Chapter 00119 **1806**

ANDREW EDWARD PEARCE
and MARIA LOW

Fairfield NJ, Pine Brook NJ and Napoleon Ohio

Edward Pearce branch #3, generation #3.

Andrew is a grandson of Henry Pearce #1

Andrew is same generation as our Joseph Pierce.

8/24/2024

Andrew Edward Pearce is a 3rd generation Pearce.

Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Andrew Edward PEARCE

Andrew Edward PEARCE is the grandson 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

Edward PEARCE
b: 12/2/1773
Fairfield, NJ
d: 7/26/1834

Grandson

Andrew Edward PEARCE
b: 12/3/1806
Fairfield, NJ
d: 1848
Napoleon, Henry County, Ohio

Andrew and Maria Pearce had 7 children: 6 boys and 1 girl. Andrew moved from NJ to Ohio.

Andrew Edward PEARCE
Born: 12/3/1806
Fairfield, NJ
Died: 1848
Napoleon, Henry County, Ohio

Maria Low
Born: 11/9/1810
Died: 6/21/1865
Napoleon, Ohio

Marriage: 6/16/1830 in NJ

Go	Children: 7	Sex	Birth	Death
◁	Josiah PEARCE	M	1/16/1831 in Newark, NJ	
◁	Joseph Henry PEARCE	M	3/31/1834 in Pequannock, NJ	5/12/1863 in Grand Gulf, Miss
◁	Cornelia Louise 'Louise' PEARCE	F	11/8/1835 in Pequannock, NJ	
◁	? PEARCE	M	Abt. 1838	Abt. 1839
◀	Edward W. PEARCE	M	6/1/1840 in Pequannock, NJ	3/9/1909
◁	Lewis PEARCE	M	4/19/1843 in Napoleon, Ohio	1/21/1921 in Michigan
◁	Albert PEARCE	M	6/19/1846 in Napoleon, Ohio	12/19/1871 in Dayton, Ohio

5 brother's would fight in the Ohio Union Army in the Civil War.

My records say that Effingham Low (1745-1812) and wife Elsie Vreeland built this home in 1778. The homestead still stands in 2014 for $700,000. The address is 102 Hook Mountain Road, Pine Brook NJ.

Effingham had served in the Revolutionary War. He is in the Pearce tree, a non blood relative, on the Edward Pearce—Hannah Stagg branch #3. Later, the name Berger was associated with the Low house.

The Low's had 5 daughters and 1 son. Effingham Low died 1812 when daughter Maria was age 4.

Sixteen years later, the daughter **Maria Low** (1810-1865) age 20 of Pine Brook NJ married our **Andrew Edward Pearce** (1806-1848) age 24 of Fairfield NJ.

Maria's father had died 18 years earlier. I do not know if her mother Elsie Vreeland Low was alive in 1830.

Andrew's parents Edward Pearce and Hannah Stagg would have attended the 6/16/1830 wedding. The church and wedding site are unknown.

From **1830 to 1837**, Andrew and Maria farmed in Montville NJ. By 1837, they had 3 children; **Josiah** 1/16/1831, **Joseph** 3/31/1834 and **Louise** Pearce 11/8/1835. I bet Andrew named his son Joseph after his younger brother Joseph, who is Glen's ancestor.

Grandfather Edward Pearce died 7/26/1834 in Fairfield NJ and had a chance to meet Josiah and Joseph.

Then came "the **1837 US Financial Panic** which developed into a major Depression until 1844. Profits, prices, and wages dropped, westward expansion stalled, unemployment rose, and pessimism abounded." (Wikipedia)

They had 2 more children in NJ: Unknown male 1838 who died shortly thereafter and **Edward** W. Pearce 6/1/1840 (named after the grandfather).

I assume that Maria's mom Mrs Elsie Vreeland Low died before 1841 after reviewing census records.

Andrew's mother Mrs Hannah Stagg Pearce wanted to stay in Fairfield NJ area with her other adult children.

With the **Depression** hurting the family, Andrew likely applied for a federal land grant known as "80-acres". Andrew, Maria and their 4 young children moved in **1841** to a **Napoleon Ohio** farm. Maria's 18 year old brother **Henry N. Low** travelled with them.

It was **time to say goodbye**. Low and Pearce relatives stopped by during the week to wish good luck to Andrew and Maria. I image the relatives realized that this would be the last time seeing them.

Mrs. Hannah Stagg Pearce age 63 was most affected since she stayed in Fairfield NJ. After her husband Edward died in 1834, Hannah lived with her son Joseph Pearce who was her 9th of 12 children. In 1841, Joseph was age 27, married two years to Nancy Jacobus. Hannah had other children living in the Fairfield NJ area. Hannah would die in 1846 at the age 68. Buried at Hillside Cemetery.

Some of Hannah's children had also moved away from Fairfield NJ.

Did they move in 1838? No.

"In 1838 a whole party of Essex Co. residents moved by covered wagon to Ottawa County, Ohio." (1838 Newark Daily Advertiser; 2024 from Glenn G. Geisheimer)

I cannot find that article. Ottawa County is in upper Northwestern Ohio, not too far from Napoleon.

They could not have moved to Ohio in 1838. They had a son Edward W. Pearce born 6/1/1840 in Pequannock, NJ.

Below are samples which prove that Edward was born 1840 in NJ.

Edward Pearce
in the 1850 United States Federal Census

1850 CENSUS

Name	Edward Pearce
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	10
Birth Year	abt 1840
Birthplace	New Jersey
Home in 1850	Napoleon, Henry, Ohio, USA
Line Number	36
Dwelling Number	96
Family Number	99 **Father died 1848.**
Inferred Mother	Maria Pearce

Edward Pierce
in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Name	Edward Pierce [Edward Pearce]
Age	48
Birth Date	Abt 1832 [1840]
Birthplace	New Jersey
Home in 1880	Reynolds, Montcalm, Michigan, USA

Edward Pearce
in the Geneanet Community Trees Index

Name	Edward Pearce
Gender	M (Male)
Birth Date	1 juin 1840 (1 Jun 1840)
Birth Place	Pequannock, Morris (Pequannock Township), New Jersey, USA
Death Date	9 mars 1909 (9 Mar 1909)
Death Place	Hamilton, Caldwell County (Hamilton), Missouri, USA
Father	Andrew Edward Pearce
Mother	Maria Low

Andrew and Maria’s next child Lewis Pearce was born 4/19/1843 in Napoleon Ohio.

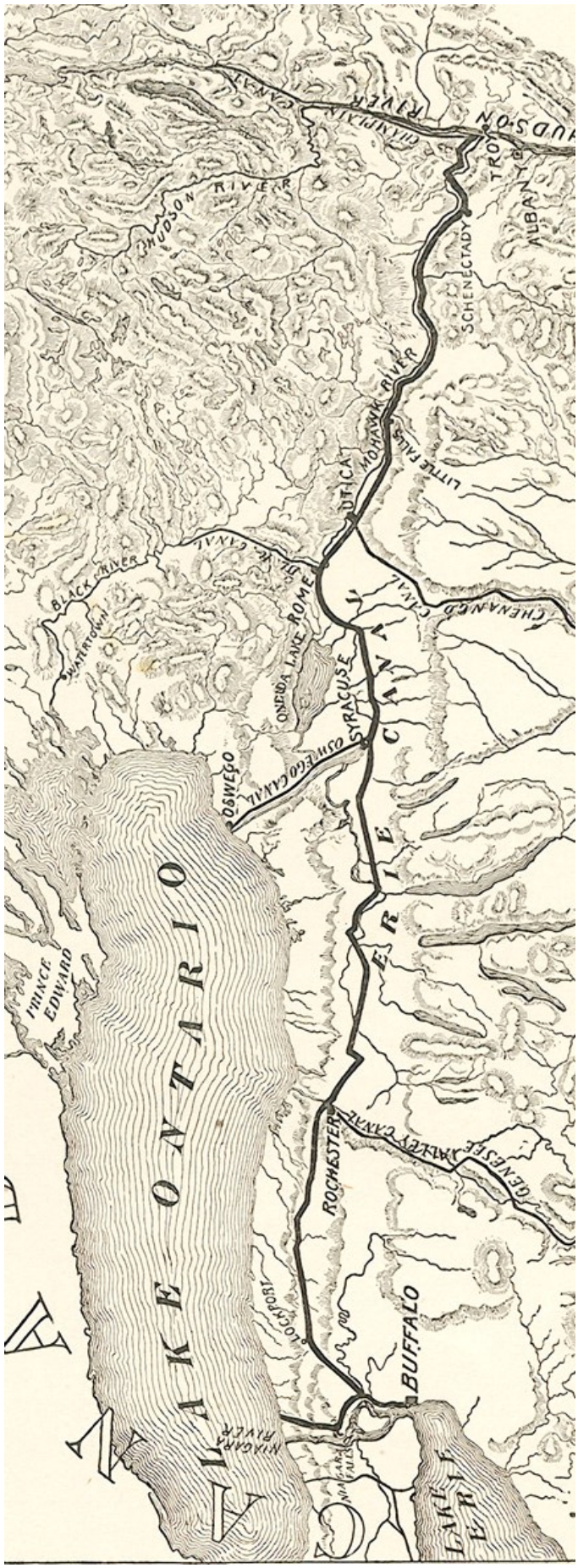
Therefore, Andrew moved to Ohio between 1840 and 1843.

I estimate 1841.

Did they travel by wagon train? Possibly some. They could have also used the railroad connection, built in 1841, from New York, then Erie Canal barge from Albany to Buffalo to Cleveland Ohio.

Could they load a wagon onto a canal barge or flatboat?

Along the Erie Canal, Buffalo, New York.



Erie Canal—363 miles

"The success of the Erie Canal started a canal-building boom during the late 1820s and 1830s.

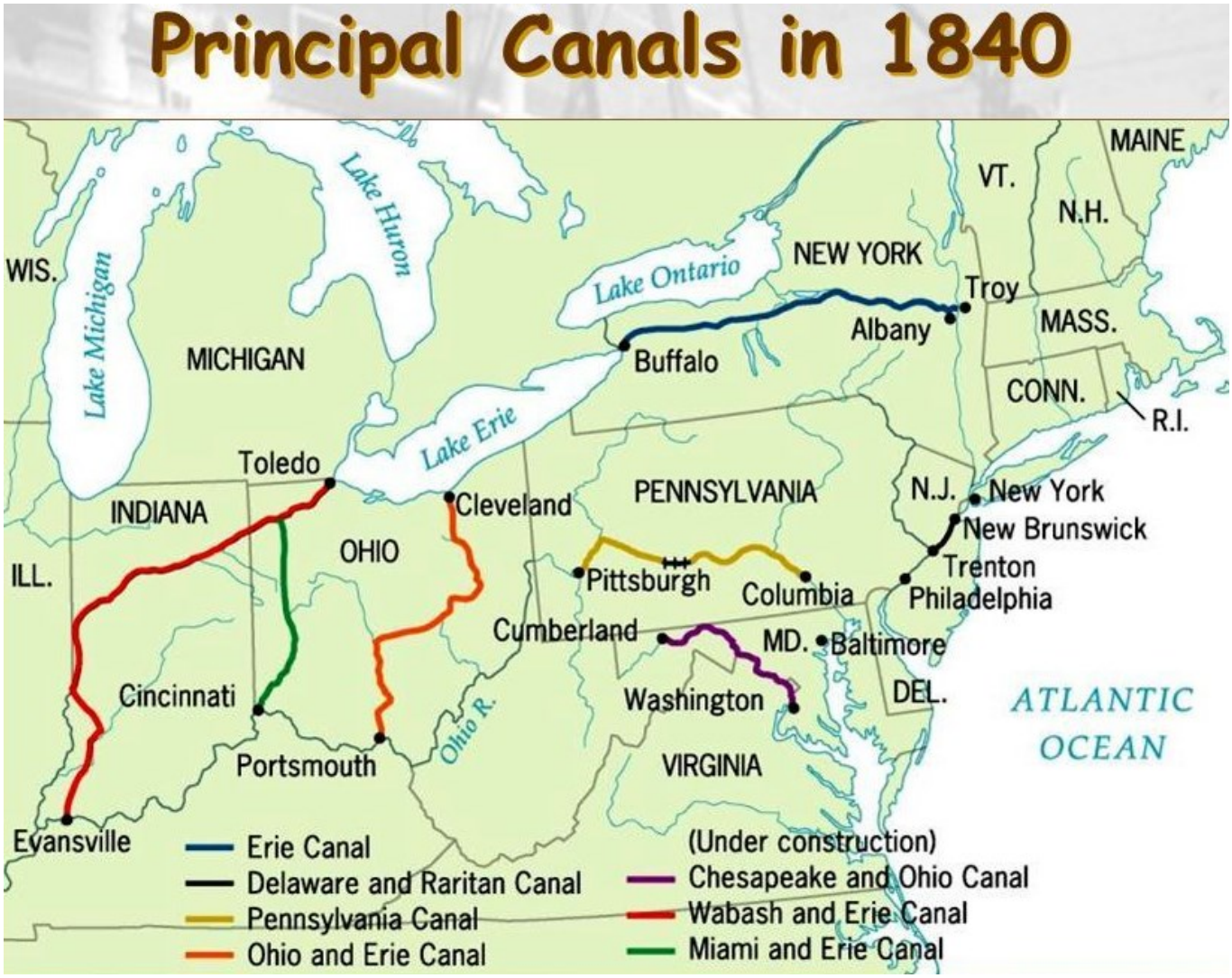
Canals were advantageous because they reduced shipping costs significantly: **costs dropped** from approximately 30 cents a ton per mile in 1820, to 2 or 3 cents a ton per mile in 1830.

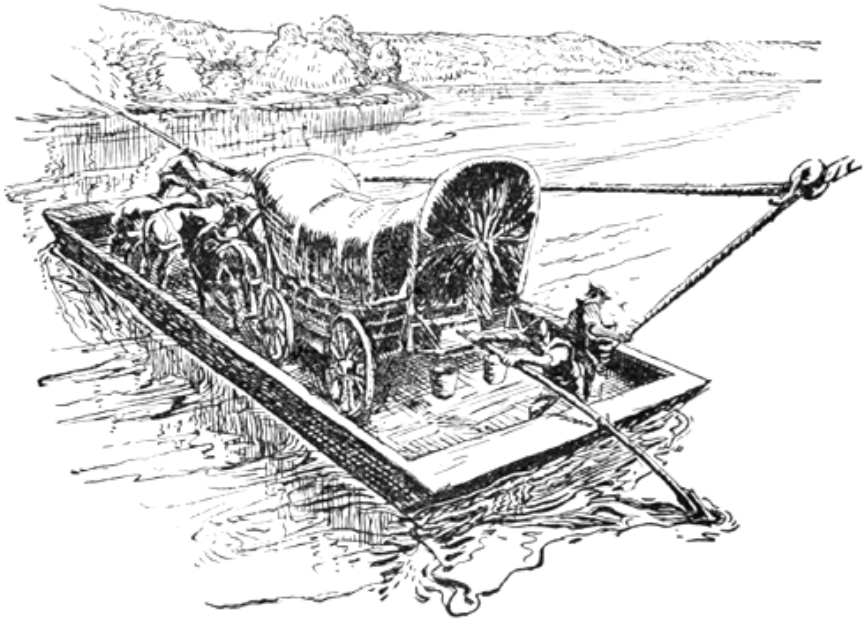
The opening of canals and the canal system had the immediate effect of stimulating the economic growth of previously underserved or unreachable land-locked areas.

But when an economic depression hit in 1837, plans to build new, costly canals were scrapped. It was at this time when the railroad was primed to come of age."

Smithsonian American Art Museum.

How did Andrew and Maria travel in early 1840s from NJ to Ohio?





Ohio Erie Canal

Interesting article—Newark NJ

1842 RV

Westward ho!—A House Travel.—We were struck yesterday afternoon with the queer appearance of an emigrant's "outfit," which went by our office on its westward way. Upon the running part of an ordinary wagon, with rather a long reach, was constructed a cabin, well-roofed and clap-boarded, with curtained windows— while a stove-pipe protruding through the roof betokened that appliances and means for warmth and cookery were not lacking—the apparent comfort and snugness of the whole arrangement forming an agreeable contrast with the hardships usually encountered by the venturous pioneer to western wilds

This non-descript dwelling was drawn by three horses, driven very conveniently from within, and thus sheltered from the inclement elements, the enterprising emigrant, while sitting by his own fire, with all his household gods around him, was pushing onward to the new home he had chosen, with scarcely a deprivation, while in *transitu*, of the comforts of the one he had left behind him.—*Buff. Com. of Wednesday.*

NEWARK DAILY ADVERTISER. Tuesday, 2/22/1842 Newark, NJ Page: 2

Napoleon OH was founded in 1832, located in upper West area of Ohio, 6 square miles. For comparison, Fairfield NJ is 10 square miles. 1841 Napoleon population 350; 2024 8,800.

"It was named after the famous French military and political leader, Napoleon Bonaparte. The city became a hub for trade and commerce due to its convenient location along the Maumee River and the historic Miami and Erie Canal. " (Aparna Patel, 10/2/2023)

Ohio is named after the Iroquois word Ohi-yo, which means "great river."

Red star: Napoleon, Henry County, Ohio

Notice the **ship route from Lake Erie** to Henry County Ohio.

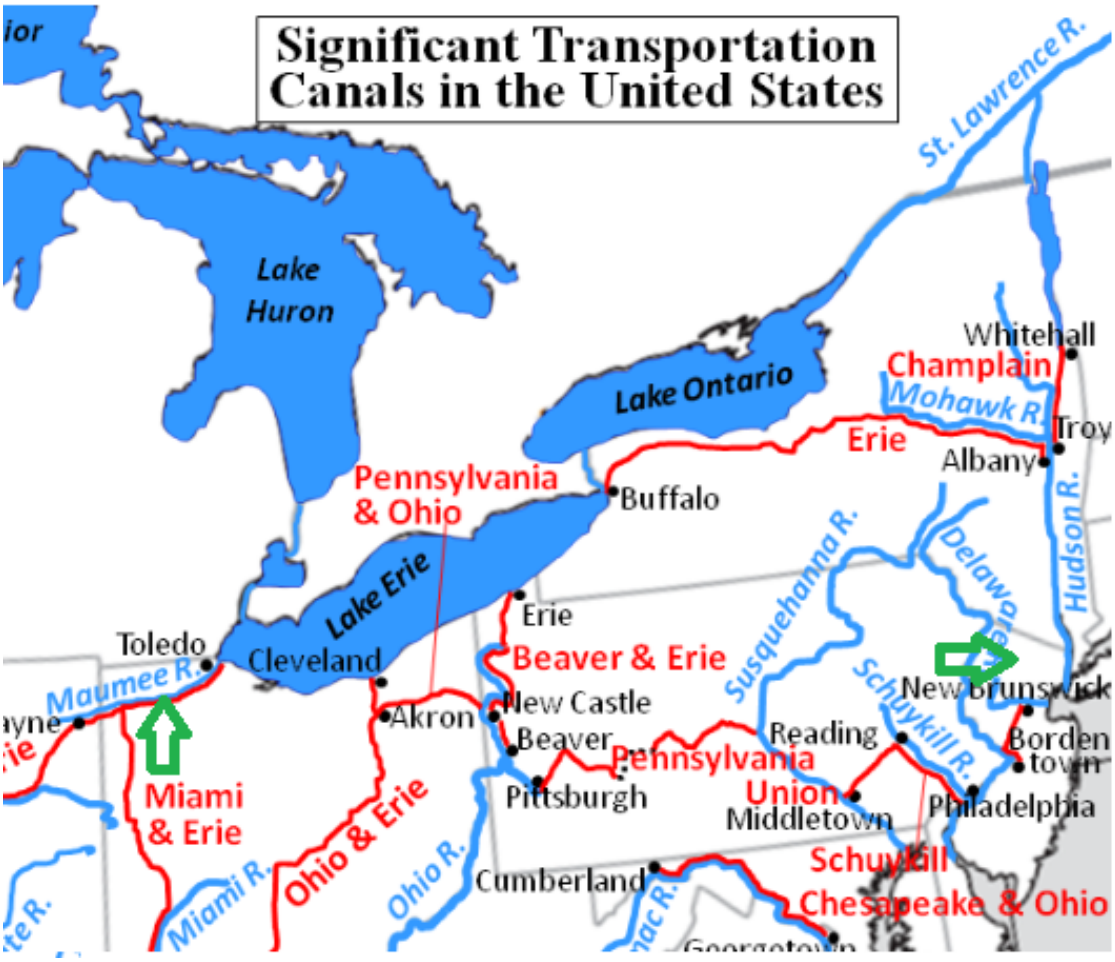
Once in Ohio, Maria had 2 more children for a total of 7.

Five major early nineteenth-century migration routes into Ohio were:

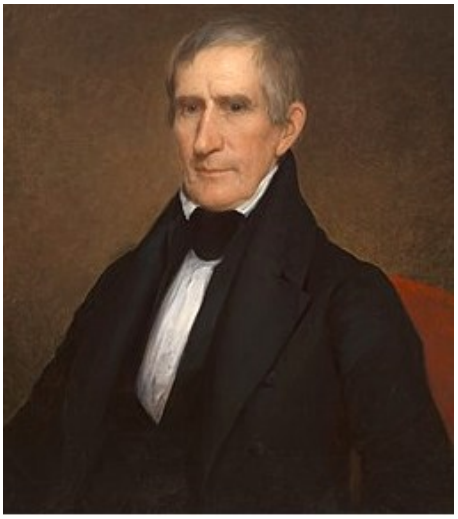
1. by Lake Erie's shores and on Lake Erie
2. across western Pennsylvania
3. through southeastern Ohio to Marietta and up the Muskingum River
4. through southcentral Ohio and up the Scioto River
5. into Cincinnati and up the Great and Little Miami rivers.

book: Genealogical Research in Ohio (Page 19). Kip Sperry email: Kip_Sperry@byu.edu

Car distance is 568 miles from Pine Brook NJ to Napoleon OH.



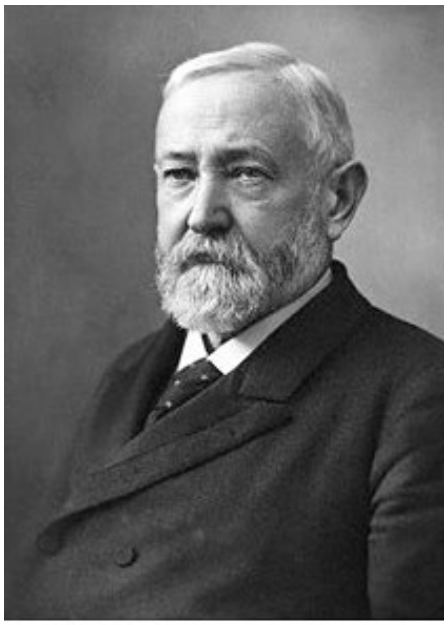
Did the 1841 Andrew Edward Pearce family travel by railroad North to Albany NY, then Buffalo, then Lake Erie? Or did they go South to Philly and then West?



William H. Harrison

During the 1841 travel, Whig President **William Henry Harrison** died after only 32 days in office. He died 4/4/1841 from pneumonia. He was the 9th US President.

Vice President **John Tyler** succeeded Harrison as the 10th US President. They had run a presidential ticket called 'Tippecanoe and Tyler too'.



Benjamin Harrison

Interestingly, his grandson **Benjamin Harrison** became our 23rd President in 1889. He was a Republican.

During the Civil War, Benjamin was a soldier in General Sherman's "**March to the Sea",**

Much like our Edward Pearce and Albert Pearce.

Andrew owned **80 acres** in Napoleon Ohio, of which 32 were a plowed farm **section 22**, costing $1.85 per acre.

Andrew Pearce probably received an Ohio land grant from the federal General Land Office . "Those dated 1841-1844 are signed by President John Tyler (1841-1845). President William Henry Harrison's (1841) signature does not appear on any documents, due in part to his short tenure (32 days) as President. The Land Grant enabled individuals to purchase public domain land from the government through credit or installment systems." (2016 University of Chicago Library)

"In 1820, prices and farm sizes were reduced until **80 acres** could be purchased at $1.25 per acre from the US government."

"Northern Ohio drew many settlers by way of **Lake Erie** from New England and New York." (2012 article by The International Institute for Genealogical Studies)

Ten years later, 1851, Andrew's nephew **Israel Crane Pearce** would also leave New Jersey for Ohio. He lived in three cities in Ohio: 1851-54 Granville, 1855-1888 Jersey and Circleville.

Israel worked as a traveling notions salesman via horse and a red wagon named the 'Red Bird'. The kids would shout at him, 'I see Pierce', which is a play on words of his initials. Jersey, Ohio was settled by many people from the Caldwell, NJ area.

Once in Ohio, Maria bore 2 more children, Lewis and Albert Pierce, for a total of 7.

Maria would have the opposite children as her parents; 6 boys and 1 girl. From 1842 to 1848, Andrew Edward Pearce worked his 80-acre Napoleon Ohio farm.

The main street 1840s: Perry Street, Napoleon, Ohio

The **1850** Napoleon OH census shows Mrs. Maria Low Pearce with her 6 children ages 3 to 19 along with her brother Henry N. Low. Her husband Andrew Edward Pearce died 1848. I hope to find the farm location.

HN = Dwelling houses numbered in the order of visitation. FN = Families numbered in the order of visitation. Therefore, cannot determine yet their farm location. Need local 1850 maps.

CENSUS YR: 1850 STATE or TERRITORY: OH COUNTY: Henry DIVISION: 58; Napoleon Township REEL NO: T432 693 PAGE NO: 6b
REFERENCE: Enumerated 7 Aug 1850 by Wm C. Brownell **1850 census Napoleon ohio**

LN	HN	FN	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AGE	SEX	RACE	OCCUP.	VAL.	BIRTHPLACE	MRD.	SCH.	R/W	DDB
29	94	97	Spangler	Esther	1	F				O				
30	95	98	West	Lyman	27	M		Laborer		unknown				
31	95	98	West	Betsey	27	F				unknown				
32	96	99	Pearce	Maria	37	F			1,000	New Jersey				
33	96	99	Pearce	Josiah	19	M		Carpenter & Joiner		New Jersey				
34	96	99	Pearce	Joseph H.	16	M		Farmer		New Jersey				
35	96	99	Pearce	Loisa	14	F				New Jersey				
36	96	99	Pearce	Edward	10	M				New JerseyA				
37	96	99	Pearce	Lewis	6	M				O.				
38	96	99	Pearce	Albert	3	M				O.				
39	96	99	Low	Henry N.	27	M		Carpenter & Joiner		N. Jersey				
40	97	100	Cunningham	Gershom	58	M		Farmer		Virginia				
41	97	100	Cunningham	Lodema	54	F				Virginia				
42	97	100	Cunningham	Deborah	18	F				O.				

ETC

The **1860** Napoleon OH census shows the farm **<u>Vacant</u>**.
No Pearce/Low names shown. Where did they go?

1860 Census - Napoleon Ohio

LINE	Dwell	Famil	Lastname	Firstname	Age	S	C	Occupation	Real Per	BirthPlace	M S R D	SNDX	Remarks
28	94	77	Young	Westlery	6	M				OH		Y520	
29	94	77	Young	Jacob	3	M				OH		Y520	
30	94	77	Young	William	1	M				OH		Y520	
31	95	78	Roof	George	72	M				OH		R100	
32	95	78	Stevens	Daniel	18	M		Laborer		OH		S315	
33	96												Vacant
34	97												Vacant
35	98	79	Gardner	Charles	32	M		Farmer	600 100	Bavaria		G635	
36	98	79	Gardner	Catherine	26	F				Wurttemberg		G635	
37	98	79	Gardner	Andrew	7	M				OH	X	G635	
38	98	79	Gardner	Mary	5	F				OH		G635	
39	98	79	Gardner	Charles	3	M				OH		G635	
40	98	79	Gardner	Caroline	1	F				OH		G635	

ETC

However, the 1860 Federal census shows 4 family member's still living in Napoleon Ohio. Maria and only her 3 youngest children. They apparently are not living on the vacant farm. But where?

1860 United States Federal Census for Maria Pearce

Ohio › Henry › Napoleon

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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Napoleon Township in the County of Henry State of Ohio enumerated by me, on the 11th day of July 1860. G R McWilliams Ass't Marshal

Post Office Napoleon.

Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description. Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1030	959	Maria Pearce	50	F	W	"	1800	300	NY				
		Edward "	20	M	"	Farm Laborer			"				
		Lewis "	17	"	"	" "			O				
		Albert "	14	"	"				"				

The winds of war came on **4/12/1861.** When the War of Rebellion started, Maria was age 51, Josiah 30, Joseph 27, Louise 26, Edward 21, Lewis 18 and Albert 15. A 7th child had died in 1838 age 1.

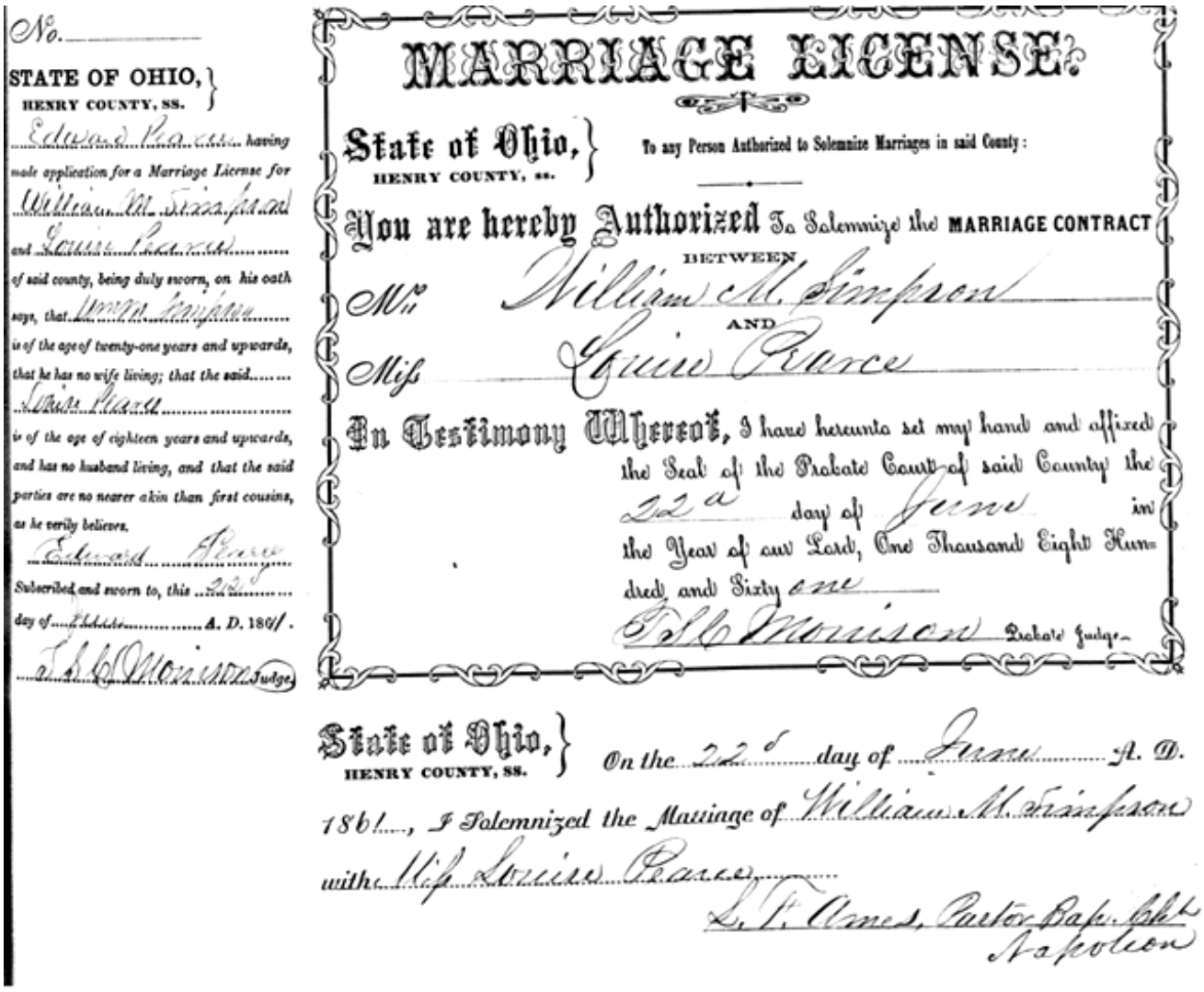
Maria's only daughter **Louise Pearce** age 26 married **6/22/1861** to **William Simpson** age 28 in Napoleon Ohio. Her brother Edward gave the bride away since her father had died 13 years earlier. It appears that William joined the Union Army in 1860, before the war started.

During the war, William Simpson made Sergeant in **Ohio 100th** regiment company B, **same regiment** as **Edward Pearce**. William was 5 years older than brother-in-law Edward Pearce. I don't know what became of William M. Simpson or Louise Pearce.

Four months later on 10/24/1861, **Joseph Henry Pearce** enlisted in the **Ohio 68th** regiment company D.

William and Louise Pearce Simpson were married 6/22/1861 in Napoleon Ohio. Her brother Edward Pearce gave the bride away.

It was a short honeymoon. Days later, William and Edward of the Ohio 100th regiment were off to war.



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STATE OF OHIO, } HENRY COUNTY, SS.

Edward Pearce having made application for a Marriage License for William M. Simpson and Louise Pearce of said county, being duly sworn, on his oath says, that William Simpson is of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, that he has no wife living; that the said Louise Pearce is of the age of eighteen years and upwards, and has no husband living, and that the said parties are no nearer akin than first cousins, as he verily believes.

Edward Pearce

Subscribed and sworn to, this 22d day of June A. D. 1861.

T. B. Morrison Judge

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

State of Ohio, } HENRY COUNTY, SS.

To any Person Authorized to Solemnize Marriages in said County:

You are hereby Authorized To Solemnize the MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN

Mr William M. Simpson

AND

Miss Louise Pearce

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Probate Court of said County the 22d day of June in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one

T. B. Morrison Probate Judge.

State of Ohio, } HENRY COUNTY, SS.

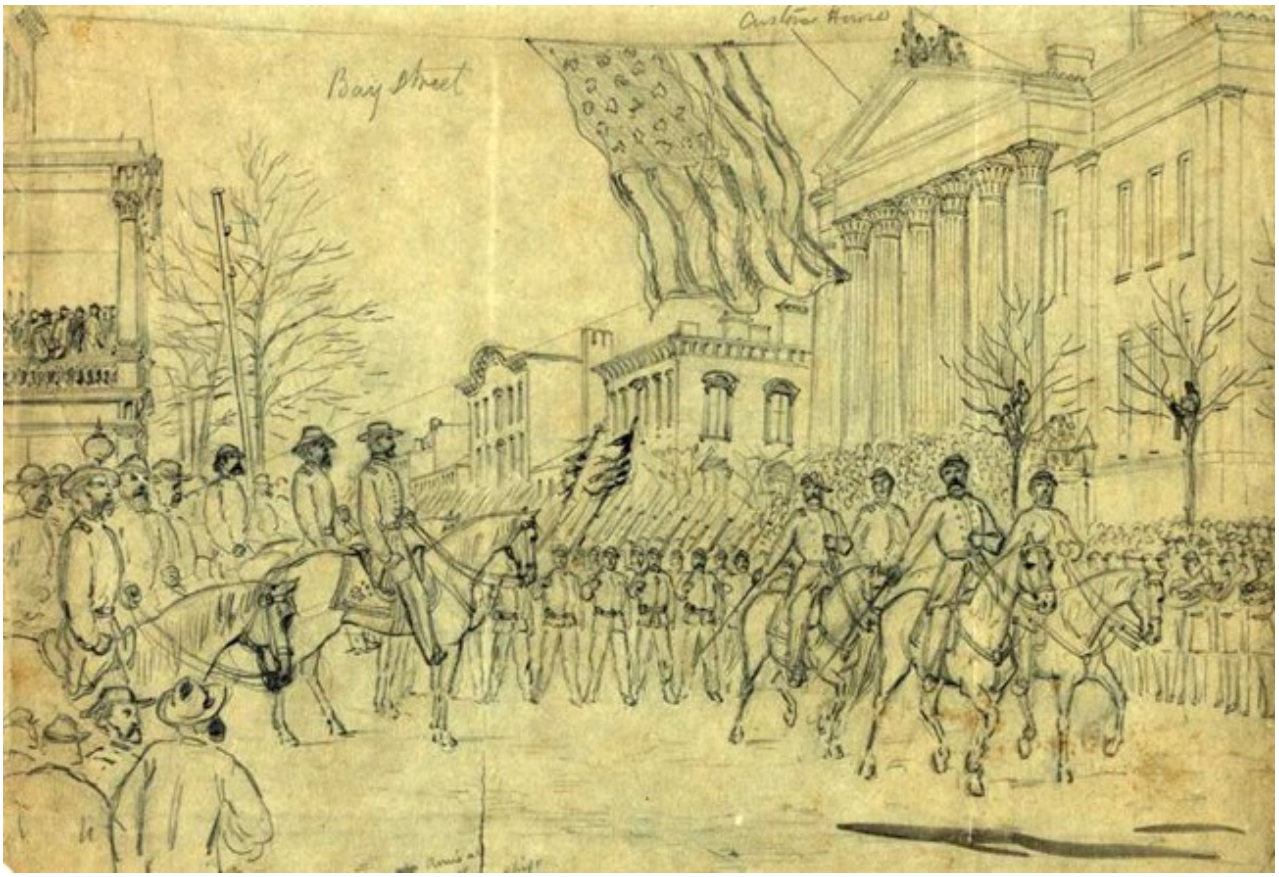
On the 22d day of June A. D. 1861, I Solemnized the Marriage of William M. Simpson with Miss Louise Pearce.

L. F. Ames, Pastor Bap. Ch. Napoleon

3/10/2024 I think this is Joseph Henry Pearce's gravesite at Vicksburg MS. The cemetery may have incorrectly recorded his unit. Our fellow died 5/12/1863 in the same battle. One day different. The fellow below is noted in the Indiana 69th regiment company B. I find no Pearce in the Indiana roster. We shall see. Glen.

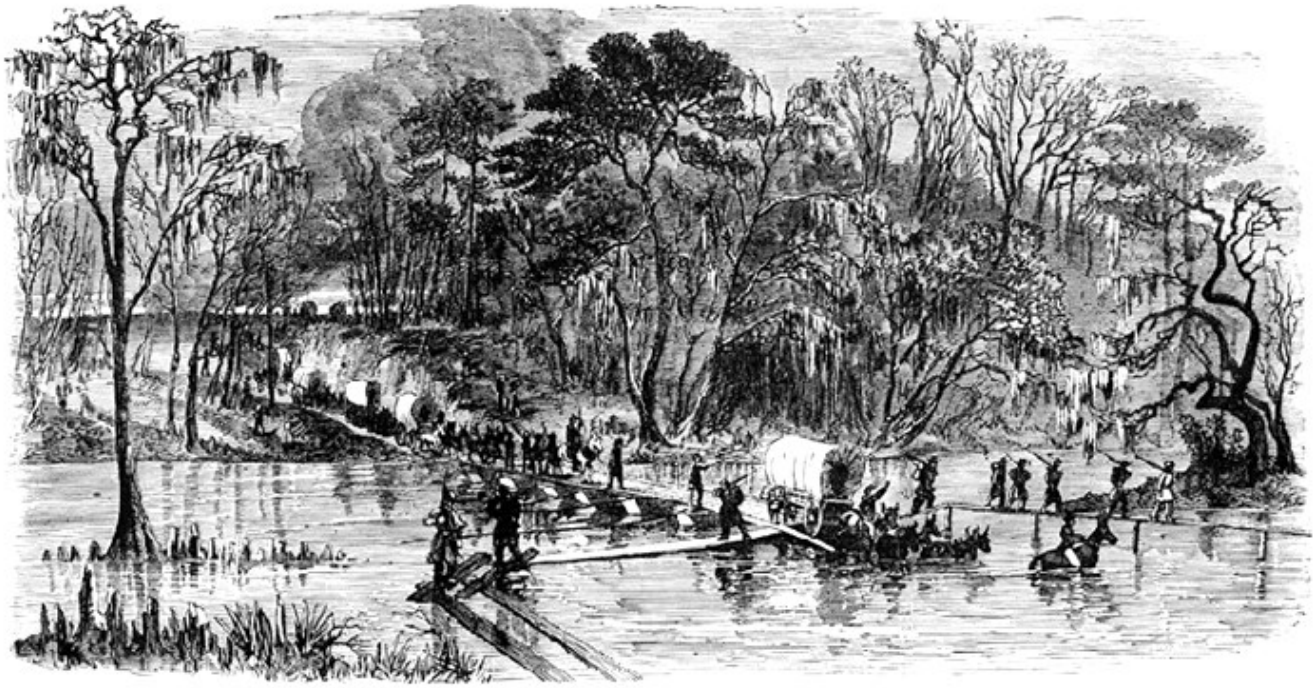
Name	J Pearce
Death Date	11 May 1863
Interment Place	Mississippi, USA
Cemetery Address	Box 349 Vicksburg, MS 39180
Cemetery	Vicksburg National Military Park
Plot	Section 0 Site 3240
Notes	B 69 Ind

12/21/1864.



12/21/1864 Alfred Waud sketch depicting Sherman's Savannah Georgia "liberation". The Customs House on East Bay Street still exists. Albert Pearce was age 18 marching down this street in 1864.

2/9/1865



2/9/1865 **March to the Sea**. Walking North. **Albert Pearce** crossing the South Edisto River, South Carolina on Pontoons at Bennaker Bridge with General William Sherman's 17th Corps.

(Frank Leslie Weekly Magazine, 1896, by Editor **John Young Foster**, friend of our Joseph Condit Baldwin).

5/17/1865 10 pm NY Times: “The advance of General Sherman’s army was expected to go into camp near **Falls Church Virginia** this evening. The General himself has not yet arrived in the city.”

The Union Army is marching North towards Washington DC.

Edward Pearce of the Ohio 100th and brother Albert Pearce of the Ohio 68th were both at the **Big Shanty Battle** at Kennesaw Georgia.

Edward received a glancing gunshot to his left cheek which left a permanent scar.

7/13/1865: **Albert Pearce** of the Ohio 68th is finally home. He was officially discharged 7/10/1865.

I wonder if Albert knew that mother Maria had died 22 days earlier on 6/21/1865.

I imagine that his 1863 deceased brother **Joseph Henry Pearce,** also of the Ohio 68th, is buried in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Thursday, 7/13/1865 Plain Dealer newspaper (Cleveland, OH) Page: 3

Arrival of the 68th, 55th and 124th Ohio Regiments.

In accordance with our announcement yesterday two regiments of Ohio soldiers arrived this morning. About half past eight one of our fine city bands came marching up Water and Superior streets to the Public Square at the head of the 68th Ohio regiment, 478 men, under command of Lieut. Colonel G. E. WELLS. The 68th was organized at Napoleon, Henry county, and is principally from Northwestern counties. It went to the field under command of the gallant Colonel STEDMAN. The 68th has been at Louisville, Ky., for the past few weeks and left for Camp Cleveland yesterday, arriving over the C., C. & C. Road. It is officered as follows:

Lieut. Colonel—Geo. E. Wells.
Major—Arthur E. Crockett.
Adjutant—Henry Welty.
Surgeon—J. E. Bigham.

These two regiments in the order we have designated marched up to the Public Square where the formality of welcoming them was completed and they sat down to an elegant breakfast, after which they marched over to Camp to await final discharge.

Josiah, Joseph, Edward, Lewis and Albert Pearce.

4 of the 5 Pearce sons returned to Napoleon Ohio by 1865. Patriotic UNION soldiers all.

Josiah Pearce age 30 in 1861, per 1860 census.

Joseph Henry Pearce age 27 enlisted 10/21/1861, killed at the 1863 Grand Gulf Mississippi Battle.

Edward W. Pearce age 21 enlisted 10/24/1861 came home with a permanent scar on his left cheek from a glancing bullet at the 1864 Shanty Georgia Battle. He married 8 months after the war, 12/21/1865, to Mittie Keyes. They moved to Hamilton, Missouri and had 10 children. He lived to age 68 in 1909.

Albert Pearce, age 17 enlisted 11/28/1863, marched with General Sherman's 1864-1865 "**March to the Sea**" thru Georgia and the Carolina's. After the war, he had "disease of the kidneys" and "partial insanity". He was placed in the Dayton Ohio Soldiers Home in 1871, dying a few months later age 25.

Lewis Pearce age 21 enlisted 5/2/1864**,** moved 1868 to LaSalle Michigan. He had chronic kidney and eye disease. He received $18 monthly 1914 pension, then $21 in 1918, then $30 in 1920. He died single in **1921** age 77 with $250 debts and no funeral arrangements. He proudly paid off his Michigan home the year before.

A Michigan lawyer found a Bible in Lewis' room with family names and dates. Lewis was the last in his family. The lawyer could not find a Lewis Pearce relative to pass down the Bible.

7/14/1865 Friday. The Ohio 68th arrived yesterday.

If any of our readers have forgotten the career of the 68th, we will jog their memory by reciting the names of the battles they have fought, as they are inscribed on the regimental banner:

Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Siege of Corinth, Iuka, Matamora, Thompson's Hills, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hills, Fort Hill, Vicksburgh, Monroe Raid, Bayou Chitto, Meridian Raid, Big Shanty, Bushy Mountain, Kenesaw, Nick-Jack, Siege of Atlanta, Atlanta, July 21st, Atlanta, July 22d, Atlanta, July 28th, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Milledgeville, Savannah, Pocotaligo, Salkehatchie, Orangeburg, Charleston, Columbia, Cheraw, Bentonville, and Raleigh.

After the battle of Corinth this regiment was merged in the 17th corps, under General McPherson. That able officer was killed within thirty rods of the 68th.

The boys have made as fine a record as those of any regiment in the service. They return 478 in number, leaving many a comrade sleeping in the sunny South.

Friday, 7/14/1865 Cleveland Leader paper (Cleveland, OH) Page: 4

Our Joseph Pearce is one of the comrades buried in the South. Likely, a mass grave.

Lewis Pearce was 5-6 height, light complexion, blue eyes, never married. In 1868, moved 58 miles from Napoleon OH to La Salle Michigan.

Lewis Pierce 1921 death certificate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

FEB 8 1921 Registered No. 1

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Monroe
Township Lasalle
Village
City (No. St. Ward)
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2. FULL NAME Lewis Pierce

(a) Residence. No. St., Ward.
(Usual place of abode.) (If non-resident give city or town and state.)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: Male
4 Color or Race: White
5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word.): Single

5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year.) April 19 – 1843

7 AGE: Years 77 | Months 7 | Days 2 | If LESS than 1 day, hrs. OR min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Napoleon, Ohio.

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER Andrew Pierce.
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country)
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Maria Law.
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country)

14 Informant Arthur C. Raynolds
(Address) Lasalle Mich.

15 Filed 1/23 1921 Chas Zimmermann Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) January 21st. 1921

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan. 10, 1921, to Jan. 21, 1921
that I last saw him alive on Jan. 21, 1921 and
that death occurred on the date stated above at 7 p.m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Chronic Nephritis
(duration) 5 yrs. 4 mos. ds.
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Cerebral Hemorrhage
(duration) yrs. mos. 5 ds.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?
Did an operation precede death? No Date of
Was there an autopsy? No
What test confirmed diagnosis? Physical Signs
(Signed) E. S. Cornwell M. D.
1/22, 1921 Address Lasalle, Mich.

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS and NATURE of INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for further instructions.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Lasalle Twp Cemetery — Date of Burial: Jan 23/1921

20. UNDERTAKER: Fred C. Nadeau — Address: Monroe, Mich.

Lewis Pearce 1843 - 1921 (77)

Swartz Cem, La Salle, Michigan

Tombstone shows 163rd Regiment, Company G.

A kind 1934 soul named Mrs. Clara Day got a tombstone for Lewis Pearce. He had died 13 years earlier.

WAR DEPARTMENT
O. Q. M. G. Form No. 623
Approved Aug. 12, 1913
Revised July 15, 1920

ORIGINAL

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment Dates
Discharge Dates

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
Pearce, Lewis	Private	Co. E	163 Ohio Nat'l Guards	Jan. 23, 1921

Name of Cemetary	Located in or near— City	State	If World War Veteran— Division	State	Emblem
LaSalle Township Cemetery	Monroe	Mich.			Christian Hebrew None

TO BE SHIPPED TO Mrs. Clara Day (Name of consignee), at Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan (Give town, county, and State)

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE LaSalle, Michigan.

DO NOT WRITE HERE
Verified APR 10 1934
TATE, GEORGIA APR 28 1934
Ordered
From
Shipped 5/4/34

I hereby agree to accept the headstone at above destination, freight prepaid, and properly place same at decedent's grave.

This application is for the UNMARKED* grave of a† veteran It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid, and agreed it will be promptly removed and set up at private expense.

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Clara Day, Applicant.

Address LaSalle Mich. Date Mar 30. 1934

*Stones must not be requested for any grave at which a private stone, monument, or other permanent marker is already erected or is to be erected.
†State whether soldier, sailor, marine, Army nurse, etc.

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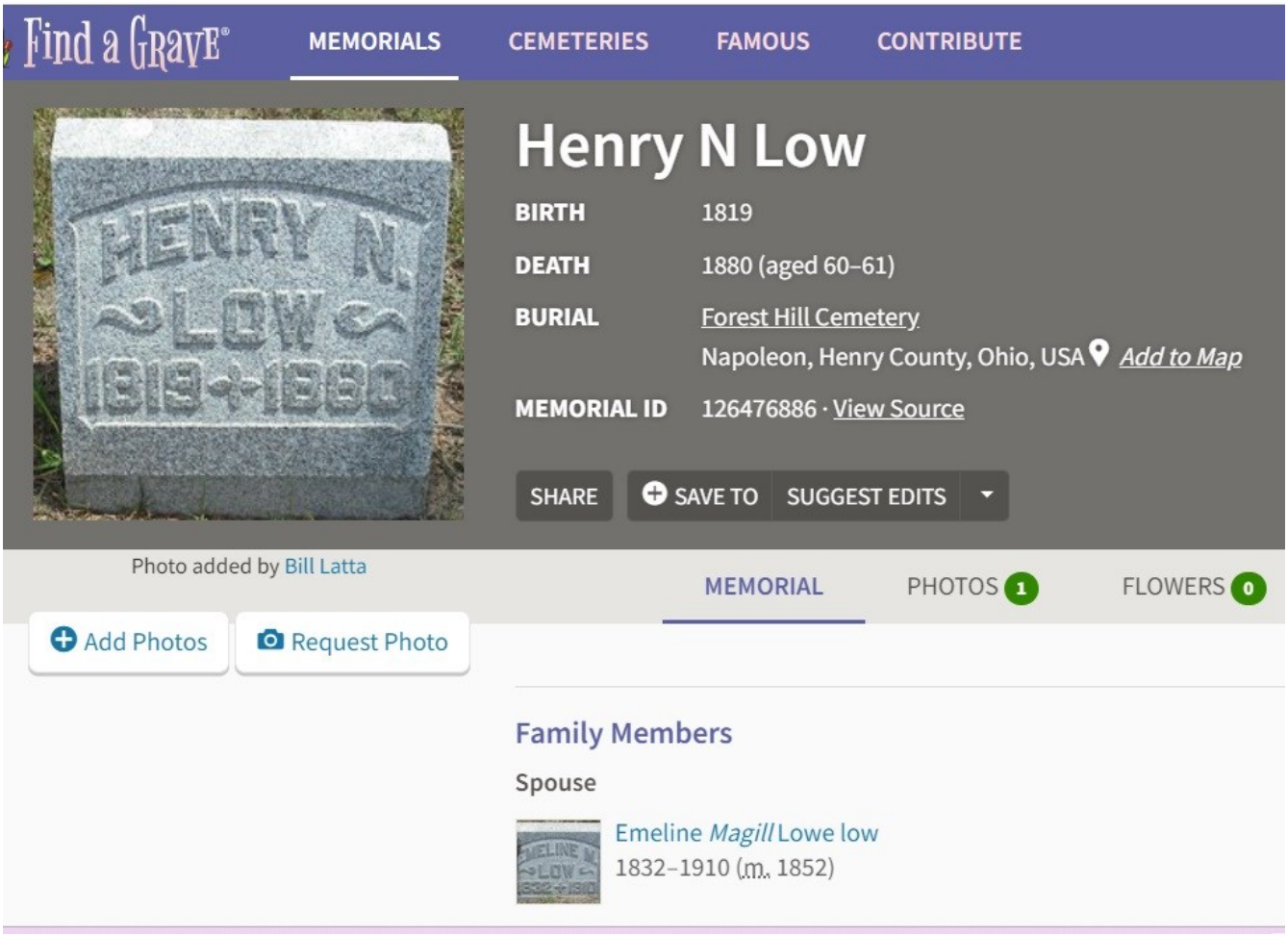
As of 3/8/2024, I challenge the note below. Some data jives to my data but not much. Our Lewis 1921 obit claims single. I think Melanie Reeve mixed this up.

1906 Missouri

5/5/2016 from Mrs. Carolyn Bland Ferree, "This is a postcard photo from about 1906. lit was taken in Missouri. I suspect that the man on the far right with the beard might be Edward Pearce, but I am not certain. I also think the woman with the apron with her hand to her mouth might be Mittie Pearce, but I am uncertain. Third on the left is my great grandmother, Minnie McCall Pearce, the little boy is my grandfather, Russell Warner Pearce, the man in the tie is Delbert Pearce. He has his arm around his daughter, Florence Pearce, who died in 1917. The man in the hat behind Delbert I can't identify.

Henry N. Low was the brother of Mrs Maria Low Pearce.



In 1841, Andrew Pearce age 35 and Maria age 31 left Pine Brook NJ for a better farming life in Napoleon Ohio. Andrew died 7 years later and Maria ran the farm for 13 more years. The family worked hard.

Then came the Civil War. They gave **5 men** to the Union Army to help keep America whole. With Andrew and the boys gone, Maria and Louisa were left alone to do the farm activities.

It is not known if all the 4 sons and brother in law arrived home by **6/21/1865**.

Tragically, Maria died Wednesday **6/21/1865** age 54 in Napoleon Ohio, 2 months after the war ended in 4/9/1865.

The children moved and the farm dream ended**.** I don't know where they were buried.

Josiah Pearce may or may not be the fellow who moved to Indiana and then Great Forks North Dakoda (I think it is the wrong fellow).

Louisa Pearce Simpson's life after the war unknown.

Since 2005, Glen Pierce has been in contact with descendants of **Edward W. Pearce** and Mittie Keys:

Carol Bland of Illinois, Ohio and now Minnesota. Wonderful person.

P. Gene Pearce and wife Debbie who live in Texas.

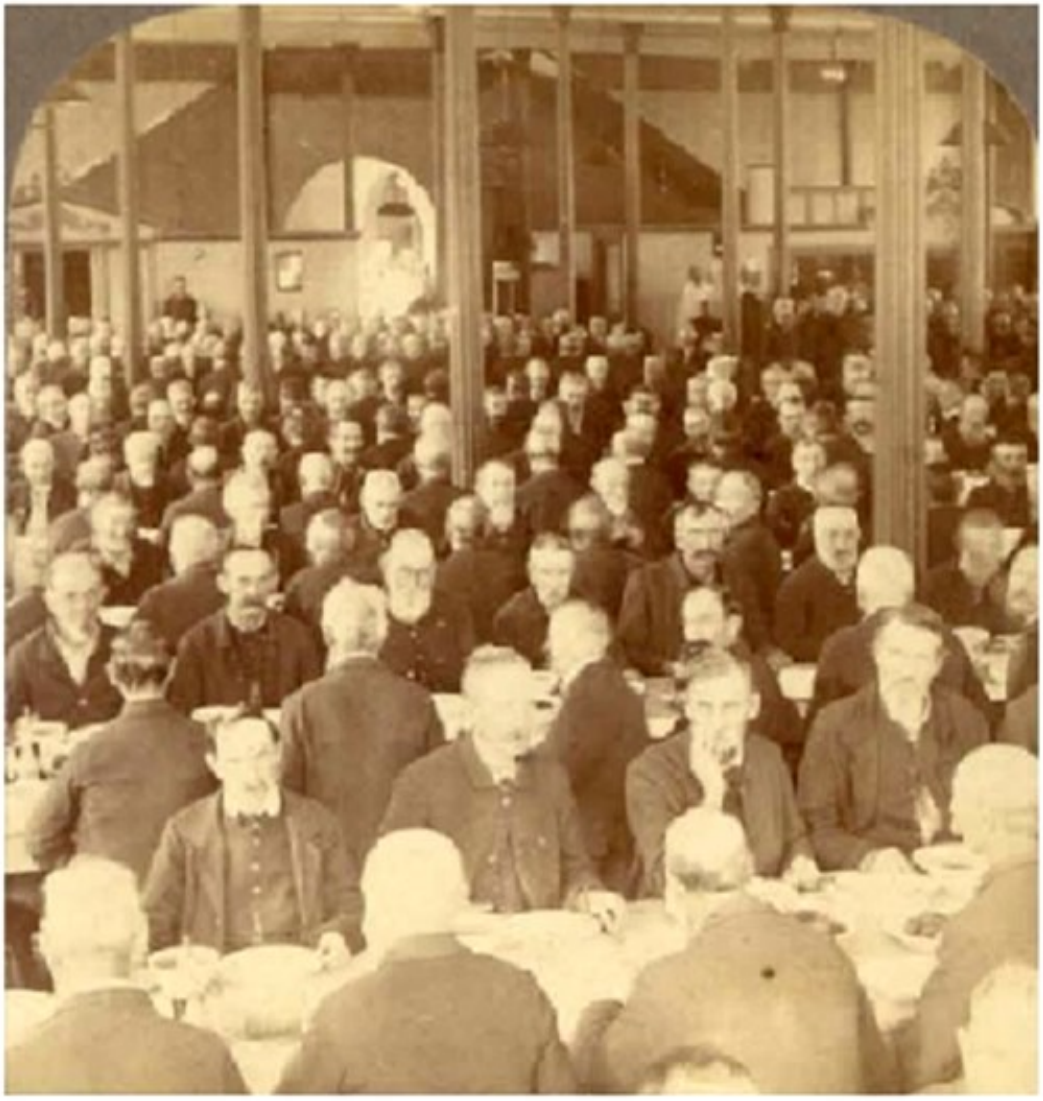
Mrs. Carolyn Trainer Allen of Missouri. Good genealogy source. Carolyn gave me many family photos.

US Soldier's Home, Dayton Ohio.

Albert Pearce was admitted here in 1871 and died a few months later.

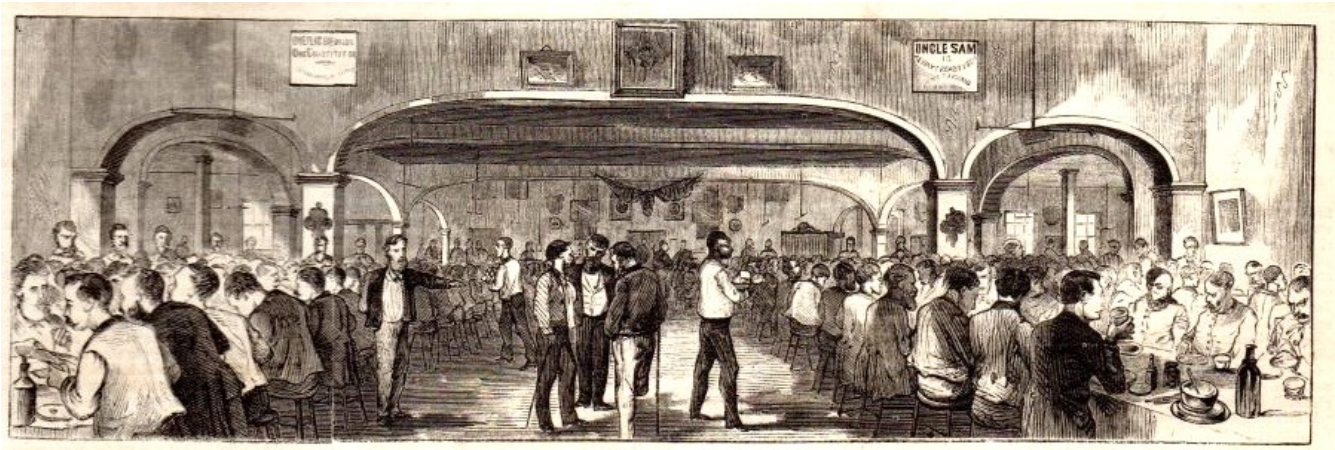
1907 National US Disabled Soldiers Hospital, Dayton Ohio.

Dayton Ohio Soldiers Home

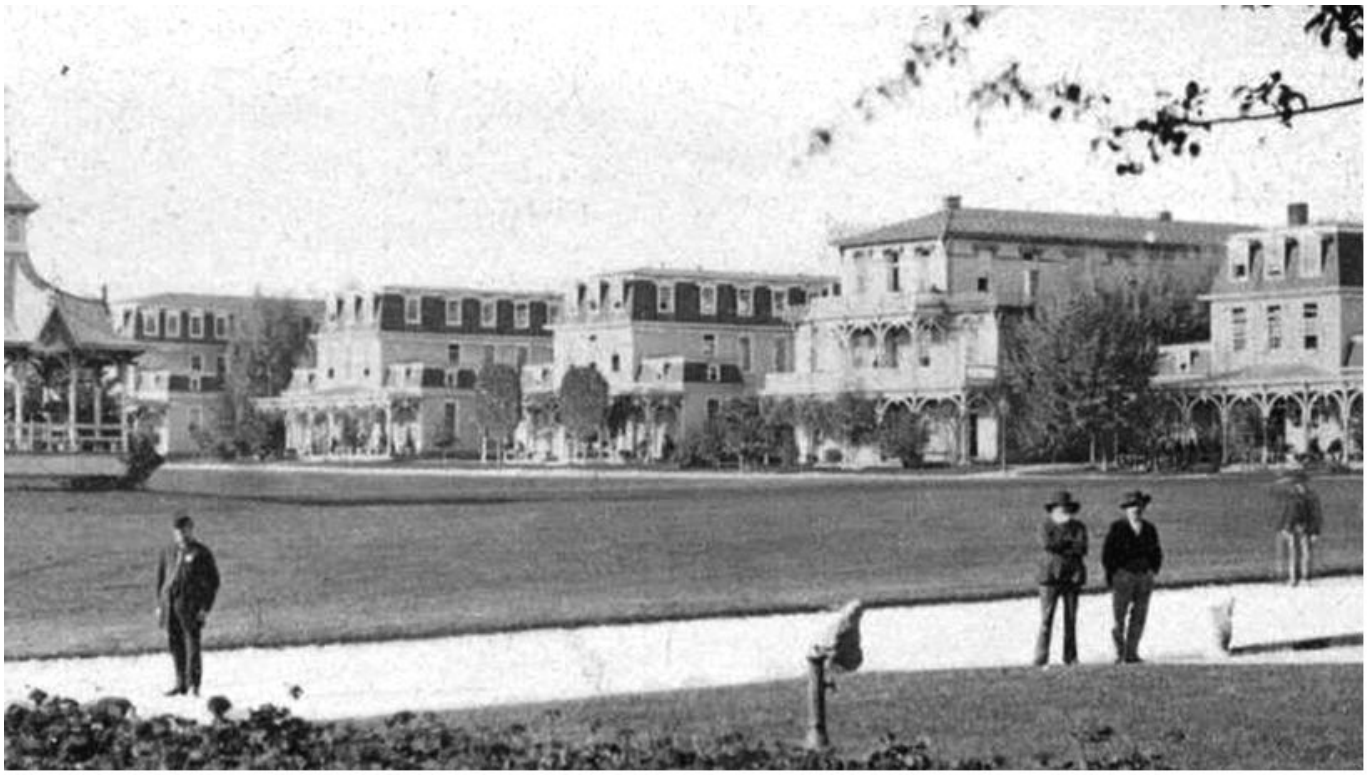


1871

Dining hall



THE DINING-HALL.



Dayton National Cemetery, Ohio.
Albert Pearce at Plot: A, 12, 32

Union Army unit and badge Summary: sorted by enlistment date.

Joseph Henry Pearce 3/31/1834—5/12/1863.

Ohio 17th Corps, 3rd Division, 2nd Brigade, 68th regiment Infantry, Company D , Private. Enlisted **10/24/1861 age 27**. Died 5/12/1863.
Wounded and then run over by an Union ambulance wagon at the Battle of Grand Gulf, Mississippi fought 4/29/1863.

Edward W. Pearce 6/1/1840-3/9/1909.
Ohio 23rd Corps, 3rd Division,1st Brigade,100th regiment Infantry, Company B. Same unit as William Simpson. **Enlisted 7/26/1862 age 22**. Discharged 7/6/1865. Wounded in face.

William M. Simpson 1833-?.
Ohio 23rd Corps, 1st Division, 2nd Brigade, 100th regiment Infantry, Company B, Sergeant. Enlisted **8/14/1862 age 29**. Discharged xx/xx/18xx

Albert Pearce 6/19/1846-12/19/1871.

Ohio 17th Corps, 3rd Division, 2nd Brigade, 68th regiment infantry, Company F. Same unit as Joseph Pearce. **Enlisted 11/28/1863 age 17**. Discharged 7/10/1865. Enlisted 6 months after his brother Joseph died in battle.

Lewis Pearce 4/19/1843-1/21/1921.
Ohio 10th Corps, 3rd Division, 1st Brigade, 163rd regiment Infantry, Company G. **Enlisted 5/2/1864 age 21**. Discharged 9/10/1864.

Josiah Pearce 1/16/1831—?. Probably in Civil War but no info yet.