

# Frank Pearson

Frank Pearson was born 12 July 1850 in England. He was the son of George and Mary Ann Pearson. He immigrated to America and was naturalized.<sup>1</sup> He married Ane Augusta Nielsen about 1877 in Utah Territory. They settled in Iron County and had five children. On the 1880 census, he was a miner, living with his wife and son in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>2</sup> He advertised his business, the Pearson & Lund Meat Market, in the *Silver Reef Miner* newspaper between September and December 1882. The provided beef, mutton, veal, and pork and the “lowest living rates”. Their wagon delivered to “various parts of camp daily”.<sup>3</sup>

By 1895, Frank had moved his family to Diamond, Eureka, Utah Territory. He continued his mining interests, incorporating, owning, and developing various mines with others in the area, including the Free Coinage, McGhan, Homestake, and V H Bates mines.<sup>4</sup> He contracted with the Annita Mining company to sink the Anchor mine another 25 feet and leased the Butcher Boy mine with James Hanson and Hans Ole.<sup>5</sup> He served as a juror for several high-profile cases in Eureka County.<sup>6</sup> On the 1900 census, he was a quartz ore sorter, living with his wife and four children in Mammoth, Juab, Utah.<sup>7</sup>

Frank moved his family to Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, and served as treasurer of the newly organized Social Democratic party. This political organization met at the Grant Army of the Republic Hall in Salt Lake.<sup>8</sup> On the 1910 census, he was a night watchman for street work, living with his wife, a son, a daughter, a married daughter and a grandson, in Salt Lake City.<sup>9</sup> Frank died of asthma and valvular heart disease on 16 February 1913 in Salt Lake City. He was buried in the city cemetery. He had worked as a miner, millman, and milkman during his life.<sup>10</sup> Anna lived with her son in 1920<sup>11</sup> and died in 1928 in Salt Lake and was also buried in the city cemetery.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United States Census, 1900, 1910.

<sup>2</sup> United States Census, 1880.

<sup>3</sup> For example, see *The Silver Reef Miner*, 23 September 1882.

<sup>4</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 11 March 1895, p. 6; 20 August 1896, p. 6; *Salt Lake Herald*, 21 September 1895, p. 3; 31 January 1897, p. 3.

<sup>5</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 19 September 1897, p. 3; 26 March 1898, p. 3.

<sup>6</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 29 October 1897, p. 7; *Salt Lake Herald*, 29 October 1897, p. 6.

<sup>7</sup> United States Census, 1900.

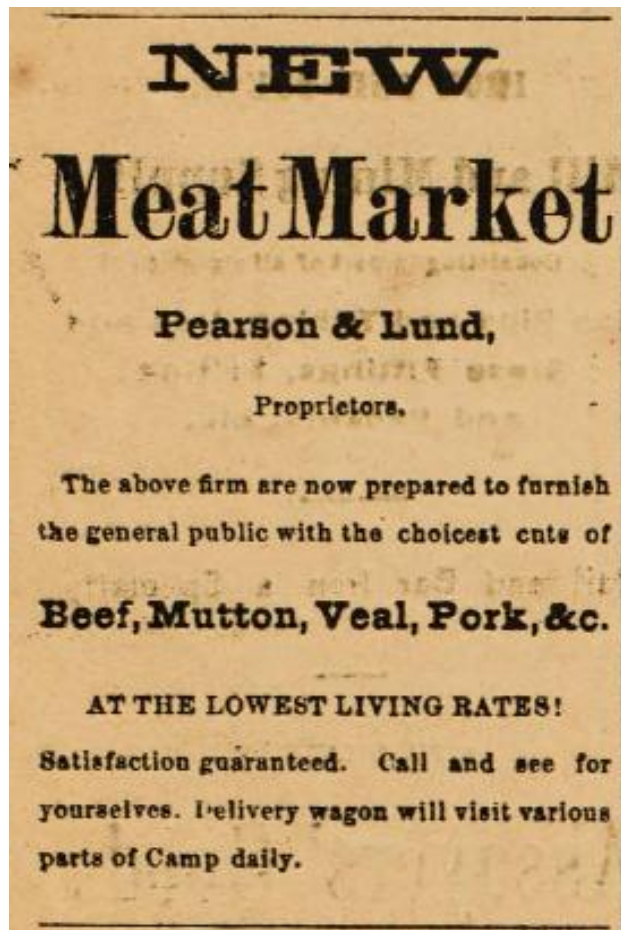
<sup>8</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 28 February 1900, p. 8.

<sup>9</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>10</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 17 Feb 1913; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 17 February 1913, p. 9; Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

<sup>11</sup> United States Census, 1920.

<sup>12</sup> Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946.



(Image from the *Silver Reef Miner*, 23 September 1882, p. 4)



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