tenn." This is probably correct, as p. 132, Hick's Marriage Bonds, lists Polly Moss and Elijah Longmire, 25 May 1803 (Bond No. 4156).

"Reuben Moss, b 1789, m Frances White, kin to George White". This may be correct, as Reuben J. Moss is said to have m/1 Elizabeth Brown, 1829 (I have not found a record), and he did marry, possibly as his 2nd wife, Frances A. White, 4 Oct 1837, p. 208, Hick's Marriage Bonds (Bond No. 6757).

It is my hope that the above frank discussion has provided some facts that can be used to correct the inaccurate, widely circulated data, about Reuben Moss, Martha Ann Jordan, and their children. There may be other errors, about which I do not know, and, possibly, I have made some mistakes, or have drawn some wrong conclusions. If so, I am truly sorry, and hope that others may supply the correct, proven data.

III - John Moss, son of Reuben Moss (Morse) and Martha Ann Jordan, b 27 Oct 1761, on Nutbush Creek, Granville Co., N. C.; d 1838, Henderson Co., Ky.; m/1 (or possibly m/2) Mary (Polly) Kittrell, 27 Apr 1785, Granville Co., N. C.; m/2 (or maybe m/3) Ann Kelly, 3 Oct 1811, Henderson Co., Ky.

John Moss was a private in the North Carolina Line for seven and one half months, during the Revolutionary War. The following information has been extracted from his Pension Application, dated 25 July 1832, Henderson Co., Ky., and on file under No. S 11114 in the National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C. His application was approved and he was granted a pension, commencing 4 Mar 1831.

He entered service 16 Sept 1780 in the Company of Capt. Richard Harrison, under Col. William Moore and Brig. Genl. Butler. He served in the place of Merryman Barnes, rendezvousing at Hillsboro, from whence they marched to the Yadkin River, Waxaw settlement, and on to the Catawba, where he was discharged after serving three months and three or four days.

He also served 40 days in the Body Guard of Governor Nash of North Carolina in 1782. This date is thought to be in error, as Nash was Governor from Dec 1779 to July 1781. He marched with the Governor from Williamsborough to Newbern and obtained a discharge for a term of three months of service.

In addition, he served as a mechanic, for three months in 1783, as a mechanic repairing canteens and cartridge boxes, under Capt. Richard Stringfellow, in Granville County. His father, Reuben Moss, was a blacksmith, as noted in his will, quoted above. John probably, also, knew quite a bit about blacksmithing, therefore, qualified for the job of mechanic.

Birthplace and Date. In the same Pension Application S 11114, John Moss said he was "born in said Granville County on Nutbush Creek on the 27th of October 1761". The birthdate that has been widely circulated is erroneously given as "Jan 1771", which date would have made him only nine years old when he entered the Army in 1780.

Another point, that 1761 is the correct birthdate, is the date of his Marriage Bond to Polly Kittrell, as quoted below from a photo copy:

"We acknowledge our Selves indebted to Alex. Martin Esquire Governor of the State of No Carolina and to his successors in office the Sum of five hundred pound Specie to be levied of on Goods & Chattels lands & Linements respectively but to be void on Condition that no lawful Cause Shall hereafter appear to obstruct a marriage intended between John Morse & Polley Kittrell the performance of which marriage the Said John Moss hath obtain(ed) a lichen(s)e bearing even date with these presents Sealed with our Seals & dated the 27 day of April A D 1785

Teste

B. Searcy

John Moss (Seal)

Leml Goodwin (Seal)"

This Marriage Bond is also recorded as Bond No. 7626 on p. 112 of Hick's Marriage Bonds. It is also to be found in Jacket No. 7626, Office of Register of Deeds, Granville County, N. C.

Now, if John were born in "Jan 1771", he would have been only 14 at the time of his marriage in 1785. On the other hand, he would have been 24, if the correct birthdate of 1761 were applied against the 1785 marriage date. Also, the 1786 Tax List, a year after his marriage, shows John Moss with 1 tithe, no land, again proving he was over 21. If the "Jan 1771" birthdate were applied against this 1786 date, John would have been only 15, and not qualified to be listed in the Tax List.

Parentage. While John Moss did not name his parents, wife or children in his Pension Application S 11114, he is probably the son of Reuben Moss and Martha Ann Jordan. This is deduced, by the process of elimination, as propounded in the following discussion.

Since John Moss was born "in said Granville County (N. C.) on Nutbush Creek on the 27th of October 1761", it follows that his parents were, in all probability, living there at that time. A careful search of the Granville County, N. C. deeds, shows that only five men named Moss (Morse) owned land there, prior to 1762. They were:

- 1 - William Moss, of Granville Co., N. C., a carpenter,
 - given land "for good reasons" (gift) by John Dozier, on south side of Little Creek, 4 Mar 1752 (Bk. B, p. 45).
 - granted land on Cabbin Branch and Little Creek, by the Earl of Granville, 11 May 1756 (Bk. D, p. 411).
 - sold land (with John Dozier) on Mill Creek "where Moss now lives, which was granted to Dozier by the Earl of Granville, to William Kendrick, in 1753 (Bk. B, p. 246).
 - sold land on Bohan's Creek, adjacent to Eaton, to George Holloway of Luenenburg Co., Va., 22 May 1756 (Bk. C, p. 96).

This is the William Moss who listed himself and three sons, William, Richard and James, in the 1758 Tax List. He went to Duplin Co., N. C., and died there (Will dated 12 Mar 1761, proved 9 May 1762). He can be eliminated as a possible father of our John Moss, because he did not own land on Nutbush Creek and because he left Granville County before our John was born.

- 2 - Samuel Morse (Moss),
 - bought land on Buffalo Branch from John Walker and wife Ann, in March 1757 (Bk. C, p. 199).

This is Samuel Morse (Moss), Sr., who wrote will 1760 which was proven 1792, in which he named three sons, John "the Elder", Samuel, Jr., and Reuben, the father of our John. He can be eliminated as a possible father of our John Moss, because he was too old, and because he did not acquire land on Nutbush Creek until 1772, after John was born (Bk. K, p. 152).

- 3 - Joshua Moss,
 - bought land on Nutbush Creek, in 1761, from Samuel Henderson (Bk. H, p. 290).

He was the brother of William Moss (1 above), as the two of them were listed together on the 1754 Tax List. He removed to Mecklinburg Co., Va., where he died 1810, leaving a will (Will Bk. 6, p. 285) in which he named 12 children, among whom was "son John Moss, deceased, or his legal heirs". He can be eliminated as a possible father of our John Moss, because his son John was dead in 1807, when the will was written, whereas our John Moss was alive then.

- 4 - John Morse (Moss),
--- bought land on Smith's Creek and Little Reedy Branch from John Morrison, 1 Aug 1761 (Bk. D, p. 383).
--- sold land on Grassy Creek to Howell Lewis in Aug 1762 (Bk. F, p. 270).

This is probably John Morse, the Elder, son of Samuel Morse, Sr., in 2 above. He can be eliminated as a probable father of our John because he was living on Smith's Creek or Grassy Creek in 1761 when our John was born.

- 5 - Reuben Morse (Moss),
--- bought 120 acres on Nutbush Creek from Thomas Craft, 11 Aug 1760 (Bk. D, p. 2). He did not sell this land until 1768, when our John would have been about eight years old (Bk. J, p. 279).

This is Reuben Morse (Moss) who married Martha Ann Jordan and was the third son of Samuel Morse (Moss), Sr., in 2 above. The house on this land was still standing in 1966, and is known as "Belvedere", the home of the Boyds. Out of the five Moss men listed above, he is the only one that meets the conditions of living on Nutbush Creek in 1761, therefore, he must be the father of our John Moss.

North Carolina Records. John Moss bought 120 acres on Crooked Run, Thomas Wiggin's line, Rocky Branch, Samuel Moss' line, from William Bowden and wife Mary M., 26 Dec 1786 (Bk. O, p. 494).

John Moss was on the 1786 Tax List with 1 tithe, no land. He was on the 1787, 1788, 1789 and 1790 Tax Lists as owning 120 acres. On the 1791 Tax List, he again appeared with 1 tithe, no land. Later Tax Lists were not consulted.

On 13 Apr 1791, John Moss sold the 120 acres on Crooked Run (same as that he bought 1786) to Vinkler Jones, Sr. (Bk. N, p. 98).

On 18 Dec 1794, John Moss bought 479 acres from William Penn, Edmund Tayler's line, Williamson's line, Gideon Gooch's line, James Hunt's line. (Bk. P, p. 137).

On 6 Nov 1798, John Moss sold 160 acres of the above 479 acres, to Thomas Grinaway, Edmund Tayler's line, Williamson's corner and line. (Bk. Q, p. 194).

On 28 Jan 1805, John Moss sold the remaining 329 3/4 acres (possibly it had been resurveyed and found to contain 10 3/4 more acres than the estimate in the purchase deed of 1794) to James W. Smith, trustee for Grassy Presbyterian Church, and to William Bullock, trustee for Nutbush Congregation. (Bk. 5, p. 194). He was probably disposing of his land in preparation for going to Henderson Co., Ky.

On the 1800 Census, Hillsboro District, Granville Co., N. C., John Moss was listed as 26-45, i.e., b 1755-1774, with 1 Male 10-16, 1 Male under 10, 1 Female 26-45 (wife). and 3 Females under 10.

On 7 May 1800, John Moss jointly signed a bond with Jonathan Kittrell, Sr., and John Smith for Jonathan Kittrell, Sr., to act as Administrator of the estate of John (Jonathan) Kittrell, Jr., who had just died. The photo copy of this bond, which I have, plainly shows the signature of John Moss to be the same as his signature on his Marriage Bond of 1785, and the same as his signature on his Pension Application S 11114 of 1832. Reproduced below is a tracing of these signatures:

<i>John Moss</i>	From Marriage Bond, 1785
<i>John Moss</i>	From Kittrell Bond, 1800
<i>John Moss</i>	From Pension Application, 1832

The unrecorded will of Jonathan Kittrell, Sr., found among loose items in the Granville Co., Court House, is dated 18 Mar 1811, proved Aug Court 1812, contains the following items regarding John Moss and his children:

"Item I give and bequeath unto Jonathan Morse, Sally Jones, Nancy Moss, Patsy Moss, children of my deceased daughter, Mary Morse, the proceeds of two negro boys (viz) Jack and Mingham, my ridding chair and sorrel mare named Dice, all of which will be disposed of by my executors for this purpose to be equally divided between them to their heirs and assigns forever."

"Item I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law, John Morse, five shillings currency to him and his heirs and assigns forever."

Third "(1st line missing) John Moss of Henderson County of the State Codicil of Kentucky being here and out of the love and affection I have for his children and the great distance they live from (not readable) I have given the two negroes Jack and Minge mentioned in my will to Mary Moss' children deceased and have put John Moss in possession to take out thinking it sufficient discharge (lieu?) of all that I intended to give them (unreadable) & that I do further give the 9th part of my perishable property aforementioned in my will to be equally distributed among the rest of my legatees."

It is important to note the names of the children of John Moss and Mary (Polly) Kittrell in the above will and compare them to exactly the same list in the Henderson Co., Ky., contract between Joshua Moss and John Moss and children, dated 6 Sept 1812, as quoted below. This most surely identifies the John Moss, son-in-law of Jonathan Kittrell, Sr., in Granville Co., N. C., with the John Moss of Henderson Co., Ky., in addition to Jonathan Kittrell, Sr., plainly saying that John Moss is of Henderson Co., Ky., in his third codicil.

Kentucky Records. 1810 Census, Henderson Co., Ky.

John Moss: 45 and up	(No wife)
1 Male 16 - 26	3 Females 10 - 16
1 Male 10 - 16	1 Female under 10

John Moss married Ann Kelly, widow of John Kelly, 3 Oct 1811, Henderson Co., Ky. (Bk. 1, p. 4).

The assignment to Ann Moss of her Dower of 1/3 of John Kelly's real and personal property is dated 22 Aug 1812, and recorded in Henderson Co, Ky., Will Bk. A, p. 149. It consisted of 33 1/3 acres, James Murray's line and N. D. Anderson's line, 1/3 of sales made by Daniel McBride, Adm. of the estate (amount not stated), and 1/3 of the hire of a negro woman and child.

Joshua Moss (relationship with John Moss discussed below) purchased, 6 Sept 1812, 200 acres of land, part of lot No. 19 of the land granted by the Commonwealth to Richard Henderson & Company, from Samuel Hopkins, who had purchased it for and in behalf of Joshua Moss, on 11 Feb 1812, from the commissioners (Charles Wilkins and Charles Humph) who had been appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the circuit of Kentucky expressly for selling the piece of property. (Bk. C, p. 37).

Apparently Henry Purviance thought he owned this property when he sold it to Joshua Moss at an earlier date, but the title was clouded, so this sale by court decree was arranged to clear the title. Since Joshua had already paid an unnamed amount to Henry Purviance, Joshua paid only one dollar to Samuel Hopkins at the time of clearing the title.

On the same date, 6 Sept 1812, that Joshua Moss received a clear title to the above property, he traded it for "a certain man named Jack" (one of the negroes mentioned by Jonathan Kittrell, Sr., in his will) to "John Moss, the father, for his natural life and unto the said Jonathan, Nancy, Patsey, Reuben & Jane Moss, the children of the said John. after his death, in coparcenary forever." (Bk. C, p. 39).

Thus we see that this John Moss in Henderson Co., Ky., was identically the same John Moss of Granville Co., N. C., son-in-law of Jonathan Kittrell, Sr., in his will. Also the children are named identically in both instruments, as is the negro man Jack.

1820 Census, Henderson Co., Ky.

John Moss: over 45	1 Female over 45
1 Male 10 - 16	1 Female under 10
2 Males under 10	

1830 Census, Henderson Co., Ky.

John Moss: 60 - 70	1 Female 50 - 60
1 Male 15 - 20	1 Female 15 - 20

John Moss died, Henderson Co., Ky., in 1838. No copy of his will has been found, but there is an account of sales of his assets by Bennett Sandefur, his Administrator, which was returned to the April Court, 1838. (Will Bk. B, p. 470).

Children and Descendants:

The children, and some descendants, of John Moss have been determined from the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Census of Henderson Co., Ky., and from other documents, as identified in parenthesis, below:

BY POSSIBLE FIRST WIFE (name unknown):

John Moss made a return trip to Granville Co., N. C., from Henderson Co., Ky., in 1812, as noted in the 3rd codicil to the will of Jonathan Kittrell, Sr. "John Moss of Henderson County of the State of Kentucky being here.....I have given the two negroes Jack and Minge mentioned in will to Mary Moss children deceased and have put John Moss in possession to take out....."

It is thought that while he was back in North Carolina, he persuaded Joshua Moss and Terry B. Moss (both born 1775-1794, per 1820 Census) to return to Henderson Co., Ky., with him. These two Moss men have not been identified, except as possible sons of John Moss, by a first wife, before he married Mary (Polly) Kittrell, 27 Apr 1785 (Bond No. 7626, Granville Co., N. C.). John's brother, Joshua, was about the same age as this Joshua, but he was in Claiborne Co., Tenn., in the 1830 Census.

There was plenty of time before 1875, for John to have married and fathered two sons. He would have been 19 years old in 1780, and 24 years old in 1785. That these two Moss men in Henderson Co., Ky., were closely related to John Moss cannot be doubted, as proved by Joshua having traded to John 200 acres of land, 6 Sept 1812, for a negro man Jack (Bk. C, p. 37), and by the familiar Moss names they gave their children (1850, 1860, 1870 Census, Henderson Co., Ky., and by Deed Book M, pp. 375-384, covering the division of Joshua Moss' real estate.

- 1 - Joshua Moss, b 1780-1790, Granville Co., N. C.; d 1840-1850, Henderson Co., Ky.; m/2 Sally Griffin, 1812, Henderson Co., Ky. (Bk. 1, p. 5); had children:
 - A - Son, b 1794-1804, Granville Co., N. C. (1820 Census).
 - B - William J. Moss, b 1815-1816 (1850, 1870 Census); m Margaret _____; had children (1850, 1870 Census):
 - a - Sarah A. Moss, b 1845; m Robert J. Butler, 1865 (Bk. 6, p. 309).
 - b - James H. Moss, b 1848.
 - c - Mary E. Moss, b 1849.
 - d - Eliza Moss, b 1851.
 - e - Thomas Moss, b 1853.
 - f - William B. Moss, b 1856.
 - g - Virginia Moss, b 1859.
 - h - Reuben Moss, b 1862.
 - i - Margaret Moss, b 1865.

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA MOSS, CONT'D.:

- C - Mary C. Moss, b 1815-1820; m William H. Cunningham, 1832, (Bk. 1, p. 45).
D - Martha A. Moss, b 1815-1820; m James A. Pruitt, 1842, (Bk. 1, p. 95).
E - Sarah A. Moss, b 1815-1820; m M. E. Bennett.
F - Reuben E. Moss, b 1823; d 1870-1880; m Virginia A. Hazlewood, 1846 (Bk. 1, p. 90) (She m/2 _____ Walden); had children:
 a - Laura A. Moss, b 1847; m William T. Bennett, 1863 (Bk. 5, p. 453).
 b - James H. Moss, b 1849; m Jane -----.
 c - Samuel B. Moss, b 1853; m H. B. -----; had child:
 1 - Flavie Moss, b 1878.
 d - Charles Arehens Moss, b 1855; m Dollie -----.
 e - David A. Moss, b 1858; m Inez Hatchitt.
 f - Clifton Moss, b 1860.
 g - Reubenia Moss, b 1862.
 h - Mark Moss, b 1864.
 i - Stonewall Moss, b 1866.
 j - Mary Moss, b 1868.
G - Son, b 1820-1825; d young.
H - Benjamin Franklin Moss, b 1829.
I - Daughter, b 1825-1830; d young.
J - Lucy A. Moss, b 1830-1835; m John Walden, 1848, (Bk. 1, p. 104)
K - Samuel A. Moss, b 1832; m/1 Jane Reader, 1859 (Bk. 4, p. 263);
 m/2 Sarah L. Tillotson, 1862 (Bk. 5, p. 291); had child:
 a - Fannie Moss, b 1864.
L - Emily C. Moss, b 1833; m Thomas Robinson, 1852, (Bk. 1, p. 132)
M - Henry Clay Moss, b 1835.
- 2 - Terry B. Moss, b 1775-1794 (1820 Census); d 1835 (Will Bk. B, p. 390);
 m/2 Elizabeth Davis, 1830, (Bk. 1, p. 40); had children:
 A - Son, b 1794-1804 (1820 Census).
 B - Daughter, b 1794-1804 (1820 Census).
 C - Sarah Moss, b ---- (Deed Bk. F, p. 405).

BY SECOND WIFE, MARY (POLLY) KITTRELL:

- 3 - Jonathan Moss, b 1780-1790 (1840 Census); d 1847 (Report of Reuben Moss, Administrator, 8 Sept 1849); m Elizabeth ----- (Deed Bk. D, p. 243); had children:
 A - Son, b 1820-1825 (1830, 1840 Census).
 B - Daughter, b 1825-1830 (1830, 1840 Census).
- 4 - Sally (Sarah?) Moss, b ----; m ----- Jones; remained in N. c.
- 5 - Nancy Ann Moss, b 1794-1804; m James Roberts, 1812, (Bk. 1, p. 8).
- 6 - Martha (Patsy) Moss, b 1794-1804; m George Roberts, (Bk. 1, p. 8).
- 7 - Reuben Eaton Moss, b 1800; d 1860-1870; m Matilda Holland Reader, 1827 (Bk. 1, p. 32); had children:

CHILDREN OF SARAH ELIZABETH MOSS LIGON:

- A - Margaret (Maggie) Lula Ligon, b 4 Mar 1879; details below.
- B - Ida Mae Ligon, b 1 Sept 1881; still living Sebree, Ky., 1969; m/1 G. T. Vittetow, 10 June 1910; m/2 Joel Harrison Pearce, half-brother of John Henry Pearce, who m Ida's sister, Margaret (Maggie) Lula Ligon; had children (all by m/1):
- a - James Vittetow, b 12 June 1911; d unmarried 17 Mar 1935.
 - b - Leon Vittetow, b 17 Mar 1913; d unmarried 18 Dec 1918.
 - c - Francis (Frank) Vittetow, b 3 Apr 1921; m Elizabeth Prather; now (1969) Assistant Superintendent of Education for the State of Kentucky; he is possibly the youngest living son of a Civil War veteran; has children:
 - 1 - Diane Vittetow, b 31 Aug 1950.
 - 2 - Francis Vittetow, Jr., b 29 June 1953.
 - 3 - James Vittetow, b 15 June 1959.
 - 4 - Thomas Vittetow, b 8 May 1961.
- C - Son, died an infant, unnamed.
- D - Grover Cleveland Ligon, b 29 July 1884, Henderson Co., Ky.; d 1956, Madisonville, Ky.; m Nancy E. Hewlett; had children:
- a - Edna Mae Ligon, b 23 Aug 1909; d 19 Nov 1922, unmarried.
 - b - Susan Ligon, b 16 Dec 1913; d 14 Feb 1932, unmarried.
 - c - Grover Ligon.
 - d - Alice Ligon, m ----- Hill.
 - e - Sarah Elizabeth Ligon, m ----- Payne.
- E - Robert Levin Ligon, b 2 May 1886, Henderson Co., Ky.; d 8 Aug 1959, Hanson, Ky.; m Althea Brooks; had children:
- a - Robert Levin Ligon, Jr.
 - b - Russell Ligon.
- F - James Hardy Ligon, b 1 May 1888, Henderson Co., Ky.; d 28 Aug 1951, Ziegler, Ill.; m Essie Mae Reeder, daughter of William Reeder, Jr. and Anna Williams; Essie was the granddaughter of William Reeder, Sr. and Jane Wall, and the great granddaughter of Benjamin Wall and ----- Bugg, and the great great granddaughter of John Bugg; had children:
- a - Leo Ligon.
 - b - Wayne Ligon.
 - c - Dr. E. Ralph Ligon, optometrist in Lafayette, Calif.; has children:
 - 1 - Larry Ligon.
 - 2 - David Ligon.
- V - Margaret (Maggie) Lula Ligon, daughter of Gustavus Adolphus Ligon and Sarah Elizabeth Moss; b 4 Mar 1879, Henderson Co., Ky.; d 31 May 1964, Marion, Ill.; buried Lakeview Cemetery, Johnston City, Ill.; m/1 John Henry Pearce, 11 Dec 1896, Evansville, Ind. (Bk. 19, p. 100); m/2 Turner Seth Lanier, 26 Aug 1919, Marion, Ill. (Bk. Q, p. 283); see Pearce Seventh Generation for children and more details.
- VI - Marvin J. Pearce, Sr., b 28 Sept 1897, Webster Co., Ky.; see Pearce Eighth Generation for details.

THE JORDAN FAMILY

The following data on the Jordan ancestors of Martha Ann Jordan, who married Reuben Morse (Moss) has been obtained from Mrs. Olivia P. Brisbin, 2001 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48906, and from Mrs. J. L. Holman, Route 1, Box 120B, Sinton, Texas 78387. I have not, personally, researched the Jordan family.

I - Arthur Jordan, the Emigrant Ancestor, was b ca 1627, in England. He was in Surry Co., Va., 1654, when a marriage contract was made with Elizabeth Barwinn (Bavinn?). He died in Surry Co., Va., leaving a will dated 24 Sept 1698, proved 3 Jan 1699 (Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers, Vol. II (11?), p. 685). Their children were:

- 1 - Elizabeth Jordan, m Arthur Washington, ancestor of Genl. George Washington. Her will was dated 21 May 1735.
- 2 - George Jordan, b 1655-1665, Surry Co., Va. See II, below, for details.
- 3 - River Jordan, will dated 12 Dec 1699, proved 4 Mar 1701, Surry Co., Va.
- 4 - Thomas Jordan.
- 5 - James Jordan, m Mrs. Ann Sowerly, widow of Thomas Sowerly.

II - George Jordan, son of Arthur Jordan and Elizabeth Barwinn (Bavinn), b 1655-1665, Surry Co., Va., will dated 13 May 1718, proved 20 Aug 1718, Surry Co., Va. (Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers, Vol. II (11?), p. 696); m Mary Browne, daughter of Col. William Browne (will dated 4 Dec 1704, proved 3 July 1705, Surry Co., Va. The children of George Jordan and Mary Browne were:

- 1 - George Jordan, Jr., b 1678, Surry Co., Va. See III below for details and children.
- 2 - Arthur Jordan, 2nd, in Surry Co., Va., 1725, in Brunswick (Isle of Wight then) Co., Va., d 1751, Northampton (Bertie then) Co., N. C.
- 3 - Thomas Jordan, patented land, on Fountain Head River, Isle of Wight Co., Va., 1725.
- 4 - James Jordan, patented land, on Fountain Head River, Isle of Wight Co., Va., 1723.
- 5 - Rian Jordan, patented land, on Fountain Head River, Isle of Wight Co., Va., 1722.
- 6 - Charles Jordan, in Isle of Wight Co., Va., 1726.
- 7 - Mary Jordan, m before 1715, James Anderson, who was deeded 300 acres of land on Black Water Swamp, Surry Co., Va., 1715, by George Jordan and wife Mary.
- 8 - Elizabeth Jordan, m ----- Baley, 1718.

III - George Jordan, Jr., son of George Jordan and Mary Browne, b 1678, Surry Co., Va.; will dated 30 Mar 1751, proved 12 May 1761, Granville Co., N. C.; m Sarah Hunt, 1711-1715, daughter of William Hunt, whose will is dated 20

Mar 1711, Surry Co., Va. Sarah Hunt Jordan's will was dated 26 Dec 1761, proved Feb Court 1762, Granville Co., N. C.

In 1715, George Jordan, Jr., sold the land left to Sarah Hunt Jordan, by her father. In 1722, he sold the Surry Co., Va., plantation that was left to him by his uncle, River Jordan. He patented land in Isle of Wight (then Brunswick) Co., Va., in 1723. In 1728 and 1730, he patented land in Northampton (then Bertie) Co., N. C. In 1736, he sold his last Virginia land holdings. In 1750, he sold his Northampton Co., N.C., holdings and went to Granville Co., N. C. The children of George Jordan, Jr., and Sarah Hunt were:

- 1 - George Jordan, 3rd, m Patience Warren and had a son, Roland Jordan.
- 2 - Arthur Jordan, 2nd, see IV below for details.
- 3 - Amey Jordan, m Benjamin Wade, 1762, Bond No. 3360, Granville Co., N. C.
- 4 - Elizabeth Jordan, m ----- Gilliam.

IV - Arthur Jordan, 2nd, son of George Jordan, Jr., and Sarah Hunt, b 1710-1720, Surry Co., Va.; left will dated 17 Dec 1792, proved Aug Court 1793, Granville Co., N. C.; he was a private in the Revolutionary War; m/1 Elizabeth Turner, daughter of Joseph Turner and Burchett Lundy, between 1737 and 1742. Joseph Turner's will was presented to Brunswick Co., Va., Court 7 Apr 1726; he was the son of John Turner and ----- Tomlyn, daughter of Mathew Tomlyn, whose will was dated 7 Mar 1684, proved 9 Dec 1686, Isle of Wight (Brunswick) Co., Va. John Turner's will was dated 25 Mar 1705, proved 9 June 1705, Isle of Wight (Brunswick) Co., Va. The children of Arthur Jordan, 2nd, and Elizabeth Turner were:

- 1 - Thomas Jordan.
- 2 - Elizabeth Jordan, m John Daniel, 1786, Bond No. 3385, Granville Co., N. C.; Elizabeth d 1794, Warren Co., N. C., leaving property to be divided equally between Edmund Smith, Howell Moss, Joseph Daniel and John Daniel.
- 3 - Sarah Jordan, m Reuben Neal, 1779, Bond No. 3372, Reuben Morse (Moss) bondsman, Granville Co., N. C.
- 4 - Nimrod Jordan.
- 5 - Penelopy Jane Jordan, m Ralph Neal, 1780, Bond No. 3373, Granville Co., N. C.
- 6 - Charlotte Jordan, m Ormand Morgan, 1774, Bond No. 3366, Granville Co., N. C.
- 7 - Martha (Polly) Ann Jordan, see V below for details.
- 8 - Marcellus Jordan, d Warren Co., N. C., 1808.
- 9 - Turner Jordan, d 1781, Granville Co., N. C.; m Nancy Smith, 1772, Bond No. 5592, Reuben Moss bondsman, Granville Co., N.C. Nancy m/2, 1783, Toedrick Wiggins, Bond No. 2558, Granville Co., N. C.

V - Martha (Polly) Ann Jordan, m Reuben Morse (Moss). See Moss Second Generation above for children and details.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Marvin J. Pearce, Sr., (8), son of John Henry Pearce (7) and Margaret Lula Ligon; born 28 Sept 1897, Webster Co., Ky.; married Olive Belle Benedict, 1 Jan 1921, Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio; she died 2 Mar 1966, Berkeley, Calif.

At the risk of appearing egotistical, this section of the book will contain more details than the others. I know more about my own life than I do of others; also, the way of living has changed so much during the last 60 years that it seems advisable to record some details about life in a small, Midwestern town shortly after the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Otherwise, younger generations will have no basis for appreciating the many improvements that have been made.

Almost everything that is considered commonplace today either did not exist or was very scarce 60 years ago. There were only a few telephones, no paved streets or highways, no automobiles, no airplanes, no trucks or busses, no motion pictures, no radio or television, only a few electric power plants, no street cars, no central water supply, no indoor toilets or bath rooms, no central heating plants, no concrete sidewalks, no supermarkets. The average home used kerosene lamps for light, drew its water from a private well or cistern, raised its own vegetables, fruit, eggs and dairy products, took a bath in a galvanized wash tub in the kitchen, heated its rooms with open fireplaces or coal-burning stoves, sewed the clothing for the family, went "out back" to its privy, made its own fun and amusement, walked where it could, rode horseback or in a buggy or in a wagon.

It was under such circumstances that I was born and lived my young life, first on small rented farms, then in a small country town. I was born in a small two-room house near Petersburg Methodist Church, Webster County, Kentucky., a few miles west of Sebree. The furniture consisted of little more than a feather bed on a straw mattress, a home-made kitchen table, a few odd chairs, and a small wood-burning kitchen stove.

A little later, father and mother moved to a nearby farm with a slightly larger house. It was here that my oldest sister, Mable, and my only brother, Cecil, were born. Cecil lived less than a year, dying with spinal meningitis. The oldest vivid memory I have is of the bitter taste of the wood preservative used on the pine box in which Cecil was buried. Also, I vaguely remember sitting in the front pew of the church during the funeral service, and the placement of his casket in the open grave just outside the church.

When I was about five years old, my father and mother moved from this second farm to another rented one, a few miles east of Sebree, near Grape Ridge school. I remember climbing on top of the few pieces of furniture and housekeeping equipment which had been loaded into a wagon, and riding there to the new home. I also remember that there was a deep snow on the ground and that it was bitter cold. It seemed to be an eternity before I got warm again.

The next September, when I was almost six, I started to going to school in a one-room, one-teacher, frame building, heated by a "pot-bellied", coal-burning stove in the middle of the room. My first teacher was Samuel C. Hancock, who smoked dried grapevine cuttings for cigarettes. He and the older boys, some of whom must have been in the seventh or eighth grades, built and maintained the fire. I walked more than a mile each way to and from school, through rain, snow or fair weather. I remember the beauty of "hoar frost", a peculiar crystalline frost formation, on fence posts alongside the unpaved "big road" on the way to school.

The next year my teacher was Miss Leora Blackburn, who boarded at our house and thus provided me with company on my trips to and from school. I fear I took advantage of her and became "teacher's pet". But she gave me a desire for knowledge, which has remained with me for life.

One vivid memory of that school year is of my eating fried chicken out of my half-gallon "dinner bucket" while sitting on the ground in the sunshine near one edge of the small playground. An older boy from a neighboring farm, who had no fried chicken, teased me about eating "old dead chicken" until he persuaded me to throw the remainder of my chicken over the fence into a farmer's hay field. He immediately climbed the fence, retrieved the chicken, and ate it with relish, while I went hungry. Since then I have not paid too much attention when others try "to get my goat". It was a lesson well learned.

In the Spring of that school year I remember climbing a dog-wood tree to pick a blossom for some young girl whom I fancied at the time. Later that year a hornet stung me between the eyes, knocked me down and raised quite a "hen's egg" on my forehead.

I was forever getting into trouble of some sort. My uncle, "Lev" Ligon, took me to Sebree that year to see a circus, where I ate my first ice cream, rode my first "merry-go-round", and saw my first aerial or trapeze act. Within a week I had two accidents, as a result of trying to become a circus performer. I threw my father's "gee line", a light weight rope used to guide a horse while plowing, over a timber supporting the hay loft in the barn. I tied a loop in one end of the rope, put my foot into it, and pulled myself up to the hay loft. Dumb like, I turned loose of the rope and tried to grab the floor of the hay loft with both hands. Newton's law of gravity was faster than my muscles; I crashed down to the hard clay floor of the barn and "knocked the wind" out of myself. So ended my efforts to become a trapeze artist.

Still unconvinced about gravity, I next built myself a carrousel by driving a broom stick into the ground and balancing a buggy wheel on it. I got the wheel spinning very fast and threw myself across it to catch a ride. My weight caused the wheel to slip down to the ground. Mother found me, fainted away, balanced on the upper end of the broom stick.

Another time that Summer I was gathering eggs in the barn loft and knocked down the nest of some "jaspers" or wasps. They stung me all over before I could climb down and out run them. Next, I got stuck under the corn crib while gathering goose eggs. Also, I saw the frozen

ground on a ditch bank steaming in the bright sunshine that had thawed it. I ran to the house and told my mother that the world had started to burn up, right here on our farm. Such are the pranks and immaginations of a dumb country boy.

Even at this young age, I was expected to do my share of work to help father and mother. I gathered eggs, fed the chickens, watched over my baby sister, Corene, brought in firewood, helped set out tobacco plants, pulled off unwanted suckers, picked off tobacco worms, watched over the log fires in the tobacco barn, and did a host of other chores. Once in awhile I was allowed to drive a team of horses, hitched to a harrow, to break up the clods that formed when the earth was turned over with a plow. I would ride the harrow around and around the field until the soil became fine enough to receive the seed or tobacco plants.

On rare occasions I was allowed to drive "Old Maud", hitched to a buggy, to town on a shopping errand. The Williams cartoon "Out Our Way", shown on another page, aptly illustrates the pride of a boy being sufficiently grown up to be trusted on this important mission.

In 1906 father sold his live stock and farm implements at public auction and got enough money to pay the two fares of himself and mother and the half-fare for me from Sebree, Ky., to Johnston City, Williamson Co., Ill. My two sisters, Mable and Corene, were young enough to ride free. From Sebree we rode north to Evansville, Ind., on the main line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad; here we took the branch line of the L & N westward to Mount Vernon, Ill.; then we rode the Chicago and Eastern Railroad south to our destination.

Here I entered the third grade as a red-headed, freckled-face, skinny, awkward, country boy among "cityfied" sons and daughters of coal miners and tradesmen who served them. My nickname became "Speck" the first day of school, in honor of the fact that my face was literally covered with freckles. I never resented that nickname, but I would fight "at the drop of a hat" if I were called "Red", "Torchy", "Brick" or "Strawberry", in reference to the color of my hair.

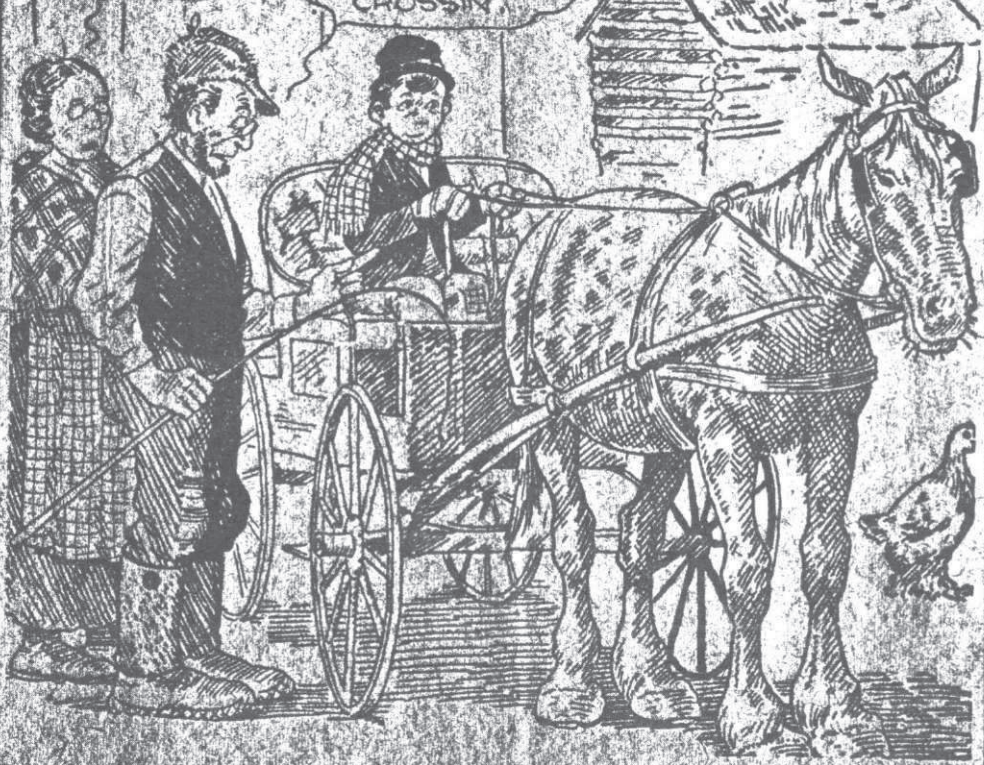
The next several years were glorious ones, picking wild blackberries in the summer; hickory nuts in the autumn; wild greens in the spring; ice skating and coasting in the winter. You made your own fun in those days. There were no bicycles, roller skates, baseball gloves or other "store bought" toys, other than an occasional wooden top or a few marbles. Leap-frog, Jack Sprat, Cram-the-Apple-in-the-Rat-Hole or other jumping games were played during recess. Dare-Base, Hide-and-Seek, Two-Eyed-Cat and other running games were played after the chores had been completed in the evening. Shiny-On-Your-Own-Side (played with an empty condensed milk can and a stick, much like field hockey) and Hat-Ball were played before school took up. Occasionally someone would save enough money to buy a baseball and bat, and one considered himself lucky to be invited to play in an impromptu game of baseball. There were no organized sports and no supervised play at the average small town school.

OUT OUR WAY—By Williams

NOW ELUS
DON'T FORGET!
SUGAR, COFFEE,
KEROSENE AND
TWO SPOOLS OF
WHITE THREAD.

IM TAKIN TH WHIP
OUT, YOU WONT
NEED IT, AN' BE
MIGHTY CAREFUL
WHEN YOU GET TO
THEY RAILROAD
CROSSIN.

Dear Mother
I can't remember the
last time I saw all
I want to see
for sugar and
also butter? was
a little fellow
at Maple Ridge,
Maine



Moments we'd like to live over again—the first time you were
allowed to drive to town all by yourself.

I took my first chew of tobacco (and my last one) one hot summer day while picking blackberries with a group of boys. I was never so sick in my life, lying in the shade of a sassafrass bush all afternoon, and still too ill to join the other boys in a naked swimming treat on the way home. I was equally ill when I smoked for the first time, but did not have sense enough to not try it again, so I have been stuck with that habit for over 55 years.

At the age of about twelve I started to work after school and on weekends in Bearden's general store, as a clerk and delivery boy. I was so small I had to stand on a wooden soap box to throw the harness over the back of the horse. The biggest advantage of the job was the permission to eat as much candy, cookies and cheese as I wished. The cash pay was 50 cents a week, as I remember it.

Later, I became weigh-man at a local coal yard, weighing the empty rig of a customer on a drive-on scale and again after it was loaded, thus determining the net weight of the coal, and the price to be charged for it. It was at this same "scale-house" that an Italian man was hanged by a mob a little later. The previous evening, at dusk, a shotgun blast through a window had killed an innocent farmer, as he sat reading a paper or magazine. It was a case of mistaken identity; his son-in-law, who was a manager at one of the mines, was the intended victim. Bloodhounds were put on the trail and found this particular man made up between the springs and mattress of a bed in his home. I was a witness to the lynching, but took no part in it. The National Guard had to be called out before quiet could be restored.

Still later, I became an assistant to the janitor of the grade school and high school that I attended, sweeping the floors, dusting the furniture, emptying the wastebaskets, and similar chores each afternoon after school had "let out".

When about sixteen, I began working after school, on Saturdays and in summer months with "Brother" Wesley Pittman, the preacher at our church. He was a "Jack-Of-All-Trades", building small frame houses for residents of the town, and performing all the jobs of carpentry, masonry, painting and decorating himself. This manual labor during the week was needed to supplement his income as a preacher on Sundays and Wednesday nights. I assisted him as a "paster" of wallpaper and as a "breaker-up" of paste white lead, from which all house paint was made on the job in those days.

In this way I learned to hang wallpaper and to paint houses. One was supposed to serve an apprenticeship of three years to become a member of the Painter's and Decorator's Union. Brother Pittman told a "white lie" by certifying I had worked for him "during the past three years", whereas the actual hours spent probably would not exceed one full year. Thus I was able to leave town in 1916 with a union card in my pocket, when I started attending the University of Illinois. This helped me very much in working my way through school, and also helped to determine my life's work after graduation. Such small incidents often have such far-reaching consequences, though not recognized at the time of their happening. At least, this has been my experience in life.

During this same period I also took a part-time job opening and closing a local drug store, before and after my regular work as a painter. My job was to crush ice and pack it around the ice cream cans, sweep the floor, develop film and print pictures, and act as a relief clerk. It was quite a chore to open the store at six in the morning, work there until about eight, then hang paper or "sling" paint until five, and again work in the store until after eleven. Fortunately, there is plenty of stamina in a young man who knows his future depends entirely upon his own efforts.

It was during the summer of 1914 that my father "took down" with severe illness and I took over his job of teamster or drayman, to earn a living for the family. I was just under 17 and weighed about 120 pounds. Once while "skidding" a 500 pound barrel of salt out of a boxcar and onto the wagon, the barrel got away from me and bruised a shin bone so badly that it developed into a bone ulcer that was with me for several months. I did not return to high school that autumn, but continued to drive the team of mules until my father's death in December. Fortunately, I was able to "make up" the missed schooling and graduate in June 1916.

A red-headed girl, Muriel Wilson, and I composed the entire graduating class. Most other boys of my age had quit school after they became 16, to begin work in the mines or at whatever job they could find. Many of the girls got married shortly after becoming 16, and quit school.

In spite of the smallness of our class, we decided to print the first school "annual" in 1916. For no other reason than that I found a cartoon of a bench legged bull dog that I could copy, we named the publication "The Growler". This title also, supposedly, gave us the right to "growl" about anything we disliked in our school. I performed most of the jobs of editor, publisher, advertising manager, and subscription salesman, but I was content with only the title of Editor-in-Chief. We managed to wheedle sufficient advertising and subscriptions to pay the cost of the publication, but realized no profits.

It was at the graduation dinner, given to the seniors (all two of us) by the juniors, that C. J. Ramsey, the Principal of the high school, asked me about my life intentions. I answered that I presumed I would continue hanging paper and painting houses. He then told me of knowing other boys at the University who were working their way through college, as he was, during summer schools, by doing odd jobs. I had never visualized the possibility that such a thing could be done, and immediately determined to continue my education, the better to support my mother and sisters. That very night, I obtained my mother's blessing on the project.

Early in September 1916, several days before the college year opened, I found myself in Champaign, Ill., looking for jobs that would supplement my meager savings and \$150 I had borrowed from a friendly banker at home. I had no idea what course of study I should follow, and it never entered my mind that the venture could be otherwise than a success. Such is the confidence of a young man that he can conquer the whole world, if only he tries hard enough. It is wonderful that such is the case, otherwise nothing would be ventured and little would be gained. Oh, if only I had the same confidence in myself now.

In conversation with others, I learned that a chemist or chemical engineer could make as much as \$3,000 a year, because of the European War shutting off the supply of chemicals from Germany, the principal source in those days. "Boy, this is for me", I said, and that is how I enrolled in the Chemical Engineer course on Registration Day.

I arranged my classes to be free from Friday noon until Monday morning. Then I went to a local decorating firm and persuaded them to let me work week-ends at the trade. In the meantime, I had found a job in a boarding house waiting on tables for my meals, and at another boarding house I shared a room with another boy, without cost, by firing the furnace. Also, I bought a set of duplicate numbers at the ten cent store and opened up a "checking counter" at a dance hall on Saturday nights. Between my various jobs I was making about \$20 a week in cash, with no expenses. "Boy, how long has this been going on?", I said.

This intensive effort, combined with study for my daily classes, gave me little time for sleep and resulted in a physical and nervous breakdown by the end of the first semester, forcing me to spend about two weeks in the hospital. Then, I quit the coat-checking and furnace-firing jobs that had been robbing me of needed sleep. But, to get ready for making and saving some "easy" money during the summer vacation, I joined a class to train as a book salesman, two evenings a week.

During the 1917 vacation from school, Maurice L. Cotta, my room-mate from Rockford, Ill., and I took adjacent territories in the Ozark Mountains, near Greenwood, Ark., to sell "The People's Home Library" to the farmers. This book was three books in one binding: (1) simple home remedies for ailing people, (2) home cooking recipes for tired wives, (3) home remedies for the live stock on the farm. It was quite a bargain at a price of \$4.95, of which \$2.65 was a 53 1/2 % commission to the salesman. The book agent had to pay his own expenses to the territory, support himself during the selling season, pay for his books on a C.O.D. basis (after the first ten copies), deliver them, collect the money, and pay his own expenses back to school. What was left over, belonged to the salesman. In training class, the instructor made it sound easy to sell ten copies a day. Where could one do better elsewhere?

The following letter to my mother, found among her papers after her death, is repeated in part, to illustrate my experiences the first day on the territory:

"Greenwood, Ark., June 16, 1917. (The opening paragraph tells of the delays and disappointments in making connections at St. Louis and Ft. Smith, resulting in the trip from Johnston City, Ill., to Greenwood, Ark., requiring almost 40 hours to complete.)

"I was just as blue as I could be, and Maurice (Cotta) was blue too but he didn't let it show much. He tried to cheer me up. He had about \$2.50 in his pocket and I had about \$3.50. I borrowed the money from him to come down here on too.

(The third paragraph describes the trip from Ft. Smith to Greenwood, the poor condition of the countryside, the tasteless food and dirty

bed in the local hotel, where I was forced to spend the night because of my baggage being left in Ft. Smith.)

"Finally my suitcases came in and I changed clothes and started out. The first porch I went up on and knocked at the door, no one came at once so I tiptoed off the porch so no one would catch me there. I managed to get up my courage again by the time I got to the next farm. I walked and walked and talked and talked and I couldn't sell anybody a book or give them one for board. I had to go without dinner (noon meal) but I kept on trying. Guess I was unconvincing because I must have sounded like a phonograph record repeating the set speech we had been taught.

"About four o'clock I got discouraged and climbed on a buggy with a man that was going toward town. I don't know what I was aiming to do after I got there. All I was thinking about was getting somewhere that I could get a way to get home. Well, as we rode along I was thinking pretty hard. I was wondering what folks at home would say about me coming home so soon, etc. I began to ask myself if I wasn't a coward and a quitter. When we were about half way to town we passed a cross road. I asked the fellow to let me get off, as there was a man down the side road I wanted to see.

"I started out again and just forced myself to smile and put all the life into myself I could. Well sir, the very next fellow I talked to I sold him a book and then I sold two others straight in a row. That made me feel good because it meant that I had made \$7.35 that day. What did I care if I hadn't had any dinner. I tried to get someone to feed me for supper and keep me all night but nobody would do it. Well, I didn't have any money to buy anything to eat or any place to sleep, so I didn't know what I was going to do. I soon decided though. I walked about five miles to town and slept out on the station platform on a baggage truck with my old prospectus as a pillow. I almost froze as the nights get very cold down here.

"The next morning I started out again without my breakfast and was determined to sell more books. It was quite awhile before I sold one though. By this time I had begun to get hungry because I hadn't had anything to eat for two days. People offered me something to eat but I would not take it because they wouldn't take a book as pay and I wouldn't take their food without doing something for it. So I went without.

"Just before noon I finally begged an old lady so hard that she finally said she would let me stay with them for a book. I told her I would sleep on the floor. It is just a little two room log hut that they live in. That's all anybody lives in down here. She happened to be from Illinois (somewhere near Harrisburg). I guess that's the reason she kept me. There are six of us live in the little place. We just get along fine and don't mind it a bit. That day at dinner I sure did eat something. And she is certainly a good cook too. I changed my mind right then about Arkansas cooks. I have been staying with them every night since then. I'm going to give her a \$10 set of books for keeping me.

"All they raise down here is a little cotton and corn. The fields are full of rocks and the ground is awfully poor. There is nothing but hills,

rocks, gullies, log cabins, cotton and corn down here. Don't think I'm sorry I'm down here. I'm not. It is a great experience. It has already helped me a whole lot - more than you would ever think. I can meet people and talk to them already without feeling a bit uneasy. And I'm going to make some money too. Listen here, I'll tell you something in your ear. I've just worked a little more than four days and I've made \$21 besides my expenses (I mean the book I gave away). How's that? It's better than I could do painting and it's doing me a lot more good. I think I'll make a lot better than that next week. I'm going to try to bring over \$300 home with me. A fellow can make it, if he'll work hard. Don't worry about me. I'll get along O.K. Take good care of yourself and write soon. With love."

As it turned out I was able to sell at least one book a day, and I had one day that I sold 16 books. It took constant hard work, with no time off for fooling around. Often one had to walk as much as five miles from his headquarters before meeting the first prospect, and back again that night, if he didn't want to sleep in a barn or under a tree. Many meals were missed. Memory, tact, persuasion and strong muscles were developed, as well as a feeling of self reliance.

Before starting out into the country, I obtained a county map, showing townships, roads, bypaths, mountains and streams. This was cut apart, pasting one township on each page of a loose leaf notebook. This was for the purpose of assigning a number to each customer and indicating his location on the map, so delivery could be made many weeks later. There was much talk at that time of the United States entering World War I and country folk were aware of the possibility of sabotage by spies. The natives caught glimpses of these maps with crosses and numbers marked on them and the story spread quickly that the book agent was really a spy plotting to blow up roads, bridges and such. Cotta was actually thrown in jail until he could prove his innocence.

I remember one night when I asked a farmer to loan me a quilt or a blanket and to allow me to sleep on his front porch, and he replied:

"Young man, I have never turned down a stranger in need. Here is a quilt and you can use my porch, but remember I know that you are a German spy and one false move out of you during the night will be all I need to justify using my shotgun on you. I will have it handy at my bedside."

In spite of this warning, I lay down on the porch and slept peacefully all night. I managed to take orders for over 200 books during the summer, with a potential profit of over \$500. I hired a man and his Model T Ford for \$5 per day, so I could quickly deliver my books and get back home in time for registration at the University. We started out one morning, but I was unable to deliver a single book by noon. Each customer offered about the same excuse: "I've changed my mind; I don't want your book and I won't take it." No amount of talking could persuade them otherwise.

Finally, one lady was more talkative than the others and I begged her to please tell me exactly why she had changed her mind and would not take

the book, no matter how much she thought her words might hurt me. Her reply was: "Young man, I hate to say it, but they tell me you are a German spy; that your book is printed with a special ink that will cause the reader to go blind; that there are also disease germs bound between the pages. You are striving to promote blindness and to spread a pestilence. No, I don't think I can take your book."

Suddenly I remembered the banker back in Greenwood on whom I had called the first day in town. I had shown him my credentials and explained my mission in his area. He was not interested in buying a book, but he gave me his advice, about as follows:

"Young man, I admire your ambition, but I urge you to go back to Fort Smith and get a job driving a grocery rig or doing whatever else you can to earn enough money to pay your fare home. The people around here can scarcely read or write; they raise only cotton, which the boll weevil eats up or the drought burns up; they mortgage their future crop for seed and food during the growing season; after paying their bills, they have little left and certainly would not be interested in a book they can scarcely read. Your plan, in my opinion, is doomed to failure."

I thanked him for his advice and added that I had already spent too much time getting ready for this venture to give it up so easily; that I was so desperate to make some money for the next college year, I would have to work just that much harder to convince my prospects that they had to buy my book to save themselves money.

Now, I asked the lady if she would let me drive to town and consult the banker, get a letter from him that I and my book were above suspicion, and then come back. She said if I could do this, she would take the book. So, we rushed into town and caught the banker in his office, before he went home for his noon time meal. I explained my problem to him and he sat down at a typewriter and wrote the following letter:

"To whom it may concern: I have examined the credentials of Marvin J. Pearce and have no reason to believe he is other than he represents himself to be, a young man working his way through college."

With this letter in hand, I was able to deliver the book to the lady, and also to those who had refused, earlier in the day, to take the book. Those whom I had not as yet seen were approached with the letter in one hand, the book in the other, and with a big smile and a comment like: "Here comes the German spy to deliver the book you ordered." I would then open the book and show them it was like the prospectus I had used to sell them when I saw them previously. Some had not saved up the money to pay for the book. From these I took post-dated checks to be presented for payment after their cotton crop had been harvested. Cotta and I acted as each other's attorney back at school in writing these customers to notify them of the date when the checks would be presented for payment, and of the penalties that might be imposed, if the money was not available. In this way we collected for most of the books, but in a few cases we were never paid, and charged our losses to valuable experience gained.

The summer of 1918, Cotta and I spent our vacation selling these books to the farmers near Provo, Utah. The general intelligence among the inhabitants was higher, and we were more experienced, so we sold about twice as many books as the year before. Again I lived with the people, stopping wherever night caught me. I found the Mormons to be some of the finest people I have ever known. We arranged free transportation back to Kansas City, Mo., at the end of the season, by riding a sheep train and helping to unload and reload the animals when we stopped to water and feed them. Our route was through the Royal Gorge in the Colorado Rockies, and the scenery from on top of a boxcar was some of the most beautiful I have witnessed.

The United States had entered World War I, and though I had the highest deferment in my local draft board back in Johnston City, because of being the only male member of my family and a student at the University, I volunteered for service in the United States Army. I was placed in the Student Army Training Corps at the University, and hoped for a chance to attend an Officer's Training Camp. Each time I applied, I was rejected as soon as it was learned that I was a third-year student in the Chemical Engineering course. I was told my services as a chemist might prove more valuable than as an officer.

We were required to carry the full, regular, academic course, but also had four hours of military instructions daily, before classes in the morning and after classes in the afternoon. We lived in fraternity houses that had been converted to barracks, were fed by civilian contractors who almost starved us trying to make a profit at so much a head, and lived under strict military discipline, with no leaves of absence or time off for personal matters. Because of two years experience in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University, I was made acting First Sergeant of my company and placed in charge of the fraternity house in which we were quartered. My official rank, however, was that of Private.

Although the Armistice was signed 11 Nov 1918, it was not until 21 Dec 1918 that I was discharged. My serial number was 5,255,822, Private, Company 11, S.A.T.C., University of Illinois. The Honorable Discharge is recorded in Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, Records, Soldier's Discharges, Vol. 13, p. 428, under date of 31 July 1923. I received travel pay of \$29.19 to Johnston City, \$60 bonus with which to buy some civilian clothes, and the right to continue payments on my \$10,000 Government life insurance policy, but no other benefits from my service, other than the knowledge that I did what I was permitted to do in helping to "save Democracy".

I remained at the University after my discharge from the Army, where I resumed my studies and continued to wash dishes or wait on tables for my meals. By working at the painting trade on week-ends I was able to earn enough for my room rent and other necessary expenses.

In spite of my busy schedule, I was able to maintain good grades, and was honored by being elected to membership in Phi Lambda Upsilon, the honorary chemical fraternity that had been organized at the University of Illinois in 1899, and which had 14 active chapters in 1919. The following paragraph from a letter to my mother, dated 9 Nov 1919, tells of this:

Honorable Discharge from The United States Army



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 Cuyahoga County Recorder
 S.D. Vol. 13 pg. 428
 Lyman O. Newell,
 Recorder

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That *Marvin James Pearce*
 †5255822, Private Co 11 S.W.T.C. University of Illinois
 THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL
 SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the
 UNITED STATES by reason of *expiration of service per Tel. No. 27/18*

Said *Marvin James Pearce* was born
 in *Lebanon*, in the State of *Kentucky*
 When enlisted he was *21* years of age and by occupation a *student*
 He had *blue* eyes, *red* hair, *light* complexion, and
 was *5* feet *9* inches in height.

Given under my hand at *Urbana Illinois* this
21 day of *December*, one thousand nine hundred and *eighteen*

Washington, D. C. APR 23 1919
 Paid \$60 under Act of Cong. approved
 February 24th, 1919.

C. E. GRAY,
 Major, Q. M. Corps.

J. O. Spemann
 Major Infantry U.S.A.
 Commanding.

Form No. 525, A. G. O.
 Oct. 9-15.

*Insert name, Christian name first; e. g., "John Doe."
 †Insert Army serial number, grade, company and regiment or arm or corps or department; e. g., "1,620,302"; "Corporal,
 Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps"; "Sergeant, First Class, Medical Department."
 ‡If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or full description of authority therefor.

ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Marvin James Pearce Grade: Private
 Enlisted, or Inducted, October 11, 1918, at Urbana Illinois
 Serving in first enlistment period at date of discharge,
 Prior service: * none

Noncommissioned officer: none
 Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: † not qualified
 Horsemanship: not mounted
 Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: none

Knowledge of any vocation: Student
 Wounds received in service: none
 Physical condition when discharged: Good

Typhoid prophylaxis completed }
Triple
 Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed } October 1, 1918
 Married or single: Single
 Character: Excellent

Remarks: NO A.W.O.L. NO absences under GO 31 - 1912
or GO 45 - 1914 NO trial with convictions
Honest and faithful service. Entitled
to travel pay.

Signature of soldier: Marvin James Pearce

Samuel Kelly
2nd Lieut Infantry U.S.A
 Commanding Company 11

DEC 21 1918
 Chicago, Ill.
 Paid in full \$ 19.19 Stimmy

* Give company and regiment or corps or department, with inclusive dates of service in each enlistment.
 † Give date of qualification or rating and number, date, and source of order announcing same.

"I have a little surprise for you. In fact, it was a great surprise to me. Friday morning a couple of members of Phi Lambda Upsilon, the honorary chemical fraternity here, came around to me and said I had been elected to membership the night before. Each year they elect the best students in the junior and senior classes to membership. A student must have an average of ninety (percent) in all his work in order to get in. I was one, along with seven others out of the entire senior class to be elected."

Though I was too busy to take part in the social life of the campus, somehow I was able to be fairly popular with my class mates. During my junior year, I was Editor of the Illinois Chemist, and in my senior year I was President of the Chemical Club and a member of the Senior Memorial Committee, which raised the money to purchase the chimes that were installed in the old Library Building that adjoined the old Main Hall. I also took part in the activities of the Republican Student Club.

At the beginning of 1920, I selected 25 companies who advertised in national magazines and whose products or services were associated with chemistry, to receive a letter offering them my services upon graduation. Almost unbelievably this letter resulted in an offer of a job by about 20 of the companies. The Glidden Company, Cleveland, Ohio, however, was the only company who had foresight to invite me to visit them, at their expense, during Easter vacation.

This "red carpet" treatment was so impressive to the "country boy" that I chose Glidden to be my employer, though the salary of \$120 a month was much less than I had been offered elsewhere. The idea of using my chemical training to help make better paint products matched my experience of using such products for years, and made me feel I could be of genuine service. I had decided that I did not wish to spend my life at the bench in a laboratory, and the chance to join the Industrial Sales Department, fitting paint products to the needs of industry, appealed to me very much. I have never regretted my choice, and my business life has been a happy and prosperous one, on the whole.

At first, I went into the factory and laboratories to learn how paints and varnishes were made. Unbelievably, varnishes were cooked about the same as they had been for hundreds of years. The head varnish maker carried the formula in his hip pocket and passed it along to his son or other choice of his successor. No thermometers were used, the varnish maker judging the temperature of the batch by the way his spittle fried when he spat into the kettle.

The art of making paints and enamels was little further advanced. Few manufactured pigments or resins were used; the principal vegetable oils were linseed and China Wood oil; turpentine was almost the only thinner used. Titanium Dioxide, Lithopone, Nitro Cellulose, Synthetic Resins, Treated Oils, Mineral Spirits, and modern Thinners had not been heard of. It was truly a virgin industry, scientifically, in spite of its age, waiting only for developments in other chemical fields to break its bonds of centuries of static being. And Glidden was probably at the time the outstanding supplier of finishing materials for other manufactured products.

A mass resignation of Management, Sales, Production, Purchasing and Accounting personnel, early in 1921, made the Glidden staff so shorthanded that I was called into the office and put in charge of the Technical Sales staff, whose duties were to handle correspondence with the salesmen and customers, study finishing problems in customer's plants, place those problems in the laboratories, direct the efforts of a staff of practical service men, write advertising copy, figure selling prices, and determine the sales policies. Here I remained for the next seven years, during which time I wrote numerous technical articles for trade magazines, published a book, "Modern Automobile Painting", and prepared most of the technical and advertising literature of the company. I also travelled extensively throughout the country investigating, and hopefully solving, finishing problems in the plants of customers.

In 1928, Fred Brigham, who had been in charge of the Industrial Sales in Chicago since the establishment of the branch in 1892, died suddenly. Though only 30 years of age, I was chosen to succeed him. By hard work and the introduction of modern ideas we were able to double the sales and tripple the profits in one year. Even after the depression of 1929 had occurred, the results compared very well with those of any previous year. I thought Chicago would be my home for the future, so I joined the Masonic bodies there, including the Medinah Country Club, and bought a home in Oak Park, which was then a very desirable residential area.

About the middle of 1931, the Glidden Company asked me to move to the East Coast and become Industrial Sales Manager there. This Eastern Division had been losing money for several years, even in the boom years of 1928 and 1929. We closed unprofitable warehouses, equipped the Reading, Pa., plant with laboratories and manufacturing equipment, concentrated the credit and billing operations for the entire area in Reading. The elimination of duplicate operations, the saving in freight and warehousing costs, the elimination of other unprofitable operations, and the better service to the customers, enabled us to make a small profit the very first year, in spite of the Big Depression. In the eight years that I was in Reading, we trippled the volume of business and realized about a million dollars in net profits.

Late in 1938, I returned to Chicago to develop a central Industrial Information Center for the 13 Glidden plants that were then operating in the United States and Canada. This involved collecting formula, cost, price and methods of use data from the various sales departments; classifying it by industry; punching I.B.M. cards; and printing reports that were distributed to the hundreds of salesmen. It was, more or less, the beginnings of a modern day electronic computer system to instantly tell what products had been developed for which industry, the volume sold, at what price, and with how much profit, in each section of the country. On a visit to headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, it became apparent that the venture was doomed to failure, because the President and each Vice President had a different idea as to what this new department was to accomplish and how. It was a case of "too many cooks spoiling the broth".

So, I determined to make use of my broad training and knowledge by seeking employment elsewhere, after more than 18 years with the Glidden

Company. I was able to get a job as Vice President in Charge of Sales with the Ferbert-Schorndorfer Company, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Schorndorfer had been Superintendent of the Cleveland plant of Glidden when I first went there in 1920, and had resigned a year or two later to go into business for himself. Here again we were able to increase the volume of sales and the profits, but near the end of 1940 Mr. Schorndorfer died suddenly. A nephew who was a salesman, inherited his stock interests in the company, and desired to move into an executive position and Sales was the only field in which he had experience. So, he took my job and I was asked, for the first time in my life, to seek employment elsewhere.

On 1 Feb 1941, I became Vice President in Charge of Sales for the Tousey Varnish Company, Chicago, Ill., and moved again back to Oak Park, Ill. I was expected to help them expand their business in other industries than the farm equipment field, where they were "top dogs". The first day on the new job, the first of many restrictions on the use of raw materials was issued by the Federal Government, in the Preparedness Program that was being developed. So, my duties for the next several months consisted mostly of developing ways and means to comply with the various Government restrictions and rulings that were issued almost daily.

In January 1942, Mr. Ben Robertson, President of Reliance Varnish Co., Louisville, Ky., contacted me and asked me to join him as his principal assistant. His volume of business then was just over a million dollars per year, principally in the furniture manufacturing field. World War II restrictions on raw materials made it imperative to diversify. So, 1 Feb 1942 I moved to Louisville, determined to make some money for myself as well as my employer, through a liberal bonus arrangement of 10% of the improvement in annual net profits, above the net profit that had been realized in 1941.

We added a Contract Division to bid on Government purchases of our type of materials, since the use of raw materials for such purposes was not restricted. To bid lower than anyone else in the country, which was necessary to obtain the contracts, we had to develop cost-saving methods of production that would leave us a profit. This we did by concentrating on products that could be "cold blended" from raw materials that were sold to us on a freight prepaid basis. We developed a "rolling factory" in a box-car that we purchased, and moved it to the various points of delivery that were specified by the Government, using leased railroad sidings, thus avoiding most of the freight on the finished product. Millions of gallons of lacquer thinner, deicing compound, carbon removal compound and similar items were manufactured in this way.

At the close of World War II, the Contract Division was discontinued and our efforts were concentrated on diversification into other fields than furniture finishes. To give better service to our customers, we began acquiring plants in other parts of the country. The Contract Division was revived during the Korean War and discontinued again at its close. By 1955 when I resigned as President of the Reliance Varnish Company, the organization had been built up to five plants, stretched across the country from Connecticut to California and from Chicago to Ashville, N. C. The volume of business had been increased ten fold. The bonuses that I received were invested to a considerable extent in common stock of the company.

Shortly after my resignation as President of the Reliance Varnish Company, due to the restrictions imposed on my private life by this position, I came to El Cerrito, Calif., to manage the affairs of the Reliance Chemical Company. This was a separate corporation from the varnish company that had been organized to handle Government contracts and was owned equally by Reliance Varnish Company and L. B. Stellings, the salesman who had handled the Government contacts during the two wars. By now, the buying habits of the Government had changed, and it was necessary to have fixed plants - one in Pauline, Kans. and one in Richmond, Calif., - to handle the contracts. After successfully completing the contracts for more than a million gallons of paint and other products, it became impossible to acquire new contracts on a profitable basis, so the Richmond plant was closed.

Next, I returned to the Reliance Varnish Company, as Vice President in Charge of Sales at their Los Angeles, Calif., plant. New accounting and pricing policies were instituted and we changed the operation to a profitable basis in one year.

In 1958, I was approached by William A. Smith, President of William Armstrong Smith Company, East Point, Ga., to join him in acquiring and operating the facilities of the by now defunct Reliance Chemical Company on an equal partnership basis. I accepted his proposal, resigned again from the Reliance Varnish Company, and returned to El Cerrito, Calif. My contract with Mr. Smith allowed me to retire whenever I chose and his company was obliged to purchase my interests, according to a fixed plan. In 1961, after I had brought the Richmond plant to a profitable basis by installing additional equipment that would permit manufacture and packaging of at least 5,000 gallons of paint per day in one batch, with a minimum of labor, I asked Mr. Smith to buy my interests. This he did, and I retired from active business at the age of 63. In addition to meeting the challenges of operating this business at a profit, I had the pleasure of doubling the money I had invested three years previously.

My wife and I next took off on a 25,000 mile, six months camping trip up the Pacific Coast, across the northern tier of states, into Pennsylvania, New England and Eastern Canada, down the Mississippi Valley, and across Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, back to El Cerrito, Calif. This we enjoyed very much, as we were able to visit the few sections of the country we had not seen previously, and to spend as much time as we desired, wherever we wished.

To occupy my time, we next bought 15 acres of land in upper Napa Valley, in the heart of the California wine grape district. Almost single handed, I performed most of the labor of converting a three-car stucco garage, without a roof, into a week-end cottage of living room, dinette, kitchen, bedroom and bath. When this project was well along, we decided to build a new home on a vacant lot we had acquired at the end of Cutting Boulevard, across from the Mira Vista Country Club, in El Cerrito. I acted as General Contractor and Purchasing Agent in the construction of the building. This was a lot of fun, and Mrs. Pearce and I had the joy of living in a spacious new home for the final three years of her life.

About six years ago, I became interested in genealogy and have devoted a lot of time to it. In 1967, I published my first genealogical book, "Ligon Pioneers in Kentucky", about my mother's family. In 1968, another book, "Benedict Pioneers in Kentucky", was published, about my wife's family. This volume is my third attempt, punching out the manuscript by using only two fingers. Please forgive my mistakes, of which I am sure there are quite a few that I have not detected and corrected.

This about completes my personal story, except to relate the circumstances of my marriage and to brag a bit about my two sons, their wives, my seven grandchildren and my three great grandchildren.

Olive Belle Benedict was my childhood sweetheart in Johnston City, Ill., since we were each sixteen years of age. She journeyed to Redlands, Cal., when about 18 and entered training as a nurse at Glendale. After two years, she transferred to the sanitarium at Hinsdale, Ill., where she graduated as a nurse in 1920, about the same time as I graduated from the University of Illinois. When a severe epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1920, she went there to do what she could to assist in taking care of the victims. She and I were able to visit each other a few times during the autumn of that year, and decided to get married. This we did in Lakewood, Ohio, at the parsonage of Rev. Alfred J. Wright, the ceremony starting just before midnight 31 Dec 1920. The bells had rung and the whistles had blown, ushering in the new year of 1921, before the final words had been said.

In making out the marriage certificate and the minister's return to the county, Rev. Wright became confused and wrote December 31, when the ceremony started, but he wrote 1921 also, when the ceremony ended. Thus it would have appeared in the records that our first son, Marvin J., Jr., was born three days before our marriage. Fortunately, this mistake was discovered and corrected before it became a matter of record in Vol. 121, p. 36, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Marriages. Our second son, Willard Cail, was born 8 Aug 1924. also in Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. Both sons will be discussed more fully in the chapter headed Ninth Generation.

Though my wife was a graduate nurse, she did not follow the profession beyond the first few months after graduation. She used her training to good advantage in looking after her husband and children. Also it gave her a natural inclination toward charity work, to which she devoted all her spare time after her sons were grown. She cheerfully gave many hours to Red Cross, Crippled Children, and many other worthy causes in Chicago, Louisville, and Richmond, Calif., until her failing health prevented participation. Never did she seek personal favors or praise. All she needed was to know of a situation in which she could render aid; she would jump into the matter and do all she could to help.

Her story is told more completely in the book "Benedict Pioneers in Kentucky", published 1968.

THE AKIN FAMILY

- 1 - William Akin (-after 1783) + ----- Born County Antrim, Ireland; married there; came to Philadelphia, 1775, with wife and 4 children; Rev. War service with Chester Co., Pa., Militia; went to Jackson's Creek, Fairfield District, S. C., about 1783, where he died before 1800.
- 2 - James Akin (1775-1855) + Catharine McLean (1777-1853) Married 11 Dec Born aboard ship on 1800, had 10 children. passage to Philadelphia; after about 8 years on the Brandywine, Chester County, Pa., went to Jackson's Creek, Fairfield District, S. C. with his parents; married Guilford Co., N. C., and lived there about 10 years; went to Williamson Co., Tenn., where Catharine's brother John McLean and other relatives had gone in 1808 to take up land awarded to his father, John McLean, for Rev. War service; about 1815 went to Greene Co., Ohio, where James Akin's sister Nancy and her husband Robert McLean lived for awhile; then they stopped in Gibson Co., Ind., for awhile with Catharine, sister of James Akin, the widow of James McMillan; finally arrived Franklin Co., Ill. in 1818; both buried Knob Prarie churchyard, near Akin, Franklin Co., Ill. He was known as "Knobby Jim" to distinguish him from James W. "Squire Jimmy" Akin (son of William Akin) who had settled on Knob Prarie also.
- 3 - Mitchell Akin (1814-) + Mary -----? (1814-) She was born in He was born in Tenn. Ala. and married about 1831; had 9 child. while his father and mother were stopping on their way to Ohio, Ind., and Ill. He lived with his older brother James T. Akin² in 1830 Franklin Co. census; head of his own family in Franklin Co. census of 1840 and 1850; not located after that, and not known whether he died or moved elsewhere.
- 4 - Oliver Akin (1832/3-) + Elizabeth How (1836-) She was born He was born Franklin in Saline Co., Ill., daughter of James How Co., Ill., and is b 1799 Va.; she married 12 July 1854, Sal- named specifically in ine Co., Ill.; had 4 children. his father's family 1850 census; head of his own family Saline Co., census 1860; thought to have moved to Jackson Co., Ill., before 1870 but many records lost in Court House fire; date and place of death is not known.
- 5 - Mary Elizabeth Akin (1863-1901) + (1) -----? Howell, had 1 son, Frank, m/1 place and date unknown. (2) John W. Snowden, had 1 son, m/2 18 March 1882, Jackson Joseph. Co., Ill. (3) Webster W. Benedict, had 6 child. m/3 20 Aug 1890, Jackson Co., Ill. Lived Jackson Co., Ill. 1890-95; Union Co., Ill. 1896-97; Big Lake, Ark. 1898; Cotton Plant, Ark. 1898; Paragould, Ark. 1901, where she died with smallpox and is buried.
- 6 - Olive Belle Benedict (1897-1966) + Marvin J. Pearce, Sr. (1897-) She was born Anna, Union Co., He was born 28 Sept 1897, Webster Ill. 12 Jan 1897. Co., Ky.

THE SWAFFORD FAMILY

It is said that the name was originally Swjiaord in Wales, and that it was changed with time into Swaffer, Suarford, Swarford, Swafford or Swofford. Much of the early data herein was obtained from The Cope Collection at the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. The later data came from North Carolina, Tennessee and Illinois public records, and from the John W. Swofford Family Bible, owned in 1964 by John Bay Swofford, a great grandson, Franklin Co., Ill.

- 1 - William Swaffer (1670-after 1720) + Mary Caldwell (1670-)
Born Newton, Cheshire, England; Born Rope, Cheshire, England; came to Chester Co., Pa., 1684 with brother James; will dated 1720 names children. Born Rope, Cheshire, England; came to Chester Co., Pa., 1682 with widowed mother; married 1694 Quaker wedding; had 10 children.
- 2 - Thomas Swafford (1706-) + -----
Born Chester Co., Pa.; left Pa. in 1741; on Orange Co., N. C. Tax List 1755; had at least three sons: James, Anthony and William; Quakers.
- 3 - William Swafford (1746-1831) + Ellender (Eleanor) Tripp (1758-)
Born Orange Co., N. C.; in 1790 census, Hillsboro Dist., Randolph Co., N. C.; spent 7 years in Rev. War. Born Randolph Co., N. C.; married there and had 13 children, named in husband's will, recorded Randolph Co., N. C. 27 Aug 1830.
- 4 - James Swafford (1768- ca1840) + Miriam Julian () Had 3 sons:
Born Randolph Co., N. C.; served under Genl. Nathaniel Greene in Rev. War; went to Tenn. then to Franklin Co., Ill., where he died while living with Harper Summers. William (1791-1865) - went to Saline Co., Kansas, 1837.
John W. (1793- 1841) - went to Franklin Co., Ill., 1818.
Samuel (1795- 1842) - went to Franklin Co., Ill., 1818.
- 5 - John W. Swafford (1793-1841) + Jane Fixes (1797-1850) Born S. C.;
Born Tenn.; in War of 1812 (BLWT 145 199, Nat. Archives); in Robertson Co., Tenn. 1814-1818; moved to Franklin Co., Ill., 1818. married 1 Oct 1818. Family Bible in possession of John Bay Swafford, Franklin Co., Ill. (1964), a great grandson, records the names and dates of 11 child.
- 6 - Martha Ann Swafford (1830-1896) + (1) Andrew J. Karr (1826-1854)
Born Franklin Co., Ill.; m/1 time and place not known; m/2 18 Nov 1856, Williamson Co., Ill.; died Franklin Co., Ill. Had five children.
(2) George W. Benedict (1836-1914)
Had seven children; divorced 1881.
- 7 - Webster W. Benedict (1867-1920) + (1) Mary Elizabeth (Akin) (Howell) Snowden (1863-1901)



Marvin J. and Olive B. Pearce - Christmas 1965

Marvin J. and Olive B. Pearce had only two children, both of them born in Lakewood, Ohio, namely Marvin J. Pearce, Jr., b 27 Dec 1921 and Willard Cail Pearce, b 8 Aug 1924. More details are given about them and their children in the pages that follow.

NINTH GENERATION

Marvin J. Pearce, Jr. (9), son of Marvin J. Pearce, Sr. and his wife, Olive Belle Benedict (6); b 27 Dec 1921, Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; m Dorothy Stanhope, b 31 Aug 1924, East St. Louis, Ill., on 18 Dec 1943, in Arapahoe County, Colorado. She is the daughter of Winfred E. Stanhope and his wife Lydia Arras.

"Marv" attended grade school in Oak Park, Ill., and in Wyomissing, Berks County, Pa. He graduated from Oak Park High School, where he was a member of the Soccer and Track teams. He entered the University of Illinois in 1940, but shortly after the outbreak of World War II he left school and enlisted in the American Air Force, first as a student Navigator and then as an Armorer.

His Serial Number was 16 061 257; inducted 13 June 1942, Peoria, Ill.; discharged 24 Nov 1945, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; rank of Corporal; served as Armorer No. 911 in the 870th Bomb Squadron, 20th Air Force; embarked for overseas duty 30 July 1944; arrived on Saipan 16 Sept 1944; left Saipan 30 Oct 1945; arrived San Francisco 14 Nov 1945.

After discharge, both "Marv" and Marlyn, with their young son, went back to the University of Illinois to resume their studies. Both graduated in 1947, "Marv" with a degree in Business Administration.

He then began an "on the job" training course in the manufacture of furniture, under the guidance of his father and Mr. Ben Robertson of the Reliance Varnish Company, Louisville, Ky. Before the course of training was completed, he joined the sales force of Consider H. Willett, Inc., Louisville, Ky. He was stationed at Louisville, Ky., at first, then at St. Joseph, Mo., and finally at Fullerton, Calif. When Willett went out of business, it was necessary for him to find a new job. He has been with three or four companies since then, either in wholesale or retail sales of furniture.

The children of Marvin J. Pearce, Jr. (9) and his wife Dorothy Marlyn Stanhope are:

- 1 - Marvin J. Pearce, III, b 18 Sept 1944, East St. Louis, Ill.; see following pages for more details.
- 2 - Jeffrey Stanhope Pearce, b 19 June 1947, Louisville, Ky.; see following pages for details.
- 3 - Caroline Benedict Pearce, b 7 May 1949, St. Joseph, Mo.; now a student at San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.
- 4 - Jack Brian Pearce, b 2 June 1954, St. Joseph, Mo.; now a student at Fullerton (Calif.) High School.



FAMILY OF
MARVIN J. PEARCE, JR.
1953

Marvin J., III.
Marvin J., Jr. Jeffrey S.
Caroline B. Marlyn



FAMILY OF
MARVIN J. PEARCE, JR.
1962

Marvin J., III. Marvin J., Jr.
Marlyn Caroline B.
Jeffrey S. Jack B.

THE STANHOPE FAMILY

- 1 - Francis William Stanhope was the founding father of the family in America. He was the son of Frances Stanhope and Mary Jenkins and was born in Lincolnshire, England. He married Hannah Smith, daughter of George Smith and Hannah Garrett, in Fishlake Church, Yorkshire, England, where she was born. The young groom and bride sailed on the ship "Faladoma", in 1833, and came up the Mississippi River to Edwards County, Ill., where they bought an 80 acre farm from Robert Thread. Their eight children were born and reared on this farm:

A - Horatio W. Stanhope	E - Mary Stanhope
B - Oscar Stanhope	F - Harriett Stanhope
C - W. Frank Stanhope	G - Elizabeth Ann Stanhope
D - Hannah Stanhope	H - Clara Stanhope

- 2 - Horatio W. Stanhope, the oldest son, married Sarah E. Marriott, in Edwards County, Ill., where both of them were born. They were farmers, like their parents. They had twelve children:

A - Mary E. Stanhope	G - Annie E. Stanhope (twin)
B - William T. Stanhope	H - Lewis H. Stanhope
C - Charles L. Stanhope	I - Herbert Stanhope
D - Frank Stanhope	J - Herman A. Stanhope
E - Ada H. Stanhope	K - Jersey H. Stanhope
F - Harry O. Stanhope (twin)	L - Oscar Stanhope

- 3 - Charles Levi Stanhope, the second son, married Vollia Gould, daughter of Ervin Gould, in Edwards County, Ill., where both were born. Ervin Gould's sister Eleanor married a Mr. Leach, brother of the Mr. Leach who lived at Golden Gate, Wayne County, Ill., and who invented the crawling tractor by fastening wooden cleats onto a belt around the wheels of a steam shovel. The machine was used to alter the course of Skillet Fork Creek, to promote better drainage, so the fertile land could be used for farming. Willard C. Pearce (?), son of Marvin J. Pearce, Sr., and Olive Belle Benedict (?), is now (1968) half owner of about a thousand acres of this reclaimed land, some of the richest in Wayne County, Ill. Charles L. Stanhope and Vollia Gould had eight children, all born in Edwards County, Ill.:

A - Winfred E. Stanhope	E - Beulah Stanhope
B - Homer Stanhope	F - Grace Stanhope
C - Dale Stanhope	G - Iva Stanhope
D - Daughter, died young	H - Dr. Stewart Stanhope (dentist)

- 4 - Winfred E. Stanhope, the oldest son, was born near Bone Gap, Edwards County, Ill., 17 Oct 1894. He married Lydia Arras, daughter of Adam Arras and Caroline Hoepfinger, and born 24 Oct 1890, St Clair County, Ill., 28 May 1917, in St. Louis, Mo. Winfred, like his father-in-law, followed railroading until retirement, but is now developing a first class residential community around Gilmore Lakes, near Columbia, Ill. They had two daughters: Jacquilin who m/1 Charles Bolin, m/2 Peter Hoeffer, no children, and Dorothy Marlyn who m Marvin J. Pearce, Jr.

THE ARRAS FAMILY

- 1 - John Arras was the founding father of the family in America. He came from Germany to St. Clair County, Ill., about the middle of the 1800s. He was born 1 July 1836. He m/1 Elizabeth Miller, b Aug 1839, d 26 Feb 1871, and they had a son Adam Arras (no data on other children, if any). He m/2 Augusta Koch, b 16 Sept 1846, d 12 Feb 1912 (no data on children, if any). John Arras died 20 Dec 1922.
- 2 - Adam Arras, son of John Arras and Elizabeth Miller, was born 12 Feb 1865, St. Clair County, Ill., and died 29 Apr 1944, St. Clair County, Ill. He married Caroline Hoepfinger, daughter of Jacob Hoepfinger and Carolina Tempner, 28 May 1889, St. Clair County, Ill. They had only one child, Lydia Arras, b 24 Oct 1890, St. Clair County, Ill.
- 3 - Lydia Arras, daughter of Adam Arras and Caroline Hoepfinger, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., 24 Oct 1890. She married Winfred E. Stanhope, 28 May 1917, St. Louis, Mo., and became the mother of Dorothy Marlyn Stanhope, who married Marvin J. Pearce, Jr.

THE HOEPFINGER FAMILY

- 1 - Jacob Hoepfinger, the founding father of the family in America, was born 3 June 1837, Unterbesheim, Germany, and came to Monroe County, Ill., about the middle of the 1800s. He married Carolina Tempner, born 20 Oct 1836, Kohnstadt Armst Nordheim, Hanover, Germany, the ceremony taking place 20 March 1861, Monroe County, Ill. They had eleven children:
 - A - Catharina Hoepfinger, b 16 Dec 1861, m William Schmachlenburger.
 - B - Carl Hoepfinger, b 14 Feb 1863.
 - C - Louise Hoepfinger, b 15 Aug 1864, m Wilhelm Kropp.
 - D - Friedrich Hoepfinger, b 23 Sept 1866, m Maggie Mittelstaedter, 19 Dec 1891.
 - E - Caroline Hoepfinger, b 9 Nov 1868, m Adam Arras, 28 May 1889.
 - F - George Hoepfinger, b 16 March 1871, m Catharine Sparwasser, 27 Oct 1895.
 - G - Sylvia Hoepfinger, b 15 July 1873, m Friedrich Baltz, Oct 1893.
 - H - Ilmania Hoepfinger, b 26 Dec 1875, m William Gilmore, 28 Oct 1894.
 - I - Edward Hoepfinger (twin), b 26 May 1878, d 17 Aug 1878.
 - J - Johann Hoepfinger (twin), b 26 May 1878.
 - K - Wilhelminia Hoepfinger, b 15 March 1882.
- 2 - Caroline Hoepfinger, b 9 Nov 1868, d 17 Feb 1962, m Adam Arras and had one daughter, Lydia Arras, who m Winfred E. Stanhope, 28 May 1917, St. Louis, Mo., and became the mother of Dorothy Marlyn Stanhope, who married Marvin J. Pearce, Jr.

NINTH GENERATION

Willard Cail Pearce (9), son of Marvin J. Pearce, Sr., and his wife Olive Belle Benedict (6), born 8 Aug 1924, Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; married June Ruth Lotz, born 3 July 1924, Brooklyn, N. Y., 15 Sept 1946, Evanston, Cook Co., Ill.

"Bill" attended grade school in Oak Park, Ill., Wyomissing, Pa., and Fairview Village, Ohio. He did his High School work in Fairview Village, Ohio, Oak Park, Ill., and Louisville, Ky. He became a student at the University of Illinois in 1942, but after a year withdrew to volunteer for service in the American Air Corps, during World War II.

His Serial Number was 07 602 015; inducted 3 June 1943; discharged 15 Nov 1945; rank of 2nd Lieutenant. After obtaining his wings as a Fighter Pilot, he became an instructor of other Air Cadets. He was learning to pilot multi-engine air craft when World War II ended.

After discharge from the Air Force, he returned to his studies at the University of Illinois, going to school straight through the years, with no vacations. During the first year, he met his future wife and married her. He obtained his B. S. degree in 1948 and his L. B. degree in 1950. He ranked fifth from highest in his class of about 50 in law school.

After graduation, he went to Fairfield, Ill., and joined the law firm of Mills & Mayberry. Shortly thereafter, "Judge" Mills died and Mr. Mayberry went to California. "Bill" bought their interests and became sole owner of the legal firm.

He was elected State's Attorney of Wayne County, Ill., for four successive terms before he decided not to "run" for the office again. His most outstanding accomplishment was the successful prosecution of "Black Charlie" Harris - a former henchman of the infamous "Shelton Gang" during Prohibition days - on two charges of first degree murder and one charge of arson. The story of this trial was covered fully in the February 1966 issue of "Master Detective" magazine. His ability to present circumstantial evidence, allowed him to obtain convictions on all counts from a jury that had been seated only after examining some 800 potential jurymen.

He was president of the Fairfield Rotary Club for 1965-66. He and an associate, Neal S. Laws, developed about 1,000 acres of virgin bottom land on the banks of Skillet Fork Creek into some of the best farmland in Wayne County.

The children of Willard Cail Pearce (9) and his wife June Ruth Lotz are as follows:

- 1 - Willard Cail Pearce, Jr. (10), b 19 July 1947, Champaign, Ill.
- 2 - Scott Gilbertz Pearce (10), b 4 Sept 1949, Champaign, Ill.
- 3 - Jill Suzanne Pearce (10), b 8 July 1951, Fairfield, Ill.

TENTH GENERATION

(Only Those Now Married)

Marvin J. Pearce, III, (10), son of Marvin J. Pearce, Jr. (9) and his wife Dorothy Marlyn Stanhope; b 18 Sept 1944, East St. Louis, Ill.; m Carole Edna Redmond, b 27 March 1942, on 12 Sept 1964, Barneveld, N. Y.; divorced 1967, Orange Co., Calif.; remarried 1969, Barneveld, N. Y.

"Jay" attended grade school in St. Joseph, Mo., and High School in Fullerton, Calif.; graduated from Cornell University 13 June 1966, where he rowed on Varsity. He now specializes in programing electronic data processing equipment.

The children of Marvin J. Pearce, III, (10) are:

- 1 - Marvin J. Pearce, IV, (11), b 19 Apr 1965, Ithaca, N. Y.
- 2 - Aimee Carroll Pearce (11), b 15 June 1966, Ithaca, N. Y.

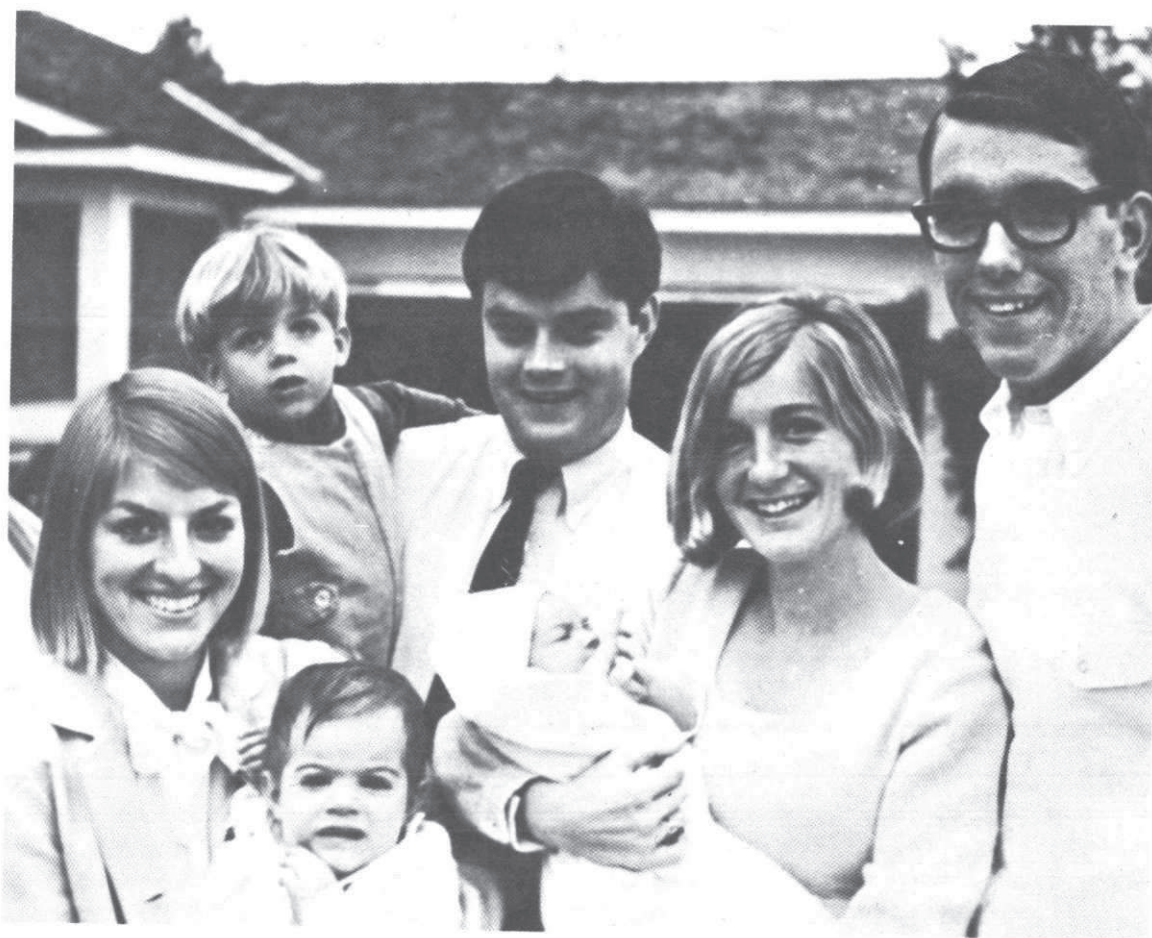
THE CARROLL AND REDMOND FAMILIES

- 1 - Benjamin Smith, b 4 Oct 1801; d 30 June 1864, Steuben, N. y.; m Ellen Griffith, b 25 Mar 1815, d 19 June 1901, Steuben, N. Y.
- 2 - Ruth Smith, b 31 Mar 1834, Steuben, N. Y.; d 17 May 1924, Bartlett, N. Y.; m John J. Jones, son of John Jones, b 3 Oct 1832, Carnavon, Wales, d 9 Mar 1925, Steuben, N. Y.
- 3 - Margaret Edla Jones, b 13 Feb 1858, Trenton, N. Y.; d 23 Feb 1949, Barneveld, N. Y.; m Albert Carroll, son of Andrew Carroll, b 20 Oct 1838, Fort Plain, N. Y., d 19 Jan 1919, Bronx, New York City, N. Y.
- 4 - Bessie Hannah Carroll, b 7 Apr 1883, Trenton, N. Y.; m 15 Aug 1906, Auburn, N. Y., Dr. Daniel Walter Redmond, son of Richard Joseph and Margaret Claire (Nowlan) Redmond, b 15 Aug 1876, Oxford, N. Y., d 13 Nov 1934, Manhattan, New York City, N. Y.
- 5 - Dr. Albert Carroll Redmond, b 5 July 1910, Utica, N. Y.; m/1 20 Aug 1937, St. Louis, Mo., Edna Louise Wingert, dau. of Ralph and Edna (French) Wingert, b 6 Feb 1912, Tipton, Iowa, d 29 Mar 1952, Barneveld, N. Y.; m/2 Mrs. Nancy (Congelton) Hunter.
- 6 - Carole Edna Redmond, b 27 Mar 1942, Remsen, N. Y.; m 12 Sept 1964, Barneveld, N. Y., Marvin J. Pearce, III, b 18 Sept 1944, East St. Louis.
- 7 - Marvin J. Pearce, IV, b 19 Apr 1965, Ithaca, N. Y.
- 7 - Aimee Carroll Pearce, b 15 June 1966, Ithaca, N. Y.

Jeffrey Stanhope Pearce (10), son of Marvin J. Pearce, Jr., (9) and his wife Dorothy Marlyn Stanhope; born 19 June 1947, Louisville, Ky.; married Patricia Lynn Sherwood, b 30 March 1947, daughter of George and Donna Sherwood, 18 Nov 1966, Fullerton, Calif.

"Jeff" attended grade school in St. Joseph, Mo., and in Fullerton, Calif. He graduated from Fullerton High School in 1965 and is now a student at the University of Southern California, where he won an athletic scholarship due to his ability in swimming and in Water Polo.

At present (1969) Jeffrey Stanhope Pearce(10) and his wife Patricia Lynn Sherwood have only one child: Tamara Lynn Pearce(11), born 24 Feb 1967, Los Angeles, Calif.



ELEVENTH PEARCE GENERATION AND PARENTS - 1967

Marvin J. Pearce, IV. Marvin J. Pearce, III. Jeffrey S. Pearce
Carole Edna Pearce Patricia Lynn Pearce
Aimee Carroll Pearce Tamara Lynn Pearce

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DESCENDANTS OF AARON A. PEARCE (7)
(See page 96)

- A - Clarica Pearce (8), b 19 July 1902; m Joseph Burgess, 26 June 1920;
have two children:
a - Ward Burgess (9), m Mildred Archer; two children:
1 - Patricia Burgess (10), m ----- Verdi.
2 - William Joe Burgess, 2nd (10)
b - Don Burgess (9), m Mary Ann Bullock; two children:
1 - John Duke Burgess (1)
2 - Donna Ann Burgess (10)
- B - Kathlyn Pearce (8), b 12 July 1904; m Yale Downes, 3 Aug 1921;
have two daughters:
a - Virginia Downes (9), m Frank Szekula; two children:
1 - Susanne Szekula (10)
2 - Stephen Szekula (10)
b - Rebecca Downes (9), m Lyle Ferry; one child:
1 - Michelle Ferry (10)
- C - Margaret Vera Pearce (8), b 5 Sept 1906; d 2 Sept 1968; m Homer
Oliver, 19 Sept 1925; three children:
a - Chrystal Oliver (9), m Paul E. Mabry; two children:
1 - Paula Kay Oliver (10)
2 - Terrie Jean Oliver (10)
b - Cleada Oliver (9), still single 1969.
c - H. A. Oliver (9), m Patricia Ice; two children:
1 - Michael Alan Oliver (10)
2 - Deborah Lynn Oliver (10)
- D - Darrell Pearce (8), b 13 Dec 1908; m Novella Neville; 2 children:
a - Jack Pearce (9)
b - Sue Pearce (9)
- E - Hubert Pearce (8), b 27 Sept 1912; m Lois McCoy, 31 Aug 1932;
have three children:
a - Jo Nel Pearce (9)
b - Judy Lynn Pearce (9)
c - Terry Kent Pearce (9)
- F - Merle Winston (Tony) Pearce (8), b 3 Jan 1918; m Wilma Gerhardt;
have two children:
a - Tony Scott Pearce (9)
b - Ross Winston Pearce (9)
- G - Peggy Rae Pearce (8), b 12 June 1923; d 21 May 1965, unmarried.

ADDENDA

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DESCENDANTS OF CLAYTON AUSTIN PEARCE (7)

(See page 51)

- a - Margaret Pearce (8), m ----- Costillo; had nine children:
1 - Bobby Costillio (9) 6 - Janet Costillio (9)
2 - Helen Costillio (9) 7 - Dickie Costillio (9)
3 - Midgie Costillio (9) 8 - Theodore Costillio (9)
4 - Cecilia Costillio (9) 9 - Betty Costillio (9)
5 - Phyllis Costillio (9)
- b - Ceil Pearce (8), m Curt Lawhon; no children.
- c - Helen Pearce (8), m Edward W. Blood, jr.; had two children:
1 - Edward W. Blood, III, (9), who has three daughters:
 A - Kathy Sue Blood (10)
 B - Traci Lee Blood (10)
2 - A daughter, name unknown.
- d - Alvah G. Pearce (8), has three children:
1 - Sandi Pearce (9)
2 - Donna Pearce (9)
3 - Daryl Pearce (9)
- e - Clayton Austin Pearce, Jr., unmarried 1969.
- f - Joseph R. Pearce (8), has two children:
1 - Larry Pearce (9)
2 - Tammie Pearce (9)

DESCENDANTS OF KIRTLEY ELDRIDGE PEARCE (8)

(See page 94)

- A - Dorothy Marion Pearce(9), b 6 May 1922; m Forrest E. Northern;
no children.
- B - Audrey Janell Pearce(9), b 30 Mar 1924; m Wilburn Grant; one
son, David Wayne Grant(10), b 4 June 1953.
- C - Charles Edward Pearce(9), b 19 June 1926; m Wanda Lee Tucker;
two sons: Micheal Wayne Pearce(10), b 25 July 1949, and Tony
Alan Pearce(10), b 30 Mar 1952.

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Page 14, near top of page - Add five additional children for William Tipton:

- (c) - Joshua Tipton, d 1831, childless.
- (d) - Nicholas Tipton, m Esther Price, 25 da, 5 mo, 1775.
- (e) - Isabella Tipton, m William Whiteford, after 1797.
- (f) - Angelica Tipton, not m in 1797.
- (g) - Rebecca Tipton.

Page 15, near top of page - John Bosley and Hannah (Price) Tipton had sons:

- A - Walter Bosley, no additional data.
- B - Joseph Bosley, d 1775-76; m Mary Hall, who d 1818, leaving eleven children:
 - (a) - Joshua Bosley.
 - (b) - William Bosley.
 - (c) - Hannah Bosley.
 - (d) - John Bosley.
 - (e) - Ellen Bosley.
 - (f) - Philip Bosley.
 - (g) - Elizabeth Bosley.
 - (h) - Rachel Bosley.
 - (i) - Daniel Bosley.
 - (j) - Rebekah Bosley.
 - (k) - Belinda Bosley.

Page 24, near center of page - Last word, first line of description of Ashby Pearce Book, should be "reading"; last word, second line, should be "Platt"; eliminate one "was" from third line.

Page 29, fourth paragraph - Change date "1794" to "1784".

Page 52, near top - Elizabeth Calhoun Garrison was b 8 Mar 1824; had four (not three) children:

- 1 - Luther Pearce (6), b 8 Jan 1853.
- 2 - Seneca Pearce (6), b 11 May 1854 or 1855.
- 3 - Herman Pearce (6), b 25 July 1856; m 22 Nov 1877, Carrie Bell Irwin (dau of George Martin Irwin and Sarah Elizabeth Trump, who m/2 James Claybourne, and m/3 Taylor Clark, having children by all three husbands. Those by m/1 were:
 - A - George Pearce (7), d unmarried, in Wales.
 - B - Frank Layranes Pearce (7), b 8 Oct 1880; d 2 Oct 1946; m Dollie Elizabeth McCubbin; had five children, one of whom m B. K. Swartz and became the mother of B. K. Swartz, Jr., Route 9, Box 10 A, Muncie, Ind., 47302, who supplied the additional data given herein.
 - C - Frederick Pearce (7), the youngest, who is thought to have impersonated George Pearce (7) to collect his pension, as the family received two death announcements for George Pearce (7).
- 4 - Justus Pearce (6), b 10 Nov 1857.

Page 103, middle of page - Add "4 - Heath Aaron Patton Perry (11), b 17 Oct 1969, Germany, as a child of Patricia Ann Brubaker (10).

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- Page 126, middle of page - Change "III" to "IV" as generation of Marcellus Jordan Moss.
- Page 126, last paragraph - Change "IV" to "V" as generation of Sarah Elizabeth Moss. Insert "d" (for "died") ahead of date 15 Apr 1943.
- Page 126, near bottom of page - Eliminate last portion of statement about Matilda Emma Moss, and replace it with: "had three sons and a daughter:
1 - Elbridge Eakins.
2 - Musillus Eakins.
3 - Orine Eakins, who had a son and a daughter.
4 - May Eakins."
(This additional data supplied by Mrs. Ida Mae (Ligon) (Vittetow) Pearce, Sebree, Ky., 42455.)
- Page 127, near top of page - Eliminate "unmarried" in the statement about James Vittetow, and add "m Mollie Mae Paddock, 1932, Evansville, Ind., and had a daughter:
1 - Alice Vittetow, b 2 Sept 1935, Sebree, Ky.; m John A. Robinson, 5 Nov 1948; had three children:
A - Jimmie Lee Robinson, b 1 June 1950.
B - Sheryl Marie Robinson, b 14 Jan 1952.
C - Robert Allan Robinson, b 19 May 1954."
(This additional data supplied by Mrs. Alice Robinson, 14943 Myola, Warren, Mich., 48069.)
- Page 127, next to last paragraph - Change "V" to "VI" as generation of Margaret Lula Ligon.
- Page 127, last paragraph - Change "VI" to "VII" as generation of Marvin J. Pearce, Sr.
- Page 140, fourth paragraph - Change "Armistace" to "Armistice".
- Page 150, bottom of page - Add "8 - Olive Belle Benedict (1897-1966) + Marvin J. Pearce, Sr., (1897-)."
- Page 158, middle of page - Add "3 - Alice Lygon Pearce (11), b 5 Nov 1969, Barneveld, N. Y." as child of Marvin J. Pearce, III, (10).
- Page 161, bottom of page - Change "A", "B", and "C" to lower case "a", "b" and "c" for descendants of Kirtley Eldridge Pearce (8).