

# George Pearson

## 1870 -1955

George was born in Earlsferry on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1870 and so far as can be told he was born in Rose Cottage in Earlsferry High Street. He was from a large family: Ann (1847–1922), Alexander (1849–1924), John (1851–1936), David (1853–1936), Sarah (1854) Euphemia (1855), Robert (1858-1932), William (1860–1932), Thomas (1865), James (1868), George and Grace. We can find no trace of any of his exploits locally.

54	George	1870	M. David Pearson		
	14 <sup>th</sup> November	1870	Coal Miner	David Pearson	1870
	Earlsferry	10 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> M.	Ann Pearson	Father	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Kilconquhar		M. S. Sullivan		At. Kilconquhar
		1846 October			Thomas Linn
		Kilconquhar			Registrar

Thomas Linn, Registrar

We know he married Emily Smith in 1894 at Higham Oxted when we assume he was at Rochester Golf Club in Kent. He was professional at Rochester GC prior to his move to the USA. and preceded Robert F Walker.

**Rochester Golf Club (Oakleigh Course), Higham.** The professionals were; C Crawford 1891-2, G Pearson\* 1892-96, R F Walker 1896–1912, E N Kettley 1913 and A R Andrews 1914.

1894. Marriage solemnized in the Parish Church in the Parish of Oxted in the County of Kent

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
301	Feb. 4	George Pearson	23	bachelor	golf-club-maker	Higham	David Pearson
		Emily Smith	27	spinster		Oxted	William Smith

We know that he crossed the Atlantic to USA and from the New York census of 1915 he was supposed to have emigrated in 1896.

Phillip Burke	27	clergyman
George Pearson	20	professional Scotland
James P. Pearson	20	professional Scotland

Pearson George	Head	W M	45	Scotland	18	Al.	Golf Professional	W
" Emily	Wife	W F	48	England	18	"	Housewife	X
" Jessie	Daughter	W F	20	"	18	"	Housework	X

1905 census shows him at New Jersey.

NAME: George Pearson  
 GENDER: Male  
 RACE: White  
 AGE: 37  
 MARITAL STATUS: Married  
 BIRTH DATE: Nov 1868  
 BIRTH PLACE: Scotland  
 RESIDENCE YEAR: 1905  
 RESIDENCE PLACE: Irvington Township, Essex, New Jersey, USA  
 PAGE NUMBER: 70  
 LINE NUMBER: 97  
 HOUSE NUMBER: 52  
 BUILDING NUMBER: 1318  
 FAMILY NUMBER: 1570  
 FATHER'S BIRTH PLACE: Scotland  
 MOTHER'S BIRTH PLACE: Scotland  
 YEARS SINCE ARRIVAL: 8  
 NATURALIZATION STATUS: Alien  
 OCCUPATION: Club Maker  
 CAN READ: Y  
 CAN WRITE: Y  
 SPEAK ENGLISH: Y  
 OWNED OR RENTED: R

1870	Pearson George	July 1873	Germany	Germany	Germany	8	at	Club Maker
	Emily	July 1868	England	England	England	8		
	Janie	Feb 1895	England	England	England	8		at school
	George Jr	Apr 1899	New Jersey	England	England			

28	75	87	Pearson	George	Head	20	30	16	Scot
				Emily	Wife			16	Eng
				Janie	Daughter	7	15	5	Eng

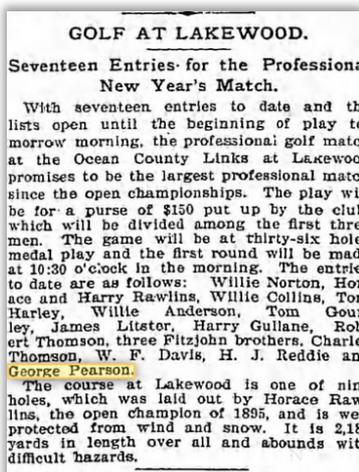
In 1915 New York census he is shown as having been in US for 18 years, which means he must have emigrated in 1896 shortly after leaving Rochester. He is shown as arriving in 1897 and in 1897 playing in a tournament attached to Rockaway Hunt Club, which has an interesting history. It was originally a polo club but in 1896 they built a golf course and it looks very much as if George Pearson may have been instrumental on bringing on the fledgling golf course. In 1897 he entered for the US open.

... who held the open championship of the United States in 1896, and has been connected with the Chicago Golf Club ever since its organization. Robert Marshall, also of Chicago, will be stationed at Kissimmee, **George Pearson**, of the Albany Country Club, at Ocala, and J. M. Watson, of Minneapolis, at Winter Park.



We have information that he entered for the US Open on four occasions. 1897, 1898, 1905 and 1907.

And in December 1897 here:

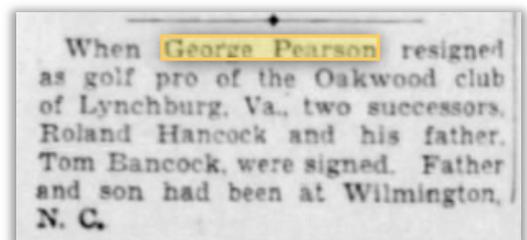


By 1900 he seems to be at the Albany Country Club and it is noticeable that he would be wintering in Ocala (see J.S. Pearson)

In 1906 he seems to have moved to Forest Hill Golf Club NJ, which was very much in its infancy having recently been started. He is shown as being there for professional tournament. In 1909 he took part in a tournament at Nassau.

In 1910 he was shown as living Nutley Ward 2 Essex New Jersey where he is designed as a "Clerk maker" but the manuscript clearly says "club", and there is reference to his wife and daughter living in Lynchburg VA, but no sign of him.

He is designed as a golf instructor and his entry in newspapers about that time refer to him as being the pro at Lynchburg Country Club although that no longer seems to exist. We cannot find him exactly in the 1920 census and he may have been on tour. But that entry is interesting as it shows that there is new baby under a year old living there ostensibly being the daughter of Emily but we are pretty clear that George K Pearson was Jessie his daughter's daughter. Emily and child are shown going back to Scotland in 1927 but George and Emily appear to have stayed on for a year or two before 1928 when he resigned from Oakwood





Oakwood CC

and he returned to Scotland in 1929:

do	O'Neill	Bernard	"	20 Hilltown, Dundee.	Silk Dyer.	67	20		
do	Pearson	Emily	"	Rose Cottage Earls	Nil		61		
do	Pearson	George	"	Ferry Earls Fifeshire.	Nil		8		
do	Service	Thomas	"	6 Colebrooke Terr, Glasgow.	Salesman.	43			
do	Service	Nanny	"	6 " " "	Housewife.	32			
do	Service	Marjory	"	6 " " "	Nil		7		
do	Service	Quintin	"	6 " " "	Nil		5		
do	Service	Sheila	"	6 " " "	Nil		2		
do	Wilcox	Helen	"	American Exp.Co.London.	Student.	23			

Emily died in 1942 and she is designed as married to George Pearson Golf Professional retired. Whilst there may have in the 1940s been a more than one George Pearson in Earlsferry, he seemed at that time to be the proprietor of a number of houses. Fairview and Ampersand were two of them but of course they are built on the extended feu of Rose Cottage from Earlsferry High Steet.

He died in Rose Cottage Earlsferry on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1955 and is buried in Kilconquhar churchyard.

