

THE PIERSON FAMILY or (PEARSON)

OF ANDOVER

Two distinct lines from the original John (1) PIERSONS of the 1600's, came, about 100 years later, to ANDOVER. One family descended from Deacon John(1) Pearson born in Yorkshire, England, 1615, who came to America in 1637, and settled at Lynn, temporarily. In 1639 he went to Reading, where he was one of the seven original founders of the little church and became Deacon in 1645. He married Maudlin Ballard (or Bullard) who died 1690, ^{at 71./} John was a freeman in 1647, May 26, and had fourteen acres of land in 1652. He died April 7, 1679 and was buried in the First Burial Place in South Reading.

The stone inscription reads:-

"Memento te esse mortalem. Fugit hora.

Vive memor leti. Fugit hora.

Here lyes the body of John Person,
Senior, aged 64 years. Deceased April
ye 17, 1679."

(The Latin on his stone is the 153rd verse of the Third Satire of Persius.)

The other Deacon John(1) Peirson came from Essex County, England, to Rowley, Mass. in 1643, bringing with him the machinery for a fulling mill, which was the first in this country. Supposing that America had no wood that would withstand water, he brought cedar posts, also. Some of these posts were taken up about 1880 and found to be in a good state of preservation. He leased a gristmill from P. Nelson, which his son, John, subsequently bought.

John (1) was sent to General Court in 1678 and eight times after. He was a selectman; was ordained Deacon of Rowley Church, Oct. 24, 1686. In 1660 his tax was £1, 5s. 7d, and in 1691 it was £7, 15s, the highest but one in his town. He died Dec. 22, 1693. Dorcas died Jan. 12, 1702-3. They had thirteen children.

One of the ANDOVER lines, that of the Rev. Abiel Pearson (originally Pierson), comes from the son of John (1) Pierson of Rowley, and his wife, Dorcas. This line was through :-

Benjamin (2) Pierson, b. 1658; went to Newbury, Mass.; m. Hannah Thurston, Jan. 20, 1680; she was the daughter of David Thurston and wife, a Miss Pell; she was b. Jan. 20, 1659; she d. in 1731, a few weeks after her husband's death. They had 6 sons and six daughters. Of these:-

David (3), b. 1702; m. Miss Jane Noyes; she d. 1773 at 69; he d. 1778.

Benjamin (3), b. 1690; lived in Byfield, 1721; was called "Ensign" in 1736; m. Jane ---, who was b. 1698; he d. 1774; she d. 1782.

They had:-

Benjamin (4), b. 1721; m. Jane Woodman; they had:-

Abiel (5), b. Nov. 14, 1756; m. Mary Adams (Polly) of York, Maine, April 21, 1788; they lived in Andover; she d. Feb. 13, 1800, at 41. He m. 2nd., Debora Sparhawk of Portsmouth, N.H., June 28, 1816; she d. 1838 at 75. He was a graduate of Dartmouth, 1779 and was a physician here. He died May 22, 1827.

 David (3) Pierson (Benjamin (2) John (1) and wife, Miss Jewett), had:-

David (4), b. 1728; think he m. Jane Jewett. They had:-

Eliphalet (5), b. 1752; he graduated from Harvard, 1773; was a Rev.; he m. 1st., Priscilla Holyoke, July 17, 1780; she was daughter of Pier Holyoke; she d. here at Andover, March 29, 1782, while her husband was Principal at P.A. Academy; she was 42 at death. Eliphalet m. 2nd., Sarah Bromfield, Sept. 29, 1785; she was daughter of Edward Bromfield, of Harvard.

(Eliphalet (5) Pierson, cont.)

Eliphalet was Professor of Hebrew at Harvard, 1786-1808; he was 1st Professor at Andover Theological Seminary; was at Harvard a second time from 1820 to 1826. He died at Greenfield, N.H., Sept. 12, 1826.

Dr. Abiel (5) Pearson (Benj.(4)(3)(2) Jn.(1) and wife, "Polly" Adams:-

David Sewell(6), b. Nov. 7, 1789; m. Sarah Wilder of Charlestown, 1820; she was daughter of Micah Wilder, and was b. in Andover; he joined South Church 1813 and Christ Church, 1838; they lived near Baptist Church in house that was moved to High street, and was later the Harding home. It was bought by Punchard, from David. He died March 26, 1871; she d. at 81, Feb.7,1872.

Elizabeth Adams (6), b. March 10, 1791; d. unm. March 3, 1869.

Mary (6), b. May 3,1793; m. David Oliphant of Keene, N.H., 1815; they left for the church in Wells, Me., 1816.

Samuel Moody (6), b. Feb. 3, 1800; moved away.

Rev. Eliphalet(5)Pearson(Ben(4-3-2)Jn.(1) and 1st w. Priscilla Holyoke:-

Mary Holyoke (6), bpt. Nov. 10, 1782; m. Rev. Ephraim Abbott of Greenland, N.H., int. 1814 at Andover.

by 2nd wife, Sarah Bromfield:-

Henry Bromfield(6) b. ----; Graduate of Harvard College,1816; a lawyer; lived in Pa.

Edward (6), b. : lived at Harvard,Mass.

Margaret (6), b. : m. Rev. I.H.T. Blanchard of Harvard, a Unitarian minister.

Others of the PIERSON line in ANDOVER, come from the family of
Deacon John (1) Pierson of Lynn and Reading, and his wife, Maudlin:-

Mary (2), b. 1643.

Bertha^{ick} (2), b. 1645.

Sarah (2), b. 164~~8~~⁹.

John (2), b. June 22, 1650; m. Tabitha Kendall; she was daughter of Thos.

Kendall and wife, Mary; she d. 1711; he was a Deacon, 1712.

His 2nd wife was Martha Good^{win}~~man~~, a widow, the daughter of

Thomas Lothrop, whom he m. in 1714; he was a Lieut. and Capt.

He made his home in Lynnfield, 1689; he d. 172~~8~~.

James (2), b. in Reading, 1652; no further trace.

John (2) Pierson (John (1), and wife, Tabitha Kendall, had:-

Tabitha (3), b. 1681; m. John Good~~man~~^{win} of Reading, 1696.

James (3), b. 1678; was a Captain; m. Hephzibah Swan, Feb.15,1698; she

was dau. of Major Percy Swan and w. Mary Smith; she d. Jan.28

1723-4; he m. 2nd., widow Hannah Osgood of Andover, 1724; she

d. 1734; his 3rd wife was Frances----; he took up land in

Haverhill in 1732 and went there to live, after purchasing

the Wainwright house and a mill. He d. Dec.2,1744, and is

buried beside Hannah in the Pentucket Yard, at Haverhill.

John (3), b. 1684; m. Elizabeth Batchelder, 1706; she was daughter of

Thomas White; was b. 1672; she d. 1710. John was a tailor

at Lynn. They had no children and at his death his estate

went to his brothers and sisters.

Kendall (3), b. May 3, 1688; pub. to Lydia Boardman, Feb.10,1708-9;

his 2nd wife was Mary Smith of Wilmington, whom he m. Mar.

14, 1738; he was a Deacon, at Wilmington.

James (3) Pierson(John (2) Deacon John (1) and Hephziba Swan, had:-

Hephziba (4), b. April 3, 1699; m. Samuel Hart- int. April 19, 1718.

James (4), b. Nov. 14, 1701; m. Hephziba Hartshorn of Reading, at Lynn, 1721.

Jonathan (4), b. March 13, 1704-5; he was of Reading; a cordwainer; he came to ANDOVER and lived here from 1734 to 1746, with his wife, Abigail, who died here July 27, 1746; he was 2nd Lieut. in a Troop of Horse in the French and Indian Wars : he returned to Reading about 1750, when letters of administration on his father's estate were granted him. He took for a second wife, widow Tabitha Cowdry of Reading, 1747. About 1782 he moved to Lyndeborough, N.H., where he died, 1798.

John(4), b. March 10, 1709; m. Rebecca Osgood of Andover, -int.-May 17, 1732; --- he was a currier at Andover. ---

Jonathan(4) Pearson(James(3)John(2-1) and wife, Abigail-, had:-

Amos (5), b. in ANDOVER, Dec. 12, 1734; m. Elizabeth Nichols of Reading, Feb. 14, 1758; she was daughter of Daniel Nichols; b. 1732. Amos was a Sgt. in Capt. Thos. Eaton's Co., Col. Green's Rgt., which started on the Alarm of April 19, 1775. They left Andover to live in Reading and at the close of the Revolution moved to Lyndeborough, N.H., where he d. in a few years; his widow survived.

Abigail (5), b. 1737; d. 1741 in ANDOVER.

Sarah (5), b. in ANDOVER, 1739.

Hannah (5), b. " " , 1741.

Samuel (5), b. " " , 1743; m. 1st, Lois Bancroft of Tyngsboro, - pub. in Lynnfield; his 2nd wife was Keziah (Danforth)Richardson.

Ben (5), b. in ANDOVER; d. 1746.

twin (5) b. - and died with mother, July 1746.

Kendall(3) Pierson. (John (2-1) and wife Lydia Boardman, had:-

Thomas (4), b. Dec.25, 1709.

Lidia (4), b. June 3, 1712.

Kendall(4), b. Dec.3, 1714; d. Feb.10, 1715.

Sarah (4), b. July 10, 1716; d. March 24, 1717/

Kendall (4), b. Aug. 3, 1717.

Sarah (4), b. Oct.4, 1719.

William (4), b. March 15, 1721-2 in Lynn; d. in Wilmington, Dec.13, 1731.

Nathan (4), b. Aug. 14, 1725; m. 1st, Mary Wilson, Jan.16, 1746; he m.
2nd., Rebecca Tay of Woburn, Oct.31, 1766; he was in Rev-
olution.

Mary (4), b. Jan.2, 1728; d.y.

Mary (4) 2nd., b. in Wilmington, April 12, 1739.

Lydia (4), b. April 7, 1740.

Elizabeth (4), b. Nov. 2, 1742.

Kimball (4), b. June 14, 1745

Nathan(4) Pierson (Kendall(3) John(2-1) and wife, Mary Wilson, had:-

Moses (5), b. at Woburn, 1754; m. 1st, Hephzaba (5) Jones, Nov. 27,
1781; she was dau. of Joshua Jones; b. June 25, 1762; she d.
1784; Moses was adm. of estate of his brother-in-law, Joshua
Jones, May 1, 1782 ; he lived at Wilmington; he m. 2nd., June
4, 1785. Lois Holt. He d. in Andover, 1835.

William (5), b. at Woburn, 1759; m. Sarah (5) Jones, dau. of David; she
was b. Nov. 12, 1760; Wm. has Revolutionary War record.

Thomas(5), b. 1752.

Mary (5), b. 1756.

Hephziba (5), b. 1761; d. 1775.

Aaron(5), by 2nd w. Rebecca Tay; b. 1767; m. 1st, Mary--; 2nd, Mehitable;
d. 1821; Mehitable d. 1844 at 76.

Moses (5) Pierson (Nathan (4) Kendall (3) John (2-1) and Hephziba Jones, had:-

Moses (6), b. 1782; m. Susan Wyman of Woburn, 1804.

Abiel (6), b. 1784; d.y.

by 2nd wife, Lois Holt:-

Thomas (6), b. 1785; think he m. Lucy Trow, in Andover, 1811. They had:-

Thomas Trow (7), b. May 10, 1814.

Nathan (6), b. 1787; m. Lydia - --; she d. 1847, age 57; he d. 1855; had ch.

Hephziba (6), b. 1790; m. Wm. Tucker of Andover, 1815.

Joseph (6), b. 1792; m. Sally Foster at Andover, 1814; she was of Ashby;

she d. 1853 at 64; he d. 1841.

Abiel (6), 2nd., b. 1795; m. Jerusha Damon, daughter of Ezra; she was b. in

North Reading; d. in Ballardvale, Feb. 24, 1884 at 79.

Jabez (6), b. 1797.

James (6), b. 1799.

Amos (6), b. 1802.

Kendall (6), b. 1805; d. April 1824.

Joseph (6) Pierson (Moses (5) Nathan (4) Kendall (3) Jn. (2-1) and Sally Foster:-

Joseph J. (7), b. Feb. 5, 1820; m. Dorcas Chadwick of So. Berwick, Me., 1847. They

lived in house in B'vale, marked "Hugh Wilson" on 1852 map. In

1864 the lived in the Curtis place, then held by Dr. Whiting;

later he bought the Alfred Bancroft homestead; he d. Jan. 4, 1892.

Sarah Jane (7), b. 1816; m. Geo. Pearson of Reading, 1842; res. Lawrence, 1868.

Hannah Trow (7), b. 1818; m. 1848, Albert Bancroft, son of Wm. and Caroline, b. 1819.

Mary Elizabeth (7), b. 1821; m. 1846, Josiah H. Currier of Medford; son of David

and Susan.

(Joseph Pearson lived for a time in the Henry Flint house in Ballardvale, which was owned by the Ballardvale Corp., in 1850. This was built on the site of the old David Blunt house, which was burned down. It was occupied by a Cruikshank, a Tumball and a McDonald family, in turn, before Pearson took it, and after him, it was the home of Wm. Marland.)

Samuel(5)Pierson(Jona(4)Jas.(3)Jn.(2-1) and 1st wife,Lois Bancroft:-

Lois(6), b. ; m. David Sweating of So. Reading.

Mary (6), b. ; m. Sam Wade of Woburn.

Timothy(6), b. ; a tanner; went to Conn; d. in N.Y. state; m. 1st., Eunice Chapman; had 2 other wives.

Jonathan (6), b. ; a carpenter of Boston.

Kendall (6), b. ; a carpenter; un. ;drowned in West Indies.

by 2nd wife, Kezia Danforth:-

Pamelia (6), b. 1785 ; un. d. 1846 in Lynnfield.

Sally (6), b. 1788 ; m. ^{1806/}Sam Parker of Rye, N.H.; m. 2nd., Richard Mansfield of Lynn.

Dorothy (6), b.1791;d.y.

Kezia (6), b. ; m. Tom Richardson.

George (6),1795 ; of Andover, 1834; m. Susan Richardson^{1824/}in Lawrence.
his 2nd w. was Sarah J. Pearson

John (6) d.y.

Child (6) d.y.

Belinda (6), b.1797 ; m. ^{1817/}Ben Boynton; had:-

Henry (7) Boynton ;lived in West Andover.

Ben Jr.,(7) "

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Abiel(6)Pierson(Moses(5)Nathan(4)Kendall(3)Jn.(2-1) and Jerusha, had:-
Porter/

Abiel(7), b.1822; we called him "Porter"; a jolly soul; m. Sarah

Ann Townsend, 1846; she d. in 1886.

Hannah (7), b.1825.

Henry Everett (7), b. 1827.

Jerusha Annabelle (7), b. 1830; m. Job Wade of Stoneham, 1850.

George Otis (7), b. 1833; m. Adeline C. Upton, 1852 .

Edw. Damon (7), b. 1835; m. Frances H. Bryant,1862. Lived in Ballardval

over 40 years; d. 1915; buried in Spring Grove Cemetery;he was in Civil War,.

Children of Abiel Pierson and wife, Jerusha Damon, (cont.) :-

Catherine (7), b. ; m. Nathan Mears, 1853; lived in B'vale.

David Niles (7), b. 1841 ; m. Josepha Kimball, 1859; d. in Andover,
at 54, Aug. 12, 1896.

Eunice Frances (7), b. 1845; m. Henry Harnden, 1861; lived in Reading

Willis (7), b. 1849; d. in 5 days.

Edward D. (7) Pierson (Abiel (6) Moses (5) Nath (4) Kendall (3) and Frances, had:-

Walter (8). b. ; lived in Wilmington.

E. Bentley (8), b. ; " " "

Joseph J. (7) Pierson (Jos. (6) Moses (5) Nath (4) Kendall (3) & Dorcas Chadwick:-

George H. (8), b. Oct. 12, 1848; grad. from public schools and P.A. Academy;
1870; worked on the farm in Scotland District, which with
his brothers, he made into one of the most successful farms
in Andover; d. 1908; survived by a widow. Among the wealth-
iest residents of Andover.

Frank (8) ; d. before 1908.

Fred (8) ; " " "

John (4) Pearson (James (3) John (2-1) and wife, Rebecca Osgood, had:-

Feb. 29,
John (5), b. /1736; m. Abigail Tyler, 1769, Aug. 3. She was b. Nov. 2,
1750; dau. of Jacob and Abigail Tyler; they had: -

Rebecca (6), b. Jan. 4, 1770; bapt .in North Church.

Susanna (5), b. July 13, 1740; m. Wm. Ingalls, May 26, 1761; they had:-

Susanna (6), b. April 27, 1763.

Elizabeth (5), b. 1745.

Hannah (5), b. 1751.

Dorcas (5), b. 1753.

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