

James Alfred Pearce.

After a life of fine usefulness to his State and people, beloved and respected by Marylanders as few men have been, Judge James Alfred Pearce died this morning at his home in Chestertown, at the age of 80 years. For a long, long time his very name has stood in this State for high ideals, unselfish public service and personal charm and probity. He was in the best sense an old-fashioned gentleman.

For many years Judge Pearce presided with distinction over the Court of Appeals. When he retired at the age of 72 the legal fraternity of the State tendered him a notable dinner. After that Judge Pearce served with zeal and ability in a number of capacities. He was chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton for a long time. He was, in 1915, a distinguished member of the Goodnow Economy and Efficiency Commission, which formulated the budget system and other reforms.

The father of the late Judge was also James Alfred Pearce, a native of Virginia, who served Maryland in the United States Senate from 1843 to his death in 1862, having in the meanwhile refused to accept a Cabinet position under Fillmore and an appointment on the Federal bench.