

## ***RESEARCH NOTES – HERBERT JOHN SCOTT PEARSON***

### 1914-06-16 BIRTH

Born in England

(Date of birth taken from outgoing passenger list on emigration to Australia)

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### 1938 WWII ATTESTATION

Findmypast 2015-01-07 Wendy Baker

Royal Artillery Attestations 1883-1942 Transcription

Name: Herbert John Scott Pearson

Service no: 881463

Attestation year: 1938

Record set (as title)

Category: Armed Forces and Conflict

Record collection: Regimental and Service Records

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### JUN 1939 MARRIAGE

England & Wales Marriages 1837-2008 (Transcription)

<http://search.findmypast.com.au>

First Name: Herbert J. S.

Last name: Pearson

Marriage quarter: 2

Marriage year: 1939

Spouse's Last name: Spotswood (Doreen M.)

District: Lewisham

County: London

Country: England

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### 1942 REGIMENTAL & SERVICE RECORDS, WWII

<http://search.findmypast.com.au>

The National Archives - Prisoners of War 1715-1945 - Archive Ref WO 392/25;

War Office: Directorate of Prisoners of War: Prisoners of War Lists, Second World War, 1943-1945.

First name(s): Herbert J. S.

Last name: Pearson

Year: 1942

Service number: 172746

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Ship or corps: A

Ship name: A

Prison camp or ship: MA

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1942-43 CASUALTY LISTS - OFFICERS AND NURSES 1001 - 1200

<http://search.findmypast.com.au>

The National Archives - British Army Casualty Lists 1939-1945 - Archive Ref WO 417/4

First name(s): Herbert J. S.

Last name: Pearson

Year: 1942-43

Capture year: 1943

Service number: 172746

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Regiment: Royal Artillery

Theatre of war: Netherlands East Indies

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1943 PRISONER OF WAR

<http://search.findmypast.com.au>

The National Archives - Prisoners of war, Far East: Java Parties Nos 17, 17A and 18; nominal rolls - Archive Ref WO 361/2218

First name(s): Herbert J. S.

Last name: Pearson

Year: 1943

Service number: 172746

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Ship name: 241/77 HAA

Country of imprisonment: Java

Prison camp or ship: Java Party No 17A Changi

Conflict: World War 2

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1943 PRISONER OF WAR

<http://search.findmypast.com.au>

The National Archives - Prisoners of war, Far East: movement lists September 1943; Camp 1 (Singapore) to Batavia, Batavia to Japan, Camp 1 to Japan - Archive reference WO 361/1988

First name(s): Herbert J. S.

Last name: Pearson

Year: 1943

Nationality: English

Conflict: World War 2

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1945 PRISONER OF WAR

<http://search.findmypast.com.au>

The National Archives - Prisoners of war, Far East: Changi Camp, Singapore; nominal roll, as of 5 September 1945 - Archive reference WO 361/2229

First name(s): Herbert J. S.

Last name: Pearson

Year: 1945

Service number: 172746

Rank: Lieutenant

Ship name: 77 Hy AARA

Ship or corps: 77 Hy AARA

Country of imprisonment: Singapore

Prison camp or ship: Changi POW camp

Conflict: World War 2

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1945 CASUALTY LISTS - OFFICERS AND NURSES 1745 - 1947

<http://search.findmypast.com.au>

The National Archives - British Army Casualty Lists 1939-1945 - Archive Ref WO 417/9

First name(s): Herbert J. S.

Last name: Pearson

Year: 1945

Service number: 172746

Rank: Acting Lieutenant

Rank as transcribed: W/Lt

Regiment: Royal Artillery

Regiment as transcribed: Royal Artillery

Category: Armed forces & conflict

Sub-category: Second World War

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JUL 1957 RESIDENCE

Address prior to departure from UK was 147 Breamore Rd, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex UK.

From an internet photo it appears as a terrace house, 3 or 4 bedrooms, with large bow windows ground and upper floor, brick with stuccoed finish.

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4 JUL 1957 PASSENGER LISTS LEAVING UK 1890-1960

First name(s): Herbert John Scott

Surname: Pearson

Gender: Male

Birth year: 1914

Day: 16

Month: 6

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Accountant

Departure Year: 1957

Dep. day: 4

Dep. month: 7

Dep. port: London port

Dest. port: Adelaide

Ship name: Strathnaver

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City of ship: London

Ship destination: Sydney

Others: Doreen M 7 Feb 1914

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#### 1961-07-01 ADMISSION TO ACCOUNTANCY FIRM

Source: Official company announcement (including hand-written thank you note by John Pearson to his brother-in-law and wife Mabel)

“Milne & Burgess Chartered Accountants wish to announce that Mr Peter McCracken Cudmore and Mr Herbert John Scott Pearson were admitted to the partnership as from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1961. The firm name remains unaltered ... 108 Gawler Place, Adelaide.”

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The Pearson family was sponsored by Doreen’s sister Mabel and her husband Harry James Baker. Under the so-called “£10 Pom” immigration scheme it was a government requirement that to qualify for the reduced fare the applicant had to be sponsored by someone in Australia who was prepared to vouch for their character and ensure that there would be no drain on the Australian welfare system. The immigrant had also to stay, and work, in Australia for a minimum of two years; if they chose to return to England within the two years they were bound to repay the £10.

After arrival in South Australia the Pearson family stayed for a time with Doreen’s sister and husband Harry in Burnside, and then with nearby neighbours until moving to Tailem Bend, South Australia for John Pearson to take up duties in his first job, with Tower Motors.

In 1961 (see above) he was admitted to a partnership of Chartered Accountants in Adelaide.

Early in the 1960’s the Pearsons acquired a Housing Trust of S.A. home at 11 Emford Rd Elizabeth.

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#### 1993 abt DEATH

John was resident in Narrooma Aged Care, 5 Adam Road, Craigmore SA 5114, some time circa 1994 when a current staff member spoken to by Wendy Baker said she remembered the couple well. In 2014, this staff member had been employed for 20 years there. John Pearson's son Ian remembers his death as being in 1993.

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