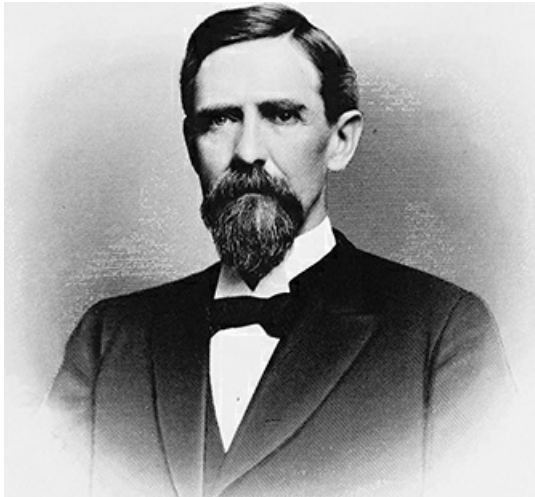


## **Patterson, Samuel Legerwood** <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Patterson, Samuel Legerwood**

by Charles S. Powell IV, 1994

**6 Mar. 1850–14 Sept. 1918**



Engraving of Samuel Legerwood Patterson, circa 1905. Image from Archive.org.

<sup>[2]</sup>Samuel Legerwood Patterson, farmer and legislator, was born at Palmyra <sup>[3]</sup>, the family home located in the Yadkin River valley in Caldwell County <sup>[4]</sup>, the son of Samuel Finley <sup>[5]</sup> and Phebe Caroline Jones Patterson. His father, a farmer, financier, and businessman, was a member of the state house of representatives and the senate, state treasurer <sup>[6]</sup>, and president of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad for five years. Samuel L. Patterson was educated at Faucette's school, Bingham's, and Wilson's Academy. He entered The University of North Carolina <sup>[7]</sup> in 1867 but the school closed the following year. He then attended the University of Virginia for one year before taking a clerking job in Salem <sup>[8]</sup>. On 17 Apr. 1873 he married Mary S. Senseman, the daughter of a Moravian <sup>[9]</sup> minister from Indiana.

Although a Republican <sup>[10]</sup>, Patterson was appointed county commissioner and district superintendent of the census in a Democratic <sup>[11]</sup> county. He served in the state house of representatives in 1891 and 1898 and in the state senate in 1893; in the legislature he was chairman of the committee on agriculture and was a member of many other committees. He was also a trustee of The University of North Carolina. Patterson was commissioner of agriculture from 1895 to 1897, when he was removed by the Fusion party <sup>[12]</sup>. He was reappointed in 1899 and then elected by popular vote through 1908. Patterson Hall <sup>[13]</sup> at North Carolina State University <sup>[14]</sup> is named in his honor.

#### **References:**

Samuel A. Ashe, ed., *Biographical History of North Carolina* <sup>[2]</sup>, vol. 2 (1905).

C. Beauregard, *North Carolina's Glorious Victory* (1898).

A. M. Fountain, *Place Names on State College Campus* (1956).

Daniel L. Grant, *Alumni History of the University of North Carolina* (1924).

*Prominent People of North Carolina* <sup>[15]</sup> (1906).

W. F. Tomlinson, *State Officers and General Assembly of North Carolina* (1893).

#### **Additional Resources:**

Leith, Terri. "Ag Hall on Ag Hill: Patterson Hall is 100 Years Old." *Perspectives On Line*. North Carolina State University. 2005. <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/magazine/summer05/aghall.htm> <sup>[13]</sup> (accessed January 30, 2013).

Wilson, Leonard. "John Legerwood Patterson." *Makers of America: biographies of leading men of thought and action, the men who constitute the bone and sinew of American prosperity and life, Volume 2*. Washington [D.C.]: B.F. Johnson, 1916. 283-290. <http://books.google.com/books?id=AP0RAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA283#v=onepage&q&f=false> <sup>[16]</sup> (accessed January 30, 2013).

Patterson, Mrs. Lindsay. "Palmyra in the Happy Valley." *North Carolina Booklet* 12, no. 2 (October 1912). 104-134.  
<https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/north-carolina-booklet-great-events-in-north-carolina-history-1912-october-v.12-no.2/413806> [3] (accessed January 30, 2013).

Jones and Patterson Family Papers, 1777-1933 (collection no. 00578). The Southern Historical Collection. Louis Round Wilson Special Collections Library. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
[http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/j/Jones\\_and\\_Patterson\\_Family.html](http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/j/Jones_and_Patterson_Family.html) [17] (accessed January 31, 2013).

### Image Credits:

E.G. Williams & Bro. "Samuel Legerwood Patterson." *Biographical history of North Carolina from colonial times to the present*. Greensboro, N.C.: C. L. Van Noppen. 1905.  
<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092215445#page/n493/mode/2up> [2] (accessed January 31, 2013).

### Subjects:

[Biographies](#) [18]

[Farmers](#) [19]

[Public officials](#) [20]

### Authors:

[Powell, Charles S., IV](#) [21]

### Origin - location:

[Caldwell County](#) [22]

### From:

[Dictionary of North Carolina Biography, University of North Carolina Press](#). [23]

1 January 1994 | Powell, Charles S., IV

---

**Source URL:** <https://ncpedia.org/biography/patterson-samuel>

### Links

[1] <https://ncpedia.org/biography/patterson-samuel> [2] <https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092215445#page/n493/mode/2up> [3]  
<https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/north-carolina-booklet-great-events-in-north-carolina-history-1912-october-v.12-no.2/413806> [4]  
<https://ncpedia.org/geography/caldwell> [5] <https://ncpedia.org/biography/patterson-samuel-finley> [6] <https://ncpedia.org/treasurer> [7]  
<https://ncpedia.org/university-north-carolina-chapel-hi> [8] <https://ncpedia.org/salem> [9] <https://ncpedia.org/moravians> [10]  
<https://ncpedia.org/republican-party> [11] <https://ncpedia.org/democratic-party> [12] <https://ncpedia.org/fusion-republicans-and-populists> [13]  
<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/magazine/summer05/aghall.htm> [14] <https://ncpedia.org/north-carolina-state-university> [15]  
<https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/prominent-people-of-north-carolina-brief-biographies-of-leading-people-for-ready-reference-purposes/501177?item=619811> [16] <http://books.google.com/books?id=AP0RAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA283#v=onepage&q&f=false> [17]  
[http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/j/Jones\\_and\\_Patterson\\_Family.html](http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/j/Jones_and_Patterson_Family.html) [18] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/biography-term> [19]  
<https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/farmers> [20] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/public-officials> [21]  
<https://ncpedia.org/category/authors/powell-charles-s> [22] <https://ncpedia.org/category/origin-location/mountain-18> [23]  
<https://ncpedia.org/category/entry-source/dictionary-no>