

1" = 100 Poles

1. Samuel Pearman 1000 acre, 1776 Preemption.*
 2. 200 acres sold to Lewis V. Reckenridge - 1790.
 3. 36 acres sold to George Stumph - 1791.
 4. Stripes second Town street, sold to Benj. Stansberry, June 12, 1798. (Wilson Co. Deed Books).
 5. 21 1/2 acres sold to Chas. Harbour - 1798
 6. Town of West Saint. Established on his land by Samuel Pearman July, 1798; - Minute Book A, Page 61, Hardin Co. Clerks Office.
 7. Outlots of Town - Total lots & outlots 150 acres.
 8. Land deeded to Thomas Pearman, brother of Samuel & coheir to their father Thomas - 1815.
 - A. Bee Branch. B. Where old road crossed Bee Branch. C. Large pond on W. line of Preemp.
- * Recorded Jefferson Co. Entry Book A. Page 348.

Early settlement of Hardin county Kentucky
by H. B. Ludlow - (on file at the library
at the University of Louisville) pages 13 & 14

The Settlers

Samuel Kearman was prominent among
a little band of adventurers, who under-
took what appears to be the first attempt
at a permanent settlement within the
territory of the original Hardin County.

This little band of Virginians con-
sisted of Samuel Kearman, Samuel Beaton,
Tom Ross, Robert Inverey and Will-
iam Woodward. About August, 1776 they
came down the Ohio River on a flat-
boat and landed at the mouth of
Salt River, a region then infested
by Indians. They had numerous
encounters with the Indians about
there and up Salt River and Rolling Fork.

When Kearman and his companions
landed at the mouth of Salt River they
began to chop and make some marks
there as evidence for a claim of about
to, 000 acres of land, in the name of
his father, Thomas Kearman, to extend
an equal distance up Salt River and

Company then, marked other Preemptions al-
 long east end Rolling Fork river, and about
 seven miles up water above the mouth
 of Rolling Fork - Pitts Point - they built a
 cabin on the west bank "about as high
 as a mans head", and on a tree near-
 by, carved the letters E. S. (It is not
 known what E. S. means probably a mis-
 take for R. S. or H. S., Seaman returned
 in 1780, and in 1792 he visited the
 old site (at Pitts Point) and looked for
 the "improvements". The cabin & initials
 were gone only H. S. for Frank Stone
 and other signs of the improvements
 remaining.

True Copy

at a Court held for Jefferson Co. Sept. 3, 1783. on satisfactory proof made to the Court that John Pearman a Soldier in the Continental Service of the United States at the time the Commissioners were sitting to do business in this Country, ordered therefore that it be certified to the Register of the Land office that Samuel Pearman, heir at law to the said John Pearman is entitled to the Preemption of one thousand acres to include his improvement, made in the year 1776, on a west branch of Fromans Run, a branch of Cox's Creek, about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ mile below the forks of the tree leading to Fromans & Rogers Station and on the right hand of the road, so as to have the cabin, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the length of the survey nearest the western end, the survey to be twice as long as wide, and the longest lines at equal distance from the cabin.

also as heir at law for Elisha Pearman, deceased, to include his improvement, about 5 or 6 miles west -

sheet #2

on the right hand side of Fro-
mans waggon road to the salt works,
supposed to be on the headwaters of
Wilson's Creek, and also to include a
small Buffalo lick in the southeast
corner of the land, which is on the
north side of the trace, 200 poles
from each of the including lines.

also as heir at law for Thomas
Pearman, deceased, who was entitled to
the Preemption in consequence of an im-
provement for him made by the said Sam-
uel Pearman in the year 1776 made, lying on
the South side of Salt River near the mouth
running down the Ohio and up Salt river
at equal distance for quantity, to in-
clude the improvement about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile
up the river. - The said Thomas Pearman
being in the service at the time the
commissioners set to do business in
this Country - Total 3000 acres in
Jefferson County, Va.

signed: M Bruce CJCC
minutes Book A. page 73, - 1783 - Jefferson
County Court, Jefferson County, Virginia.
(now Jefferson, County, Kentucky)

True Copy

Samuel Pearman, heir at law to John Pearman, deceased, enters a preemption warrant of a 1000 acres no. 2583, to include his improvement on the right hand side of the road leading from the Salt House to Thomas & Rogers Station & about eight a mile or the quarter of a mile below the forks of the road so as to have the cabin $\frac{1}{3}$ of the length nearest the western end of the survey & to have the survey twice as long as wide & the long lines an equal distance from the cabin end to run East & West on the water of Thomas Run, waters of Wolf's Creek, about 5 or 6 miles Westwardly from ~~the~~ ^{Rogers} Station
(note: surveyed 4-17-1787)

Also heir at law to John Pearman, a preemption warrant no. 2584 to include his improvement supposed to be on the narrow water of Micon's creek & on the left hand side of the wagon road from the Salt House to Rogers & Thomas Station & near a small Barren line to the west

to run, near a small buffalo lick, the lines to run East & West, & North & South an equal length so as to include the small buffalo lick, 200 poles from the including lines of the Southeast corner of the survey.

(note: surveyed 4-15-1784)

also heir to Thomas Pearman, Deik, enters 1000 acres upon a Preemption warrant #2585, to include his improvement, about half a mile or $\frac{3}{4}$ up the Salt River from the mouth, thence down Salt River to the mouth, thence down the Ohio an equal distance and back for quantity. (note: surveyed, 11-1-1785)
 (recorded: Virginia Tracts, Entry book A, page 348, Jefferson County, Virginia. (made Kentucky 1792) -

Copy of above is also recorded in the ProceSSIONERS Register at Nelson County, Kentucky, Clerks office, page 176. March 23 1784. - Nelson County was taken out of Jefferson County in 1783, the above lands then being in Nelson County.

Pearman

Jesse Pearman Record -
Joseph Duncan (son of Howsan and Agnes Johnson Duncan)
Bible Record in possession of Mrs Annabel Goodwin (see below)
Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

This information was given me by Mr Jesse ^{ORVILLE} ~~Rodman~~ Pearman- who is a ~~XXX~~ descendant of the above Joseph Duncan who was a brother of my great grandfather Johnson Duncan.

Line of descent of Jesse ^{ORVILLE} ~~Rodman~~ Pearman from Joseph Duncan.
The dates are from the Joseph Duncan Bible.

1. Howsan Hooe Duncan born June 6, 1757 *died 1814*
Arnes (John son) Duncan born August 14, 1760
2. Joseph Duncan born July 21, 1781 *died March 14, 1836 Louisville Ky.*
Mary E. (Polly) (Fite) Duncan born January 20, 1786 married Joseph Duncan April 17, 1806
at Lincoln County, Kentucky
3. Mary Ann Duncan born December 15, 1825 married *(He born Oct 17-1826)* Frances Marion Able December 23, 1852
at Hardin County, Kentucky----- She died October 26, 1913--He died in the Spring 1905
4. Mary Isabel Able born April 6, 1858 married Aaron Thomas Howey
5. Della Florence Howey born *APRIL 7, 1879* married Jesse Rodman Pearman
died Nov 11, 1961
6. Jesse Rodman Pearman born *JUNE 1, 1875* married *DEC, 7, 1898*
phone - CH - 1-4335 Pewee Valley Ky. Box 6.

Some Deaths that are in the Joseph Duncan Bible
Agnes Duncan died January 28, 1837 *Agnes (Johnson) Duncan*
Agnes Duncan died ~~XXXXXXXX~~ August 16, 1840

Della Florence (nee Howey) died at her 83rd year at the home of her son, Mr. Jesse Rodman Pearman, at Pewee Valley, Ky., on November 11, 1961 at 11:00 a.m. Beloved mother of George Richard, Jesse Orville, Wesley Aaron, John Nathan, and Elizabeth Ann Pearman. Mrs. Della Florence Howey was born in Elizabethtown, Ky. She was a native of Elizabethtown, Ky. Survivors include three other sons, George Richard Pearman, Calhoun, Ga., Wesley Aaron Pearman, Pewee Valley, and John Nathan Pearman, Dupont; three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Ross, Hope, Ind., Mrs. Ethel Shields, Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Clyda ...

MRS. JESSE PEARMAN
Mrs. Jesse Rodman Pearman, 82, the former Della Florence Howey, died at 8:30 a.m. today while visiting a son, Jesse Rodman Pearman, Pewee Valley. Mrs. Pearman lived in Dupont, Ind. She was a native of Elizabethtown.
Survivors include three other sons, George Richard Pearman, Calhoun, Ga., Wesley Aaron Pearman, Pewee Valley, and John Nathan Pearman, Dupont; three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Ross, Hope, Ind., Mrs. Ethel Shields, Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Clyda ...

3-16-1960
The marriage of Miss Deborah Ann Daniel, daughter of Daniel and Mrs. William Crother of Lancaster, and Mr. Orville Lee Pearman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Orville Pearman of Pewee Valley, took place at 7:30 o'clock yesterday at the Lancaster Christian church. The bridegroom's father was the best man. The ushers were Mr. Stanley Walter Pearman and Mr. Steven Doyle Pearman. The bride's father, Mr. Jesse Mack Pearman, and the bridegroom's brothers, Charles Fuller, and Mr. Gilpin. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Stey Morris, Miss Anne Fall, Miss Minnielynn Martin, Lexington; Miss Dorothy Duncan, ...

Address Mr Jesse Pearman
Pewee Valley, Ky. Box 6.
Phone CH-1-4333

A cousin of Mr Jesse Pearman who is Mrs Annabel Goodwin (of the Thomas howey Family) has the Joseph Duncan Bible. She lives in Elizabethtown Ky.

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40203

Pearman Family

January 22, 1986

Eva M. Quinn
210 South Buchanan
Maryville, Missouri 64468

Dear Ms. Quinn:

I have found two addresses which may help you. In our current telephone directory I found V. L. Preston, 4604 Southern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40214, telephone (502) 367-1683. The address we have here for Ancestral Trails Historical Society is P.O. Box 573, Vine Grove, KY 40175.

Also, I am enclosing 9 pages of photocopies about a Samuel Pearman in Hardin County. The main reason I sent this information is that in your letter to the Prestons you list children of Thomas and Mary Pearman and on page 25 you will see that these same-named younger children are listed as being children of Samuel and Mary Bacon Pearman. Maybe this will clear something up or maybe only confuse things further.

I hope this has been helpful. The cost of the enclosed copies is \$2.25.

Sincerely,

Jan Frederick

Mrs. Michael C. Frederick

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p. 272-273

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210 S. Buchanan
Maryville, Mo. 64468
Jan. 6, 1986

The Filson Club
118 West Breckinridge Street
Louisville, Ky. 40203

Re: PEARMAN, Thomas, Sr.
Hardin Co., KY

Gentlemen:

In the past you have helped me with information on different ancestors I was trying to trace.

Perhaps you can help again. According to his will, dated 10 Jan. 1825 and recorded 21 Dec. 1829, Thomas Pearman named his elder children: Samuel Pearman, Edith Pauley (formerly Pearman) John Pearman, Thomas Pearman and Hugh Pearman. And his younger children: Henry Pearman, Eliza Pearman, Jonas Pearman, Pressly Pearman and Louisa Pearman.

I am tracing Samuel Pearman, son of Thomas Pearman, Sr.

I recently received a copy of pages 12 and 13 from BIBLE RECORDS VOLUME 1, by Ancestral Trails Historical Society, which has information on Thomas Pearman, who I believe is a brother of my Samuel Pearman.

The information on page 13 shows: "This Bible presented to Gideon V. Preston by his Mother, Mary Beall in July, 1849. (Submitted to Ancestral Trails Historical Society by Mr. & Mrs. V.L. Preston, 6215 Strawberry Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40214, August, 1975.

I wrote the Prestons but my letter was returned to me. Could you help me locate the Prestons? Or, can you send me the address of the Fincastle Chapter, DAR, of Louisville, Ky, OR the address of the Ancestral Trails Historical Society? Any of these three would be helpful.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



E.M. Quinn

V. L. Preston
40214
4604 Southern Parkway
367-1683

Ancestral Trails Hist Soc
PO Box 573
Vine Grove Ky 40175

Pearman

210 S. Buchanan
Maryville, Mo. 64468
Feb. 8, 1983

Filson Club Library
118 West Breckenridge St.
Louisville, Ky. 40203

RE: PEARMAN, Samuel (P)
ANDERSON, Martha Jane

Dear Members Filson Club:

Do you have someone who could do some genealogy research for me?

I am trying to find information regarding the PEARMAN family, who, according to the 1830, 1840, and 1850 censuses, lived in Meade Co., Ky.

My grandfather was the SAMUEL (N.) PEARMAN shown in the 1850 and 1860 censuses. We do not know anything regarding his parents except that his mother was Martha Jane ANDERSON, who according to the 1880 census was born in Kentucky, and her parents were born in Virginia. (Family legend had her born in England.)

If the 1830 SAMUEL PEARMAN was Martha Jane's spouse, then he was born in Georgia as reported by his sons G.W. & Samuel.

Any records of any kind regarding the PEARMAN and ANDERSON families would be helpful.

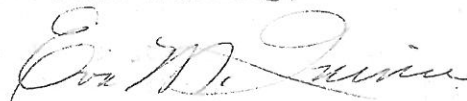
The younger PEARMAN children, George (G.W.), Samuel, and Ann moved with their mother "Jane" to DeWitt, Ark. between 1850 and 1860. Other children may have stayed in Meade Co.

I know there are several PEARMANS living in or near Radcliff, Louisville, Newport, Elizabethtown, Hodgenville, Corbin and Symsonia, Kentucky. They may be descendants of Samuel ? and Martha Jane. She was born Oct. 14, 179?, according to her tombstone in DeWitt, Arkansas.

Please had this letter to someone who can search records for me.

I am enclosing self-addressed stamped envelopes, and will remit payment immediately on being billed. Thanks for your help.

Good hunting,


Eva M. Quinn

1830 Census, Twp L, Meade Co. Ky.

Bearman, Samuel (P).

1 male - 40 to 50

1 " under 5

5 " - 5 to 10

1 female 30 to 40

1 " 15 to 20

1840 Census, Twp L, Meade Co. Ky.

Bearman, Jane

2 males 5 to 10

2 " 15 to 20

1 " 20 to 30

1 female 5 to 10

1 " 10 to 15

1850 Census - Meade Co. Ky.

Bearman, Jane 53 Birthplace Ky.

" Charles 30 " "

" John G 28 " "

" Granville S. 26 " "

" Lucy J. 23 " "

" George G (W) 22 " "

" Carrina 18 " "

" Ann M 17 " "

" Samuel 15 " "

1860 Census

La Drew Twp, Arkansas Co., Ark.

married
6-24-60

Lear, William B

20 - Carpenter - born Alabama

" , Ann M (Pearman)

26 [married 24 June, 1860] Ky

Perryman, Jane

62

"

Whaling, Curtis

26

"

" , Stakely

13

"

Perman, Samuel

24

Farming

"

Vasser, Samuel

19

Ark

BENJ. HELM & PHILLIP READ VS: JOHN STONER, HUGH CRANFORD, WM, BURKEPT
AND HENERY CHRIST.
JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CHANCERY 597

Depo. Charles Lecount, aged about sixty nine years, taken at the house of Edward Swan in Nelson Co. to be read, etc. Saith that some time in the year 1776 he was at the place at the forks of a run this day shewed by him to the surveyor Wm. King and the justices of the peace and saw Samuel Pearman there who had built a cabin and made an improvement for his brother John Pearman and that said improvement was within the bounds of half and acre of land from where he stood when he shewed the survey afsc. on this morning & further saith not

Charles Lecompte

Depo. of John Overall, aged about seventy four years, same time and place. Saith that after the spring of the year 1780 at what time he can't recollect, he became acquainted with the forks of the road spoken of in his presence this day by Major William Chenoweth in his deposition just above and don't believe it was over one hundred steps from the house we are now in as stated by Major Chenoweth. The deponant further states that in 1799 he came down the Ohio river with Charles Lecount the witness this day sworn in this suit & there were nine boats in company and no man in company was esteemed or regarded as an honest man more than the said Charles Lecount.

John Overall

Depo. Charles Lecount:

Charles Lecount interrogated by Deft. Stoner in presence of Compt. Reed.

Q. Was or was not Francis Shane or Chain and others with Samuel Pearman when you saw him at the improvement spoken of in your deposition taken this day as seen by you in 1776.

A. Chain was along. I can't recollect of the others names. There were more in company.

Charles Lecompte

The Depo. of Henry Davis, aged about sixty years, taken at the same time and place...saith that he lived in Froman's Station about three or four miles from the place he has shewed as the place where Pearmans improvement formerly stood in the year 1781 and frequently traveled the road cald Fromans Road from the station to the lick and lived about a half mile from the Station for many years afterwards and still continued to frequently travel said road and never recollects of having seen any other improvement on the road between the Station and the main Bardstown Road except the one which stood on the place he showd on this day where Pearmans stood and that improvement was cald pearmans and the deponant further states that he has never heard it cald by any other name. Since the

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where Togerse's Road left Froman's Road Enlow showed. The right place the deponent has known it ever since the year 1781.

Henry Davis

Q. (by Philip Reed to Henry Davis) Which of the Pearmans did you speak of as having an improvement near this place in the body of your deposition.

A. John Pearman

Q. (by same) What kind of improvement was it at the time you speak of.

A. It was of a few logs laid up as the foundation of a cabin and some chopping and hacking around it.

Q. (by same) Do you know that there were many improvements made in the country that were not entitled to preemptions.

A. I have heard of many who made improvements who could not get preemptions but as to the cause I can't tell. I know none of my own knowledge.

Q. (by same) Did you not know some men in this country to make as many as 8 or 10 improvements.

A. No I do not. I have heard it. And further saith not.

Henry Davis

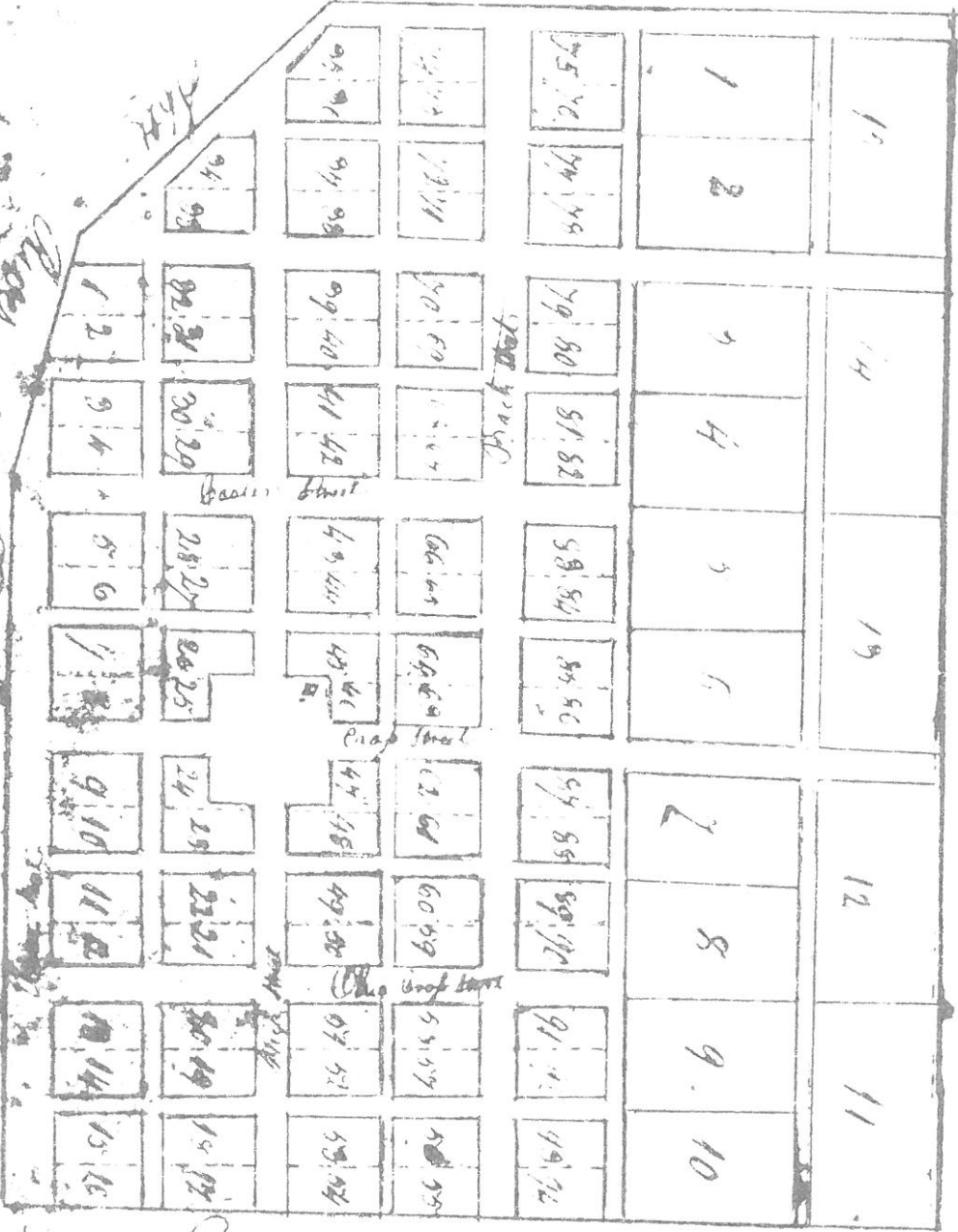
Depo. William Keith aged about fifty nine years taken at the house of Edward Swan in Nelson county on Friday the 15th day of May 1812 . . . saith that what he shewd to the surveyor, Abner King, on Tuesday last 12th inst. as the mouth of Rogers Run and the said run to where Froman's Old Road crossed the said run and thence along said road to where said road struck the first drain of Wilson's Creek, he the deponent knew and was well acquainted with and the said route was well known as such as far back as the fall of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one--the said Froman's Road forked at about 70 or 80 yards above the mouth of a branch putting in to said Run on the north side thereof rather more (as the deponent thinks) than a half mile going westwardly as the surveyor went from where the said road crossed the said run. The right hand fork of the road went to Rogers's Station leading southwardly, the left hand fork went to Froman's Station going southeastwardly. There was another fork to the said road leading from Bullitt's Lick to Froman's Station & Rogers's Station that left Froman's Road and went to the right taking off from what was called Froman's Road and going to Roger's Station going about a southwardly course and leaving what was called Froman's Road about two hundred yards from where the said Froman's Road strikes the first branch of Wilson's Creek going from the said station or stations to Bullitt's Lick and the deponent thinks that the said last mentioned fork of said road is about one hundred yards from the house of Swan where he, the deponent, now gives this deposition. The deponent went from the point where Froman's Road struck the first drain of Wilson's Creek going as the deponent was told by the surveyor a north course and struck the said west fork of Coxes Creek just below a drain putting in on the south side of said west fork of Coxes Creek being the first drain below Bills mill on the said West Fork.

Plan of Westpoint

17° N 78 poles

Pearson family

Ohio River



2001 E 6th

17° N 78 poles
 120 poles
 100 poles
 100 poles
 100 poles

165 feet
 165 feet
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 165 feet
 165 feet
 165 feet

James Oglethorpe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby
certify that by virtue and in consideration of a prescription
made the 21st day of February 1786 there is granted by the said
Governor unto Edward Pauson a certain tract or parcel of land containing at the least
by survey bearing date the first day of November 1785, a quantity and being in the County
of Albemarle in the lower side of Salt river and bounded as follows to wit Beginning at the
junction of Salt river with the River and running down the same and ending thereon
with its different measures that the same can fully purchase a two square acres and being
thence South six degrees west two miles and a half and ending a large tract to a mill race
thence again two thence west eight degrees west one mile and a half and ending a
large tract on a ridge thence North six degrees west one mile and a half and ending a
large tract on the South of Salt river thence down the same with its different measures to the
beginning with its different measures to be hereunto to hold the said tract or parcel of land
with its appurtenances to the said Edward Pauson and his heirs forever this day
of the said Edward Oglethorpe Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia
with his hand and council the 12th day of the month of December 1786
at Richmond in the twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and eighty six and of the Commonwealth the seventh year

E. Randolph

Land Papers
In
Archives. Soc. of State's Office
Frankfort, Ky.

August Term 1798 161

That the Honorable the Lord of Adquoddamum Vice & the Sheriff of this County commanding him to Summon every good and Lawful man of his County to meet on the last petition aforesaid on the 25th day of this Instant Term and there to Enquire agreeably to an act of Assembly in that Case made and provided and such inquiry so made without delay he shall return to the next Court to be held for this County

Ordered that Benjamin Johnson Daniel Blanton & John Bray being first sworn do view the most convenient way for a Road from the Court house to meet the Washing Road where it strikes the Rolling fork above the mouth of Pottengers Creek & make report thereof to the next Court

John Rice took the Oath of Constable and together with Henry ditto his Security Entered into and Acknowledged their Bond Conditioned according to Law for the faithful performance of said Office.

At July Court 1798 on the application of Samuel Peerman a Town was Established on his land at the mouth of Salt River to be known by the name of Westpoint the said Peerman together with William Kelso & Henry Ditto his Security entered into and Acknowledged bond Conditioned according to Law the following persons are appointed Trustees to said Town to wit, Samuel Rice Isaac Roberts Henry Ditto William Kelso and Hardin Thomas

Ordered from Samuel Peerman to Jacob Kumberland was Acknowledged an order to be recorded.

Edward Peerman here added to John Peerman deed dated a prescription of 1000 acres
1782 to include his improvement on the right hand side of the road leading from the salt works to Rogers
and Rogers Stations and about half a mile or three quarters of a mile below the fork of the road seems to have the
Gabbler one third of the length nearest the station and of the survey and to have the survey line a string
long as wide and the long lines a equal distance from the Gabbler and to run past and West on the Waters
of Thomas Peermans water of Coxs Creek about 5 or 6 Miles Westwardly from ^{Rogers} Station

Looked at David Elisha Peerman entry a prescription of 1000 acres 1782
to include his improvement supposed to be on the head Waters of Willoughby Creek on the left hand side
of the Duff on a road from the salt Works to Rogers and Peermans Stations and near a small Buffalo
Creek the line to run East and West and North and South a equal length so as to include the small Buffalo
Creek and to be from the including lines of the S.E. corner of the Survey

Also see W. to Thomas Peerman Deed entry 1788 a condition a prescription of 1000 acres
to include his improvement about half a mile or three quarters up the South side of Salt River from the mouth
of the river to the mouth thence down the Ohio an equal distance and back for a quarter

Pearman

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January 26, 1987

Mrs. Eva. M. Quinn
210 S. Buchanan
Maryville, Mo. 64468

Dear Mrs. Quinn:

I have made another attempt to find a Thomas Pearman Sr. Bible record on file here at The Filson Club without success. If it is published in a genealogical periodical it is not cataloged. There are so many different sources here that could have published such a thing, and if not cataloged it could take many hours to find.

The only mention I find this morning to a Thomas pearman Sr. is him serving as a witness to a Deed recorded in Hardin Co. 12th of Feb. 1824 of a Henry Ditto Sr. to a John Ditto. This was taken from Kentucky Ancestors Vol. 11, no. 2 page 74.

Sorry that I'm unable to find this for you.

Sincerely,

Nettie Clark

210 S. Buchanan
Maryville, Mo. 64468
Jan. 8, 1987

The Filson Club
118 W. Breckenridge
Louisville, KY 40203

Gentlemen:

Re: Thomas Pearman, Sr.
B. 31 Jan. 1762 d. 20 Oct. 1829

I wrote you on Nov. 3, 1986 asking for a copy of bible records for the above Thomas Pearman. You sent me bible records for his son Thomas! You had previously sent me the son's records.

The records I am trying to get a copy of now, is Thomas who first married Esther Wills on 23 Oct. 1785.

She died in Dec. 1804 and he remarried to Mary Paul on 28 May 1806. This bible records shows all the above dates and the names and birth dates of Thomas's children.

Mr. Richard Briggs sent me a hand-written copy of the records, and I feel sure they are on file somewhere. I'd like very much to have a photocopy.

Please try again and see if Thomas Pearman, Sr.'s old bible record is on file there.

Please bill me for your services.

My sincere thanks,

Eva M. J. J. J.

Ky. Bible Record

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210 S. Buchanan
Maryville, Mo. 64468
November 3, 1986

The Filson Club
118 West Breckenridge St.
Louisville, KY 40203



Re: PEARMAN, Thomas

Gentlemen:

When I come to an impasse, I turn to the Filson Club. Your help has been invaluable.

You gave me the address of Richard A. Briggs of 1408 Elm Street, West Point, KY, who wrote the Early History of West Point Kentucky. I corresponded with him and received much help in sorting out the information I had on several Pearmans, and in addition he gave me much additional information. However, I seem to have lost him, or wore him out, since my letters went unanswered. So, again I am turning to you.

(1) Do you know whether the Bicentennial History of West Point Kentucky is available for purchase. I have copies of pages where Pearmans were involved, but I'd like to buy the book if possible.

(2) Mr. Briggs sent me several written pages of births, marriages and deaths from "the old Thomas Pearman family bible" which he "copied years ago."

I'd like very much to have zerox copies of these pages. Do you have any source of reference on this bible record where I could get copies? I have no doubt that Mr. Briggs put them on record for a genealogical and historical purposes. His uncle married a Pearman, and he has done much research on that line. So I feel sure the bible records have been filed for record somewhere. It lists all of Thomas Pearman's children, their births, etc., and his own marriage to Esther Willis, her death and his marriage to Mrs. Mary Paul (Pauley). I have copies of the bible records of Thomas Pearman-son of the above, who married Nancy Field a sister of Jane Field who married my great-grandfather Samuel Pearman. (That's for identifying purposes)

I am enclosing \$10 to cover cost of copying--if you locate the bible records. If this isn't enough, I'll send more. If too much, please consider it a donation.

Thank you for your continued help.

Sincerely,

E.M. Quinn

This was copied from the book, PIONEER SETTLERS AT THE MOUTH OF SALT RIVER, by R.A. Briggs

THE PEARMAN FAMILY

Of the many pioneers who came to Kentucky at an early date, the life of Samuel Pearman (and his brother, Thomas) is indeed intriguing. He was a typical example of a man determined to make his future in the wilderness, and persevered until he did. Then little by little his possessions and life's riches slipped away until as an old man, he died nearly impoverished. That was true of many men who struggled and worked hard all their life and were responsible for making our state as great as it is today.

According to tradition, Samuel Pearman was born in Virginia sometime before 1756. The writer has been unable to determine the names of his parents, but there is one thing for certain, he came from a very large family. In fact the story has been passed down thru the generations that there was no less than ten of the Pearman brothers who served in the Revolutionary War. He was raised in the old mother state, and sometime before he became an adult, moved with his family to the western country of Virginia in an area that is now western Pennsylvania. When Kentucky was first opened to exploration and settlement, Pearman was one of the first to come looking for land. As a member of a small group searching for likely looking land on which to settle, he came to the Mouth of Salt River in 1776. He built a cabin here, but due to troubles with the Indians, was forced to go back up the river. He came to Kentucky again in 1780 and revived his claims for land. Again he returned to Pennsylvania and finally came to Kentucky with his family and settled on Chaplin River, in Nelson County, in 1792.

At this time he owned over 3000 acres in Kentucky. According to Minute Book A, Jefferson County Court, he received the land based on the following claims:

"Proof having been made to the court that John Pearman, a soldier in the Continental Service, was entitled to a preemption of 1000 acres and that he was in the service of the United States at the time the Land Commissioners were setting to do business in this county; ordered that it be certified... that Samuel Pearman, heir at law, to the said John Pearman is entitled to a 1000 acre preemption to include his improvements made in 1776 on a west branch of Froman's Run, a branch of Cox's Creek... also as heir at law of Elias Pearman his improvement of 1000 acres westward from Roger's Station on the right side of the road from the salt works... also as heir at law of Thomas Pearman, deceased, who was entitled to a preemption of 1000 acres in consequence of an improvement made for him by Samuel Pearman in the year of 1776 on the south side of Salt River near the mouth... The said Thomas Pearman being in the service at the time the commissioners sat to to business in this county. Total 3000 acres to Samuel Pearman.

On one of his stays in Pennsylvania Pearman married Mary Bacon (sometimes spelled Bakehorn). Mary Bacon was the daughter of Job and Rhonda Bacon. According to some sources Job Bacon had been captured by the Indians in 1757, but later managed to escape. Mary was their only child.

Samuel Pearman came to the site of West Point in 1796, and along with James Young and Henry Ditto, was successful in establishing what was the last town of European civilization on the western frontier. He sold a few lots to individuals but his title was declared invalid and he was left with only 692 acres of his original grant. The Pearman farm laid mostly on the south side of Bee Branch and included part of the bottom land outside of West Point, as well as what is known as Fort Hill.

At least one of his many brothers, Thomas Pearman, later lived in West Point. Sometime during the Revolutionary War, Samuel and his brother Thomas, lost contact and for many years Samuel believed Thomas was dead. This was far from the truth, Thomas was very much alive and living in Wilkes County, Georgia, married and had several children. In 1806, after

- A - The claim for said preemption was proved before the said court by one of the said ... and perhaps both, it was not granted on my oath.
- Q - Was not the information untrue which you received about the death of Thomas Pearman. Is he not still living? Did you not divide the said preemption with Thomas Pearman and what part did he get?
- A - The said information of the death of Thomas Pearman was untrue. He is now living and here present. I allowed him 320 acres on the southeast boundry of my preemption.
- Q - When was the first improvement made on the said 1000 acre claim?
- A - A cabin was built by my direction in the year 1796 and which cabin stood on the bank of the Ohio River not more than ten rods from the mouth of Salt River on the lower side. Sugar was made there in the year 1796 by Mr. Reed's family.

From the information in these two depositions, it is determined the exact dates when Sam Pearman first arrived at the mouth of Salt River in the year 1776 and built a hut near where the Salt River Park is now located. Then he no doubt made two or more futher trips back and forth to Pennsylvania before the cabin was built where Mr. Reed's family made sugar in 1796.

The Pearman family evidently orginated in Virginia, for it appears almost for a certainly that there were at least seven of the Pearman brothers in the army during the Revoluntion, and perhaps even as many as ten. John Pearman, of the Virginia line, died at Valley Forge, while serving with General Washington's army, on December 30, 1776. He was with the 6th Virginia Regiment. Proof of Thomas Pearman, Sr., serving with the army during the war can be found in Land Office Military Warrant, number 2595, whereby he was entitled to aoo acres of land for his services in the Virginia Continental Line, warrant dated Feb. 23, 1784. Thomas himself swore that he served several years in the army during their arduous struggle for liberty. While the other brothers were serving in the army, it appears that Samuel was here in Kentucky attempting to stake out claims for land in their name. As the war ended, the family seemed to scatter, Samuel soon came to Kentucky to settle, as did an Randall Pearman, who settled at an early date on Rough River in western Hardin County. It is believed that Randall Pearman was a brother to Samuel and Thomas Pearman, Sr. Thomas Pearman however, did not come to Kentucky when the other brothers did. He moved to Georgia where he lived for a number of years, married and raised a family. It was no doubt that his existance in Georgia, led to Samuel believing him dead. However after his first wife died, Thomas Pearman moved to the mouth of Salt River, married again, and raised several more children.

Samuel Pearman, as stated, married Mary Bacon, in Pennsylvania. They had five children; Nathan Pearman, David Pearman, William Pearman, Susan Pearman, who married a Mr. Bayse, and Sally Pearman, who married her cousin, Elisha Pearman, and they moved to Vigo County, Indiana. William Pearman, son of Samuel, is believed to be the same William Pearman who appeared in the 1850 census of Grayson County, Ky. He is shown on the census of that year with the following family: William Pearman, age 60, born in Va. (1790), Nancy Pearman, his wife, age 50; and the following children: Ben 22, Mary 17, Martha 16, and Elizabeth Pearman, age 7. (the son, Nathan Pearman, is believed to also gone by the name of Jesse Pearman, and died without issue).

Samuel Pearman lived on his orginal land-grant near the Mouth of Salt River, until his death about 1819. Mary, his widow, passed away a few years later. The five children soon left the area, and except for William and Sally, no record was located by this writer of any of the other descendants.

Thomas Pearman, who we have discussed briefly, served in the Virginia line from his enlistment in November 1780, until he went on furlough in September 1783. He then moved to Georgia and lived until about 1806 when he came to the Mouth of Salt River. He then lived the live of a farmer and raised

a large family. They were all honorable and valuable citizens in the community. Slowly, along about the last half of the nineteenth century, the descendants one by one moved away until now it is doubtful if any Pearman blood flows in the veins of any resident in the area around the land they helped settle. Thomas Pearman, Sr., was born January 31, 1762, and married Oct. 23, 1785, Esther Wills. She died Dec. 24, 1805. He then remarried in Hardin County, Ky., Mrs. Mary Paul, on May 28, 1806. The children of Thomas Pearman, Sr., were as follows:

1. Samuel Pearman II, born June 22, 1787, married Jane Field, of Bullitt County, Ky.
2. John Pearman, born Dec. 7, 1791, married Sally Lyons in 1814.
3. Edith Pearman, born April 10, 1790, married John Pawley.
4. Thomas Pearman, Jr., born Feb. 25, 1795, married March 18, 1819, Nancy Field, of Bullitt County, Ky., a sister to Jane Field, above.
5. Hugh Pearman, born April 11, 1797.
6. Jonas Pearman, born April 10, 1813, married Mary E. Harver, Sept. 18, 1847, and Jonas died in 1850.
7. Presley Pearman, born Oct. 22, 1815.
8. Elizabeth Pearman, born January 22, 1811, married on March 22, 1830 Hiram Chalfin, of Hardin County, Ky. (He was born Feb. 28, 1807.
9. Harry (or Henry) Pearman, was born Oct. 21, 1809, and married Elizabeth Mize.

The Samuel Pearman II, above, son of Thomas and Esther Pearman, after marriage to Jane Field, moved to Garnettsville, Meade County, Ky., where he lived the rest of his life. They had at least eight children; Charles H. Pearman, who went west; John Tip Pearman, who moved to Arkansas; Lucy J. Pearman, George W. Pearman, Corrinna Pearman, who married Bob McCoy, and they moved to DeWitt, Ark., Ann Pearman, Samuel Pearman III, and Granville Pearman.

Regrettably, the genealogical material available on the Pearman family at the Mouth of Salt River is very fragmentary. Therefore the writer will record what material he has at his disposal in a fragmentary manner, so that any descendant of the Pearman family whom so desires may use the material for what it is worth. The Pearman family is a most interesting family and one that demands and deserves much additional research and study.

Some Pearmans in the Hardin County, Ky. Census-1850

Charles Pearman, age 26, born Ky.

Hardin Pearman, 40, farmer, born Ky.	Enos Pearman, 23, Ky
Lucinda " 39	Eliza " 21
Samuel " 17	William H. " 8 months
Sarah " 12	
William " 10	Hugh Pearman, 53, farmer, Ga
Susan " 7	Nancy " 47
John " 4	John W. " 20
Martha " 2	H.W. " 16
	Susan " 13
William Pearman 35	Ann E. " 9
Sarah " 36	
Mary " 14	John Pearman 58 Ga
Martha " 12	Sarah " 57
male 5	William " 26
female 3	Martha " 22
Bales " 2	John " 20
	female " 19
Thomas Pearman, Jr 55 Ga.	Sarah " 17
Nancy " 54 Ky	
Martha " 17 Ky	Fontaine Pearman 25 Merchant's-clerk
Ranson Pearman 27 school-teacher	
Rhona Pearman 25 (Ky.)	

his first wife died, Thomas found out that Samuel was living in Kentucky and proceeded to move to the West Point area where he married and raised several more children.

Samuel Pearman, except for the time when he was engaged in helping establish the town of West Point, Ky., lived the life of a farmer. Sam and Mary Bacon Pearman had several children, among them were Nathan, David, William, Susan Bayse, and Sally. Sally Pearman married acousin, Elisha Pearman and moved to near Terre Haute, Indiana. Samuel Pearman died about 1819 and Mary his wife, about 1823

In attempting to make a genealogical study of the families of Sam Pearman, his brother Thomas Pearman, Sr., and other branches of the Pearman family that resided in nearby Hardin County, one discovers an unusual fact. As far as can be determined there are no living descemdants of any branch of the Pearman family now living in the immediate area around the Mouth of Salt River today. Regardless, the writer has uncovered numerous old documents in the form of military records, court depositions, ect. which will be used to provide a genealogical back-ground on the activities of this very interesting family in the early days of settlement in this area. In this regard, Keith Pearman, of Evansville, Indiana, has been of great assistance in compiling the history of the Pearman family.

One of these documents is a deposition made by Samuel Pearman, himself, on August 8, 1808, which describes in his own words, his activities on his first trip to Kentucky: This deposition was taken to locate the site of an improvement by a Jacob Spears, on the banks of the Rolling Fork River:

- Q - Where do you think was the place the cabin was built?
A - About eight yards from the walnut tree.
Q - You came up (the river) by water and you thought it was seven or eight miles by water?
A - I did
Q - What time was it when you came up here?
A - Toward the last of June or the first of July, 1776.
Q - How highwas the buckeye cabin built?
A - About as high as a mans head. Six or seven feet high.
Q- What time did you leave Kentucky and at what time did you return to Kentucky again?
A - In the fall of 1776 I left Kentucky and came down again in 1780 I think sometime in May
Q - How many years do you think it was when you built the cabin until you were in the place again?
A - I think it was in the year 1792 to the best of my knowledge, but saw no signs of the cabin but did see signs of the improvement.

Samuel Pearman in another deposition described his activities at the future site of the town of West Point in answering another series of similar questions.

- Q- When were you first at this place (West Point)?
A - In the year 1776
Q - Did you and your companions then make improvements for Thomas Pearman with intention to hold land and how near this place, describe where the improvement was made?
A - We did, and began a cabin near the junction of Salt River with the Ohio River and found that the ground overflowed so we altered our intentions and went up Salt River and built a cabin or hut for said improvement about opposite the stream since called Pond Creek and about four or five pads from the riverbank on the south side.
Q - Did you claim a preemption for 1000 acres for said improvement as heir at law to the said Thomas Pearman, and did you hear before that time that the said Thomas Pearman was dead?

BIBLE RECORDS, FROM
THOMAS PEARMAN, JR. BIBLE

Births

Thomas Pearman, Jr. , born in 1795
Nancy Pearman, his wife, Dec. 25, 1795
Susan Elizabeth Pearman, daughter of Thomas and Nancy, born Jan. 11, 1821
Maria Jane Pearman, daughter of Thomas and Nancy, born Feb. 20, 1823
Fountain Pearman, born July 7, 1826, son of Thomas and Nancy Pearman.
Martha Ann Pearman, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Pearman, b. June 7, 1832
Thomas C. Shanks, son of Robert and Mary Shanks, born Feb. 22, 1818.
James A. Field, son of Lewis and Mary Field, born Jan. 11, 1822.
Thomas P. Shanks, son of James and Susan Shanks, b. March 26, 1841
William Fountain Shanks, son of James and Sue Shanks, b. Dec. 24, 1842
Samuel R. Shanks, son of James and Sue Shanks, b. Feb. 12, 1845
Eugenia Shanks, daughter of James and Susan Shanks, b. Oct. 26, 1847
James Warren Shanks, was born Dec. 29, 1852
Maria Jane Shanks, born July 1, 1858
Sally Shanks Tull, born 1802
Thornton Shanks, born 1804
Oscar Shanks, born 1808
Lettie Shanks, born 1806
Susan Shanks Mallery, born 1810
Emerine Shanks Peters, born 1812

Thomas Shanks was born in 1814
Thomas L. Field, son of James A. and Maria Field, born June 8, 1845
Mary F. Field, daughter of James A and Maria Field, b. Feb. 20, 1847
Levi A. Field, son of James A. and Maria Field, born Dec. 18, 1849
William Shanks was born in 1816
James Shanks was born Feb. 22, 1818
George Shanks was born in 1822
Mary Jane Shanks Nall was born in 1824
Polina Shanks Sale was born in 1827

Deaths

Maria Jane Field died Feb. 25, 1853
Thomas Pearman, Jr., died in Louisville on the 7th of June, 1853, in the 59th
year of his life.
Fountain Pearman died in Nebraska City on Feb. 3, 1861
Nancy Pearman died in Louisville Feb 27, 1863
James Cambell Shanks died in Louisville Feb. 6, 1891
Susan Pearman Shanks died in Louisville Aug. 11, 1897
Robert Shanks, son of Thomas and Tabitha Shanks, died March 20, 1859,
age 79 years, 5 months and six days.
Mary Jane Shanks, wife of Robert Shanks, born Oct. 14, 1784, died May
28, 1862, age 77.
Thomas Shanks died Jan. 22, 1822, buried at Simpsonville, Ky.
Tabitha Shanks, wife of Thomas Shanks, died May 24, 1847, age 87 years.

Marriages

Thomas Pearman was married to Nancy Field, his wife, March 28, 1820
James C. Shanks and Susan Pearman were married April 16, 1840
James A. Field and Maria Jane Pearman were married May 9, 1844

A few additional facts on the Thomas Pearman family were found in a deposition made after 1850 by Thomas Pearman, Jr., in a suit between Gideon Withers and C.D. Shean, over a boundry line on their adjoining farms. The questions were answered by Thomas Pearman, Jr., as follows:

Q - Who were the heirs of Samuel Pearman at his death?

A - William Pearman, David Pearman, Susan Pearman, Sarah Pearman, and Jesse Pearman. Jesse Pearman died without any children.

Q - Who were the heirs of Job Bacon, deceased?

A - I have understood from relatives that Job Bacon's heirs was only Mary Pearman.

Q - Where did Rhonda and Job Bacon reside?

A - Sam Pearman and his wife resided in Pennsylvania and moved to the Mouth of Salt River. I understood that Samuel Pearman married Mary Bacon in Pennsylvania, but I was too young to know.

Q- Who was your father?

A - My father was Thomas Pearman, Sr. Thomas Pearman, Sr. settled on this land in Feb. 1808, or 1809, and lived there until his death in October 1829. His widow and the youngest set of children continued to live on the farm until she sold it to C.D. Shean in 1839.

Then in another suit, Withers vs. Thomas Pearmans heirs, over the same boundry line, Thomas Pearman, Jr. futher listed the heirs of his father as: Thomas, Jr., Hugh, John, Edith Pauley, Jonas (who he stated died in 1850, leaving one child - William Franklin Pearman, Presely Pearman, and Eliza Chalfin. He stated that Hugh Pearman, the second son of Thomas Sr., lived with his father until his death in 1829. He futher stated that Mary Bacon Pearman, widow of Samuel Pearman, died 26 or 27 years ago (This was in 1850).

Reference had been previously made to one of the daughters of Samuel Pearman, Sally, marrying Elisha Pearman. This Elisha Pearman is believed to be the son of a Randall Pearman, who came to Kentucky at an early date and settled on Rough Creek, in western Hardin County, near present day Vertrees, Ky. This Randall Pearman is believed to have had sons named Randall, Samuel, Elisha, and Sibert (Cybert). They comprise a very interesting family group which requires additional research. This Samuel, son of Randall, married a Nancy Shelton, and lived on Mill Creek near West Point. This Samuel Pearman has often been confused with the pioneer Samuel, who settled at West Point. One daughter of this marriage was Elizabeth, who married into the Lee family at Pitts Point. She died in 1855 at the age of 36.

Sibert was born June 16, 1793, in Kentucky, served in the Kentucky Militia in the War of 1812, He lived in Hardin County until about 1829. The 1820 census showed him with one son and two daughters, all under ten y years of age. Sibert was a millwright by trade, and built mills in both Kentucky and Indiana. His wife was a Sarah Pearman, born March 1798, died in 1848. Elisha Pearman, believed to be his brother, married Sally Pearman, daughter of Samuel Pearman, the pioneer, and they likewise migrated to the Vermillion County, Indiana area, which is just north of Terre Haute.

		Grayson County, Ky. - 1850 Census	
William Pearman, 60, farmer, born in Va.		Mary Pearman, age	17
Nancy Pearman, age	50	Martha "	16
Benjamin "	22	Elizabeth "	7

		Meade County, Ky. - 1850 Census	
Jane Pearman	53	Ky	
Charles "	30	George W. Pearman,	22
John Tip "	28	Corrinna "	18
Granville "	26	Ann M. "	17
Lucy J. "	23	Samuel "	15

		Arkansas County, Ark. - 1880 Census	
Jane Pearman	83	Samuel Pearman	52
George W. "	52	Corrinna McCoy	48

SOME ADDITIONAL PEARMAN
BIBLE RECORDS FROM CHALFIN BIBLE

Additional genealogical information on the Pearman family was obtained from information copied from a Pearman-Chalfin family bible.

Births

Thomas Pearman, Sr., was born January 31, 1762
Samuel Pearman II was born June 22, 1787
Edith Pearman, born April 10, 1790
John Pearman, born December 7, 1791
Thomas Pearman, Jr, was born Feb 25, 1795
Hugh Pearman, born August 19, 1797
(Esther Wills, their mother, died December 24, 1804)
(Thomas Pearman, Sr., then remarried, Mrs. Mary Paul, a widow, in Hardin County, Ky on May 29, 1806. She had children by her first marriage, one of whom, Mary Paul married Joseph Chalfin) infant son, born Aug. 4, 1807, died the next day. (Thomas Pearman also had two children by his first wife who died as infants)
Henry Pearman, born Oct. 21, 1809
Elizabeth Pearman, born Jan 22, 1811
Jonas G. Pearman, born April 10, 1813
Presely Pearman, born Oct 22. 1815
Louiza Ann Pearman, born Feb 27, 1818
Hiram Pearman, born Dec. 12, 1820, died in August 1821.
Nancy Pearman born Sept 6, 1822, died Dec. 6, 1823.
Thomas Paul was born Oct. 31, 180-.
Mararet Paul born Aug. 31, ---.
Mary Paul, born Oct. 15, 1804.
(These three Paul children were the step-children of Thomas Pearman, Sr. They were the children of John Paul, who died Jan. 15, 1805, and Mary Paul Pearman, Thos. Pearman's second wife)
Edward Trueman, son of Walter Trueman and Dianah, his wife, born Nov. 20, 1806.
Lucinda Trueman, born April 14, 1808.
Hiram Chalfin, born Feb 28, 1807
Elizabeth Pearman Chalfin, his wife, b. January 22, 1811. (they were married on March 22, 1830)
John Thomas Chalfin, born June 27, 1831
Mary Jane Chalfin, born Sept. 16, 1833
Presley Chalfin, born August 2, 1836
Louiza Ann Chalfin was born Sept 9, 1838
Joseph Chalfin was born Nov. 3, 1841 (Note- Chalfin was also spelled Chalfan on many occasions)
Jonas G. Pearman was born April 10, 1813
Mary Elizabeth Harvey was born April 22, 1829 (They were married Sept. 18, 1847)
William Jonas Thomas Pearman, born Oct. 28, 1848
Mary Jane Pearman was born Nov 30, 1834
Nathan Pearman, born Dec 2, 1836
Eliza Pearman, born May 17, 1839

DEATHS

Thomas Pearman, Sr., died October 20, 1829
Esther Wills Pearman, d. December 24, 1804
Mary Paul Pearman, d. Apr. 25, 1839, age 58
Jonas G. Pearman, died October 20, 1829
Louiza Sheets, d. March 6, 1843
Henry Pearman, d. July 2, 1839

MARRIAGES

Henry Pearman and Elizabeth Mize (or Wize), were married Jan. 2, 1834.
All of the above records were copies from the original Thomas Pearman, Sr.
bible, which had been handed down through the Chalfin family, by a great-
great grand-daughter, Laura Bailey, and secured from Keith Pearman, of Evans-
ville, Indiana.