

Charles Richard Patterson

C.R. Patterson was born in 1833 in Virginia to Charles and Nancy Patterson. He was the first of thirteen children born to Charles and Nancy. The family moved to Ohio and settled in Greenfield between 1841 and 1843 and is listed in the 1850 and 1860 census records in Greenfield.

C. R., "Rich", learned the blacksmith trade and became very skilled at it. He got a job as a blacksmith with the Dines and Simpson Carriage and Coach Makers Company. He soon became a foreman supervising several white men.

In 1873 he formed a partnership with J. P. Lowe in a company to make carriages and wagons. When Lowe died several years later, Patterson took over ownership of the company, later changing the name to C. R. Patterson and Sons. The company became well known for the quality of their products.

C. R. was a trustee of the Greenfield African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1880. A 1908 Greenfield Republican article noted that he served as a Sunday school teacher and that he was "the oldest, but most active" teacher. He was also an active member of the Cedar Grove Lodge No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons serving as Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary between 1871 and 1899.

Charles Richard Patterson married Josephine Outzs in 1864. Eight children were born to them.

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