

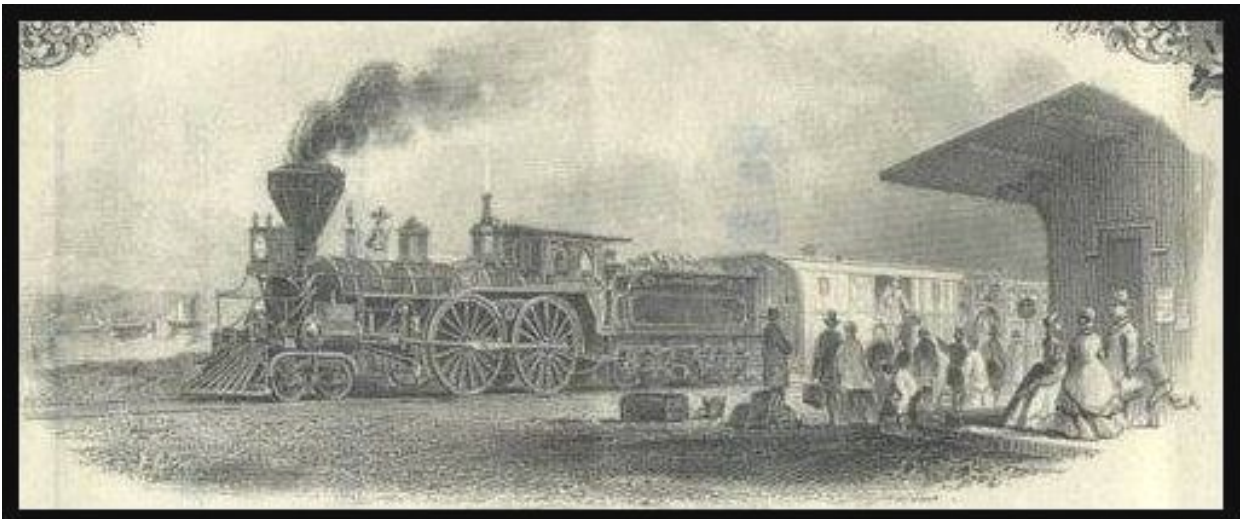
Chapter 00780 **1864**

**PATRICK MULVANEY**  
and  
**Sarah Jane JOHNSON**

Newark, NJ

**Edward Pearce branch #3, generation #4.**

Patrick enters the Pearce tree via his daughter  
Minnie's marriage to Albert Wesley Pierce.



8/24/2024


## Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Patrick MULVANEY

Patrick MULVANEY is the father-in-law of great grandson of Henry PEARCE


Self

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|  | <b>Henry PEARCE</b><br>b: 7/25/1725<br>England<br>d: 7/8/1788<br>Fairfield, NJ |  | <b>Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR</b><br>b: 5/6/1737<br>England<br>d: 10/16/1814<br>Fairfield, NJ |
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Son

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|  | <b>Edward PEARCE</b><br>b: 12/2/1773<br>Fairfield, NJ<br>d: 7/26/1834 |
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Grandson


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|  | <b>Joseph PIERCE</b><br>b: 7/2/1814<br>Fairfield, NJ<br>d: 2/4/1885<br>Fairfield, NJ |
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Great grandson


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|  | <b>Albert Wesley PIERCE</b><br>b: 7/16/1859<br>Horseneck Rd, Fairfield, NJ<br>d: 10/17/1931 |
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Generation 4

Wife of great grandson

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|  | <b>Malvina D. 'Minnie' MULVANEY</b><br>b: 10/22/1862<br>NYC, NY<br>d: 5/13/1918 |
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Father-in-law of great grandson

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|  | <b>Patrick MULVANEY</b><br>b: 1839<br>Ireland<br>d: 4/15/1864<br>Jersey City, Hudson, NJ |
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## 2 Seconds: Destiny or Fate ?

1864



The people related to Minnie Mulvaney and her Houliston siblings were 2 seconds away from never existing.

If Patrick Mulvaney were more careful, he may not have either risked crossing a train track or maybe stopped and looked both ways.

On a dark night April 15, 1864 around 8:28 pm, while carrying used baby clothes given to him by a Jersey City doctor, Patrick age 25, either did not see or hear a train or maybe tried to rush to other side. There was no crossing guard that evening. Few saw the night accident.

If he started 2 seconds earlier, maybe he would not have been struck in the head. Or if he waited for the train cars to pass, he would have been better off.

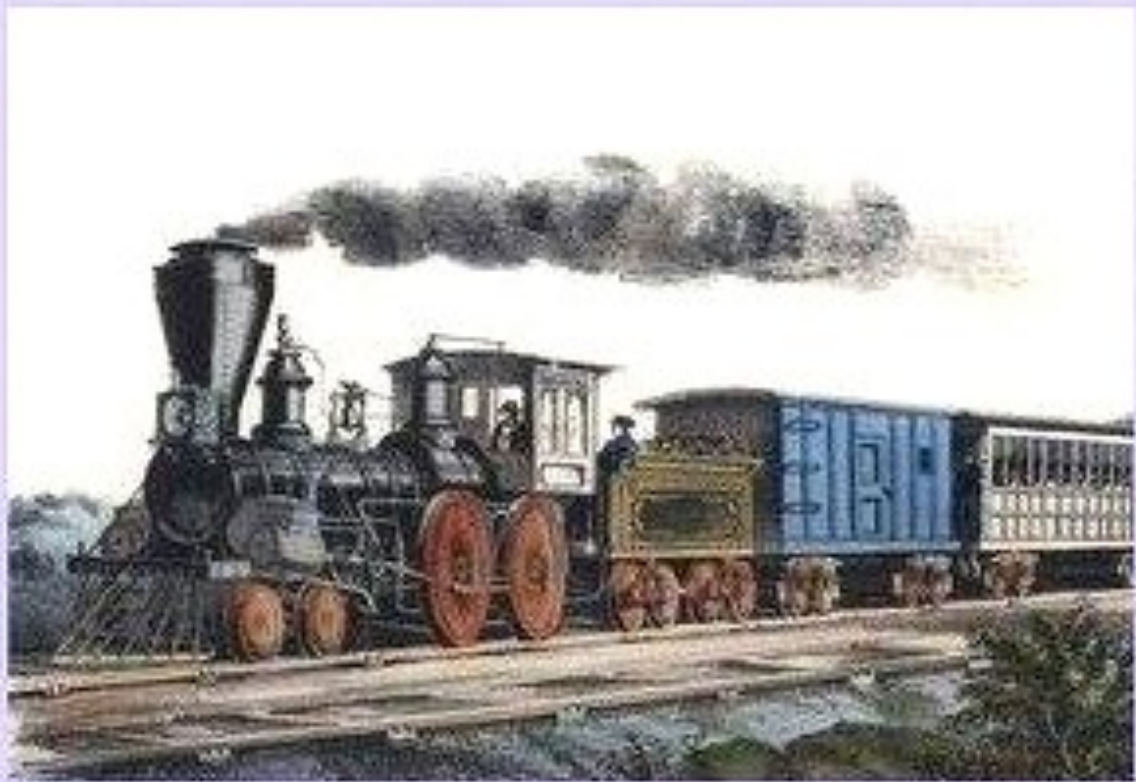
He left a 22 year old wife Sarah Jane Johnson, 16 month baby Minnie Mulvaney and a new baby boy Samuel Mulvaney.

Sarah struggled 6 years in Newark NJ supporting her 2 children. In 1870, The widow married again to an older man named Alfred Lovejoy Houliston. He of Scotland, she of Ireland. Sarah would have 4 more children.



Minnie likely would have never met Albert Pierce if Patrick Mulvaney had successfully crossed that Jersey City NJ train track. If so, we descendants of Sarah Jane Johnson would have never been born. 8/26/2013 Glen

Update: Sarah may have been born in Albany NY.



**8:28 pm Friday 4-15-1864 accident**

**Newark NJ Daily Advertiser  
4-16-1864 p1**

**Patrick Mulvaney was struck by a Jersey City train.**

**He was returning home to Newark NJ,  
carrying used baby clothes that a doctor  
friend gave him. Glen**

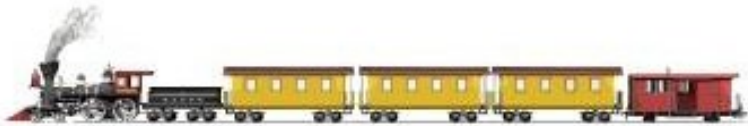


Friday 4/15/1864 8:28

About half-past 8 o'clock, last evening, a man named Reilly, living in this city, was struck by a locomotive on the New Jersey Railroad, at the Newark avenue crossing in Jersey City, and sustained serious injuries—his skull being fractured and the upper lip entirely cut off.

Reilly turned out to be Patrick Mulvaney.

Patrick was the husband of Sarah Johnson and father of our Minnie Mulvaney who married Albert Pierce.



**1864**

## **2 seconds of Fate**

Patrick Mulvaney, husband of Sarah Jane Johnson.

**DIED.**—Patrick **Mulvaney** of this city, who was run over by the cars in Jersey City on Friday, died from his injuries the same night.

cars = train

Monday, April 18, 1864 Newark Daily Advertiser (Newark, NJ) P2

2 more newspaper articles:

**THE RECENT FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**—The inquest on the body of Patrick **Mulvaney**, who died at the hospital on Saturday, from the effects of injuries received by being struck by a locomotive on the New Jersey railroad at the Newark avenue crossing on Friday evening last, was held last evening by Coroner Farrell. The jury rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death from gross neglect on the part of the New Jersey Railroad Company in not having their road properly guarded at the place where the accident occurred.—*J. City Standard* 19th.

Wednesday, April 20, 1864  
Newark Daily Advertiser (Newark, NJ) Page: 3

Tuesday, April 26, 1864  
Centinel Of Freedom (Newark, NJ)  
Volume: LXV Issue: 42 Page: 4



**"LOOK OUT FOR THE LOCOMOTIVE"**

**East Millstone, NJ, Somerset County**

**ca 1877**



CHRISTMAS PAST: 12/25/1864 NEWARK NJ.



We all must know someone who faced their 1st Christmas without their loved one. Could be a spouse, sibling or friend.

I want to remember this Xmas 2017 Mrs. Sarah Jane JOHNSON Mulvaney Houliston Sarah is my 3rd Gr-Grandmother.

On 12/25/1864, the Civil War was raging in the South. Sarah lived in Newark NJ with a 26 month girl named 'Minnie' Mulvaney and about a 10 month old boy named 'Sam' Mulvaney. Lot's of Irish in their roots.



This was the first Christmas without her husband Patrick.

On Friday night 4/18/1864, Patrick age 25 took a Jersey City train to a doctor's home who had baby clothes for baby Sam.

He must have had many clothes blocking his view. He got too close to the train tracks and was hit in the face by a train protrusion and was run over by the train. The valuable baby clothes blew away in the wind.



So 8 months later, on 12/25/1864, Sarah and her 2 children probably huddled around a warm stove, if lucky, since it was cold outside with lot's of snow. The 2 children would not have understood Christmas.

Staying warm with something to eat was the priority. It must have been a sad day for Sarah, thinking of Patrick, and wondering about her future.

In 1864, Sarah was just **age 22** living in Newark NJ.

In 1870, Sarah age 27 was living in New York City, NY with her 2 children.

5 more Christmas' would past before Sarah age 27 met a man who married her in 1870 and accepted her 2 young children. They settled at Montclair NJ. The 2nd husband was 19 years older but gave them security.

His name was **Alfred Lovejoy Houliston**. An ominous middle name if there ever was one. He was from England.

Alfred owned a candy company in Bronx NY. Sarah would have 4 more children for a total of 6. Live was good for 8 years.

5 months after her 6th child was born, Sarah died from Cancer. She was age 37. It was an up and down life.

On 12/25/1879, Alfred and his 6 children were in Montclair NJ.

The rest of the story gradually dies out. 23 years later, Alfred died age 79 from chronic bronchitis. The adult children ages ran from 24 to 41.

Sarah achieved giving her kids a good chance at life.

Her first child, Minnie Mulvaney, married my Albert Wesley Pierce in 1882. They settled down at 90 Pier Lane, Fairfield NJ.

Glen Wesley Pierce