

Pearson, Robert H.

Mr. Robert H. Pearson was born in Yorkshire, England on April 1, 1828 and came to America with his family in 1832 settling in Allegheny, Pa. He learned the trade of a coach-body builder and for a short time worked at his trade in Milwaukee, St. Louis and Iowa.

In the winter of 1851-52, he went to California and engaged in placer mining with fair success.

On May 15, 1854, he secured a claim near where Baldwin now stands. He belonged to Shore's Rough and Ready Pioneer Company and took an active part in defending the city of Lawrence from demolition by foreign invaders in 1855. The Battle of Black Jack was fought on his farm and he took part in it.

He was also a member of Nugent's Regiment, Missouri Home Guard but was transferred from it to the Ninth Kansas Infantry.

In 1860, he sold his claim and purchased other property which he placed under cultivation.