

THE PEARCE FAMILY GENEALOGY

The Pearce family came from Bourne, England. Richard Pearce met Susan Austen at a fair some 28 miles from Bourne, and a friendship grew between them which resulted in their marriage in the year 1813. Sarah, Richard's twin sister, met Charles Austen at this same fair; both couples were married at the same time in Marybone Church, which was called the queen's church. Royalty attended their wedding.

After their wedding, they went to their husbands' homes, where they stayed eight days, then packed all their belongings. Susan Pearce had two eight-horse wagon loads of household goods, and Sarah and Charles Austen had the same amount. They arranged to meet on a certain long bridge that crossed the river which ran near Bourne. When they met, all the teams were stopped and a great time was held. Richard and Susan Pearce took lodgings in London, while Sarah and Charles Austen went to Castle Gate Manor.

Susan Pearce and Sarah Austen were left at their homes while Richard Pearce and Charles Austen came to America to find homes for them here. They were four weeks crossing in a sailing vessel. They landed in New York in the year 1820. They took a stage^{co²ch} for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. They became acquainted with a Mr. Robert Davis, whose brother-in-law William Cochran, had charge of 400 acres of land which the government owned on Pine Creek, twelve miles from Pittsburgh on the Butler Turnpike road. William Cochran offered to sell them land at fifty cents per acre. They each bought fifty acres. The Austen land was on the west side, and the Pearce property was on the east side of Pine Creek. There was an old log cabin and a mill site on the Pearce property, so Richard Pearce chose the section he did because he was a miller. He began at once to repair the mill, mill-dam, and mill race course.

The Austen property boasted no buildings at all, but was fine pasture land for cattle and sheep. Mr. Austen cut timber for a house. In the fall of 1820, Susan Pearce and Sarah Austen disposed of all their property in England. They started for America on the tenth of March, 1821. They sailed from the London docks; they were nine weeks on the ocean and had a very rough voyage. They ran out of provisions, and

were in a storm off the Bay of Biscay; they landed in New York the last of April, 1821, and were met by their husbands, Richard Pearce and Charles Austen. The two families took a stage coach to Philadelphia and there Richard Pearce purchased a team of horses and a light wagon and set out ahead. In two weeks time, the Austen family had bought a team of horses, and a Mr. Teegod and family bought the wagon. They put all their goods in the wagon and started for Pittsburgh; they were one month on the way. They arrived in Pittsbrgh in June, 1821. They went to Pine Creek, and found things as they had left them.

Neither Richard Pearce nor Charles Austen had ever done much laboring work in England, and both found it hard work to farm. They were very much discouraged, and were on the point of going back to England several times. Both lived to a good old age, and are buried in the old grave yard at the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church.

Charles Pearce was the youngest of the Richard Pearce family, and was married to Permelia Nelson, April 21, 1859. Nine children survived Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pearce, five sons: Albert, Edwin, Wesley, Wilbur, and Clarence, and four daughters: Mrs. Melia McKelvey, Mrs. Adda Neely, Mrs. Lee Grubbs, and Mrs. Charles Anderson.

Albert A. Pearce, the eldest son of Charles Pearce, was married to Annie Umstead on May 10, 1883. Annie and Albert Pearce lived several places before settling down in their present home at McKaystore, Ohio, where they operate a general merchandise store. Russel Pearce is in the same business. Loyal Pearce runs a farm just a few miles from his father's store. Charles Pearce is in Dormont, where he is making and selling candy, while Bertha is married to Reverend Harold Lees, who is in charge of a church at Newcomerstown, Ohio.

Albert Pearce was 75 years old in 1935 and received a birthday card shower. He has been married 52 years and has lived happily with Annie Umstead.

Permelia A. Pearce, the second child of Charles Pearce, was married to D.D. McKelvey on March 31, 1881. They lived on a farm near Bakerstown Station until D.D. McKelvey's death in 1929. From that time on, she has made her home with her daughter, Minnie E. McKelvey of Butler, who married Urban Andre. ^{my Andy} she has a retail

tea and coffee shop at 106 Summit Street, Butler. Charles McKelvey, the eldest son of Melia McKelvey, is married to Elsie Greer, and now resides at Valencia. Charles is a successful carpenter by trade. Harry McKelvey is the second child of Melia McKelvey, and is employed by the Kopperus Company of Pittsburgh. He was married to Ada Kennedy, who was in the insurance business, on July 9, 1912. They have 3 daughters, one Elva, married to Eaos Emery, the only one of the fifth generation who is married. Margaret is attending Slippery Rock State Normal, preparing to be a teacher. The youngest daughter Helen, is attending high school. The only child of Minnie Andre, David Andre, is a student in the Butler Business College at Butler, Pennsylvania.

Ada Pearce, the third living child, was born November 26, 1866, and was married to Albion S. Neely, December 25, 1889. They were living at their present residence when Mr. Neely died on June 1, 1920. Albion Neely was a farmer, and he and his wife had four children. Charley, who was married to Blanche Bowers, now resides at Grove City. They have four children: Louella, who is attending Slippery Rock State Normal; Eliasbeth, a junior in high school; and Calvin and Burleigh, who are going to grade school. The second son Bert Neely, was married to Frances Williams and has six children: Dorothy, Clarence, Margaret, Wesley, Wilbur, and Myrtle; all of them except Myrtle are attending grade school. The third son Floyd is married to Fanny Wile, and lives near the family homestead. They have four children: Jean and Lewis, who are students in the Warrendale school, and Elmer and Ruth Romaine, who are at home with their mother. The only daughter Alice Neely, was married to Harry George on March 5, 1935 and now lives at home. Harry is a bricklayer.

Edwin Pearce was married to Maud V. McCawley on January 17, 1898 and now lives in Valencia. He is working in the Allegheny County North Park. His eldest living daughter Bessie, is working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyle of Bakerstown. His eldest son Albert, is successfully running a bread route for the Pittsburgh Maid Bread Company, and also lives in Valencia. Albert is married to Margaret Wilson, and has three children: Dorothy, Edwin, and Raymond; they are attending the George Washington school at Bakerstown. The youngest son of Edwin Pearce, Glenn, is working

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at the Mueller Farms at Bakerstown.

Minnie A. Pearce was married to Lee Grubbs, June 26, 1895, and now resides at the Grubbs homestead, Wexford, Pa.. They have nine children. Nettie P. was married to Carl Rummel and lives at the upper corner of the Grubbs farm. Wilson, married March 15, 1930 to Dorothy Weight, lives in the front part of the family homestead, and has one son Norman, born October 7, 1930. Eliasbeth H. was married to William Gibson March 16, 1927, and resides near Plains Church. She has one daughter Hazel, born May 15, 1930. Olive A., married to Arthur Harbusch, has one daughter Ellen, born September 27, 1930. They live at the upper corner of the Grubbs homestead. Pearl, Earl, Ethel, and Lynn reside at home. Edna, married to Charles Harbush, now lives at West View.

Wesley H. Pearce was married to Bessie Hill, May 28, 1910. He owns a farm in Butler County about four miles from Mars on the Three Degree Road. He has four sons: Walter, who is now working at the Mueller Farms at Bakerstown, Howard, Ralph, and Dale. Walter was married to Isabel Whitsel, January 21, 1936; they live at home.

Nettie E. Pearce was married to Charles Anderson, May 26, 1898, and now lives in the Anderson homestead at Wildwood; they have two boys and one girl. Roy K., who is an electrician, was married to Harriet Brown and has three children: Olive Irene and Verna, who are attending grade school, and Roy Charles, born August 3, 1934. The second son Waldo, was married to Hazel Hoburg, June 24, 1924. They live on a corner of the Anderson homestead, and have one daughter Marion, who was born June 24, 1929. The only daughter, ~~Alma~~^{Alma} Anderson has attended several colleges, and now is a teacher in a local school of Bardonia Heights.

Wilbur Pearce was married to Edith Datt, February 7, 1900. They have one daughter Beulah, who was married to Irwin Miller, June 2, and now lives at Allison Park. Beulah and Irwin Miller have one son, Jay Calvin Miller, born in October 10, 1927; he is now going to grade school. Wilbur Pearce, the next to youngest son of Charles Pearce, took care of the Pearce Feed and Flour Mill until it was sold to the park. The mill was received from his grandfather by his father and was sold

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to him. Wilbur owns the old Fogal Farm at Wexford. He is now traveling; he has been in almost every state of the Union, and in Canada.

Clarence Pearce, married to Elizabeth English, lives at 313 Eldson Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have one son Craig, who was born April 10, 1909, and is working at a drug store "just out of town." Clarence is a carpenter, and is now working for H.J. Heins & Company of Pittsburgh.

THE PEARCE FAMILY TREE

First Generation:- Through Ambrose Austen, children of Susan Austen, born 1792, married to Richard Pearce in 1822; had nine children besides

Charles Pearce born May 23, 1834

Married to Permelia Nelson, April 21, 1859

Charles Pearce died May 5, 1914

Permelia Pearce died May 7, 1914

Children of Charles and Permelia Pearce

Second Generation:- Through Susan Austen, children of Charles Pearce.

Albert A. Pearce born March 20, 1860

Permelia A. Pearce born March 1, 1862

Bertha S. Pearce born January 18, 1864--died

Addie M. Pearce born November 26, 1867

Edward N. Pearce born August 17, 1869

Minnie A. Pearce born May 23, 1871

Wesley H. Pearce born January 17, 1876

Nettie E. Pearce born December ~~18~~₄, 1878

Wilbur C. Pearce born January 17, 1880

Clarence S. Pearce born April 12, 1886

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Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce, children of Albert H. Pearce, born March 20, 1860, married Annie Unstead, May 10, 1883. Address, McKaystore, Ohio.

Loyal Pearce born April 15, 1884

Bertha A. Pearce born June 2, 1891

Russel U. Pearce born January 16, 1899

Charles R. Pearce born April 14, 1893

Anna Pearce born January 18, 1903—died January 24, 1903

Fourth Generation:- Through Albert A. Pearce. Children of Loyal E. Pearce born April 15, 1884, married Viola Bargett, December 20, 1906. Later Married Bertha Chesroun, April 6, 1918; no children. Address, Ashland, Ohio.

Fourth Generation:- Through Albert A. Pearce. Children of Bertha Pearce, born June 2, 1891, married to Reverend Harold Lees, May 3, 1920.

Wilda May Lees born October 21, 1921

Harold Hilton Lees Jr. born June 21, 1928

Fourth Generation:- Through Albert A. Pearce. Children of Charles R. Pearce, born April 14, 1893, married to Bessie Austen Culp, June 7, 1915.

Charles Raymond Pearce born November 15, 1916

Jack Davis Pearce born October 10, 1927

Fourth Generation:- Through Albert A. Pearce. Children of Russel U. Pearce born January 16, 1899, married November, 1921 to Rosella Orr. (Were divorced). Later Married Louise Elizabeth Kribbs, June 20, 1934.

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Dorothy Jean Pearce born July 21, 1922

Donald Russel Pearce born August 31, 1923

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Permelia A. Pearce born March 17, 1862, married March 31, 1881 to David D. McKelvey, who died December 8, 1929. Address, 106 Summit Street, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Charles A. McKelvey born January 30, 1882

Harry G. McKelvey born October 18, 1883

Earl P. McKelvey born June 7, 1885--died June 22, 1886

Minnie E. McKelvey born January 31, 1890

Fourth Generation:- Through Permelia Pearce. Children of Charles McKelvey, married January 29, 1907, to Elsie Greer. Address, Valencia, Pennsylvania.

Fourth Generation:- Through Permelia Pearce. Children of Harry G. McKelvey, married July 9, 1912, to Ada Kennedy. Address, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania.

Elva M. McKelvey born February 5, 1913

Margaret A. McKelvey born April 4, 1914

Helen M. McKelvey born May 25, 1920

Fifth Generation:- Through Harry G. McKelvey. Children of Elva M. McKelvey, married April 17, 1934 to Enos Emery.

Fourth Generation:- Through Permelia A. Pearce. Children of Minnie E. McKelvey, married May 6, 1914 to Urban A. Andre, born January 11, 1884. Address, 106 Summit Street, Butler, Pennsylvania.

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David C. Andre born July 23, 1916

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Ada M. Pearce, born November 26, 1856, married to Albion S. Neely, December 25, 1889. Albion S. Neely died June 1, 1920. Address, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, R.F.D.#1.

Charles W. Neely born March 17, 1893

Seberta C. Neely born April 28, 1894

Floyd H. Neely born September 11, 1901

Alice A. Neely born February 18, 1904

Fourth Generation:- Through Ada M. Pearce. Children of Charles W. Neely, married November 28, 1914 to Blanche Bowser. Address, 629 Miller Avenue, Grove City, Pa..

Louella Gertrude Neely born November 13, 1915

Elizabeth Neely born July 18, 1917

Calvin Neely born September 18, 1923

Burliegh Floyd Neely born April 25, 1925

Fourth Generation:- Through Ada M. Pearce. Children of Seberta Neely, married October 5, 1918 to Frances Williams. Address, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, R.F.D.#1.

Dorothy Neely born May 22, 1919

Clarence Neely born June ~~24~~¹⁴, 1921

Margaret Neely born June 25, 1922

Wesley Neely born January 5, 1925

Wilbur Neely born September 23, 1926

Myrtle Caroline Neely born January 29, 1934

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Fourth Generation:- Through Ada M. Pearce. Children of Floyd Neely, born September 11, 1901, married October 17, 1925 to Fanny Wile. Address,

Roberta Jean Neely born May 29, 1927

Lewis A. Neely born July 23, 1928

Elmer E. Neely born February 18, 1931

Norma Jane Neely born October 24, 1932--died October 30, 1932

Ruth Romaine Neely born January 2, 1934

Fourth Generation:- Through Ada M. Pearce. Children of Alice A. Neely, married March 5, 1935 to Harry C. George. Address, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, R.F.D.#1.

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Edwin N. Pearce, born August 17, 1869, married January 17, 1898 to Maud V. McCawley. Address, Valencia, Pennsylvania.

Pearl Pearce born September 6, 1898--died April 20, 1900

Bessie M. Pearce born January 9, 1900

Albert H. Pearce born August 11, 1904

Glenn E. Pearce born March 25, 1911

Fourth Generation:- Through Edward N. Pearce. Children of Albert H. Pearce, married to Margaret Wilson, September 24, 1923. Address, Valencia, Pennsylvania.

Dorothy M. Pearce born June 7, 1924

Edward J. Pearce born January 3, 1926

Raymond H. Pearce born March 3, 1927

Ruth M. Pearce born June 1, 1931--died September 19, 1931

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Minnie A. Pearce, married June 26, 1895 to Lee L. Grubbs. Address, Wexford, Pennsylvania.

- Nettie P. Grubbs born June 17, 1896
- Wilson Charles Grubbs born September 20, 1899
- Elizabeth Hazel Grubbs born August 22, 1901
- Olive A. Grubbs born January 20, 1903
- Pearl A. Grubbs born January 16, 1905
- Earl David Grubbs born August 4, 1908
- Ethel A. Grubbs born August 4, 1908
- Lynn Grubbs born February 16, 1911
- Edna Grubbs born October 13, 1913

Fourth Generation:- Through Minnie A. Pearce. Children of Wilson C. Grubbs, married March 15, 1930 to Dorothy Weight. Address, Wexford, Pennsylvania.

- Norman Grubbs born October 7, 1930

Fourth Generation:- Through Minnie A. Pearce, born May 23, 1871. Children of Nettie P. Grubbs, married June 11, 1924 to Carl Rummel. Address, Wexford, Pennsylvania.

Fourth Generation:- Through Minnie A. Pearce. Children of Elizabeth H. Grubbs, married March 16, 1927 to William Gibson. Address, Evans City, Butler County, Pa..

- Hazel Gibson born May 15, 1928

Fourth Generation:- Through Minnie A. Pearce. Children of Olive A. Grubbs, married October 21, 1925 to Arthur Harbush. Address, Wexford, Pennsylvania.

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Ellen Harbush born September 27, 1930

Fourth Generation:- Through Minnie A. Pearce. Children of Edna Grubbs born October 13, 1913, married May 29, 1934 to Charles Harbush. Address, West View, Pa..

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Wesley H. Pearce, born January 17, 1876, married May 18, 1910 to Bessie Hill. Address, Mars, Pennsylvania.

Walter Earl Pearce born September 24, 1911

Howard Wesley Pearce born August 27, 1914

Ralph Hill Pearce born February 16, 1917

Dale Nelson Pearce, born September 15, 1918

Fourth Generation:- Through Wesley H. Pearce. Children of Walter E. Pearce, married January 21, 1936 to Isabel Whitsel.

Charles Raymond Pearce born June 19 1936.

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Nettie E. Pearce, born December 14, 1878, married May 26, 1898 to Charles Anderson, born June 16, 1871. Address, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

Roy K. Anderson born August 27, 1899

Waldo P. Anderson born September 26, 1901

Alma L. Anderson born August 21, 1909

Fourth Generation:- Through Nettie E. Pearce, born December 18, 1878. Children of Roy K. Anderson, married to Harriet Brown, October 5, 1921; address, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

Olive Irene Anderson born March 31, 1922

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Verna~~X~~ Anderson born July 27, ~~1928~~ 1927

Ray Charles Anderson born August 3, 1934

Fourth Generation:- Through Nettie E. Pearce. Children of Waldo P. Anderson, born September 26, 1901, married June 24, 1924 to Hazel Hoburg, born June 15, 1902; address, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

Marion Anderson born June 24, 1929

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Wilbur C. Pearce, born January 17, 1880, married to Edith Datt, February 7, 1900. Address, (movable).

Beulah F. Pearce born March 19, 1902

Fourth Generation:- Through Wilbur C. Pearce. Children of Beulah F. Pearce, married June 9 to Irvin Miller. Address, Allison Park, Pennsylvania,

Jay Calvin Miller born October 10, 1927

Third Generation:- Through Charles Pearce. Children of Clarence S. Pearce, born April 12, 1886, married February 27, 1908 to Elizabeth English, born October 9, 1887. Address, 313 Eldson Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Craig Pearce born April 10, 1909

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Fifth Generation: — Through Charles T. Keely.
Children of Louella S. Keely, married to
on February 20th.

Address, Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Fourth Generation: — Through Clarence S. Pearce
Children of Craig Pearce, born April 9, 1900
was married to Althea Cather on June 4, 1936.
Address, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania.

Fourth Generation: — Through Nettie C. Pearce.
Children of Alma L. Anderson, born
August 21, 1909, was married to William Zeigler
June 27, 1936. Address, Pennypont Road, Allentown