

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Pearson, Abram Senator _____

Represented Washington County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Jul 1837 near Kansas City, Kansas

2. Marriage (s) date place

Julia Applegate 27 Oct 1861 Yellow Springs, Granville, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer / teacher / livestock feeder / paid speaker
horses

4. Church membership Methodist / Quaker and later Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 18th, 19th General Assemblies 1880, 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local School board secretary for 40 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 Sept 1922 Washington, Iowa; buried Elm Grove Cemetery, Washington, Iowa

8. Children Lysander (predeceased his father indicated); Eli Grant; Nathan Coffey;
Anna Belle (Mrs. C.E. Brown); Howard (predeceased his father indicated); Clara Myrtle; Abram Frank

9. Names of parents Moses and Sarah Pearson

10. Education Attended the Friends schools near his
boyhood home

11. Degrees Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio

12. Other applicable information Republican

- After college he taught schools and farms in Miami County,
Ohio until marriage
- After marriage he moved to Kokomo, Indiana for one year
and then came to Washington County, Iowa in 1863.
- Wife, Julia, died 4 May 1906.



HISTORY
OF
Washington County
Iowa

From the First White Settlements to 1908

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righteousness and truth and his influence has been a potent element for good. He has led a very busy and useful life and his record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

HON. ABRAM PEARSON.

Making the best possible use of his talents and opportunities, Hon. Abram Pearson has not only become a successful man in business, but is regarded as a citizen of wide influence in the community and county in which he resides, having served two terms as a member of the legislature. Mr. Pearson was born near Kansas City, Kansas, July 15, 1837, a son of Moses and Sarah Pearson, who were natives of South Carolina, whence they removed to Miami county, Ohio. Both were of English origin. In their family were eight children, all born in Miami county, Ohio, with exception of our subject. They were Mahala J., the wife of Eli Jay, of Richmond, Indiana; Timothy, deceased; Anna, the wife of Robert L. Kelly, of Richmond, Indiana; Joshua, a resident of Laura, Ohio; Nathan, who enlisted for three years as a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Ohio Regiment and died in the service; Rhoda and Serepta, both deceased; and Abram, of this review. In 1835 Moses Pearson and Henry Harvey were sent out by the Society of Friends, to which they belonged, to establish schools among the Indians in Indian Territory, where the Methodists and Baptists had established similar institutions. These gentlemen took their families with them and maintained their schools for three years, although theirs were the only white families in the neighborhood. In 1838 the Pearson family returned to Miami county, Ohio, locating on the home farm near West Milton, where the parents of our subject continued to reside until their death. Mr. Pearson was a great favorite with the Indians and two of their celebrated chiefs paid him a visit at his Ohio home several years after his return.

Abram Pearson was reared to maturity under the parental roof, during which time he began his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood, this knowledge being supplemented by two years' study in Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio. After completing his education, he engaged in teaching, following the profession with success until the time of his marriage in 1862, when he wedded Miss Julia Applegate, a daughter of Elias and Emma (Dehart) Applegate, both of whom were natives of New Jersey.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Pearson continued teaching for two years and then removed to Kokomo, Indiana, where he spent one year, while the year 1865 witnessed his arrival in Washington county, Iowa. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Highland township but after a year disposed of that tract and invested his money in the farm on which he now resides, this place comprising four hundred and eighty acres, situated in Jackson township. This farm has been brought to its present state of fertility through the efforts of Mr. Pearson, who has spent many years of

a resident of Paradise, Kentucky, where he lived until his removal to Knox county, Illinois. He afterward went to Buffalo county, Wisconsin, and then again established his home in Illinois. Later he crossed the Mississippi into Iowa, settling in Jasper county and from that place went to Webster county, Iowa, where he died in 1907. His entire life was devoted to mining and he acted as superintendent of mines in Knox county, Illinois, and in Jasper county, Iowa. His life was one of industry and honor and whatever success he enjoyed was attributable entirely to his own labors. He had for ten years survived his wife who passed away in 1897 and was laid to rest at Gowrie, Iowa. In the family of this worthy and respected couple were ten children who are yet living and one who has passed away, the second child having died in infancy. C. B. Morgan is the eldest, while the other members of the family are as follows: Bertha, the wife of Valentine Coats, a blacksmith residing in Des Moines, Iowa; Thomas, who follows farming in Webster county, this state; John, who is living in Murdo, South Dakota; William, of Des Moines, who is with the Percena Hub & Willow Company; Barbara, who is the wife of James Somerville, a ranchman and mine superintendent living at Rock Springs, Wyoming; Robert, a farmer of Keokuk county; George, who follows farming near Fort Dodge, Iowa; James, a railroad engineer living at St. Paul, Minnesota; and Jeannette, the wife of Edward Starry, a traveling salesman.

C. B. Morgan was only four years of age when he accompanied his parents on their embarkation to the new world. He spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, remaining at home until twenty-one years of age, after which he engaged in farming for a year. He then removed to Polk county, Iowa, where he had charge of the operation of a mine for six years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Clay township, making investment in land to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased until his holdings are now extensive and bring to him a gratifying annual revenue. The home property of five hundred and sixty acres is a valuable tract, well improved and presenting a most attractive appearance. He has in addition one hundred and thirty acres in Clay township and one hundred and sixty-six acres in Van Buren county together with twenty-two acres near Des Moines. He was likewise one of the organizers and is one of the directors of the Rubio Savings Bank and he also owns real estate in the town of Rubio.

In 1877 Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Waters, whose father was one of the first school teachers in Washington county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have been born five children: Margaret, the wife of P. B. Johnson, a farmer of Clay township; Annie, the wife of Otto Schmitter, also a farmer; C. E., who is associated with his father in business; Pearl, a miller of Seattle, Washington; and Orville, at home.

In his political views Mr. Morgan is a republican, giving stalwart support to the party. He belongs to the Mutual Benevolent Association, is a member of the Friends church and is a staunch advocate of the cause of temperance. Indeed his influence is always given on the side of morality, justice,

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ment of Drake University in 1884 and became a resident of Sac county, engaging in teaching there. In 1889 he acquired the Sac County News, published at Early, and in 1891 was elected County Superintendent of Schools. He was re-elected two years later, and served from 1892 to 1896.

In the noted campaign of 1896 he delivered many speeches in support of the Republican party, and won recognition as an able speaker. In 1897 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies. For a few years he practiced law in Sac City, being in partnership with Charles E. Lane, and was active in the anti-saloon litigation that put the saloons out of Sac county.

In 1902 he bought the Brooklyn Chronicle and edited it for some years. He was much interested in the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and several years previously had assisted materially in writing its ritual. He became a member of its Supreme Auditing Committee and disposed of his newspaper, removed to Des Moines, the headquarters of the association, and for several years of his later life he gave his entire time to its interest, visiting local lodges, lecturing, and acting as vice-president.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to present this tribute to the memory of a faithful public servant and to express appreciation of his character and public service and to extend to his family and relatives most sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward to the family of the deceased an engrossed copy.

L. T. QUIRK,
HENRY FRAHM,
J. A. KING,

Committee.

Adopted April 12, 1923.

HON. ABRAM PEARSON

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Hon. Abram Pearson, late of Washington county, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

At his home in Washington county, Iowa, at seven-thirty p. m., Wednesday, September 20, 1922, Hon. Abram Pearson passed away after a brief illness. Mr. Pearson was born near Kansas City, Kansas, on July 15, 1837. He was the son of Moses and Sarah Pearson of Miami county, Ohio, who, with a man named Henry Harvey, were sent out in 1835 by the Friends (Quakers), of which church they were members, to establish schools among the Indians of Indian Territory. They worked in the west for three years, during which time Mr. Pearson was born, and then returned to their home in Ohio.

Abram Pearson was one of a family of eight children and was the last to pass away. He attended the Friends' school near his home and this education was supplemented by two years of study at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. After completing his education he en-

gaged in teaching and farming in Miami county until the time of his marriage to Miss Julia Appelgate, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, which occurred in 1862. After his marriage he moved to Kokomo, Indiana, where he spent one year, and then came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1863, engaging in the occupation of farming, locating on a farm in Jackson township and living on it continuously for almost sixty years, where he died. Mr. Pearson took an active part in public affairs and was always conscious of the welfare of his community. In all his public work he encouraged progress and good government and a careful and wise expenditure of public funds. He had an extensive acquaintance over the county and among public men in the state. Through his activities he became interested in politics and the welfare of the state. He was urged by his friends to become a candidate for representative in the state legislature, and was elected and served as a member of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa.

Mr. Pearson served as secretary of his home school district continuously for forty years.

He retained his Quaker belief but in the absence of a Friends' church in his home community, he became a member of the Bethel Presbyterian church in his neighborhood in which he was teacher of the Bible class for thirty-two years. He was a devout Christian and was regularly in attendance at all services in his church. Having a splendid education and devoting his full time to his daily duties, he was eminently successful in his farming activities, feeding stock and raising full blooded horses. He accumulated a fortune of several hundred acres of land, upon which he built a beautiful modern home, and with the fine barns and other improvements it is a model farm home.

To review the life of Mr. Pearson would be to recount the growth and progress of his community, so closely was his life devoted to the welfare of his fellowmen.

He was faithful and efficient in public service and one of the best known and most prominent men in Washington county. Surviving him are two daughters and three sons, his beloved wife having departed from this life several years prior to his death. He will be missed by all, but mostly by those who knew and loved him best. His passing away is a distinct public loss; to his home community, because he was ever alert to its best interest; to the state and nation, because his interest was always exerted to make and keep them what they are.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Fortieth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, that the foregoing memorial be and the same hereby is adopted as its appreciation of the life, character and public services of Hon. Abram Pearson, a distinguished former member, and that the same be spread upon the records and printed in the House Journal and a copy properly enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, be mailed to the surviving members of the family of the deceased at their respective homes.

C. F. LETTS,
NELS PETERSON,
WM. L. LONG,

Committee.

Adopted April 12, 1923.

Family Group Record

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Husband's Name

[Abram PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP7-HPG)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 15 Jul 1837 **Place:** Kansas City, Wyandotte, Kansas
Died: 22 Sep 1922 **Place:** Washington, Washington, Iowa
Married: 27 Oct 1861 **Place:** Yellow Springs, Greene, Ohio

Father: [Moses PEARSON](#) (AFN:8RJ9-ZQ)

[Family](#)

Mother: [Sarah PEARSON](#) (AFN:8RJB-BL)

Wife's Name

[Julia APPLEGATE](#) (AFN:1NP7-HQN)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 6 Jan 1842 **Place:** Yellow Springs, Greene, Ohio
Died: 4 May 1906 **Place:** Washington, Washington, Iowa
Married: 27 Oct 1861 **Place:** Yellow Springs, Greene, Ohio

Father:

Mother:

Children

1. Sex Name

M [Lysander William PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP7-HRV)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 19 Jan 1863 **Place:** Yellow Springs, Greene, Ohio
Died: 7 Dec 1875 **Place:** , Washington, Iowa

2. Sex Name

M [Charles Howard PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP7-HWP)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 27 Jan 1874 **Place:** Washington, Washington, Iowa
Died: 30 May 1876 **Place:** , Washington, Indiana

3. Sex Name

M [Abram Frank PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP8-N8R)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 16 Apr 1880 **Place:** Washington, Washington, Iowa

4. Sex Name

F [Clara Myrtle PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP7-HXW)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 18 Jul 1876 **Place:** Washington, Washington, Iowa

5. Sex Name

M [Eli Grant PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP7-HS3)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 27 Jul 1865 **Place:** Kokomo, Howard, Indiana

6. Sex Name

F [Anna Belle PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP8-N7K)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 25 Dec 1869 **Place:** Washington, Washington, Iowa

7. Sex Name

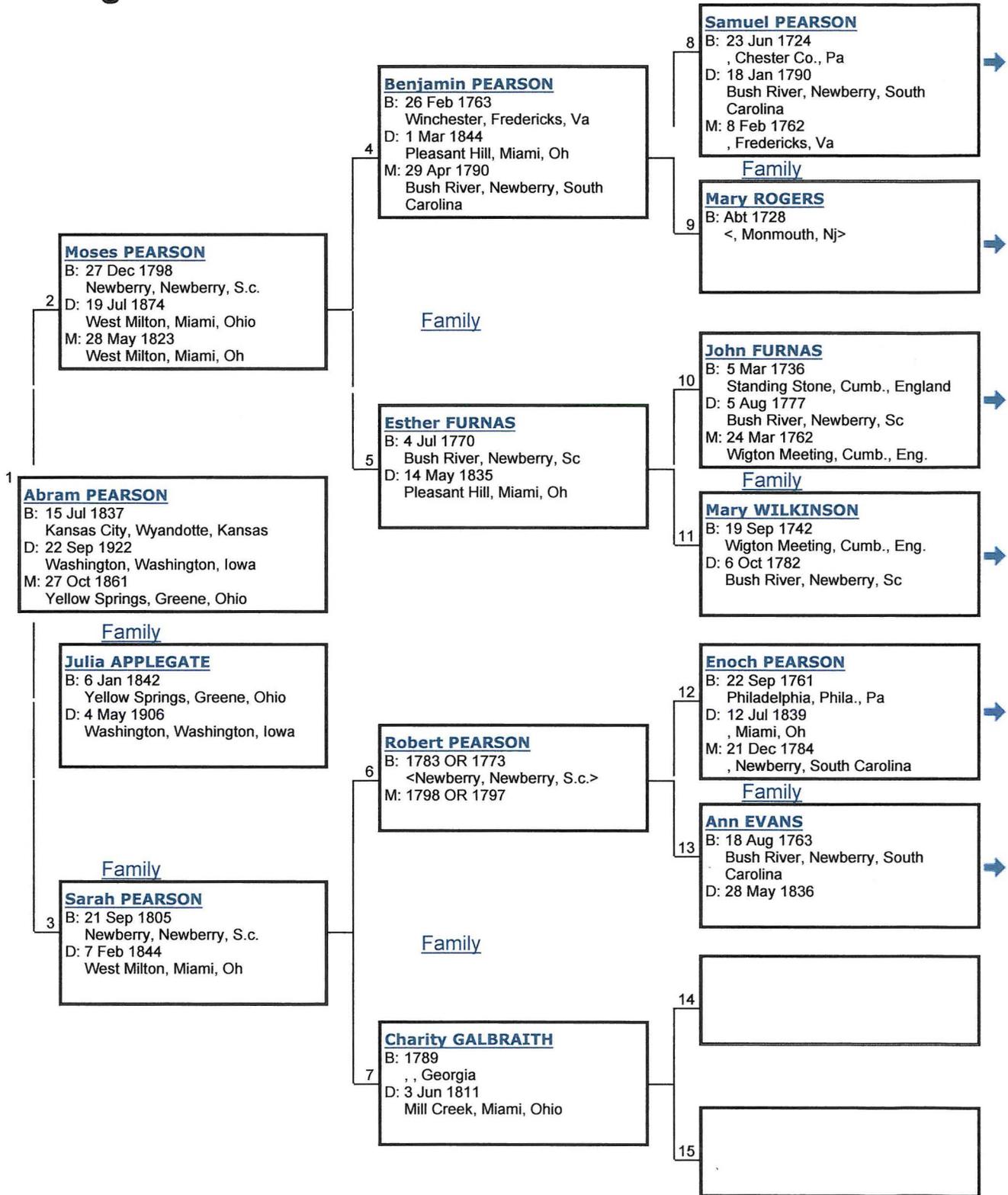
M [Nathan Colfax PEARSON](#) (AFN:1NP7-HT9)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 26 Dec 1867 **Place:** Washington, Washington, Iowa

Pedigree Chart

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 Kansas City, Kansas, USA
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 Washington, Iowa, USA
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Spouse

[Julia Applegate](#)
Born: 6 Jan 1842 in Yellow Springs, Ohio, USA
Died: 4 May 1905 in Washington, Iowa, USA

Marriage: 27 Oct 1861

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Children	Sex	Birth

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PEARSON, Abram

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Died: 1922
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