

JOHN WHARTON POCOCK

John Wharton Pocock was born on March 30, 1838 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This information is on his death certificate and is sworn to in his Civil War Pension document. In that document he states that there is no other birth or baptismal record in existence to prove his date of birth. John is the son of Eli Pocock and Catherine Kinestrick. My research leads me to believe that he is the 8th of 9 children. He has four brothers and three sisters. A bio on him in a book that is represented later says that there were 10 children and that he is the 9th of 10. Further research is needed to determine the additional child in the family.

The 1840 US Federal Census only list the head of household, so we see John's father Eli listed in Tuscarawas County, Ohio where John is one of two males under the age of 5.

In the 1850 Census, John is listed with his parents and they are in Clinton Township, Fulton County, Ohio. Eli is listed as a farmer.

In the 1860 census John is now in Cass County, Nebraska Territory. He is listed as a laborer living in the home of Ambrose Patterson. His service record testimony of his birth date states that he was among strangers from the time he was 15 years old. That would mean that he left home in roughly 1853. His obituary from the Ord Quiz states that he came to Nebraska in 1858 when he was 20 year of age. That may mean that he lived somewhere other than with his father from 15 on. His mother died in 1849 and we see that his youngest sister was 17 years old in 1860 and was living with another family as a domestic servant. His father Eli was living with John's brother Israel. I haven't found any information yet to know why the family may have gone their separate ways.

John married Luina Patterson on August 16, 1860 in Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska Territory as recorded in his pension record and in their obituaries.

His pension record states that he enlisted Oct 22, 1862 in Company H, 2nd Regiment, Nebraska Cavalry and was honorably discharged December 8, 1863.

John's obituary states that after his service in the Army that he enlisted in the overland freight service between Omaha and Denver and "saw many exciting times and much strenuous service".

The 1870 Federal Census shows John in Rock Bluffs, Cass, Nebraska. He is listed as a Rail Road Laborer. He claims that he has \$100 in real estate and \$250 as personal estate.

In 1877 and 1879 the Nebraska State Census shows John in Rock Bluff, Cass County, Nebraska with his children listed and in both he lists his occupation as farmer.

The 1880 Federal Census reports John and his family in 264, Rock Bluffs, Cass, Nebraska. John reports that he is farming, and there is a column for sick, where people are asked to

The 1885 Nebraska state census shows that John has now moved and he is listed in Glenn Rock Precinct, Nemaha, Nebraska.

Pocock Farm

In the Indexed County Land Ownership Maps for Valley County, Nebraska in 1904 we see that John is now at Range 14W, Township 18N, Section 2, SE ¼. This land is fairly close to Ord, Nebraska



The 1910 Federal Census shows John and Lucina in District 0236, Enterprise, Valley, Nebraska. They reported that they own a home and did not indicate it as a farm, and John declares his occupation as “own income”. They are living right next to their son Paul E Pocock.

By the 1920 census John and Lucina have moved to live with their daughter Stella. They are listed in District 0128, Harrison, Kiowa, Oklahoma. Stella has lost her husband at this point and is the head of household with two young children. Stella is working as a bookkeeper at a dry goods store.

All of these moves are verified in John's obituary. It states that the first 21 years of their married life John and Lucina lived in Cass County, then they moved to Nemaha County where they lived for 4 years, then to Nance County which was their home for 16 years, and then Valley County which was their home for 19 years until his death. The obituary states that he and Lucina had gone to Oklahoma a few weeks prior to his death, thinking a warm climate would be better for their health.

John died on December 19, 1920 in Gotebo, Kiowa County, Oklahoma as recorded in his pension documents, his death certificate, and his obituary. He is buried in Ord, Valley County, Nebraska as recorded in his Find A Grave Record.

John is recognized with the Nebraska State Genealogical Society as a First Family of Nebraska for arriving before official statehood.

This biography was printed in 1912 and provides interesting information

Compendium of History Reminiscence and Biography of Nebraska, Chicago: Alden Publishing Company, 1912 on pages 645 and 646 offers this sketch of John Pocock which is copied exactly as presented in the original.

John W. Pocock, a prominent citizen of Valley county, and the owner of the Maiden Valley Farm, is known as one of the earliest pioneers of Nebraska.

Mr. Pocock was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the thirtieth day of March, 1838, in a two-story hewn log house - a very pretentious dwelling for those days. He was the ninth child in a family of six sons and four daughters born to Eli and Catherine (Knestrick) Pocock. When he was only four years old, the family moved to Fulton county, Ohio, where Mr. Pocock grew up on a farm. In the spring of 1858, he left Ohio, and came to Cass county, Nebraska. He came by rail to St. Louis, then by steamer to Weston, Missouri, by stage to St. Joseph, thence to Glenwood, Iowa, and from there on foot to Plattsmouth, Cass county.

On August 16, 1860, Mr. Pocock was married to Miss Lucinda Patterson, in the Platte Valley House in Plattsmouth. Mrs. Pocock is an older pioneer than Mr. Pocock, as her family came to Cass county in 1855, three years before he put in an appearance. Mr. Pocock engaged in farming until October, 1862, when like thousands of others, he decided that the country was in need of his services, and he accordingly enlisted in Company H, Second Nebraska Cavalry. He was in frontier service in the west during almost the entire time of his enlistment, and was discharged at Plattsmouth in December, 1863. His services extended as far west as Fort Pierre, and he participated in the battle of Whitestone Hill where the

cavalry captured five hundred hostile Yankton Sioux, who had been guilty of the New Ulm massacre in Minnesota in 1862.

After leaving the army, Mr. Pocock returned to Cass county, where he remained on his farm until January, 1881. At that time he and his family removed to Nemaha county, but they remained here only about four years, when they decided to move again, going this time to Nance county. In 1901, having at last secured a place which suited him, Mr. Pocock moved to Valley county, and he and his wife now reside there in their comfortable and cozy home.

Since buying the Valley county farm, Mr. Pocock has made many improvements on it, and the Maiden Valley Stock Farm, as it is now called, is considered one of the finest in the county.

Mr. Pocock has had the varied experiences through which all Nebraska pioneers were forced to struggle and now he and his wife are enjoying the fruits of their toil. Of the eight children born to them, six are living: Laura Ida, now Mrs. J. Q. Churchill; Glenn E., Edward, who is the active manager of the farm; Jessie, now Mrs. Charles Russel, of Genoa, Nance county, Clara Lela, (Mrs. Roscoe Williard), and Stella. All of the children, with the exception of Stella, were born in Cass county. The family is well and widely known in the several counties named before, and have the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pocock celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in August, 1910, many of their family and friends being present.

Mr. Pocock is independent in politics, is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Pocock endured the many privations of pioneer life in the west. While in Nance county he lost forty acres of corn by a hail storm June 27, 1894, when hailstones fell the size and shape of door knobs. While in the cavalry in 1863, he was out in a hailstorm which covered the ground to the depth of four inches. Grasshoppers devastated his crops two seasons, the summers of 1874 and 1875.

John and Lucinda had eight children, six who survived to adulthood. I know John belongs in this list as he was listed in a mortality schedule in 1870. I am not sure who the other child is. There may be records in Cass County that haven't been uncovered yet for births, baptisms, or burials.

- **Laura Ida Pocock (1861-1950)**
- **Glenn Elias Pocock (1864-1964)**
- **Paul Edgar Pocock (1867-1950)**
- **John Pocock (1869-1870)**
- **Jessie Pocock (1872-1962)**
- **Clara Lela Pocock (1876-1954)**
- **Stella Pocock (1882-1964)**



Shared by Researcher Judy Donahue - John and Lucina



Shared by Judy Donahue - written on back: Ceney & John Pocock (sister to Fred Patterson), l-r Jessie, Ida, Stella, Glen and Ed, Lela - Abbott Peru & Brownsville, Ne

LUCINA PATTERSON

Lucina Patterson was born on July 19, 1842 in Putnam County, Illinois as recorded on her death certificate and in the family Bible that is in the possession of the Cass County Historical Society. Lucina is the 10th of 20 children born to Thomas Patterson and Elizabeth Howard Wells. Thanks to the preservation of the family Bible, we have records of all the family births. Sadly, only 6 of these children survived to adulthood. Two of these births were twins and the notes in the Bible show such sad stories. One example is the following: "Elizabeth Patterson fourth child, and second daughter of Thos & Elizabeth H Died on Sunday morning the 13th day of November 1835 at the age of six weeks and about six hours – it breathed its last while laying on hits mothers arm in bed. Just as day began to break, and was buried in the grave yard set apart for that use by its father adjoining and on the west side of the town of Magnolia, Illi on the evening of the same day. Cause- the croup. The throat and mouth being filled with phlegm it had bad cold for several days previous" There are also multiple reports of an "untimely birth" which I assume means premature.

In the 1850 census we see Lucina and her family in Marshall, Illinois. At this point Thomas lists his occupation as Farmer with \$4000 of Real Estate.

Lucina's obituary recounts that her family came to Rock Bluffs, Ne with her parents in August 1855.

The 1860 Federal Census lists Lucina with her parents in Cass, Nebraska Territory. At this point Thomas lists himself as a farmer and that he has \$18000 in Real Estate and \$1200 in Personal Estate. There are stories to be told for Thomas Patterson and adding to this, he was also the surveyor for the town of Rock Bluff, NE.

Most of Lucina's story has been told with her husband John.

She outlived John by three years and died on July 30, 1923 in Gotebo, Kiowa, Oklahoma as recorded on her death certificate. Lucina is buried in Ord, Valley County, Nebraska as reported in her Find A Grave Record.