Chapter 00086 1796

JANE PEARCE

and

Joseph Danielson Edwards

Fairfield, Pine Brook and Hanover NJ

Henry James Pearce

branch #2, generation #3.

Jane is a granddaughter of Henry Pearce #1

Jane is the same generation as cousin Joseph Pierce.

4/29/2025

3rd Generation

Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Jane PEARCE

Jane PEARCE is the granddaughter of Henry PEARCE

Self

Henry PEARCE
b: 7/25/1725
England
d: 7/8/1788
Fairfield, NJ

Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR
b: 5/6/1737
England
d: 10/16/1814
Fairfield, NJ

Son

Henry James PEARCE
b: 8/28/1771
Fairfield, NJ
d: 8/9/1842

Granddaughter

Jane PEARCE
b: 12/20/1796
Fairfield, NJ
d: 10/14/1867

Relationship: Thomas Nathaniel EDWARDS to Joseph Danielson EDWARDS

Joseph Danielson EDWARDS is the 2nd great grandson of Thomas Nathaniel EDWARDS

Self

Thomas Nathaniel EDWARDS
b: 14 Oct 1690
Wales
d: 02 Nov 1781
New York, NY

Elizabeth Isabella Downing
b: 12 Mar 1692
Wales
d: 1783
Port Savannah, Chatham, GA

Son

Jacob Kent EDWARDS
b: 03 Sep 1729
Glen Morganshire, Great Britain,
d: 12 Mar 1780
Livingston, NJ

Grandson

Joseph EDWARDS
b: 06 Sep 1751
NJ
d: 01 Feb 1827
NJ

Great grandson

Moses EDWARDS
b: 15 Aug 1776
Livingston, NJ
d: 28 Jan 1852

He is not the famous Rev Moses Edwards

2nd great grandson

Joseph Danielson EDWARDS
b: 07 Aug 1796
d: 27 Jun 1866
Hanover, NJ

husband of branch #2, generation #3, JANE PEARCE, dau of Henry James Pearce and Jane Fredericks.

Jane Pearce was a 3rd generation Pearce. She grew up in Fairfield NJ. After her 5/24/1814 marriage, she lived in Newark NJ and probably Pine Brook NJ. She had 6 children; possibly 14.

Moses & Katherine 'Katy'

Joseph Danielson EDWARDS 1
Born: 07 Aug 1796
Died: 27 Jun 1866
Hanover, NJ

Henry James & Jane

Jane PEARCE
Born: 20 Dec 1796
Fairfield, NJ
Died: 14 Oct 1867

Marriage: 24 May 1814 in Caldwell, NJ; Rev Moses Edwards

Go	Children: 6	Sex	Birth	Death
◁	Louisa A. EDWARDS	F	04 May 1815	07 Sep 1851
◀	Mary EDWARDS	F	09 Feb 1822	14 May 1927
◁	Harriett EDWARDS	F	17 Dec 1833 in Hanover, NJ	27 Dec 1919
◁	Maria EDWARDS	F	1836	
◁	Joseph B. EDWARDS	M	1845	
◁	Female EDWARDS	F		

Joseph D. Edwards, age 53, was an 1850 Cider Merchant in New York. They lived near West 21st Street in NYC. I don't see 2 of her other children.

J D Edwards

in the 1850 United States Federal Census

Name **1850**	J D Edwards	**Household Members**	**Age**
Gender	Male	**J D Edwards**	**53**
Race	White	Jane Edwards	52
Residence Age	53	Harriet Edwards	16
Birth Date	abt 1797	Maria Edwards	14
Birthplace	New Jersey		
Residence Date	1850		
Home in 1850 **About West 21st Street, NYC**	New York Ward 16 District 3, New York, New York, USA		
Occupation	Cider Merchant		
Industry	Food Stores, Except Dairy Products		
Line Number	39		
Dwelling Number	11		
Family Number	15		
Inferred Spouse	Jane Edwards		

1860 living in Hanover NJ. Joseph and Jane Pearce Edwards had 6 children. It appears that 3 died before 1860: Louisa, Maria and unknown female.

The 3 survivors were **Mary Edwards** married James Nelson LEONARD on 3/17/1842 at Hanover NJ. (**Richie Leonard** of Roseland descends from this marriage. Richie graduated 1968 with Wayne Pierce). Mary and James had their own home.

Harriett EDWARDS and Joseph B. EDWARDS are noted in this census. Next year, Harriet married George N. MacChesney.

Jos D Edwards
in the 1860 United States Federal Census

Name **1860 census**	Jos D Edwards [Joseph D]	
Age	64	
Birth Year	abt 1796	**8/7/1796**
Gender	Male	
Race	White	
Birth Place	New Jersey	
Home in 1860	Hanover, Morris, New Jersey	
Post Office	Boonton	
Dwelling Number	286	
Occupation	Farmer	
Real Estate Value	3500	
Personal Estate Value	1500	
Inferred Spouse	Jane Edwards	

Household Members	
Jos D Edwards	**Age**
Jane Edwards	**64**
Harriett Edwards	63
Jos B Edwards	24

Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Richard Nelson LEONARD

Richard Nelson LEONARD is the 5th great grandson of Henry PEARCE

Self

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England
d: 7/8/1788
Fairfield, NJ

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Son

2 **Henry James PEARCE**
b: 8/28/1771
Fairfield, NJ
d: 8/9/1842

2nd great grandson

5 **Chester Nelson LEONARD**
b: 9/18/1846
Morris County, NJ
d: 5/14/1927
Roseland, NJ

son of Mary Edwards

Granddaughter

3 **Jane PEARCE**
b: 12/20/1796
Fairfield, NJ
d: 10/14/1867

3rd great grandson

6 **John Nelson LEONARD**
b: 3/26/1884
NJ
d: 1927
Roseland (Centerville), NJ

son of Chester.

Great granddaughter

4 **Mary EDWARDS**
b: 2/9/1822
d: 5/14/1927

daughter of Jane Pearce

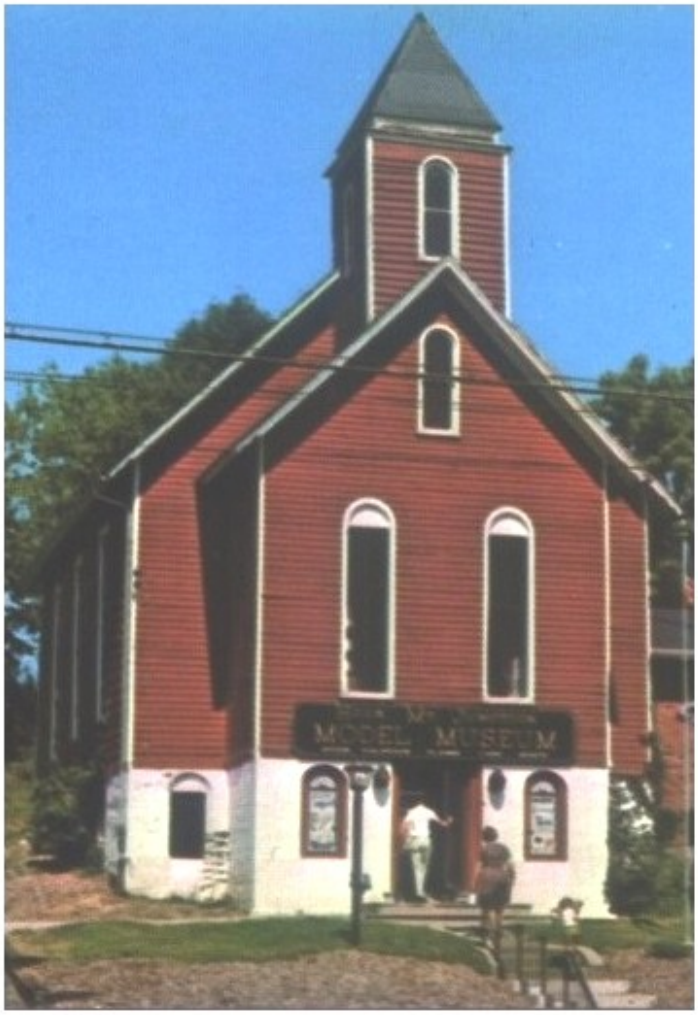
4th great grandson

7 **Everett Nelson LEONARD**
b: 11/2/1914
d: 12/4/2010
West Caldwell, NJ

son of John

5th great grandson

8 **Richard Nelson LEONARD**
b: 1949
Roseland, NJ
d:



Pine Brook Methodist Church, NJ
ca 1974 Opposite the cemetery.

Marriage to Harriet Edwards	
Name	George McChesney
Gender	Male
Marital Status	Single
Marriage Age	27
Birth Date	abt 1834
Marriage Date	15 Sep 1861
Marriage Place	Hanover, Morris
Spouse	Harriet Edward

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for George N McChesney

New Jersey > Newark > 1863 > Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1863

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McChesney Aaron, carpenter, 117 N. Broad
McChesney George N., saddle and harness mfr., 101 Broad, h. 105 New
McChesney James A., carpenter, 131 New
McChesney John, County Clerk, h. *Caldwell*
McChesney Peter P. (McChesney & Son), boots and shoes, 86 Broad, h. 150 Orange

1866

EDWARDS.—In this city, on the 27th inst., JOSEPH D. EDWARDS, in the 70th year of his age.
The friends of the family are respectfully invited to meet at his late residence No. 105 New st., on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M. Funeral services will take place in the Pine Brook M. E. Church, at 2 P. M.—Interment at Pine Brook.

Thursday, June 28, 1866 Newark Daily Advertiser (Newark, NJ) Page: 2

Joseph D. Edwards and his wife Jane Pearce Edwards were living in Newark NJ in 1866. I see 105 New Street but I have another reference as 105 High Street. So need to check the street name. Glen

Joseph died age 69. Jane would die 16 months later at age 70. They rest at Pine Brook Methodist Cemetery, Pine Brook, NJ.

Joseph Danielson EDWARDS
8/7/1796—6/27/1866 (69)

Mrs. Jane PEARCE Edwards
12/20/1796—10/14/1867 (70)

Mrs. Harriet McChesney, of Allenwood, is staying with friends in Long Branch.

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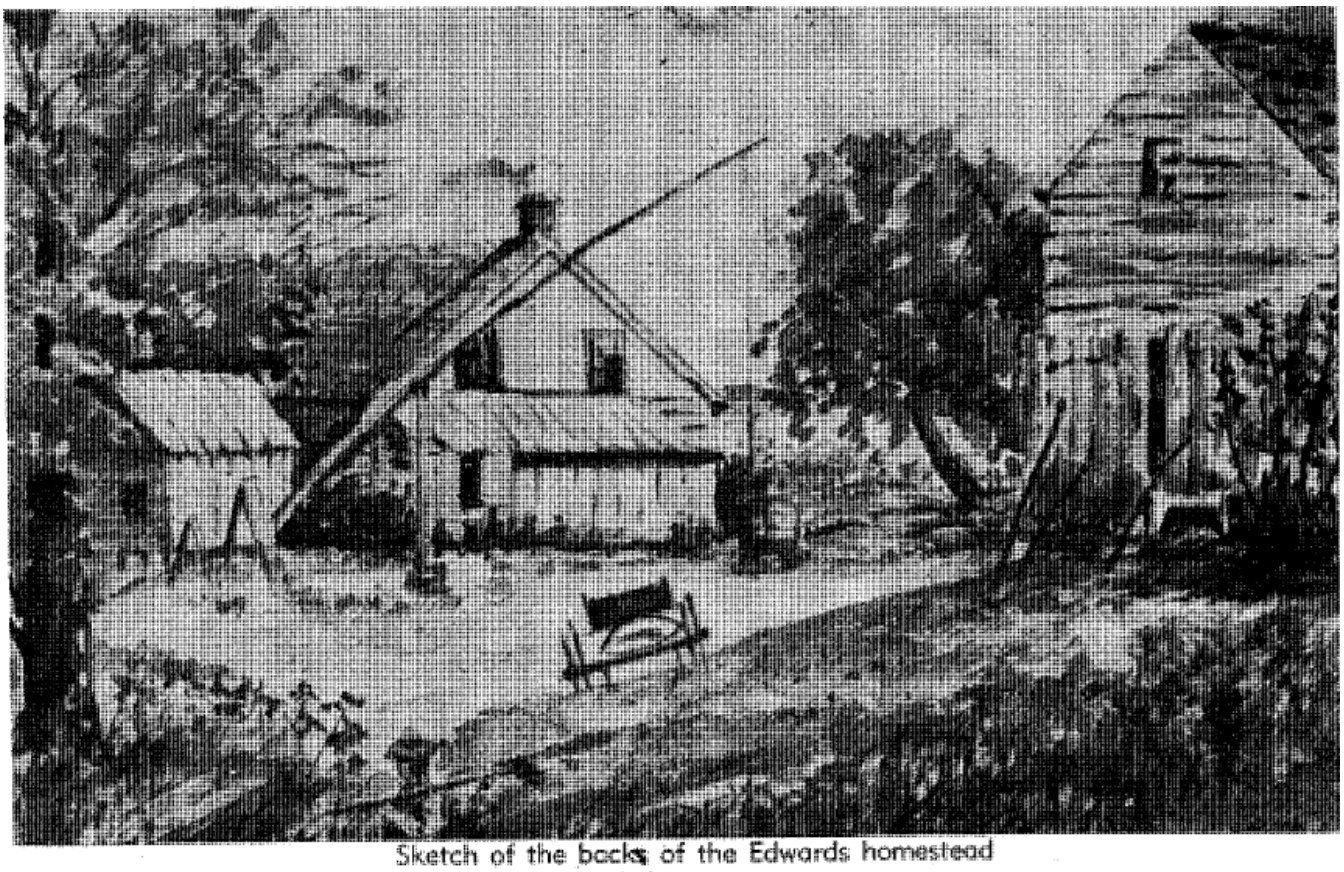
Here is more Edwards info.



Sketch of the backs of the Edwards homestead

"A number of friends of the Edwards family went with them a day's journey, before they said their last goodbye.

"He went with his family and their choicest household goods in two covered wagons, and two teams of horses, driving, by easy stages, through the wilds of Pennsylvania, over the formidable barrier of the Alleghany Mountains, and the heart of Ohio, so recently agitated

Moses Cory EDWARDS 28 Jul 1756—04 May 1827 (70). Born in Livingston NJ and died at Bethel, Ohio.

Husband of Desire Meeker.

REVEREND MOSES EDWARDS

Patriot, Preacher, Farmer and Blacksmith

Our great-great-great- grandfather and his brothers were pioneer settlers in Cannue Brook.

While he was a man with but little book learning, he was gifted with natural eloquence.

One of the founders of the Northfield Baptist Church in 1786.

In 1787, he succeeded Obed Dunham as one of the first deacons. As a Minuteman, he served in the Revolutionary War; in the Battle of Springfield, he captured a British Officer whose sword was in the possession of his great-grandaughter, Hannah Edwards Baldwin for years;

In the minutes of the New York Baptist Association in the year 1797, listed under "Remarkables," is this item:

The Deacon of this church* is remarkable for what in Scotland is called Second Sight.

He foresaw who should fall in Springfield, the day before the skirmish:

He went to the persons and bid them prepare for death:

He foresaw the soldier who stole his knapsack, and the place where he hid it:

Went to the officer of the guard to complain: the officer drew out his soldiers; Edwards challenged the thief; the thief confessed the fact, and the knapsack was recovered from the place where Edwards had said it was hidden.

* Deacon Moses Edwards

Lillian Cook 1953 booklet. CHAPTER XXIII

EVERY DAY WAS BARGAIN DAY AT THE RAGMILL

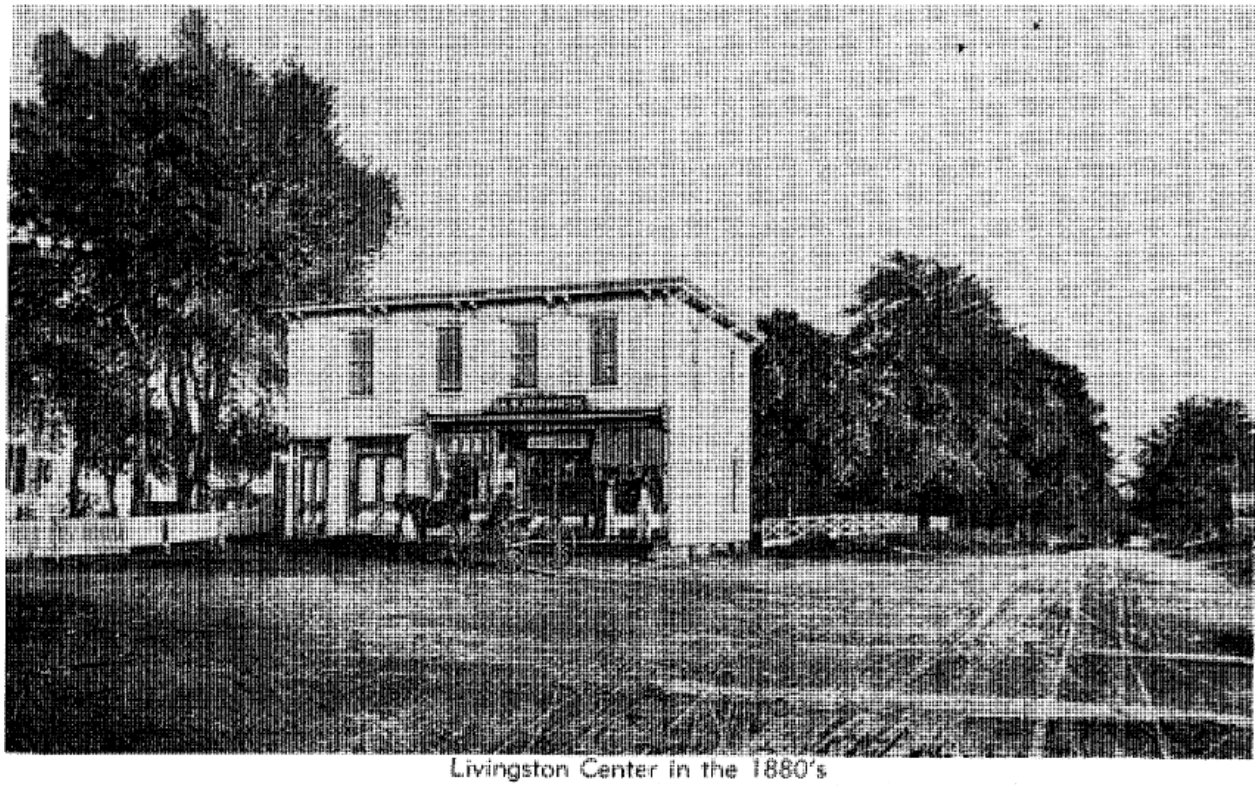
It would be an eye opener for the present day matrons of Northfield, if they could look back into the 1880's, and realize the bargains the women bought after a day spent at the Ragmill.

It really was a millend store, owned by **J. Edgar Williams**, and was located on the crest of a hill, just over the line from Montclair.

He started the business in 1878.

It was a two story house and the remnants were piled into corners of the rooms.

The velvets, satins, silks and laces were sold over a counter.



Livingston Center in the 1880's