

## **WILLIAM C. PEARCE**

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*Many thanks to James “Jim” R. Pearce for providing details about his grandparents, William and Myrtle (Barlow) Pearce, and their family.*

**WILLIAM “WILL” CREATH PEARCE**, son of Joseph Taylor “Sweet Potato” Pearce (1835-1915) and Mary Cowgill (1835-1910), was born 30 Nov 1872 in Peoria, Franklin County, Kansas. William’s father moved the family to Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, during its early settlement days.

William married **MYRTLE DELLA BARLOW**, daughter of Albert Addison Barlow (1833-1925) and Frances P. Franklin (1858-1922), on 25 Dec 1899 in Santa Fe, Haskell County, Kansas. Myrtle was born on 5 Aug 1882 in Sedgwick County, Kansas. William and Myrtle lived in Garden City, at the same house on 8<sup>th</sup> street for many years, except when they moved to Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California, in about 1940. They stayed only a short time and returned to Garden City. William made his living as an attorney.

William died on 13 Dec 1954, and Myrtle died in Garden City, Kansas on 15 Nov 1967. They were both buried at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas.

William and Myrtle had four children:

**LINNA G. PEARCE** was born on 11 Jun 1903 in Garden City, Kansas. At the age of 26, she was working as a stenographer at her father’s attorney office. She lived in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California until the death of her husband, Glen Calvin La Moyea, on 3 Aug 1948. (He was born on 9 Sep 1891 in Illinois.) About 4 years later, Linna returned to her home state, Kansas, living there until her death on 26 Mar 1997. She died at the age of 93 years in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. Her burial was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. Glen and Linna had two children, Glen Alfred La Moyea (1935-2010) and Juanita (La Moyea) Towles (1937-2015).

**MARION R. PEARCE**, born 11 Apr 1906 in Garden City, Kansas, was married to Lorraine L. Ester, daughter of Wilbur O. Ester and Gertrude Wiles, on 16 Dec 1931. They had three children; Robert M. Pearce, Phyllis L. Pearce, and James R. Pearce. Marion died on 12 Nov 1953 in Garden City. In 1955, Lorraine married again to Clarence E. McCarty. He died in 1982. Burial for Marion, Lorraine, and Clarence was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas.

**GLEWIN VERIL PEARCE** was born in 1908 and married to Max A. Brewer. Max was born on 29 Jan 1900. Glewin died in March of 1952, and Max died in December of

1985. Burial for both was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas. One son was born in their marriage, Billy Max Brewer.

**JOSEPH ADDISON PEARCE** was born on 9 Jun 1911 in Garden City, Kansas. In 1930, he was still living in Garden City and working for a dry cleaning business. In 1935, he was living in Casper, Wyoming. Census records for 1940 reveal that he had moved to Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California, was divorced, and living with his parents. In 1942, he was working on a ranch in San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California. Records reveal that Joseph moved back to Garden City, Kansas when his parents did. Joseph died in May of 1948 and his burial was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas.

### Newspaper Marriage Announcement

#### WILLIAM CREATH PEARCE & MYRTLE DELLA (BARLOW) PEARCE

*The Garden City (Kansas) Herald, 30 Dec 1899*

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

CUPID'S WORK IN AND AROUND GARDEN CITY

PEARCE – BARLOW

At the bride's residence in Santa Fe (Kansas), Mr. William C. Pearce and Miss Myrtle Barlow were united in marriage on Christmas day, the Rev. Fitch officiating.

Mr. Pearce is the county attorney of Haskell County, superintendent of the Santa Fe schools, and senior editor of the Santa Fe Republican. His bride is the daughter of District Clerk Barlow.

Congratulations to the happy pair.

### Newspaper Obituaries

#### WILLIAM "WILL" CREATH PEARCE

*Hutchinson (Kansas) News-Herald, 12 Dec 1954*

GARDEN CITY – William C. Pearce, longtime Southwest Kansas attorney, died here (*Garden City*) Saturday.

Mr. Pearce was born near Ottawa, Kansas on 30 Nov 1872. He served as county attorney for both Haskell and Finney counties.

Survivors are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Linna La Moyea, Manitou Springs, Colorado, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. on Monday at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City, with Rev. Franklin Edwards officiating. Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery.

### MYRTLE DELLA (BARLOW) PEARCE

*Garden City (Kansas) Telegram, 3 Nov 1967*

Mrs. Myrtle D. Pearce, 85, died in a local Garden City nursing home where she had been a patient for several months.

Born 5 Aug 1882 in Marshall, she moved with her parents to Haskell County, where they homesteaded near old Santa Fe (Kansas). She was married on 25 Dec 1899 to William C. Pearce at Old Santa Fe, and they moved to Garden City, Living on 8<sup>th</sup> street for almost 60 years.

Myrtle was a member of the First Methodist Church, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and was active in the Methodist Quilters.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Linna La Moyea of Lakin, 6 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1954; two sons, Joseph in 1948, and Marion in 1953; and a daughter, Gleewin Brewer, in 1952.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at the First Methodist Church Chapel, with the Rev. C. M. Fogleman, Jr., officiating. Burial will be at the Valley View Cemetery. Garnand Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Cemetery Headstones

#### WILLIAM CREATH PEARCE & MYRTLE DELLA (BARLOW) PEARCE



VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY  
Garden City, Finney County, Kansas