

# Descendants of Levi Pierce

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## Generation 1

1. **LEVI<sup>1</sup> PIERCE** was born on 14 Oct 1794 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 24 Mar 1867 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married (1) **POLLY MERRIAM** in Peirce, Levi Jr., of W. Boylston, and Polly Meriam of Sterling, Dec. 29, 1818. (Sterling VR). She was born on 20 Apr 1796 in Sterling. She died on 21 Dec 1841 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married (2) **ROXANA ADAMS** on 28 May 1846 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She was born in 1804 in Unknown. She died on 24 Aug 1880 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.

Notes for Levi Pierce:

Captain Levi Pierce third child of Levi Pierce was born in West Boylston October 14 1794 He settled in his native town and became one of the leading citizens He was representative to the general court captain of the militia assessor and selectman of the town He died March 24 1867 In addition to his farm Mr Pierce manufactured baskets for many years He was a member of the Unitarian church and liberal in his views He married first December 24 1818 Polly Merriam born April 20 1796 died December 21 1841 He married second May 26 1846 Mrs Roxanna Wilcox of Clinton who had two children by a previous marriage The children of Captain Levi and Polly Pierce were George W of whom later William born July 26 1821 married Eliza Henderson Marcia A March 20 1823 married November 29 1843 George Ark born September 9 1813 Mary June 16 1825 died June 26 1825 Henry August 27 1826 married Theresa Adams and second Carrie E Holt Jane October 4 1828 married March 25 1845 Leonard Newton born February n 1818 resided at Pittsfield Massachusetts Adelia February 18 1831 married September 14 1853 Dr Chauncey A Wilcox of Uxbridge Levi M June 21 1833 married Mary H Foster James E December 20 1834 married Eliza Lovell.

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Levi (2), son of Levi (1) Peirce, was born October 14, 1794, died March 24, 1867. He resided in West Boylston where he was a respected citizen. He was a farmer and civil engineer, and held various town offices. He was captain of militia, representative to the general court, assessor and selectman of the town. He married (first), December 24, 1818, Polly Merriam, born April 20, 1796, died December 21, 1841. He married (second), May 26, 1846, Mrs. Roxanna Wilcox. Children: 1. George W., born October 15, 1819, married (first), Damaris Balch; (second), Mrs. Charlotte A. Carter. 2. William, July 26, 1821, married Eliza Henderson. 3. Marcia A., March 20, 1823, married, November 29, 1843, George Park. 4. Mary, June 16, 1825, died June 26, 1825. 5. Henry, August 27, 1826, married (first), Theresa Adams; (second), Carrie E. Holt. 6. Jane, October 4, 1828, married, March 25, 1845, Leonard Newton. 7. Adelia, February 18, 1831, married, September 14, 1853, Dr. Chauncey A. Wilcox. 8. Levi M., June 21, 1833, mentioned below. 9. James E., December 20, 1834, married Eliza Lovell.

Levi Pierce and Polly Merriam had the following children:

2. i. **GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** was born on 15 Oct 1819 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 05 May 1885 in Leominster, MA Worcester County. He married (1) **DAMARIS BALCH** on 20 Dec 1851 in Leominster, Massachusetts, Worcester County. She was born on 06 Jun 1829. She died on 20 Dec 1867 in Leominster, MA Worcester County. He married (2) **CHARLOTTE ANN BILLINGS CARTER** on 01 Jan 1869 in Leominster, MA Worcester County.
3. ii. **WILLIAM PIERCE** was born on 04 Sep 1821 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 27 Jan 1901 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Henderson, daughter of Luther Henderson and Fannie Pickens, on 24 Dec 1844 in Pierce, William of Worcester (s. Levi and Polly Merriman, a. 23) and Elizabeth Henderson, Dec. 24, 1844. (W. Boylston VR). She was born on 05 Mar 1820 in Newport, New Hampshire. She died on 02 Apr 1897 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.
- iii. **MARCIA ANN PIERCE** was born on 20 Mar 1823 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died date Unknown. She married George Ark on 29 Nov 1843 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 09 Sep 1813 in Milbury. He died date Unknown.
- iv. **MARY PIERCE** was born on 16 Jun 1825 in West Boylston, Worcester,

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- Massachusetts, USA. She died on 26 Jun 1825 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
4. v. HENRY PIERCE was born on 27 Aug 1826 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 01 Mar 1899 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married (1) THERESA M ADAMS. She was born in 1829 in Unknown. She died on 10 Jan 1867 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married (2) CAROLINE E. HOLT. She was born on 23 Apr 1846. She died on 16 Nov 1912 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
5. vi. JANE L. PIERCE was born on 04 Oct 1828 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 13 Sep 1910 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She married Leonard W. Newton, son of Dana Newton and Hannah Cheney, on 25 Mar 1845 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 10 Feb 1818 in Schrewsbury, MA. He died about 1885 in ??.
6. vii. ADELIA PIERCE was born on 18 Feb 1831 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 06 Nov 1925 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She married Chauncey Adams Wilcox on 14 Sep 1853 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 28 Feb 1826 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 27 Aug 1885 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
7. viii. LEVI MERRIAM PIERCE was born on 21 Jun 1833 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 01 Apr 1908 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA. He married (1) MIRIAM (MARY) HOBBS FOSTER, daughter of William Foster and Calista Wood, on 24 Apr 1862 in Norway, Maine. She was born on 23 Jul 1839 in Norway, Maine. He married (2) ROXANA WILCOX on 28 May 1846 in Pierce, Levi Esq. (s. Levi and Persis, a. 51, widr, b. Worcester) and Roxana Wilcox, May 28, 1846. (W. Boylston VR).
8. ix. JAMES EDWARD PIERCE was born on 20 Dec 1834 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 15 Jul 1903 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married Eliza Lovell, daughter of Ephraim Lovell and Dorothy Goodnow, on 28 Nov 1860 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She was born on 14 Oct 1837 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts. She died on 16 Oct 1901.

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2. **GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** (Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 15 Oct 1819 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 05 May 1885 in Leominster, MA Worcester County. He married (1) **DAMARIS BALCH** on 20 Dec 1851 in Leominster, Massachusetts, Worcester County. She was born on 06 Jun 1829. She died on 20 Dec 1867 in Leominster, MA Worcester County. He married (2) **CHARLOTTE ANN BILLINGS CARTER** on 01 Jan 1869 in Leominster, MA Worcester County.

Notes for George Washington Pierce:

Leominster Newspaper 5/6/1886

DR GEO. W. PIERCE

Funeral Services and Sketch of his Life.

The funeral of Dr. Geo. W. Pierce was attended at his late residence on West street, last Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The interest and sympathy of the community was attested by the large number of representative men and old residents of the town who were present. The service in every way testified to the esteem and respect in which Dr. Pierce was held by the community. All the resident physicians, and representatives of the profession from other places, were present. □

□ In speaking of Dr. Pierce, Mr. Horton (services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Horton) said, that the loss of the life now ended, would be felt not in the home only, but very widely throughout the whole community. The oak, whose roots extend far in all directions, when uprooted, makes wide ruin and vacancy, so this life had sent out its sympathies so broadly on all sides, that many would mourn its loss. □

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□Dr. Pierce was a lover of books. He delighted in the best things to be found in our literature, and was ever pleased to hold conversation upon these things. It was equally true that he loved nature, and had a wide acquaintance with her ways, a keen appreciation of her beauties and a continued delight in the study of the things about him. But neither his love of books nor his fondness for nature made him less in sympathy with his fellow men.□

□Mr. Horton spoke also of the Doctor's home life; of the strong affection, which existed between him and his family, and made the very strength and beauty of his life. In no home was there a greater wealth of affection, and at no table and at no fireside was it more pleasant for the guest to be. He was a genial and kindly host, exerting himself for the comfort and enjoyment of all, enlivening by his wit, and instructing by his conversation. Such a life is of great and precious worth in any community. The remarks of Mr. Horton were of special interest, coming from one who could and did speak out of the fullness of his heart.□

□Dr. George W. Pierce was born at West Boylston, Mass., Oct. 15, 1819, and so was at that time of his death in his sixty-seventh year. He was educated at Leicester Academy, and graduated from the Harvard Medical School in the close of '45. For a short time he practiced his profession in Bolton, but came to Leominster in 1847, where he had since resided. Dr. Pierce was married Dec. 20, 1851, to Miss Damaris Balch of Leominster, a family widely connected in town. Of this marriage four children are now living: Mrs. Edwin Farwell of Hyde Park, Mass., Miss Nellie Pierce, teacher of the 2d grammar grade in the Field High and Grammar School in this town, Mr. George Pierce, in the employ of the Telephone Co., Boston, and Miss Hattie Pierce, teacher in Attleboro, Mass. Three children by this marriage died. Jan. 1, 1869, Dr. Pierce married for his second wife, Mrs. Charlotta A. Carter of Lowell, Mass., who survives him, and by whom he had one child, Master Appleton Pierce, a member of the second class of the High School.□

### Parents and Siblings:

Levi Pierce married Polly Merriam  
George Washington Pierce  
William Pierce  
Marcia Ann Pierce  
Mary Pierce  
Henry Pierce  
Jane L Pierce  
Adelia Pierce  
James Edward Pierce  
Levi Pierce married Roxana Adams

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### Spouse and Children:

George Washington Pierce married Damaris Balch  
Sarah Eve "Eva" (Pierce) Farwell <<<  
Mary "Minnie" Agnes Pierce  
Helen "Nettie" Pierce  
George Balch Pierce  
Henry "Halki" William Pierce  
Susan Pierce  
Harriet "Hattie" Elizabeth Pierce  
George Washington Pierce married Charlotte Ann Billings  
Appleton Howe Pierce

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(IX) Dr. George W. Pierce, son of Levi Pierce (8), was born in West Boylston, Massachusetts, October 15, 1819. He attended the district schools and Leicester Academy. He studied medicine at the Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1845. Locating for practice first in the quiet little town of Bolton he stayed there two years, then settled in the neighboring town of Leominster in 1847. He practiced there with gratifying success for a period of nearly forty years. He not only won the Confidence and esteem of his patients, but of all his fellow-townsmen. He did not confine his attention to his profession, but gave freely of his time and means to the public. He was

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particularly interested in public education and for many years was a member of the school committee and trustee of the public library. He was a strong anti-slavery man and in politics was a Republican. He died in Leominster, May 5, 1886.

He married (first), February 22, 1850, Damaris Balch, born June 6, 1829, daughter of Er Balch, of Leominster. He married (second), June 1, 1869, Mrs. Charlotte A. (Billings) Carter, born March 28, 1827, at Lowell, Massachusetts. The children of Dr. George W. and Damaris Pierce were: Sarah Eva, born February 24, 1852, married, September 17, 1873, Edwin Crosby Farwell and their children are: Harold C., born February 2, 1877, died December 22, 1877; Minnie G., born September 21, 1878; Chester W., born November 3, 1880; Mary A., born April 2, 1854, died November 27, 1864; Helen B., born December 21, 1855, a school teacher of Leominster; George B., born December 26, 1860, married Addie Shattuck and their children are: Marion, Mildred, Melbourne N.; Henry W., born June 7, 1863, died August 6, 1864; Susie, born May 27, 1864, died July 22, 1864; Harriet, born October 9, 1865, married Dr. Woodbury and have had three children: Vernon, born February 22, 1893; Helen, born June 5, 1894; Paul F., born December 14, 1895, died January 20, 1898. The only child of the second marriage was: Appleton H., of whom later.

George Washington Pierce and Damaris Balch had the following children:

9. i. SARAH EVA<sup>3</sup> PIERCE was born on 24 Feb 1852. She died on 24 Oct 1914. She married Edwin Crosby Farwell on 17 Sep 1873 in Leominster, Massachusetts, Worcester County.
- ii. MARY AGNES PIERCE was born on 02 Apr 1854. She died on 27 Nov 1864 in Leominster, MA Worcester County.
- iii. HELEN B. PIERCE was born on 21 Dec 1855.  
  
Notes for Helen B. Pierce:  
school teacher of Leominster
10. iv. GEORGE BALCH PIERCE was born on 26 Dec 1860. He died on 23 Feb 1930 in Hyde Park, Norfolk, MA USA. He married ADDIE LINCOLN SHATTUCK. She was born in Oct 1864 in Massachusetts, USA.
- v. HENRY WILLIAM PIERCE was born on 07 Jun 1863. He died on 06 Aug 1864 in Leominster, MA Worcester County.
- vi. SUSAN PIERCE was born on 27 May 1864. She died on 22 Jul 1864 in Leominster, MA Worcester County.
11. vii. HARRIET ELIZABETH PIERCE was born on 09 Oct 1865 in Leominster, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 01 Sep 1925 in Leominster Town (Northwest Quarter), Worcester, Massachusetts. She married GEORGE H WOODBURY. He was born on 17 Mar 1864 in Bolton, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 04 May 1938.

George Washington Pierce and Charlotte Ann Billings Carter had the following child:

12. viii. APPLETON HOWE PIERCE was born on 04 Oct 1870 in Leominster, MA. He died on 26 Sep 1953. He married Marion E. Yeaton, daughter of John C. Yeaton and Marion Wood, in 1896. She was born in Worcester, Ma.
3. **WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** (Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 04 Sep 1821 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 27 Jan 1901 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Henderson, daughter of Luther Henderson and Fannie Pickens, on 24 Dec 1844 in Pierce, William of Worcester (s. Levi and Polly Merriman, a. 23) and Elizabeth Henderson, Dec. 24, 1844. (W. Boylston VR). She was born on 05 Mar 1820 in Newport, New Hampshire. She died on 02 Apr 1897 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

Notes for William Pierce:

1858 map shows W. Pierce at East corner of Fenn and Third Street.

1859 William Pierce Melodeon Manufacturer, 118 North Street. Ensign and Pierce 114 North Street. Established 1846.

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Name: William Pierce  
Gender: Male  
Marital Status: Married  
Birth Year: abt 1822  
Birth Place: Massachusetts  
Residence: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA  
Enumeration Year: 1865  
Age: 43

Household number: 526

Reel Number: 2

Volume Number: 4

Household Members:

Name Age

William Pierce 43

Elizabeth Pierce 44 (wife)

William A Pierce 16

George A Pierce 13

Charles Pierce 11

Frances E Pierce 7

Harvey C Pierce 5

Henry G Pierce 3 (Harry?)

Jane P Newton 36 (sister)

Fanny P Henderson 73 (mother-in-law)

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May 31, 1866 - SALE - Professor J.L. Ensign has sold his residence on North Street to Mr. William Pierce for the sum of \$9000 (shown on 1858 map)

Melodeon Manufacture 1867

1873 - w.142 North h.153 North Almon N. Allen w.h. 155 North

1874 do

1875 do

1876 do William A. h.7 Melville

1879 do William A. h.25 Union

1880 do

1881 do

August 11, 1887 - Town Clerk Prentiss has bought a half interest in the lot and block now building next north of Pierces Block by William Kelly the Undertaker.

1888 William Pierce and Son pianos and organs 140 North Street home 153 North Street. William A. home 44 North First Street.

January 31, 1889 - George Gates has bought a portion of the Pierce Lot, corner of North and Union Streets, the purchase having a frontage of 109 feet on North Street, and 120 feet on Union Street. The price paid is said to be \$18,000. Mr. Gates contemplates the erection of a block of five stores, with a dozen good tenement of the modern style in the second and third stories.

February 27, 1890 - Dr. Bracken is soon to break ground for the block he is to erect on the old Pierce Property on North Street. The block will be of brick, three stories, and will have 5 stores on the ground floor. H. Neill Wilson is the architect of the new structure and it is a certain to be a fine addition to North Street.

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National Museum donations, 1910. A melodeon made in Pittsfield Massachusetts by William Pierce prior to 1863, formerly the property of Dr. Theodore F. Hance, and contributed by his estate, through his daughters the Misses Emma and Eleanor W. Hance, of Washington (DC).

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PITTSFIELD IN 1876

The American House stood, as its successor stands now, on the corner of North Street and Columbus Avenue, then called Railroad Street. The hotel was in those days a structure of wood, with three piazzas and a broad, uncovered platform on the level of the sidewalk. Here our visitor might smoke his cigar al fresco, admire the gyrations of the rubber ball in the hotel fountain, and watch the idlers sitting on the railings of the North Street bridge, which was then unprovided with a fence of boards. If he turned his eyes across the street, he saw a lumberyard and a manufactory of melodeons. He was nearly at the limit of the region of stores. There were no business blocks north

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of Summer Street.

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Pierce, William, Jan. 27, 1901, age 79 (37 Union)

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William Pierce, 80, for many years a manufacturer of melodeons and a business man of note in Pittsfield, was found dead in his office in Pierce Block on North Street on Sunday evening. Mr. Pierce was in the habit of visiting his office Sunday afternoons to see that everything was all right for the night, but last Sunday he remained away from his home so long that his daughter, Mrs. Packard, became uneasy and going to the office found him upon the floor, dead. Mr. Pierce was a native of West Boylston, but had lived in Pittsfield more than 50 years. He is survived by four children, William Alton of this city, Harvey Cole of Arlington, NJ, Harry G of Radford VA and Mrs. B. A. Packard of this city.

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William Pierce

In Sunday Morning Call 2 February 1901

Born: 04 Sep 1821

Died: 27 Jan 1901

Age: 79

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Mr. Pierce's Sudden Death recalls old time industry.

When Melodeons were manufactured in Pittsfield they looked more like kitchen sinks than like musical instruments not pianos and organs of today.

One who remembered Pittsfield of fifty years ago and carefully watched her growth.

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The funeral of the late William Pierce was held Thursday at 2 o'clock from his former residence on Union Street, and the large attendance of relatives, neighbors and friends, especially of the elderly people of the city who had known him best in life, was indeed a high testimonial to the esteem in which he had been held. There was a profusion of beautiful floral pieces and cut flowers, the local greenhouses having contributed of their finest and daintiest blooms. The service was conducted by Rev. Gove Griffith Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. L. A. Palmer, pastor of the Morningside Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Johnson spoke in eulogy of the life of the deceased, prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Palmer, and the entire service was made simple but impressive. Choice selections of the favorite hymns of the deceased were sung by a quartet composed of Mrs. Marshall Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Lawton and William M. Prince, and the bearers were William T. Petherbridge, C. C. Gamwell, Myron Hall and Charles Talbot. The interment was in the family plot in the Pittsfield cemetery.

The details of Mr. Pierce's sudden demise are already known to most of our readers, and it remains a comfort to the dear ones left behind to know that the end came peacefully. There was no evidence of suffering. His body lay on the floor of a small room opening out of his office in his North Street business block; heart failure had there overtaken him, and he rested as if asleep. He had evidently been busying himself at some trivial piece of work and had not intended remaining long in his office, for his overcoat and hat were still on.

To review his long and interesting career is to review the advent, development and subsequent abandonment of one of Pittsfield's old-time industries, and industry of 50 years ago. In fact, it was a little more than a half century ago that Mr. William Pierce came to Pittsfield and established an industry now almost forgotten, namely, that of manufacturing melodeons. Odd looking things they would be called today, for the strides of a few decades in this busy world of ours mark many curious changes; but in those days the family that could afford one of them was considered fortunate, indeed, and the people who couldn't afford them were presumed to spend their spare time envying their more thrifty neighbor or looting on the days when they, too, could have music in the house.

And why odd looking? To begin with, the melodeons of those days were not the most elaborate piece of furniture that ever was. As Mr. Pierce expressed it to The Call some years ago, they looked more like old wooden sinks than like musical instruments. The cheaper ones were only four octaves each, and the entire length of the case was only about three and one-half feet, though the instrument sold for \$45 and was really very sweet sounding as instruments run in those

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days, but it was not to be doubted that the music executed upon the more elaborate and costly instruments.

Besides these little four-octave melodeons, there were larger and better ones which brought higher prices. The four and one-half octave instruments brought \$55, and those of five octaves sold for \$60. Many of the cases were veneered in rosewood which was brought from the West Indies and sawed into strips at Cohoes, NY whence it found its way to this city. From the manufacture of these simpler instruments the firm naturally branched off into the manufacture of organs, and in this work it developed into one of the best known firms of its kind in this section of the country, and even today their instruments may be found scattered throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania, and to knowing to what other ends of the earth may have found their way. How many thousands of instruments were made here, Mr. Pierce said he couldn't tell; but in the states mentioned they were sold in quantities.

For a quarter of a century the business was continued with success, though it has now been nearly a quarter of a century since it was abandoned. In fact, it is one of the old-time industries which, like the drum and gun manufactories, most Pittsfield people have lost sight of and forgotten. A few will remember that the factory used to be in the present Chapel foundry building on Fenn Street, and that the ware rooms used to be on North Street where Central Block now stands, and there may be a few who will remember that the firm name was first Cox & Pierce and afterwards Pierce & Cutting. Amasa S. Cox was the business partner of Mr. Pierce, and the latter stated he believed it was largely through him that the firm happened to locate in Pittsfield. He looked over the territory carefully, saw that it was then thrifty, that its manufacturing industries were meeting with success and that there were springing up hundreds of homes throughout this section of the state, and, as there was no other firm of the kind in the locality, it was deemed a good place to establish in business. After one and one half years, Mr. Cox was succeeded in the firm by Leonard M. Cutting, and the firm became Pierce & Cutting. A little later, Mr. Cutting died with hemorrhage.

Mr. Pierce then continued in business alone, and would probably have remained in it even until later years had it not been for the fact that a competitor came into the field and manufactured an instrument which Mr. Pierce saw was the equal of his own make, but which was sold in the market for less than it actually cost to manufacture. He foresaw the end and so changed his tactics, gave up the manufacture and commenced to buy and sell instruments of other makes. His competitor was the Wood organ and that firm failed.

From the making of those little, old, sinklike melodeons there have been great strides in the industry, and to compare the elaborate and highly polished and costly organs of the present day with the sawed-off affairs of a half-century ago, would reveal no resemblance, except for one. Each would be found to have keys and each would have pedals, but with pedals and keys would end all comparisons. The organs of today are handsome pieces of furniture, and a small fortune may be packed away in the fine piano finish of the modern instrument which is in reality based on the principles of the little four-octave affair of 50 years ago.

Mr. Pierce was a native of West Boylston and nearly 80 years of age when he died, and yet even during the last days of his life he retained his faculties to a remarkable degree and walked our streets as firm and erect as many men of 50. He had watched Pittsfield grow from a place of about 6,000 inhabitants to a city of nearly four times that number; the Dr. Todd church is now used for a dance hall, and is replaced by a structure of stone; the few business streets of handsome and pretentious structures; churches and schools have sprung up and scores of streets have been laid out and lined on either side by nice homes.

One of the most remarkable changes, which he witnessed, is the change in the values of real estate. When Mr. Pierce bought the present Colt property at the corner of North and Union streets he paid only \$9,000 for it, but it was only a few years ago that he sold a little less than one-half of his purchase for \$15,000. Today it is held at considerably more. Across the way, at the corner of Melville and North streets, Mr. Pierce could have bought the whole corner for \$1,800. Today, all of our readers know that it can hardly be bought for any price. It was in 1855 that he erected the Pierce block in which occurred his death. When it was first put up it was considered as almost out of town (just South of the present YMCA), but now, so great has been the city's growth, it is in the

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heart of the business center. The block was enlarged by him about 10 years ago. He was the proprietor of two double tenement houses on Union Street and of 36 acres of land adjoining the Elmwood property, which has recently been improved and is considering one of the most desirable tracts of land in the real estate market of Central Berkshire.

Politically, he was in his younger days a Whig. He had been a Republican since the formation of that party, but had never cared to hold public offices.

On December 25, 1844, Mr. Pierce was united in marriage with Elizabeth Henderson, of West Boylston, daughter of Luther Henderson. She became the mother of seven children, four of whom are still living, William Alton and Mrs. B. A. Packard of this city, Harvey C. of Arlington NJ, and Harry G. of Radford VA. Two sisters, Mrs. J(ane) P. Newton of this city and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox of Uxbridge and two brothers, L. M. Pierce of Springfield and Edward Pierce of West Boylston, survive.

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William Pierce

Obituary in The Evening Journal, Pittsfield MA 28 January 1901

Born 4 Sept 1821

Died 27 January 1901

Age 79

Sketch of his life - Facts about his Death.

William Pierce of 37 Union Street and owner of the Pierce block was found dead in his building on North Street Sunday night at 11 o'clock by his son-in-law and his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand S. Packard. He had been dead several hours when found.

Mrs. Bertrand A. Packard, daughter of Mr. Pierce, with whom she lived at 37 Union Street said this afternoon:

"My father had not been in good health for some time. He had neuralgia and had been unable to sleep much at a time. For the past three or four days he had been much better and at the dinner table Sunday my husband remarked how well father was looking.

"Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock he left the house to go to the block on North street where he had an office and where he kept a fire in that room. As he did not return I went to the block to look for him at about 9 o'clock. I found the door locked. I went out and around the block to ascertain if there was a light there and found none.

"When my husband came home I told him of father's absence. He went to my brother's and then to the block and forced the door of the office.

"In a room opening out of the office was father. He was dead. He was fully dressed and had his overcoat and hat on. A hammer lay near him. He had evidently been at work fixing a window when death occurred. The drafts had been opened in the stove and there was no light burning. He must have died early in the afternoon, soon after he had arrived at the block."

Assistant Medical Examiner Colt viewed the body and gave permission for its removal to 37 Union street. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Mr. Pierce was 80 years old. He was born in West Boylston, Mass., June 26, 1821 (?). He learned the cabinet making trade in Worcester and in 1850 came to this city and started in the melodeon and organ making business. He formed co-partnership with his cousin, a Mr. Cutting, and for a long time the firm name was Pierce and Cutting. Later Mr. Pierce opened a piano and organ sales room in the Pierce block which he had built and until Wood Bros. opened business here it was the only music store in this city. Some years ago Mr. Pierce went out of business but has always maintained an office in his block.

He married Miss Elizabeth Henderson of West Boylston in 1844. The surviving children of the union are William A. of this city, H.C. of Arlington NJ, Harry G. of Radford, VA. and Mrs. B.A. Packard of Pittsfield. Two brothers Levi M. of Springfield, Edward of West Boylston and 3 sisters,



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Mrs. George Parks of Worcester, Mrs. A. Wilcox of Uxbridge and Mrs. Jane Pierce Newton of this city, also survive. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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Berkshire Eagle, The (Pittsfield, MA)

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Bernard A. Drew

William Pierce, tuneful manufacturer

GREAT BARRINGTON

Melodeons were popular musical instruments from the 1840s to the late 19th century, among other reasons because of their portability. One foot pedal forced air across brass keyboards to produce sounds. Another pedal controlled volume. Small melodeons had limited keyboards.

If you have a melodeon made by William Pierce of Pittsfield, you have a collector's item. The Smithsonian Institution has one, or at least it did in 1910, when the annual report for the U.S. National Museum listed "a melodeon made in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, by William Pierce, principal to 1863, formerly the property of Dr. Theodore F. Hance and contributed by his estate."

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Pierce (1836-1901) was born in West Boylston, near Worcester. He and his wife, Elizabeth Henderson (1820-1897), raised a family of seven. Pierce wanted to start a business, and scouted likely locations.

"He looked over the territory carefully, saw that it was then thrifty, that its manufacturing industries were meeting with success and that there were springing up hundreds of homes throughout this section of the state, and, as there was no other firm of the kind in the locality, it was deemed a good place to establish its business," The Sunday Morning Call said in a Pierce obituary on Feb. 3, 1901. They moved to Pittsfield in 1849.

Pierce partnered with Amasa S. Cox in the manufacture of organs and melodeons. After a year and a half, the pair went their own ways. Cox continued his business in Worcester. Pierce found a new partner in Pittsfield, Leonard M. Cutting. They had a shop on Fenn Street. Cutting soon went his own way, too. He died. The business eventually relocated to North Street.

Son William A. Pierce (1848-1925) when he was old enough joined the company, by then located at 114 North St, at the Central Block, according to an 1859 city directory. It was at 142 North St. from 1873 on, according to later directories. The senior Pierce lived at 153 North St., at the corner of Union. He built the Pierce block in 1855 and enlarged it in 1878. Pierce owned two apartment buildings on Union Street and 36 acres of land near Elmwood.

The senior Pierce in 1899 told The Morning Call his melodeons "looked very much like a small wooden sink." The newspaper explained, "The melodeons of those days were not the most elaborate piece of furniture that ever was... The cheaper ones were only 'four octaves' each, and the entire length of the case was only about three and one half feet, though the instrument sold for \$45 and was really very sweet sounding as instruments run in those days, but it is not to be doubted that the music executed upon them was even more enjoyed in the homes thro'-out the country than is much of the so-called music executed today upon the more elaborate and costly instruments."

These musical instruments are akin to, but should not be confused with, Irish or Cajun melodeons, which are almost accordions. The difference is, a handheld melodeon plays different notes as the bellows is pushed in and pulled out. It has buttons but no keyboard. It's something like a harmonica. An accordion plays a sustained note no matter the direction of the bellows. The melodeon is non- chromatic. Most portable melodeons have two keys available (G and D), some have three (G, D and A), to provide a simple bass accompaniment.

Some pedal-pumped melodeons were elaborate pieces of furniture and looked like pianos. In fact they were predecessors to pedal pump organs. In Europe, harmoniums are virtually the same as melodeons.

Pierce's shop turned out 100 melodeons a year. Melodeons did come in larger sizes; a four-and-a-half octave instrument cost \$55, a five-octave was \$60. "Many of the cases were veneered in

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rosewood which was brought from the West Indies and sawed into strips at Cohoes, N.Y.," The Call said, "whence it found its way to this city. From the manufacture of these simpler instruments the firm naturally branched off into the manufacture of organs, and in this work it developed into one of the best known firms of its kind in this section of the country, and even today their instruments may be found scattered throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania ... How many thousands of instruments were made here, Mr. Pierce said he couldn't tell; but in the states mentioned they were sold in quantities."

Pierce also made out on real estate. He purchased the former Colt property at the corner of North and Union for \$9,000, and not long before his death, he sold half that property for \$15,000.

When he put up the Pierce block, the Call said, "it was considered as almost out of town, but now, so great has been the city's growth, it is in the heart of the business center. The block was enlarged by him about 10 years ago. He was the proprietor of two double tenement houses on Union street and of 36 acres of land adjoining the Elmwood property." When another manufacturer in Pittsfield began to undercut Pierce's prices, he quit the manufacturing and went strictly into retail. The senior Pierce retired in 1885. The younger Pierce eventually relocated to Baltimore.

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Date: Tuesday, January 29, 1901 Paper: Springfield Republican (Springfield, Massachusetts)  
Issue: 265 Page: 9

### Sudden Death of William Pierce

William Pierce, 79, for many years a melodeon and organ builder, died suddenly from heart failure late Sunday night in his office in the Pierce block on North Street. He had but recently recovered from a severe and extended illness and was able to be out a few hours each day. Sunday afternoon he left his home on Union Street to go to his block and attend to the stoves, and not returning, a search was made. His daughter, Mrs Bert A. Packard, and her husband went to his office and found the door locked, and the latter burst in the panels. The room was intensely hot and in a small apartment, just off from it, Mr Pierce was found lying on the floor, dead. The body was viewed by Assistant Medical Examiner Colt and later taken to the home of the deceased. Mr Pierce was born in West Boylston, June 26, 1821, and learned the cabinet-making trade in Worcester. He went to Pittsfield in 1850 and began the melodeon and organ making business, forming a partnership with his cousin (actually brother-in-law) a Mr. Cutting, under the firm name of Pierce & Cutting. A piano and organ store was later opened in the Pierce Block by Mr Pierce and his son William, and was conducted by them until 1885. Mr Pierce then retired from the business, but had an office since in the block for collecting of rents. He married Miss Elizabeth Henderson of West Boylston in 1844 (Mr Cutting married her sister Susanna Henderson), and these children survive: William Alton Pierce and Mrs Bert A. Packard (Ellen Elizabeth Pierce) of Pittsfield. Harry G. of Radford VA, and Harvey Cole of Arlington NJ. He also leaves two brothers, Levi Merriam of this city (Springfield), Edward of West Boylston, and three sisters, Mrs Jane Pierce Newton of Pittsfield, Mrs George Parks of Worcester and Mrs A. Wilcox of Uxbridge. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

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### DEAD IN HIS OFFICE

#### GRIM MESSENGER OVERTOOK AGED WILLIAM PIERCE

While He Was In His Block Caring for the Fires

Jan 28, 1901

From Monday's Eagle. (not sure which paper this clipping is from)

William Pierce of 37 Union Street, senior member of William Pierce and Son, was found dead in his office in the Pierce Block, upper North Street, early last night. (located on the site of the YMCA addition)

As was his custom on Sundays he left his home about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon to go to the block and look after his fires. He has often been gone for 2 hours of a Sunday afternoon and that he stayed for that length of time yesterday caused no special anxiety at his home. However as darkness began to deepen, his daughter, Mrs. B. A. Packard, who lives in the same house on Union Street, determined to go to the office and ascertain the reason of Mr. Pierce's long absence.

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She went there and found the door locked. She went around to the rear to see if there was any light visible in the shop, but there was none. Mrs. Packard then surmised that her father must have gone to Dalton to call on friends as he does frequently. This thought sufficed to ease her mind for a time.

Mr. Packard returned from his duties in Manning's drug store at his usual hour and to him she communicated the fact that Mr. Pierce was absent for some unknown reason. Mr. and Mrs. Packard went to the block, and finding the door still locked, determined to burst in the portal, and this was done. The room was intensely hot. Passing through this apartment a smaller room in the rear was reached. Mr. Pierce lay on the floor dead. He had not removed his overcoat and hat. It is the belief that on entering the first room he turned on the draft of the stove and then passed on to the adjoining apartment to finish up some work which he had been doing there. He had just picked up a hammer when death overtook him. Heart failure was given as the cause of death.

Had Mr. Pierce lived he would have been 80 years of age on July 26. He was born in West Boylston and went to Worcester when a comparatively young man to learn the trade of cabinet making. He soon became an expert in the business. Mr. Pierce came to Pittsfield about 52 years ago (1849) and has since lived here, carrying on the business of making melodians and organs. Since living here he has been very successful and has accumulated a considerable property. In 1844 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Henderson of West Boylston and she died about four years ago. Seven children were born to them, of whom four survive - William A(lton) of this city, Harvey C(ole) of Arlington NJ, Harry G. of Radford VA, and Mrs. Bertha A. Packard (Ellen Elizabeth Pierce) of this city. Arrangements for the funeral cannot be made until word is received from the out of town relatives. Harvey C. Pierce of Arlington is confined to his home by the grip and there is a possibility that he cannot come on to attend the funeral.

Although the deceased was well advanced in years, he carried his age finely and was thought well of by everybody. His disposition was kindly and he had a host of friends. He was not a member of any local organizations.

His health for some time past has not been of the best although of late he seemed greatly improved. Dr. Woodruff was his physician.

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Massachusetts, State Census, 1865 about Jane P Newton

Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Marital Status: Married

Birth Year: abt 1829

Birth Place: Massachusetts

Residence: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA

Enumeration Year: 1865

Age: 36

Household number: 526

Reel Number: 2

Volume Number: 4

Household Members:

Name	Age
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William Pierce	43
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Elizabeth Pierce	44
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William A Pierce	16
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George A Pierce	13
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Charles Pierce	11
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Frances E Pierce	7
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Hewey C Pierce	5 (Harvey)
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Henry G Pierce	3
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Jane P Newton	36
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Fanny P Henderson	73
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From Life with the 49th:

Allen M. Dewey, Corporal in Company C, died at New Orleans, on March 23rd 1863. He was taken sick just as we left Carrollton, and lingered with fever for six weeks. His sufferings were borne with gentle patience. I saw him lying on his one blanket, emaciated, the bones working

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through the skin, which was raw and marked with putrid sores, gasping for breath, yet seemingly resigned. When we made a feint on Port Hudson, many of the sick were removed to New Orleans. He was one of that number. I fear it hastened his death. One of his comrades says he died with all the calmness of him whose peace with God was made. He was from Pittsfield, aged thirty-five years, a melodeon-maker by trade. He was a faithful soldier and a genial companion. We shall miss his pleasant smile and that rich voice which he so often cheered us with its melodious song. Heaven's choir has received him, and his war has terminated in a hallowed peace.

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April 29, 1922 - The Springfield Daily Republican, Saturday.

To Start Work Soon on New Building - Joyce Block and Pierce Block Tenants Notified to Vacate Pittsfield, April 28 - The Young Men's Christian Association today ordered the tenants of the Joyce block south of its home building to vacate by June 1 and Walter F Hawkins, trustee of the syndicate owning the Pierce block just south, ordered its tenants to move out at the same time. This means that work will be started at once on the monitor building to which Judge Charles L. Hibbard referred in his annual report as president of the association last night. The new owners of the Joyce block are friendly to the association which will have a chance to take over all the property when in the future its needs and finances warrant.

With the demolition of the Joyce and Pierce blocks the last of the old wooden buildings on the east side of the business section of North St will disappear. The Pierce block was built in 1855 by the late William Pierce who came here from Worcester in 1850 and established a melodeon manufacturing shop in the Burbank block where the Peirson Hardware company is now. He built his block for the rapidly increasing business and at the maximum employed about 20 hands. Mr. Pierce established a national reputation for his melodeons. After the Civil War he built organs there and continued in business until 1890. Mr Pierce was the father of William Alton Pierce of 232 First Street, coal merchant. The new Monitor block will have a North street frontage of 75 feet.

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Notes for Elizabeth Henderson:

Berkshire Eagle April 3, 1897

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson Pierce took place late Friday afternoon at her home on Union Street, Pittsfield, MA and the funeral will be held from the house Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. H.S. Johnson officiating. The deceased was a daughter of Luther and Fanny Henderson of Mt. Morris NY (??) where she was born March 5, 1820. She lived there but a short time and after a residence in one or more places she moved to Pittsfield 47 years ago, and since that time has resided here. She was married to William Pierce at Worcester in 1844 and two years ago they celebrated their golden wedding. The deceased is survived by her husband who for many years was in the piano and organ business in this city, three sons William Alton Pierce of this city, Harvey Cole Pierce of Arlington, NJ, and Harry G. of Radford, VA, and one daughter, Mrs. Bertrand A. Packard (Ellen Elizabeth Pierce) of this city. One sister, Mrs. H.M. Beaty of Jerseyville, IL, and two brothers, Daniel Henderson of Waco Nebraska and George W. Henderson of Rochester, NY, also survive her. Mrs. Pierce has been an invalid for a number of years but the last two years has been practically helpless. Death however was rather sudden and unexpected, resulting from a two days' attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Pierce was a member of the Baptist church but was a woman who devoted her entire time to her home and family.

William Pierce and Elizabeth Henderson had the following children:

- i. FRANCES ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> PIERCE was born on 28 Jul 1846 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 06 Sep 1846 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
13. ii. WILLIAM ALTON PIERCE was born on 04 Sep 1848 in Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts. He died on 02 Jun 1925 in Baltimore, Maryland at Mabel's home. He married (1) ELLEN ADELAIDE NOLTON, daughter of Justus Nolton and Mary Polly Reynolds, on 08 May 1873 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts at 8PM in Dr. Almon N.Allen's home on North Street. Rev Adonirom (wife Sophronia) Waterbury of Lebanon Spa NY & Rev C.H. Spalding of Pittsfield.. She was born on 03 Jun 1843 in Petersburg, Rensselaer County, New York. She died on 08 Apr 1922 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He married (2) ANNE WILDE on 29 Jan

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- 1923 in ?. She was born about 1871. She died on 08 Nov 1939 in San Remo, Imperia, Liguria, Italy.
14. iii. GEORGE ARTHUR PIERCE MD was born on 11 Mar 1851 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, St. Lukes Hospital, East Street, 1:33PM. He died on 23 Jan 1890 in Lebanon Spa, NY. He married Marilla Ingalls Gates on 10 Jun 1874 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She was born on 27 Feb 1852 in Albany, Albany County, New York. She died on 24 May 1884 in Pittsfield Massachusetts.
- iv. CHARLES SUMNER PIERCE was born on 21 Mar 1854 in Age incorrect in obit.. He died on 25 Apr 1888.
15. v. ELLEN ELIZABETH PIERCE was born on 18 Mar 1858 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She died on 23 Jan 1934 in Akron, Ohio at home 6PM. She married Bertrand A. Packard on 15 Oct 1884 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was born on 05 Jun 1861 in Birthday book?. He died on 20 Aug 1902 in Birthday book?.
16. vi. HARVEY COLE PIERCE was born on 01 May 1860 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He died on 26 Apr 1909 in Arlington, Hudson, New Jersey, USA. He married Laura Martha Perrine, daughter of Thomas R. Perrine and Helen K. Vandenburg, on 26 Oct 1886 in Princeton, NJ. She was born on 28 Jan 1862 in Jerseyville, Illinois. She died on 07 Nov 1946 in Harrison Mountain Lake, Passaic, New Jersey, USA.
- vii. HARRY G. PIERCE was born on 29 Nov 1861 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He died on 19 Jan 1923 in House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield, MA.

### Notes for Harry G. Pierce:

Harry G. Pierce  
Born 29 Nov 1861  
Died 19 Jan 1923  
Obituary 20 Jan 1923  
Age 61 years, 1 month, 21 days

Harry G. Pierce, aged 61 years, of 738 Tyler Street, died last night at the House of Mercy after a four weeks illness with a complication of diseases. He had been at the hospital since January 16 (1923).

Mr. Pierce was the son of the late William Pierce of this city and for a number of years was in business in Radford, VA, coming later to this city. He was a member of the Episcopal Church in Virginia and was a vestryman there. For a time he sang in the choir of St. Martin's Episcopal chapel in Morningside, but of late had not been able to attend church, due to his physical condition.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. B. (Bertrand) A. Packard (Ellen Elizabeth Pierce) of Toledo, Ohio, one brother, William Alton Pierce of this city; also several nephews and nieces.

The funeral will be held from the Wellington and Crosier undertaking parlors on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and Rev. Asa A. Morrison, pastor of the Morningside Baptist church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Pittsfield cemetery.

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B. A. Packard would agree with the Bertrand A. Packard Elizabeth's Husband in initials.

Worked at American Zylonite Works in Adams MA as did his brother Harvey.

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Harry G. Pierce listed under Booksellers and Stationers. Pierce H G, Radford, VA 1893-94

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vamontgo/montgomerycounty1893-1894.htm>

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1887:

Pierce Harry G. rem to Adams

Pierce Harvey C., rem to Adams

Pierce William (Wm. Pierce & Son), 142 North, h 153 do. c Union

Pierce William & Son (William and William A. Pierce), pianos and organs, 142 North

Pierce William A. (William Pierce & Son), 142 North, h 3 Beaver

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4. **HENRY<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** (Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 27 Aug 1826 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 01 Mar 1899 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married (1) **THERESA M ADAMS**. She was born in 1829 in Unknown. She died on 10 Jan 1867 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married (2) **CAROLINE E. HOLT**. She was born on 23 Apr 1846. She died on 16 Nov 1912 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.

Notes for Henry Pierce:

Lumber Dealer 1867 (Massachusetts Register 1867)

Henry Pierce and Theresa M Adams had the following children:

- i. **HENRY DILLON<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** was born on 23 Apr 1852.
  - ii. **FLORA M. PIERCE** was born in 1864 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1936 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
5. **JANE L.<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** (Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 04 Oct 1828 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 13 Sep 1910 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She married Leonard W. Newton, son of Dana Newton and Hannah Cheney, on 25 Mar 1845 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 10 Feb 1818 in Schrewsbury, MA. He died about 1885 in ??.

Notes for Jane L. Pierce:

Dining Room on Cottage Row (now Eagle St)

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Born October 4, 1828 ?

Died September 13, 1910

Came to Pittsfield in 1877 (Elizabeth Kirby obituary) (JLP lived in Pittsfield 1865)

Mrs. Jane P(ierce) Newton died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.J. Oatman, 536 North Street, aged 82 years. Mrs. Newton was born in West Boylston, Mass, coming to Pittsfield about 50 years ago to become a matron of the Springfield Boys' School, conducted by the late Rev. William C. Richards.

After completing her duties with the institution she entered the employ of Wood and Garlick as a saleswoman and continued in their employ until she established the Onota Restaurant on the site of the Wendell Hotel. Upon the completion of the Academy of Music she removed to that building and conducted a restaurant there for some time.

After closing business in the Academy she conducted a large boarding house for 20 years on the site of the new Miller building on Eagle Square (Cottage Row, now Eagle Street). She sold this business about 18 years ago and has since resided with her daughter, Mrs. W.J. Oatman. About eight years ago she suffered a (shock) stroke of paralysis and has since been in feeble health. She united with the First Baptist church soon after taking up her residence in Pittsfield and was an active worker in the various ladies societies connected with the church. Her husband died many years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W.J. Oatman and Mrs. E.H. Kirby of this city and an aged sister Mrs. Adella P(ierce) Wilcox of Uxbridge, Mass.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from her late home (the Oatman home) on North Street and Rev. C.P. MacGregor of the First Baptist church will officiate. Burial will be in the

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Newton family plot in the Pittsfield cemetery.

Buried in Pittsfield Cemetery to the South of the Pierce plot. Along with William John Oatman, Mary Josephine Newton and Fred Daniel Butler (name on stone but probably not buried here) and Eva Newton Butler. (Mary is Jane's daughter and Eva Jane and William's daughter who died shortly after childbirth)

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Mary J. Oatman, Feb. 25, 1927, age 72 yrs. 4 mos. 19 dys. (536 North)

William J. Oatman, May 28, 1927, age 68 yrs. 5 mos. (536 North)

KIRBY, Elizabeth H., Aug. 23, 1891, age 50 (EH mother?)

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On the east side of North Street, south of the railroad, the Academy of Music was a theater far above the average then of playhouses in New England, outside of Boston. Beyond the theater, where now is Eagle Square, was a dwelling house, which was used as a restaurant. There was no public way from Cottage Row to North Street. Whelden's block, on the north side of the bridge, had been built in 1875; and the proprietor was satirically accused of aiming at the trade of Lanesborough.

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Date: Friday, October 18, 1872 Paper: Massachusetts Spy (Worcester, MA) Volume: 101 Issue: 42 Page: 1

Supreme Judicial Court - Full Bench - Chapman, C. J. Friday October 11 - The following divorces have been decreed on the ground of ....

The following for desertion: Leonard W. Newton from Jane S. Newton (wrong MI)

or...

Her husband Leonard W passed away in 1870 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at the age of 52. They had been married 25 years.

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Her daughter Ella Adelia was born on July 1, 1847, in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Jane L Pierce lived in Harvard, Massachusetts, in 1850.

Her daughter Mary Jane was born on November 13, 1854, in Ashburnham, Massachusetts.

Jane L Pierce lived in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, in 1855.

Her daughter Adda Lizzie J was born on July 19, 1856, in Ashburnham, Massachusetts.

Jane L Pierce lived in Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1860.

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Massachusetts, State Census, 1865 about Jane P Newton

Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Marital Status: Married

Birth Year: abt 1829

Birth Place: Massachusetts

Residence: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA

Enumeration Year: 1865

Age: 36

Household number: 526

Reel Number: 2

Volume Number: 4

Household Members:

Name Age

William Pierce 43 (JLPN brother)

Elizabeth Pierce 44

William A Pierce 16

George A Pierce 13

Charles Pierce 11

Frances E Pierce 7

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Hewey C Pierce 5  
Henry G Pierce 3  
Jane P Newton 36  
Fanny P Henderson 73

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Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841-1915 about Jane Pierce Newton

Name: Jane P Newton [Jane L Pierce]

Gender: Female

Birth Date: 4 Oct 1820 (1828)

Birth Place: West Boylston, Worcester Co, Massachusetts

Death Date: 13 Sep 1910

Death Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Age at Death: 81

Father: Levi Pierce

Mother: Polly Merrian

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Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Residence Year: 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895

Street address: 37 Linden

Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Spouse: Leonard W Newton (widow)

Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1895

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Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Residence Year: 1897, 1898

Street address: 530 North

Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Spouse: Leonard W Newton

Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1897

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1875 Pittsfield Directory:

Newton Mrs. J . P ., restaurant, 90 North

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1882 Pittsfield Directory:

Newton Mrs. J . P ., boarding house, 4 Cottage Row

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1883 Pittsfield Directory:

Newton Mrs. J . P ., boarding house, 4 Cottage Row

Newton L. W., h 4 Cottage Row

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1884 Pittsfield Directory:

Newton Mrs. J. P., boardiag-house, 4 Cottage Row .

Newton L. P., h 4 Cottage Row.

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1885 Pittsfield Directory:

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1886-87 Pittsfield Directory:

Newton Mrs. J. P., boarding-house, 4 Cottage Row, cor. Allen.

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1887 Pittsfield Directory:

Newton Jane P., manager M. J. Newton Dining Roorns, 4 Cottage Row

Newton L.W., rem to Riverside, R. I.

NEWTON M. J. THE DINING ROOMS, 4 Cottage Row. See p. 263

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M. J. Newton

DINING ROOMS,



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J. P. NEWTON, Manager  
Board and Rooms at Reasonable Terms.  
First-Class Accomodations for Transient Guests  
Meals Furnished at all Hours of the Day.  
No. 4 Cottage Row, - - PITTSFIELD, MASS.

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Name: Jane P Newton  
Residence Year: 1887  
Street address: Rooms 4 Cottage Row  
Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA  
Occupation: Manager M J Newton Dining Rooms  
Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1887

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Name: Jane P Newton  
Residence Year: 1888  
Street address: Rooms 4 Cottage Row  
Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA  
Occupation: Manager M J Newton Dining Rooms  
Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1888

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1888 Pittsfield Directory:  
Newton Jane P., manager M. J. Newton Dining Roorns, 4 Cottage Row  
NEWTON M. J. DINING ROOMS, 4 Cottage Row. See p. 265 (pg missing)

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Name: Jane P Newton  
Residence Year: 1889  
Street address: Rooms 4 Cottage Row  
Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA  
Occupation: Manager M J Newton Dining Rooms  
Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1889

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Name: Jane P. Newton  
Location 1: 4 Cottage Row  
City: Pittsfield  
State: MA  
Occupation: Manager M J Newton Dining Rooms  
Year: 1889  
Business Name: M. J. Newton Dining Rooms

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Name: Jane P Newton  
Residence Year: 1890  
Street address: Rooms 4 Cottage row  
Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA  
Occupation: Manager M J Newton Dining Rooms  
Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1890

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Name: Jane P. Newton  
Location 1: 4 Cottage row  
City: Pittsfield  
State: MA  
Occupation: Manager M J Newton Dining Rooms  
Year: 1890  
Business Name: M. J. Newton Dining Rooms

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Name: Jane P Newton (may be wrong Jane P. - widow John W.)  
Gender: Female  
Residence Year: 1891  
Street address: 9 Linden  
Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

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Spouse: John W Newton, Widow

Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1891

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Year: 1889 Location 1: 4 Cottage Row City: Pittsfield

Occupation: manager Business Name: M. J. Newton Dining Rooms

Year: 1890 Location 1: 4 Cottage row City: Pittsfield

Occupation: manager Business Name: M. J. Newton Dining Rooms

Year: 1891 Location 2: 9 Linden (? wrong Jane P. - widow John W.) Pittsfield Directory

Year: 1892 Location 2: 37 Linden (? wrong Jane P. - widow John W. b 37 Linden) Pittsfield Directory

Year: 1893 Location 2: 37 Linden (? wrong Jane P. - widow John W. b 37 Linden) Pittsfield Directory

Year: 1894 Location 2: 37 Linden (Corrected to widow Leonard W. b 37 Linden) Pittsfield Directory

Year: 1895 Location 2: 37 Linden (Corrected to widow Leonard W. b 37 Linden) Pittsfield Directory

Year: 1897, 98, 1901 Location 2: 536 North (widow Leonard W.) Pittsfield Directory (Oatman residence)

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Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Residence Year: 1901

Street address: 536 North Oatman residence, daughter Mary Josephine.

Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Spouse: Leonard W Newton

Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1901

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Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Residence Year: 1902

Street address: 536 North

Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Spouse: Leonard W Newton

Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1902

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Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Residence Year: 1903

Street address: 536 North

Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Spouse: Leonard W Newton

Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1903

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Name: Jane P Newton

Gender: Female

Residence Year: 1904

Street address: 536 North

Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Spouse: Leonard W Newton

Publication Title: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1904

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1905 ditto 1904 Widow Leonard W Newton Pittsfield City Directory 1905

1906 ditto 1905 Widow Leonard W Newton Pittsfield City Directory 1906

1907 ditto 1906 Widow Leonard W Newton Pittsfield City Directory 1907

1909 ditto 1907 Widow Leonard W Newton Pittsfield City Directory 1909

1910 ditto 1909 Widow Leonard W Newton Pittsfield City Directory 1910

1911 directory Jane L Pierce Newton not listed (deceased Sept 13, 1910)

Notes for Leonard W. Newton:

[http://newenglandgenealogy.pcplayground.com/f\\_4a1.htm](http://newenglandgenealogy.pcplayground.com/f_4a1.htm)

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## Generation 2 (con't)

CHENEY, Hannah  
d. 15 APR 1833  
Family:  
Marriage: 1808  
Spouse: NEWTON, Dana  
b. 14 JUN 1782 Shrewsbury, Mass.  
Parents:  
Father: NEWTON, Moses  
Mother: HARRINGTON, Grace

Children:  
NEWTON, Charles Harrington  
b. 23 AUG 1808 Shrewsbury, Mass.  
NEWTON, Simeon Bruce  
b. 24 OCT 1810 Shrewsbury, Mass.  
NEWTON, Moses Dana  
b. 29 APR 1813 Shrewsbury, Mass.  
d. 30 JUL 1827  
NEWTON, Asa Cheney  
b. 4 JAN 1816 Shrewsbury, Mass.  
NEWTON, Leonard W.  
b. 10 FEB 1818 Shrewsbury, Mass.  
NEWTON, Grace  
b. 28 OCT 1820 Shrewsbury, Mass.  
d. 1828

Leonard W. Newton and Jane L. Pierce had the following children:

- i. ELLA ADELIA<sup>3</sup> NEWTON was born on 01 Jul 1847 in Lancaster, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 02 Nov 1877 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA.
  17. ii. MARY JOSEPHINE NEWTON was born on 06 Oct 1854 in Ashburnham, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA (November 13, 1854 ?? Mary Jane ??). She died on 25 Feb 1927 in 536 North St, Pittsfield, MA. She married WILLIAM JOHN OATMAN. He was born in 1858. He died on 28 May 1927 in 536 North St, Pittsfield, MA.
  18. iii. ADDA ELIZABETH J. NEWTON was born on 19 Jul 1856 in Ashburnham, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1943 in Bridgeport, CT. She married ELIAS H. KIRBY. He was born in 1853. He died on 21 Mar 1940.
6. **ADELIA<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** (Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 18 Feb 1831 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 06 Nov 1925 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She married Chauncey Adams Wilcox on 14 Sep 1853 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 28 Feb 1826 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 27 Aug 1885 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.

Chauncey Adams Wilcox and Adelia Pierce had the following children:

- i. CHAUNCEY EDWARD<sup>3</sup> WILCOX was born on 17 Oct 1854 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 18 Oct 1855 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
  - ii. LUCIUS ADAMS WILCOX was born on 17 Aug 1856 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 14 Jul 1876 in Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
7. **LEVI MERRIAM<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** (Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 21 Jun 1833 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 01 Apr 1908 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA. He married (1) **MIRIAM (MARY) HOBBS FOSTER**, daughter of William Foster and Calista Wood, on 24 Apr 1862 in Norway, Maine. She was born on 23 Jul 1839 in Norway, Maine. He married (2) **ROXANA WILCOX** on 28 May 1846 in Pierce, Levi Esq. (s. Levi and Persis, a. 51, widr, b. Worcester) and Roxana Wilcox, May 28, 1846. (W. Boylston VR).

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## Generation 2 (con't)

Notes for Levi Merriam Pierce:

Pierce, Levi Merriam, d. Apr. 1, 1908, a. 74 y. (Leominster Town Records)

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Class 1860 - Delta Upsilon Fraternity

COLBY CHAPTER

Colby College Waterville Me

Established 1852

63 Classes 476 Members

Levi Merriam Pierce Merchant and Real Estate d Apr 1 1908

Catalogue of Delta Upsilon, 1917 By Lynne John Bevan, William Henry Dannat Pell

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Levi Merriam son of Levi 2 Peirce was born in West Boylston June 21 1833 He was educated in the public schools of his native town at Arms Academy Shelburne Falls at an academy at Ft Edward New York and at Colby College Waterville Maine from which he was graduated in the class of 1860 He taught in the state normal school for the western half of Maine for a year in the Uxbridge high school Uxbridge Massachusetts two years and in the high school at Chicopee Falls for eight years He then entered upon a business career and during the following five years was president of the Arlington Piano Company. In 1874 he engaged in the retail music trade in Springfield on Main street remaining there until his death April 1 1908. He was a member of Belcher Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Chicopee Falls. In politics he was a Republican and was a member of South Church Congregational. Mr Peirce had traveled extensively especially in this country while he was engaged in manufacturing. He was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Springfield. His home was at 247 Union street. He married April 24 1862 Mary H Foster of Norway Maine born July 23 1839 daughter of William and Calista Wood Foster.

Children:

1 Leona May Peirce born August 4 1863

2 William Foster Peirce born at Chicopee Falls Massachusetts February 3 1868

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1870 Federal Census

Name: Levi M Pierce

Age in 1870: 37

Birth Year: abt 1833

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1870: Chicopee, Hampden, Massachusetts

Race: White

Gender: Male

Post Office: Chicopee

Value of Real Estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

Levi M Pierce 37

Mary H Pierce 28

Laura M Pierce 6

Willie F Pierce 2

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1880 Federal Census

Name: Levi M. Pierce

Age: 49

Birth Year: abt 1831

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1880: 247 Union Street, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Self (Head)

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Mary H. Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts

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## Generation 2 (con't)

Neighbors: View others on page

Occupation: Dealer In Mus. Tnsh.

Household Members:

Name Age

Levi M. Pierce 49

Mary H. Pierce 41

Leona M. Pierce 16

William F. Pierce 12

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1900 Federal Census

Name: Levi M Pierce

Age: 66

Birth Date: Jun 1833

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1900: Springfield Ward 4, Hampden, Massachusetts

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Mary Pierce

Marriage Year: 1862

Years Married: 38

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Occupation: View on Image

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members:

Name Age

Levi M Pierce 66

Mary Pierce 60

Leona M Pierce 36

William F Pierce 32

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1874 L.M. Pierce Piano dealer and rooms Shaw's Block 374 Main Street, Springfield

1888 L.M. Pierce (Pierce & O'Reagan, John) 101 Front Street h. 247 Union Street

1896+1906 L.M. Pierce Pianos and Organs 351 Main Street Springfield

1900 L.M. Pierce Pianos and Organs 351 Main Street Springfield h. 247 Union Street

1918 L.M. Pierce Fred A. Hoschke, President.

Levi Merriam Pierce and Miriam (Mary) Hobbs Foster had the following children:

- i. LEONA MAY<sup>3</sup> PIERCE was born on 04 Aug 1863 in Springfield, Massachusetts. She died on 27 Sep 1954 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA.

Notes for Leona May Pierce:

Leona May Peirce born August 4 1863 attended the public schools of Springfield graduating from the high school class of 1880 graduated from Smith College class of 1886 received master's degree in 1893 attended Cornell University two years then took a course at Newham College Cambridge England at that institution. Miss Clough, sister of Arthur Hugh Clough the poet, was principal and Miss Helen Gladstone daughter of the Hon William E Gladstone was vice principal. Upon the death of Miss Clough, Mrs Henry Sidgwick, sister of Arthur Balfour, was elected to the chair of principal. Upon her return to the United States Miss Peirce entered Clark University as a student and remained three and a half years then spent one year at Yale College receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1899 specializing in mathematics. Her thesis subject was "On Chain Differentiants". Miss Peirce was for two years president of the College Club of Springfield and one year president of the West Massachusetts Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumni. She has been member of the school board since January 1 1905 and is a member of the Women's Club.

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## Generation 2 (con't)

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1900 Census  
Name: Leona M Pierce  
Age: 36  
Birth Date: Aug 1863  
Birthplace: Maine  
Home in 1900: Springfield Ward 4, Hampden, Massachusetts  
Race: White  
Gender: Female  
Relation to Head of House: Daughter  
Marital Status: Single  
Father's name: Levi M Pierce  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's name: Mary Pierce  
Mother's Birthplace: Maine  
Occupation: View on Image (no occupation)  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Levi M Pierce 66  
Mary Pierce 60  
Leona M Pierce 36  
William F Pierce 32

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1910 Census  
Name: Leora M Pierce  
Age in 1910: 46  
Birth Year: abt 1864  
Birthplace: Maine  
Home in 1910: Springfield Ward 4, Hampden, Massachusetts  
Street: Union Street  
Race: White  
Gender: Female  
Relation to Head of House: Daughter  
Marital Status: Single  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's name: Mary F Pierce  
Mother's Birthplace: Maine  
Native Tongue: English  
Able to Read: Yes  
Able to Write: Yes  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Mary F Pierce 70 [75]  
Leora M Pierce 46

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1920 Census  
Name: Leona M Pierce  
Age: 56  
Birth Year: abt 1864  
Birthplace: Maine  
Home in 1920: Springfield Ward 3, Hampden, Massachusetts  
Street: Union St  
House Number: 247  
Race: White  
Gender: Female  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Marital Status: Single

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## Generation 2 (con't)

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Maine

Able to Speak English: Yes

Home Owned or Rented: Own

Home Free or Mortgaged: Free

Able to Read: Yes

Able to Write: Yes

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name	Age
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Leona M Pierce	56 (no occupation)
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Nora F Cooney	40 (Housekeeper)
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1930 Census

Name: Leona May Peirce

Birth Year: abt 1864

Gender: Female

Race: White

Birthplace: Maine

Marital Status: Single

Home in 1930: Great Barrington, Berkshire, Massachusetts

Map of Home: [View Map](#)

Street address: Pine St

Institution: Barrington School Lines 73 to 80

House Number in Cities or Towns: 38

Dwelling Number: 438

Family Number: 479

Lives on Farm: No

Attended School: No

Able to Read and Write: Yes

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Maine

Able to Speak English: Yes

Occupation: Teacher

Industry: Private School

Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker

Employment: Yes

Household Members:

Name	Age
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Leona May Peirce	66
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Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

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1940 Census

Name: Leona Peirce

Respondent: Yes

Age: 76

Estimated birth year: abt 1864

Gender: Female

Race: White

Birthplace: Maine

Marital Status: Single

Relation to Head of House: Lodger

Home in 1940: Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts

Map of Home in 1940: [View Map](#)

Street: Union Street

House Number: 234

Inferred Residence in 1935: Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts

Residence in 1935: Same Place

Resident on farm in 1935: No

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## Generation 2 (con't)

Sheet Number: 3B  
Attended School or College: No  
Highest Grade Completed: College, 4th year  
Weeks Worked in 1939: 0  
Income: 0  
Income Other Sources: No  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Sarah Hovey 87  
Albert H Hovey 47  
Helen B Hovey 48  
Julie Ann Hovey 10  
Leona Peirce 76

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Name: Leona May Peirce  
Arrival Date: 19 Mar 1914  
Birth Date: 4 Aug 1863  
Birth Location: Maine  
Birth Location Other: Norway  
Age: 50  
Gender: Female  
Port of Departure: Boulogne-sur-Mer, France  
Port of Arrival: New York, New York  
Ship Name: Potsdam

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Find a Grave  
Birth: 1863  
Death: Sep. 27, 1954  
Buried: October 14, 1954  
Age at time of death: 91  
Funeral Home: Streeter  
Residence: Springfield, Ma  
Cause of death: Arteriosclerotic Heart Dis.  
Burial: Evergreen Cemetery  
Leominster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA  
Plot: Section 7 Lot 204

- ii. WILLIAM FOSTER PIERCE was born on 03 Feb 1868 in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. He died on 17 Jul 1967. He married (1) LOUISE STEPHENS FAGAN, daughter of Ansel Fagan and Josephine, on 18 Jun 1921 in Hackettstown, Warren, New Jersey, USA. She was born on 05 Oct 1871 in Hurtsboro, NY. He married (2) EDITH CALVERT BRUCE. She was born on 21 Oct 1898 in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA. She died on 08 Dec 1972.

Notes for William Foster Pierce:

William Foster Peirce born at Chicopee Falls Massachusetts February 3, 1868. At the Springfield high school he was prepared for college entering Amherst at the early age of sixteen. Although he took the classical course he was greatly interested in natural science and until his senior year he expected to become a practical chemist. For two summers during his course he attended the Amherst Summer School doing laboratory work in science. But in his senior year he elected the study of philosophy with Professor Garman and he discovered a decided taste for philosophy and determined to make the teaching of philosophy his profession. At Amherst he had the honor to be elected to the Senior Scientific Society and to the Phi Beta Kappa Society and these elections well indicate his all around scholarship. Being graduated in 1888 he spent a year in business with his father in which he gained a practical knowledge of bookkeeping and much valuable experience. In 1889 he entered for a year the Graduate School of Cornell University for the study of philosophy and economics. His thesis for the degree of MA was presented to his



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## Generation 2 (con't)

alma mater instead of to Cornell. It was a masterly production on the Methods of Inducing Introspective Power one Aspect of the Pedagogics of Psychology. It has since been published as a monograph by the Ohio University. After the course at Cornell Professor Peirce taught in a boys boarding school in northern Massachusetts. In January 1892 he came to the Ohio University at Athens as substitute for the professor of psychology and pedagogy. His work there was so acceptable that the chair of philosophy and ethics was created for him and he was elected to it. But at the same time he was considering the chair of history and economics in the University of Colorado and the Spencer and Wolfe Professorships of Mental and Moral Philosophy at Kenyon. Although of the three positions the one at Kenyon was much the least attractive financially the high reputation of Kenyon in the east and the fact that it was the college of his church determined him to come to Gambier. He has steadily grown in the esteem of his colleagues and acquaintances. With unusual mental strength and attainments he unites unusual loveliness of character and grace of manner. A profound scholar he is a man of the times awake to present day interests In the spring of 1893 he wrote for the University Magazine of New York some elaborate articles on the college which were published with handsome illustrations. Since 1896 he has served as president of Kenyon College. His ideals for the college are high and his interest in all the departments of the institution is intense He appreciates the purpose and opportunity of Bexley Hall having himself been ordained to the diaconate in June 1894 and later to the priesthood In June 1896. President Peirce received the degree of LHD from Hobart College in 1908 he received the degree of DD from Western Reserve. He has served as president of the Ohio Association of College Presidents and Deans and is now 1909 vice president of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a member of the County Teachers Association and of the State Teachers Association also of the Society for Psychological and Pedagogical Inquiry whose membership is limited to twenty five specialists and is serving in the capacity of secretary and treasurer. President Peirce married June 18, 1891 Louise Fagan of Hackettstown New Jersey the marriage being the outcome of an acquaintance and attachment formed in the Graduate School at Cornell. At the age of eighteen Miss Fagan was graduated from Vassar College. After a year of graduate work at Vassar in philosophy and English she went to Cornell at the same time as Professor Peirce for further work on these lines.

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1889 WFP Senior at Amherst College, yearbook Olio

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Find-a-Grave:

Birth: Feb. 3, 1868 Massachusetts, USA

Death: Jul. 17, 1967

The son of Levi Merriam Peirce and Mary Hobbs Foster, he was born in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. He was educated at Amherst and Cornell. First married to Louise Fagan of Hackettstown, New Jersey on June 18, 1891; he married Edith Calvert on July 7, 1937. A professor psychology and pedagogy at Ohio University from 1871 through 1892, he became a professor of psychology and ethics at Kenyon College in 1892 and its president in 1896. He was ordained as a deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1894 and became a priest in 1901.

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Kenyon Collegian, Page 5, April 2, 1927, Six Faculty Members Rank in "Who's Who"

Peirce. William Foster, college Pres.; born Chicopee Falls, Mass., Feb. 3, 1868; son of Levi Merriam and Miriam Hobbs (Foster) Peirce; A. B., Amherst, 1888, A. M. 1892; attended Cornell, 1889-90; L. H. D., Hobart, 1896; D. D., Western Reserve, 1908, U. of the South 1910; LL. D., Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, 1922; married Louise Fagan, of Hackettstown, N. J., June 18, 1921. Prof, psychology and pedagogy, Ohio U., 1891-92; Prof, psychology and ethics, 1892-6, Pres., 1896-Kenyon College. Ordained deacon Protestant Episcopal Church, 1894, priest 1901.

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1900 Census:

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Name: Reverend Wm F Peirce [Rev. Wm F Pierce]

Age: 32

Birth Date: Feb 1868

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1900: College, Knox, Ohio

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Louise F Peirce

Marriage Year: 1891

Years Married: 9

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Maine

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

Wm F Peirce 32

Louise F Peirce 30

Josephine Fagan 25

Ansel Fagan 56

Emily E Allen 22 - Servant

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Notes for Louise Stephens Fagan:

Louise Pierce would have been hard pressed to call her years at Kenyon enjoyable. She and President Pierce were married for 46 years, from 1891 until their divorce on March 27, 1937. The lackluster marriage, however, made situations difficult for both of them. Louise Pierce filed for divorce in 1934. Christopher Barth's Honors History Thesis, Seeking the Kenyon Ideal: The Modernization of Kenyon College Under the Administration of William Foster Pierce 1896-1937, states that Louise felt that "President Pierce maintained toward [her] a 'fault-finding and contentious state of mind,' and that he treated her with studied insolence and disrespect." In late 1936 until early 1937, Louise took a trip around the world funded by President Pierce, who gave her \$4000 in an effort to get her off campus and diminish the scandal surrounding the divorce. However when she returned she found herself locked out of Cromwell Cottage. Consequently for the last month before the divorce was finalized, Louise stayed with the Parkers, a family in Gambier. Mr. Parker was employed by the college as a clerk for the science store and Mrs. Parker held various jobs on campus, including working in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Pierce. While Louise was there, she tutored their daughter, Jane Parker May, in Latin, but according to Jane, "Louise was helpless because all she knew was academia". After the divorce was finalized Louise went to Ithaca, New York where she worked as a librarian at the Cornell library.

It is said that theirs was a marriage of convenience. The question is, convenient for whom? Perhaps the answer is Kenyon College itself. Due to President Pierce's lack of devotion to Louise, he plunged himself into his work. Kenyon benefited from his dedication, which propelled the college into the twentieth century. On the other hand, Louise was neglected. The couple entertained frequently but that did not bring them any closer. In fact, it probably served to keep them apart. It is easier to appear happy than to actually be so. President Pierce's disregard for Louise was only one factor; she was also bored. Louise was an educated woman; like President Pierce himself, she had graduated from Cornell University. Pierce even notes her helpfulness, admitting that she had coached him in classics and languages, as well as on how to write speeches properly. However, Kenyon simply did not offer Louise the opportunities to tap into her intellectual abilities or interests. She did have a job

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## Generation 2 (con't)

as a librarian, helping to catalogue the library holdings to make it more useful, but that job proved not to be stimulating enough for her. She did write a book while she was here, called *The Guide for the Blind*, that was published in April 1909. That appears to be the extent of her writing career as well as her academic career. She also was not considered very sociable, which perhaps explains why she was not happy at Kenyon. There were rumors that their marriage was never consummated, though some believed that that she had started these rumors out of spite, due to the President's lack of attention and her sheer boredom.

President Pierce was on the faculty at Kenyon from 1892 until 1938. He was a professor of mental and moral philosophy and instructor in history and economics here for four years until he became president in 1896. He was elected to the presidency in 1896 after the board had been turned down by Professor Flavel S. Luther of Trinity College. Probably one of the youngest college presidents of his time, the 28 year old Peirce had shown himself to be an able teacher and his election met with great student support. He was president for 41 years, followed by a year of sabbatical after which he returned to Gambier with his second wife, Edith Calvert Bruce, a direct descendent of Lord Baltimore, for his retirement. After he left Kenyon, he returned only once more for a as well as many letters from his mistress. Yet there are only three pictures of his wife. This is a rather strange phenomenon. Despite his rocky marriage, President Pierce's legacy is firmly established. He not only kept Kenyon afloat, but launched it into the twentieth century. The same could not be said of Louise. She appears to have thrived on anonymity. Her legacy is one of obscurity, which entices people to be inquisitive and pry right into a wall of unknowns.

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Louise Peirce in 1953 lives in Ithaca NY, 110 Heights Court, listed as widow of William F. Pierce (directory)

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Vassar

Class of 1888, youngest to graduate Vassar.

continues at Vassar

1889 continues her studies in Philosophy at Cornell University

1891 Masters Degree.

8. **JAMES EDWARD<sup>2</sup> PIERCE** (Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Dec 1834 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 15 Jul 1903 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He married Eliza Lovell, daughter of Ephraim Lovell and Dorothy Goodnow, on 28 Nov 1860 in West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She was born on 14 Oct 1837 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts. She died on 16 Oct 1901.

Notes for James Edward Pierce:

Name: James E. Peirce

Birth Date: 10 Dec 1834

Death Date: 15 Jul 1903

Cemetery: Mount Vernon Cemetery

Burial or Cremation Place: West Boylston, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA

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Farmer, Surveyor, Basket Maker - from death certificate

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Notes for Eliza Lovell:

Name: Eliza Lovell

Event Type: Marriage

Birth Date: abt 1837

Marriage Date: 28 Nov 1860

Marriage Place: West Boylston, Massachusetts

Marriage Age: 23

Father Name: Ephraim Lovell

Mother Name: Dorothy G Lovell

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## Generation 2 (con't)

Spouse Name: James E Pierce  
Spouse Marriage Age: 25  
Spouse Father Name: Levi Pierce  
Spouse Mother Name: Polly Pierce

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Name: Eliza Lovell  
Gender: Female  
Birth Year: abt 1838  
Birth Place: Massachusetts  
Residence: West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA  
Enumeration Year: 1855  
Age: 17

Household number: 174

Reel Number: 31

Volume Number: 43

Household Members:

Name Age

Ephraim Lovell 44

Dorothy D Lovell 47

Eliza Lovell 17

Henry Lovell 16

Freeman Lovell 12

Agustus Lovell 8

Susan A Lovell 7

E Lester Lovell 5

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Name: Eliza Lovell  
Age in 1860: 22  
Birth Year: abt 1838  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Home in 1860: West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts  
Gender: Female

Post Office: West Boylston

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

Ephraim Lovell 48

Dorothy G Lovell 52

Eliza Lovell 22

Freeman Lovell 17

Augustus Lovell 13

Susan A Lovell 12

Eph L Lovell 10

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Name: Eliza L Pierce  
Age in 1870: 33  
Birth Year: abt 1837  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Home in 1870: West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts  
Race: White

Gender: Female

Post Office: West Boylston

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

James E Pierce 36

Eliza L Pierce 33

Elmer E Pierce 9

Mary L Pierce 8

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## Generation 2 (con't)

William C Pierce 6  
Susan A Pierce 4  
Helen E Pierce 10/12  
Joanna Jader 20  
Frank E Story 22

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Name: Eliza Lovell Peirce [Eliza Lovell Lovell]  
Gender: Female  
Birth Date: abt 1837  
Birth Place: Marshfield, Massachusetts  
Death Date: 16 Oct 1901  
Death Place: West Boylston, Massachusetts, USA  
Age at Death: 64  
Father: Ephraim Lovell  
Mother: Dorothy Goodnow

James Edward Pierce and Eliza Lovell had the following children:

- i. ELMER E<sup>3</sup> PIERCE was born in Apr 1861. He married Mary A in 1887. She was born in Mar 1852.

Notes for Elmer E Pierce:

Name: Elmer E Pierce

Age in 1870: 9

Birth Year: abt 1861

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1870: West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts

Race: White

Gender: Male

Post Office: West Boylston

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

James E Pierce 36

Eliza L Pierce 33

Elmer E Pierce 9

Mary L Pierce 8

William C Pierce 6

Susan A Pierce 4

Helen E Pierce 10/12

Joanna Jader 20

Frank E Story 22

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Name: Elmus E Pierce [Elmer E Pierce]

Age: 39

Birth Date: Apr 1861

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1900: Worcester Ward 6, Worcester, Massachusetts

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Mary A Pierce

Marriage Year: 1887

Years Married: 13

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## Generation 2 (con't)

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Occupation: View on Image Foreman Pattern Room  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Elmus E Pierce 39  
Mary A Pierce 48  
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Name: Elmer E Pierce  
Age in 1910: 49  
Birth Year: abt 1861  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Home in 1910: Worcester Ward 7, Worcester, Massachusetts  
Race: White  
Gender: Male  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Marital Status: Married  
Spouse's Name: Mary A Pierce  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Elmer E Pierce 49  
Mary A Pierce 58  
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Name: Elmer E Pierce  
Age: 58  
Birth Year: abt 1862  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Home in 1920: West Boylston, Worcester, Massachusetts  
Street: Woodland St  
House Number: Farm  
Race: White  
Gender: Male  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Marital Status: Widowed [Widow]  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Able to Speak English: Yes  
Occupation: Farmer  
Industry: Farm  
Employment Field: Own Account  
Home Owned or Rented: Own  
Home Free or Mortgaged: Mortgaged  
Able to Read: Yes  
Able to Write: Yes  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Elmer E Pierce 58  
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- ii. MARY L PIERCE was born in 1862.
- iii. WILLIAM C PIERCE was born in 1864.
- iv. SUSAN A. PIERCE was born on 28 Dec 1866. She died on 27 Apr 1888.

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## Generation 2 (con't)

- v. HELEN E PIERCE was born in 1869.
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## Generation 3

9. **SARAH EVA<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** (George Washington<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 24 Feb 1852. She died on 24 Oct 1914. She married Edwin Crosby Farwell on 17 Sep 1873 in Leominster, Massachusetts, Worcester County.

Notes for Sarah Eva Pierce:

Sarah Eve Pierce was born in Leominster, Massachusetts on February 24, 1852 to parents George and Damaris (Balch) Pierce. Sarah was one of eight children, five girls and three boys. The youngest sibling was Sarah's half-brother by her father and her father's second wife.

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Damaris Balch was born in Leominster on June 6, 1829. She married George Washington Pierce on December 20, 1867. They had seven children, the eldest being Sarah Eve. The second child, Mary died at the age of ten. The fifth child, Henry died a little over a year old and the sixth child, Susan died when not quite three months old. All three of these children died in 1864 within three months of each other, cause of death unknown. Damaris died at the age of 37 by consumption on December 20, 1867.

Sarah's sister Helen (Nettie) Pierce remained single. George Balch Pierce married Addie Lincoln Shattuck and had three children: Marion, Mildred and Melbourne. Harriet (Hattie) Elizabeth Pierce married George H Woodbury and they had three children: Vernon, Helen and Paul. Sarah's half-brother Appleton Howe Pierce married Maria (Marion) Eliza Yeaton and they had Marion and Arthur.

Sarah Eve (Pierce) Farwell was also known as Eva S. Farwell. Edwin Crosby and Sarah Eve (Pierce) Farwell met and married in Leominster, Massachusetts on September 17, 1873. They had three children: Harold Crosby Farwell, Minnie Gregory Farwell and Chester Warren Farwell.

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Noted below are three different entries regarding Eva S. Farwell. First is a letter, which was written to her future daughter-in-law, Gretchen Emily Grace (Kumme) Farwell, (estimated year 1909-1910). The second is a letter noting a visit from a reverend ten days before her death. The third is her obituary.

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□10 Pine St.

Sunday, May 29

Dear Gretchen,

I want to tell you of my happiness in your and Chester's love. Whatever makes for my children's happiness, adds to mine, and my love and interest in you has been growing with Chester's. So please feel that you are already loved, and come into our home as much as you can. We must learn to know each other well. Minnie is to be home over next Sunday, and I wish you might come up with us from Sunday-school, to dinner; though as Chester will tell you, our Sunday dinners have to be simple when I stay to Sunday school. However you will not mind that, I am sure, for you want to know us as we are. Chester is starting out, so I will not stop for more now.

With love,

Your friend

Eva S. Farwell □

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Rev. George W. Owen, Th.D., D.D.

38 Oak Street

Hyde Park 36, Massachusetts

On October 21, 1914, I visited Mrs. E. C. Farwell during her final illness. Although breathing with great difficulty and pain she smiled as usual and seemed to have lost nothing of her customary unselfishness and her sublime faith. After a few moments, she said, "I hope to be released soon."

As I made no response she looked at me again and she said, "It does not look as though it could last very long. I have had pain and sinking spells. Edward is looking at it differently now and I hope soon to be released."

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During the conversation she also said, "I have nothing to fear. There is more I think for me on the other side than on this side."

Speaking of the rest and peace of the Christian she quoted with great difficulty but with her face smiling and bright: "Since a Father's arm sustains thee, Peaceful be. If a chastening hand restrains thee, It is He."

Then she paused and said, "Also the other verse, especially, 'Know His love in full completeness Fills the measure of thy weakness.'"

Speaking of her husband, she said, "I want the church to rally round Ed. It will be hard for him."

The nurse says that she is thoroughly unselfish, thinking of the convenience and welfare of others rather than her own.

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#### Church Pays Tribute to Mrs. E. C. Farwell

When Mrs. Farwell passed to her heavenly home on Saturday, October 24 (1914), a beautiful life was ended, beautiful because it was full of deeds conferring good upon others.

Her sunny spirit and ready sympathy were her best tools, in her work with mothers, her crowning work which will always be remembered.

Her methodical habits, and fine executive ability helped her to accomplish an incredible amount.

Her mind was one of rare developments, as shown by her writing; her great memory, and alertness and enthusiasm with which she grasped new subjects. Above all, hers was a purposeful, consecrated life. One could not come in contact with her without realizing that she said to herself, "This one thing I do."

She will be missed in the Bible Class of Mothers, to which she was devoted. Probably each one could tell an especial way in which she had helped her.

The Maternal Association gave up her leadership a year ago, with intense regret.

In the Thought Club, she has kept up the same high standard of work that she has in the church, as her position of Vice President testifies.

She will be missed by the Union Maternal Association which gave her a broader field than our own local union, for there she served mothers from many places. Her office was that of secretary and treasurer combined.

She will be missed by her pastor for she was a most efficient secretary of the Pastor's Aid for many years.

If the public will thus feel her loss, how great must be the sorrow in her own family circle, with whom the whole community sympathize.

Her wonderful smile revealed a happiness which came from over-coming obstacles, and rising sorrow which would have crushed many, as a stepping stone to a higher life.

Edwin Crosby Farwell and Sarah Eva Pierce had the following children:

- i. HAROLD CROSBY<sup>4</sup> FARWELL was born on 01 Feb 1877. He died on 22 Dec 1877.
- ii. MINNIE GREGORY FARWELL was born on 21 Sep 1878 in Hyde Park, Norfolk, MA USA. She died on 08 Sep 1910 in Enfield, NH.

Notes for Minnie Gregory Farwell:  
EVERETT TEACHER DEA.



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Miss Minnie G. Farwell Was Popular With High School Pupils - Funeral to be Held at Hyde Park.

EVERETT, Sept 9 - The death of Miss Minnie G. Farwell, for the past two years teacher of science, algebra and English in the Everett high school, was reported here this morning and came as a severe shock to many friends. Owing to illness she had been granted a leave of absence until the Christmas holidays. She died yesterday morning in Enfield, and the body has been removed to her parents' home, 10 Pine St., Hyde Park.

Miss Farwell was 31 years old. She had lived in Hyde Park many years, and graduated from the high school there in 1896 and from Mt. Holyoke college in the class of 1901. She began teaching in the Baldwinville high school, where she remained for two years, next taught in Needham high one year, Walpole three years and then came to Everett. She was very popular with her pupils and had made many friends in this city. She was a member of the C. B. R., an organization of Everett high girls of a semi-athletic nature, and took an active part in its work.

At the close of the school term last June Miss Farwell suffered a nervous breakdown, which was followed by an attack of typhoid fever. A relapse ended in her death.

The funeral will be held at her parents' home in Hyde Park tomorrow afternoon. The Everett high school teachers will attend the funeral in a body and will send a handsome floral piece. The flag on the high school building has been lowered to half-staff.

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#### HYDE PARK

Miss Minnie Gregory Farwell, daughter of Assessor and Mrs. Edwin C. Farwell, died yesterday at Enfield, N.H. On Aug 7, accompanied by her mother, she went to Enfield for rest and recuperation. She was soon stricken with walking typhoid fever and finally her heart gave out. She was born in this town and was in her 33d year. She was graduated from the Crew grammar school in 1892, the high school in 1896 and Mt Holyoke college in 1901. She fitted for a teacher, her specialty being sciences. She had held positions in the high schools of Baldwinville, Needham, Walpole and Everett having been in the latter city for two years. She was to resume her teaching in Everett after the Christmas holiday season, having been granted leave of absence until that time. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of this town, and was also associated with the Congregational church in Everett.

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(From the Hyde Park Gazette.)

Minnie Gregory Farwell.

Many friends were greatly shocked to learn Thursday of the "going home," after a brief illness, of Miss Farwell, early that morning at Enfield, N.H., where she was spending a part of her vacation. If she had lived until the 21st of this month, she

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would have been 32 years old. She was born in Hyde Park and was a graduate of the Grew and High schools. She was also a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, '01. She taught in several high schools, Walpole and Everett being the last two. She was an exceptional character in many ways. Serious, yet bringing a quiet cheer wherever she went. Unassuming, yet always ready and able in her help of all good causes. Of more than usual influence toward the best and highest, among both her classmates and scholars. With her, her equals would see deeper and higher things, and the younger lives she would awaken to the best within themselves and lead them into the purist life.

She was a member of the Congregational church, and wherever she was she took an active and important part in Christian work. She is survived by her father, Edwin C. Farwell, one of the town's assessors, and mother and Chester W. Farwell of H.D. Noyes & Co., Boston. Services will be held at the house, 10 Pine Street, Saturday at 3 p.m. Friends invited.

19.     iii.   CHESTER WARREN FARWELL was born on 03 Nov 1880 in Suffolks County, Massachusetts. He died on 18 Dec 1950. He married GRETCHEN EMILY GRACE KUMME.
10.   **GEORGE BALCH<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** (George Washington<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 Dec 1860. He died on 23 Feb 1930 in Hyde Park, Norfolk, MA USA. He married **ADDIE LINCOLN SHATTUCK**. She was born in Oct 1864 in Massachusetts, USA.

Notes for George Balch Pierce:

Name: George Balch Pierce

Birth Date: 26 Dec 1860

Birth Place: Leominster

Death Date: 23 Feb 1930

Last Residence Place: Hyde Park (Massachusetts)

Lodge: Hyde Park

Occupation: Assistant Traffic Manager

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Name: George Balch Pierce

Death Date: 1930

Death Place: Northampton, Massachusetts, USA

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Notes for Addie Lincoln Shattuck:

Name: Addie L Pierce

Age: 55

Birth Year: abt 1865

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1920: Boston Ward 24, Suffolk, Massachusetts

Street: Lincoln St

Race: White

Gender: Female

Relation to Head of House: Wife

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Geo B Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Native Tongue: English

Able to Speak English: Yes

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Attended School: No  
Able to Read: Yes  
Able to Write: Yes  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Geo B Pierce 58  
Addie L Pierce 55  
Marion Pierce 26  
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George Balch Pierce and Addie Lincoln Shattuck had the following children:

- i. MARION<sup>4</sup> PIERCE was born in 1894.
  - ii. MILDRED S PIERCE was born in 1895.
  20. iii. MELBOURNE HARDWICK PIERCE was born on 02 Oct 1896 in Hyde Park, Norfolk, MA USA. He died in 1959 in Belmont, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. He married IMA DOROTHY CONNORS. She was born on 18 Nov 1894 in Newton, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1959.
11. **HARRIET ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** (George Washington<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Oct 1865 in Leominster, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 01 Sep 1925 in Leominster Town (Northwest Quarter), Worcester, Massachusetts. She married **GEORGE H WOODBURY**. He was born on 17 Mar 1864 in Bolton, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 04 May 1938.

Notes for George H Woodbury:  
Doctor

George H Woodbury and Harriet Elizabeth Pierce had the following children:

- i. VERNON<sup>4</sup> WOODBURY was born on 22 Feb 1893.
  21. ii. HELEN WOODBURY was born on 05 Jun 1894. She died on 16 Dec 1987 in Gwynedd, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA. She married TREL W YOCUM.
  - iii. PAUL F. WOODBURY was born on 14 Dec 1895. He died on 20 Jan 1898.
12. **APPLETON HOWE<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** (George Washington<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 04 Oct 1870 in Leominster, MA. He died on 26 Sep 1953. He married Marion E. Yeaton, daughter of John C. Yeaton and Marion Wood, in 1896. She was born in Worcester, Ma.

Notes for Appleton Howe Pierce:

Dr. Appleton H. Pierce, son of Dr. George W. Pierce (9), was born in Leominster, Massachusetts October 4, 1870. He attended the public and high schools of his native town, Harvard College, and the Harvard Medical School, from which he received his degree of M. D. in 1895. He had two years of hospital practice in Worcester, and in 1897 began to practice in Leominster. In the past ten years Dr. Pierce has built up an excellent practice in the town where his father practiced for forty years. He is also a member of the school committee on which his father served so efficiently. Dr. Pierce is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Association. In 1903 he was appointed associate medical examiner by Governor Bates. In politics he is a Republican He belongs to the Leominster Council of the Royal Arcanum Dr Pierce married 1896 Marion E Yeaton daughter of John C and Marion Wood Yeaton of Worcester They have two children Arthur J born February 4 1899 Marion June 29 1900

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Note: Major Med Corps, USA Base Hosp, 85 Med Corps  
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Arlington  
Arlington County  
Virginia, USA  
Plot: Sect 7 Site 9981-1  
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The Harvard medical school: a history, narrative and documentary ..., Volume 3 By Thomas Francis Harrington

3520. Appleton Howe Pierce, b. Oct 4, 1870. Leominster; address: 100 West st., Leominster; house off. Worcester City Hosp., and asst. phys. Worcester Insane Hosp.; M.M.S.S.; Mass. Med. Leg. Soc.; Harv. Med. Alum. Assn.; trustee Leominster Hosp. Assn.; appointed asso. med. exam. 1903.

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December 29, 1917 To New York City, for duty, Lieut. GEORGE D. PACKARD, Jr., Boston; for intensive training, Lieut. APPLETON H. PIERCE, Leominster; for instruction in urology and dermatology, Lieut. EVERETT A. MERRILL, Lynn.

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Medical officer in charge, Veterans hospital #95, Northampton, MA

New facts on mental disorders By Neil Avon Dayton

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Appleton Howe Pierce and Marion E. Yeaton had the following children:

- i. ARTHUR J.<sup>4</sup> PIERCE was born on 04 Feb 1899 in Leominster, MA.
- ii. MARION PIERCE was born on 29 Jun 1900 in Leominster, MA.

13. **WILLIAM ALTON<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** (William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 04 Sep 1848 in Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts. He died on 02 Jun 1925 in Baltimore, Maryland at Mabel's home. He married (1) **ELLEN ADELAIDE NOLTON**, daughter of Justus Nolton and Mary Polly Reynolds, on 08 May 1873 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts at 8PM in Dr. Almon N. Allen's home on North Street. Rev Adoniram (wife Sophronia) Waterbury of Lebanon Spa NY & Rev C.H. Spalding of Pittsfield.. She was born on 03 Jun 1843 in Petersburg, Rensselaer County, New York. She died on 08 Apr 1922 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He married (2) **ANNE WILDE** on 29 Jan 1923 in ?. She was born about 1871. She died on 08 Nov 1939 in San Remo, Imperia, Liguria, Italy.

Notes for William Alton Pierce:

Residence 1887 = 3 Beaver Street, Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA

1887:

Pierce Harry G. rem to Adams

Pierce Harvey C., rem to Adams

Pierce William (Wm. Pierce & Son), 142 North, h 153 do. c Union

Pierce William & Son (William and William A. Pierce), pianos and organs, 142 North

Pierce William A. (William Pierce & Son), 142 North, h 3 Beaver

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Residence 1890 = 44 North First Street, Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA (North of the RR tracks was North First Street, same with Second St)

Gazetteer\_of\_Berkshire\_County\_Mass\_1725-1885\_and\_Business

Directory\_1884-1885\_HamiltonChild:

Pierce Allerton, dealer in organs, h 3 Beaver. (who is Allerton?)

Pierce Harry G., clerk, bds 153 North.

Pierce Harvey C, clerk, bds 153 North.

Pierce Hermon W., tin peddler, h Morningside.

Pierce Jacob C, musician, h Alder.

Pierce Richard, laborer, h 77 Francis ave.

Pierce William, (Wm. & Son) h 153 North.

Pierce William A., (Wm. Pierce & Son) h 3 Beaver.

Pierce William & Son, (William and William A.) dealers in pianos and organs, 142 North.

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William Alton Pierce

Obituary in Berkshire Eagle 3 June 1925

Born 2 Sept 1848

Died 2 June 1925

Age 76

William Alton Pierce, aged 76 years, died last evening in the home of his daughter Mrs. A. W. Irwin

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(Mabel Elizabeth Pierce) of Baltimore, MD. where he has been for the last two months. Mr. Pierce suffered a shock three weeks ago today and his death came as a result of it. Mr. Pierce was born in Leominster, MA, September 2, 1848, and has lived all his life in this city (Pittsfield) since his family moved here when he was two years of age. For 19 years he owned and operated the W. A. Pierce Coal company of this city.

Mr. Pierce is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Irwin (Mabel Elizabeth Pierce) of Baltimore and Mrs. Samuel Newton Nicholls (Clara Winthrop Pierce) of this city, and one son, Knowlton Francis Pierce of Arlington, NJ, and one sister, Mrs. Nellie E. Packard of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Pierce was a charter member of the Morningside Baptist Church, a member of the Park club, Crescent Lodge of Masons, the Pittsfield Elks club and was a member of the Old Elm Baseball club, which represented Pittsfield about 50 years ago. For the past few years the W. A. Pierce Coal company has been owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Nicholls. (Samuel Newton Nicholls and Clara Winthrop Pierce Nicholls, William's daughter)

The body will be brought to this city and the services will be in charge of the local Masonic order on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Pittsfield Cemetery.

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Information of interest:

Is there an obituary from Baltimore newspaper.

Any information about Arthur William Irwin. Address, age, job, whatever.

AWI born in Bikesville MD ?? Should that be Pikesville??

AWI died 23 Feb 1953 is there an obituary? Possibly died in Oroville CA??

Mabel and AWI married May 30, 1923 in Howard County, MD.

<http://www.hchsmd.org/Groomla.htm> :

Burges is Mabel's first marriage

Groom	Age	Residence	Bride	Age	Residence	Marriage Date
Irwin, Arthur William	48		Pikesville, MD			
Burges, Mabel Pierce	49		Pittsfield, MA			
						30 May 1923

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Friday June 5, 1925 Berkshire Eagle letter to the Editor (Clipping saved by Clara)

On Wednesday morning, when the sad news of the death of William Alton Pierce was received in this city, there was a feeling of profound sadness among his large circle of old friends and acquaintances of over 70 years duration. Mr. Pierce, as has been stated, died in the home of his eldest daughter in Baltimore, MD on Tuesday evening (6/2/25)

He was the son of the late William and Elizabeth Henderson Pierce, and while not born in Pittsfield he had lived here nearly 75 years. He was the eldest of seven children, was educated in the public schools of the old town of Pittsfield and, early in life, became associated with his father in the business. The elder Mr. Pierce was the pioneer manufacturer of melodeons here and in the early (18)60's established a large music house, taking over the agency of the leading pianos, organs and other musical instruments of the time.

It was in this business that the subject of this sketch became interested as a partner and the firm became known throughout western Massachusetts as William Pierce & Son. To this firm Mr. Pierce brought the energy of young manhood and a large business was built up. He continued the business with his father until the later retired from active pursuits and then Mr. Pierce sold out and gave his attention for some years to the dairying business. At one time his herd of high-bred milch cows was greatly admired by lovers of such cattle, and visitors came from afar to inspect them.

About 20 years ago he bought the coal business of the late Charles D. Beebe. Mr. Beebe died before Mr. Pierce could be made acquainted with the management of a business of that kind, but he went to work with a will and, by giving his entire time and energy to his new enterprise, he succeeded. At one time he was credited with handling the largest tonnage of coal in the city. Being a man of his word and having the reputation of being scrupulously honest and never making a promise he did not fulfil, the business developed beyond expectations. It was his honorable

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dealings that endeared him to such a large business circle. He retired from the business some time since and the enterprise has been carried on under the name of the Pierce Coal Company.

Early in his young manhood he became a tireless church worker, and later in life when the Morningside Baptist church was organized, became one of its charter members, giving bountifully of his means and serviced at all times. He served with credit on the finance committee of the church and his judgment was of great value during the building of the present edifice. For many years his wife, while health and strength was given her, was one of the most active women workers in the church, serving for many years prior to her death as president of the Ladies' Aid society and was an officer in the societies connected with the church.

Mr Pierce was a very companionable man and his loyalty to his friends was generally remarked. A great lover of out-door sports and athletics, he early became one of the best players on the Old Elm baseball club of a half century ago. He held membership in the Crescent lodge of Masons, Pittsfield lodge of Elks and in the Park club. In all of the different organizations to which he belonged he was very popular and was among the first to offer his services and aid in other ways when substantial aid was needed. During the shortage of coal in years gone by his big heart was greatly touched by the appeals that poured in on him and late at night and early in the morning he delivered with his own hands coal - to needy families and where sickness had entered the home - in such quantities as he could spare. Those who remember Mr. Pierce are a unit in proclaiming his business integrity and gentlemanly bearing at all times. The sympathy of Pittsfield goes out to his two daughters and the son who survive.

The services at the grave this afternoon were in charge of the Crescent lodge of Masons, of which he was a member for many years. It can truly be said that in the passing of Mr. Pierce Pittsfield has lost one of its most substantial friends.

#### AN OLD FRIEND

Pittsfield, June 4, 1925.

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Notes for Ellen Adelaide Nolton:

Pierce, Ellen A., April 8, 1922, age 78 yrs. 10 mos. 6 dys. (232 First)

Ellen Adelaide Knowlton Pierce

Obituary in Berkshire Eagle 10 Apr 1922

Born June 3, 1843

Married May 8, 1873

Died April 9, 1922

Age 78

Mabel Pierce Burges in Pittsfield

Mrs. Ellen Adelaide (Knowlton) Pierce, aged 78, wife of William Alton Pierce, died yesterday morning at her home, 232 First Street of bronchial pneumonia. She was stricken January 14 and survived two attacks, but the third resulted fatally. Mrs. Pierce was born in Petersburg, NY June 3, 1843 and had been a resident of this city for 60 years. In the late 1860s she taught school on Union Street and in the north woods section of the city. She was married to Mr. Pierce May 8, 1873. She was originally a member of the First Baptist Church, but when the Morningside Baptist church was organized became a charter member and held the presidency in its Ladies Aid society for eight years. She was also active in the Woman's Foreign Missionary society and was a life member of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Newton Nicholls and Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Pierce Burges of this city, a son, Knowlton Francis Pierce of Arlington NJ and nine grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the Morningside Baptist Church with Rev. Asa A. Morrison and Rev. M. A. Levy officiating. Burial will be in the Pittsfield cemetery.

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flgss/CemeteryFiles/SarasotaMemorialPark.pdf>

MORRISON, Asa A Rev 26-Aug-1967 Age 83

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William Alton Pierce and Ellen Adelaide Nolton had the following children:

- i. MABEL ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> PIERCE was born on 12 Mar 1874 in Thursday, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, North Street. She died on 23 Jan 1952 in Oroville, CA. She married (1) BASIL NESBIT in 1901. She married (2) ARTHUR WILLIAM IRWIN, son of Unknown Irwin and Unknown Ranons, on 30 May 1923 in Howard County, MD. He was born on 04 Jul 1874 in Canada. He died on 23 Feb 1953 in Oroville, Butte County, CA. She married (3) BURGES in Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY.

Notes for Mabel Elizabeth Pierce:

IRWIN, MABEL Pierce

Born 03/12/1874

Father's last name: PIERCE

Born: MASSACHUSETTS

Died: BUTTE county, CA. 01/23/1952 - 77 yrs

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In 1898 Springfield Directory Mable is not listed

In 1899 Springfield Directory Mable is a Nurse living at 41 Spring Street Springfield

In 1900 Springfield Directory says she is removed to Pittsfield

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Information of interest:

Is there an obituary (WA Pierce d. 02 Jun 1925 in Baltimore, Maryland at Mabel's home) from Baltimore newspaper.

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<http://www.hchsm.org/Groomla.htm> :

Burges is Mabel's first marriage

Groom Age Residence Bride Age Residence Marriage Date

Irwin, Arthur William 48 Pikesville, MD Burges, Mabel Pierce 49 Pittsfield, MA 30

May 1923

Notes for Arthur William Irwin:

IRWIN, ARTHUR W.

Born 07/04/1874

Mother's Maiden Name RANONS

Father's Last name IRWIN

Born CANADA

Died BUTTE County, CA 02/23/1953

SS#: 566-03-7567

Age 78 yrs

- ii. ALTON REYNOLDS PIERCE was born on 02 Apr 1876 in Sunday, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Melville Street. He died on 21 Dec 1896 in Monday, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, fell thru ice skating on Silver Lake, Age20yrs 8mos 21days.

Notes for Alton Reynolds Pierce:

PIERCE, Alton R., Dec. 21, 1896, age 20

Alton Reynolds Pierce

Born May 1, 1876

Died December 21, 1896

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Age 20

Article in Berkshire Evening Eagle December 21, 1896

Repeated in Eagle December 23, 1896

#### Alton Pierce Drowned

While skating on Silver Lake today.

All efforts to resuscitate him proved to be in vain.

The first drowning accident of the winter in this city occurred at Silver Lake this morning. Alton R. Pierce breaking through the ice about 40 feet from the west shore. His body was in the water fully three-quarters of an hour before recovered but efforts were made for nearly four hours to resuscitate him but all efforts were fruitless. The body was recovered shortly after 9:30 o'clock and it was not until after the arrival of Medical Examiner Brown of North Adams at 1:15 o'clock that the work was given up.

The skating on Silver Lake has been excellent the last few days although the ice has been none too strong. Crowds of young people anxious to make the best of the sport before snow falls have been taking advantage of it. This morning the light fall of snow rather spoiled the sport but nevertheless the lake furnished amusement for a large number of young people. Among the number was Pierce who had come home for a vacation of two weeks. He arrived on the lake early and being an excellent skater was soon enjoying the fun. He had a hockey stick in his hand and had been driving a block across the pond.

Near the west shore of the lake, a short distance from the Silver Lake mill, the lake is always open because of the large quantity of hot water which flows from the mill. The ice which forms in that vicinity is always light and it was here that Pierce skated. It was not until today that ice had formed there and it being covered with snow the young man had no means of knowing he was skating in a very dangerous place. People who were near by heard a shout and saw Pierce go through the ice. The young man is an excellent swimmer and tried hard to save himself and it is claimed was holding to the ice when a man drove by and refused to assist him, although the young man was crying for help. Several of the boys who were on the lake saw Pierce go down and rushed to the mill nearby and notified some men of what had happened. By that time Pierce had become exhausted and being unable to hold to the ice, went to the bottom.

The police were notified and Officers Thompson and White soon arrived with grappling irons. After a short search the body was recovered and immediately taken to the house of Mrs. Ann E. Foster near the edge of the lake. Mrs. Foster's son, Dr. Foster of New York, who is visiting his mother, was at home and lost no time in starting to work on the unconscious young man. With the assistance of several men efforts were made to resuscitate Pierce and work continued until the arrival of the medical examiner. Drs. Waite, Mercer and Adams were also present. The body was later removed to the home of the parents on First Street.

Alton R. Pierce was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Pierce and a grandson of William Pierce, who was for a number of years in the piano business in Pittsfield. The young man was born here May 1, 1876 and received his education in the public schools, being a member of the class of 1894 at the high school when he gave up his studies and entered the office of the Sunday Morning Call. He was placed at work on the Thorne typesetting machine and soon became an adept at this work. He was later given a position in the works of the Thorne typesetting machine company and got a practical knowledge of the work. About two years ago he took a position in Richmond Virginia having charge of several of these machines. He remained there until last summer when he returned home and spent several months with his parents. During the fall he was proffered a position in a collar works at Arlington NJ where his uncle (Knowlton Francis Pierce) was superintendent, and he accepted. He remained there until last Saturday when he came home for a



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vacation of two weeks. The young man was an excellent skater and swimmer and was undoubtedly overcome with the cold before going to the bottom. About four years ago while in bathing at Pontoosuc lake he had a narrow escape from drowning, being stricken with cramps when out quite a distance from shore. Fortunately some companions were near by and swam to his assistance.

The deceased is survived by his parents, one brother and a sister. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

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Mom says he was in school in Springfield returning home for vacation. (cwn) ??

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#### A Fatal Skating Trip

Alton R. Pierce (misspelled Alvin F.), nephew of Harvey C. Pierce, one of the proprietors of the Arlington Manufacturing Company, who left Arlington last Sunday to spend the holidays with his (her) parents in Pittsfield, Mass., was drowned the day after his arrival home by falling through the ice while skating. Mr. Pierce was a popular young man and his many friends in Arlington were shocked at the news. -  
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 1896 Paper: Jersey Journal (Jersey City, NJ)  
Page: 3

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22.     iii.   KNOWLTON FRANCIS PIERCE SR was born on 06 Jul 1879 in Sunday, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Union Street 2:30AM. He died on 29 Sep 1932 in Kearney, NJ. He married Theodora Mary Bloomer on 11 May 1901. She was born on 18 Aug 1881. She died on 19 Aug 1938 in 7:30PM.
23.     iv.    CLARA WINTHROP PIERCE was born on 03 Jun 1882 in Saturday, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Union Street. She died on 18 Aug 1956 in Pittsfield General Hospital, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She married Samuel Newton Nicholls, son of George B. Nicholls and Sarah Bush, on 25 Mar 1918 in Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY. He was born on 27 Sep 1871 in Caistor Township, Ontario, Canada. He died on 09 Apr 1959 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

William Alton Pierce and Anne Wilde had the following child:

- v.     JANET WILDE was born on 31 Oct 1910 in New York, New York, New York, USA. She died on 28 Mar 1987.
14.    **GEORGE ARTHUR<sup>3</sup> PIERCE MD** (William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 Mar 1851 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, St. Lukes Hospital, East Street, 1:33PM. He died on 23 Jan 1890 in Lebanon Spa, NY. He married Marilla Ingalls Gates on 10 Jun 1874 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She was born on 27 Feb 1852 in Albany, Albany County, New York. She died on 24 May 1884 in Pittsfield Massachusetts.

Notes for George Arthur Pierce MD:

Name: George A Pierce

Gender: Male

Birth Year: abt 1851

Birth Place: Massachusetts

Residence: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA

Enumeration Year: 1855

Age: 4

Household number: 633

Reel Number: 2

Volume Number: 4

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Household Members:

Name Age  
Wm Pierce 34  
Elizabeth Pierce 34  
Wm A Pierce 7  
George A Pierce 4  
Chas S Pierce 1

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Name: George A Pierce  
Gender: Male  
Birth Year: abt 1852  
Birth Place: Massachusetts  
Residence: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA  
Enumeration Year: 1865  
Age: 13

Household number: 526

Reel Number: 2

Volume Number: 4

Household Members:

Name Age  
William Pierce 43  
Elizabeth Pierce 44  
William A Pierce 16  
George A Pierce 13  
Charles Pierce 11  
Frances E Pierce 7  
Hewey C Pierce 5  
Henry G Pierce 3  
Jane P Newton 36 - William's sister  
Fanny P Henderson 73 - Elizabeth's mother (Luther is her father)

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Name: George A. Pierce  
Age: 29  
Birth Year: abt 1851  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Home in 1880: New Lebanon, Columbia, New York  
Race: White  
Gender: Male  
Relation to Head of House: Self (Head)  
Marital Status: Married  
Spouse's Name: Marilla Pierce  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's Birthplace: New York  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Occupation: Physician

Household Members:

Name Age  
George A. Pierce 29  
Marilla Pierce 28  
Ella 5 (not mentioned here!?)

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Name: George A. Pierce  
Age: 27  
Birth Year: abt 1853  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Home in 1880: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts  
Race: White  
Gender: Male  
Relation to Head of House: Son

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Marital Status: Married  
Father's Name: William Pierce  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's name: Elizabeth Pierce  
Mother's Birthplace: New Hampshire  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Occupation: Physician  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
William Pierce 58  
Elizabeth Pierce 60  
Alton Pierce 30  
George A. Pierce 27  
Charles S. Pierce 25  
Nellie E. Pierce 21  
Harvey C. Pierce 19  
Henry G. Pierce 17  
Sarah C. Henderson 9

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1873 Union College Catalog lists as Recent Graduates of the Medical College of Union College:  
George A. Pierce along with Almon S. Allen

George Arthur Pierce MD and Marilla Ingalls Gates had the following children:

- i. ELLA LOUISA<sup>4</sup> PIERCE was born on 17 Apr 1875 in Hatfield, Hampshire, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1958.

Notes for Ella Louisa Pierce:

Birth:

Name: Ella Louisa Pierce

Gender: Female

Birth Date: 17 Apr 1875

Birth Place: Hatfield, Massachusetts, USA

Father: Geo A Pierce

Mother: Marilla Ingalls

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1880 Census

Name: Ella Pierce

Age: 5

Birth Year: abt 1875

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1880: New Lebanon, Columbia, New York

Race: White

Gender: Female

Marital Status: Single

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Household Members:

Name Age

Ella Pierce 5

George A Pierce 29

Marilla 28

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1920 Census:

Name: Ella L Pierce

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### Generation 3 (con't)

Age: 43  
Birth Year: abt 1877  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Home in 1920: Springfield Ward 6, Hampden, Massachusetts  
Street: Firglade Avenue  
Race: White  
Gender: Female  
Relation to Head of House: Sister-in-law (Sister)  
Marital Status: Single  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's Birthplace: New York  
Able to Speak English: Yes  
Able to Read: Yes  
Able to Write: Yes  
Household Members:

Name	Age
Raymond A Talbot	37
Elizabeth P Talbot	37
Raymond A Talbot	9
Ella L Pierce	43

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1930 Census:  
Name: Ella L Pierce  
Birth Year: abt 1875  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Marital Status: Single  
Relation to Head of House: Sister  
Home in 1930: Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts  
Street address: Firglade Avenue  
House Number in Cities or Towns: 123  
Able to Read and Write: Yes  
Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's Birthplace: New York  
Able to Speak English: Yes  
Household Members:

Name	Age
Elizabeth P Talbot	48
Raymond A Talbot	19
Ella L Pierce	55

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1940 Census:  
Name: Ella L Pierce  
Age: 65  
Estimated birth year: abt 1875  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Marital Status: Single  
Relation to Head of House: Sister  
Home in 1940: Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts  
Street: Firglade Avenue  
House Number: 123  
Inferred Residence in 1935: Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts  
Residence in 1935: Same House  
Highest Grade Completed: High School, 4th year  
Weeks Worked in 1939: 0  
Income: 0

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Income Other Sources: Yes

Household Members:

Name Age

Elizabeth Talbot 58

Ella L Pierce 65

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- ii. STILL BORN PIERCE was born on 17 Jul 1878 in Lebanon Spa, NY. Still Born died on 17 Jul 1878 in Lebanon Spa, NY.
  - 24. iii. ELIZABETH HENDERSON PIERCE was born on 21 Mar 1882 in Lebanon Spa, NY. She married Raymond Allen Talbot, son of Charles H Talbot and Ella Moriah Crowell, on 19 Nov 1906 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 06 Jun 1882 in Dighton, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 17 Jun 1925 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA.
15. **ELLEN ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** (William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 18 Mar 1858 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She died on 23 Jan 1934 in Akron, Ohio at home 6PM. She married Bertrand A. Packard on 15 Oct 1884 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was born on 05 Jun 1861 in Birthday book?. He died on 20 Aug 1902 in Birthday book?.

Notes for Ellen Elizabeth Pierce:

Elizabeth E. (Ellen?) Pierce Packard (Ellen Elizabeth Pierce)

Born 18 Mar 1858

Died 23 Jan 1934

Obituary 24 Jan 1934

Age 75 years, 10 months, 5 days

Mrs. Nellie E. Pierce Packard (Widow Bertrand A. 1137 Cadillac Blvd.), 75 years old, died last night (23 Jan 1934) at her home in Akron, Ohio, following a week's illness. Death was attributed to pneumonia. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce of this city and a sister of the late William Alton Pierce formerly of the Pierce Coal Company. The survivors are one daughter, Mrs. V. G. Kibby (Vernon G.? Cuya Falls, Ohio ?) of Akron; two grandchildren, Arnold and Helen Kibby, of Akron and four nieces, Mrs. Samuel Newton Nicholls (Clara Winthrop Pierce Nicholls) of this city, Mrs. A. W. (Mabel Pierce) Irwin of Oroville, Cal, Miss Ella Louise Pierce and Mrs. Raymond Allen Talbot, both of Springfield (MA).

The body will arrive in this city tomorrow morning and will be removed to the Wellington and Crosier funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at the Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 2 P. M. The Rev Walter A. Aschenbach, pastor of the Morningside Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Pierce family plot in the Pittsfield Cemetery.

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1928+1930+1931 = Vernon G. Kibby at 1137 Cadillac Blvd. Nellie may have moved to daughter's home as Widow. Neither Packard or Kibby in 1926 Akron directory.

Cadillac seems to be a new road with no homes in 1924

1934-1935 = Vernon G. Kibby wholesale manager at Conart M S Inc., home at Cuya Falls, Ohio. No Nellie Packard on Cadillac. Harry Grossman at 1137 Cadillac in this directory.

Bertrand A. Packard and Ellen Elizabeth Pierce had the following children:

- 25. i. BERTHA STOCKWELL<sup>4</sup> PACKARD was born on 29 Nov 1886. She died on 26 Jun 1954. She married VERNON G. KIBBY.
  - ii. HELEN FRANCIS PACKARD was born on 08 Mar 1895. She died on 25 Mar 1895.
16. **HARVEY COLE<sup>3</sup> PIERCE** (William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 01 May 1860 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He died on 26 Apr 1909 in Arlington, Hudson, New Jersey, USA. He married Laura

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Martha Perrine, daughter of Thomas R. Perrine and Helen K. Vandenburg, on 26 Oct 1886 in Princeton, NJ. She was born on 28 Jan 1862 in Jerseyville, Illinois. She died on 07 Nov 1946 in Harrison Mountain Lake, Passaic, New Jersey, USA.

Notes for Harvey Cole Pierce:

1887:

Pierce Harry G. rem to Adams

Pierce Harvey C., rem to Adams

Pierce William (Wm. Pierce & Son), 142 North, h 153 do. c Union

Pierce William & Son (William and William A. Pierce), pianos and organs, 142 North

Pierce William A. (William Pierce & Son), 142 North, h 3 Beaver

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Friday April 30, 1909 newspaper...

Death of H. C. Pierce

After a long illness the end came with a shock - his career.

The funeral of Harvey Cole Pierce, who died suddenly on Monday morning, took place Wednesday afternoon from his late residence, No. 27 Stuyvesant Avenue. It was very largely attended, among those present being many public officials and the older residents of the town. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Schindell, and the interment was made in Arlington Cemetery. John D. Crane had charge of the funeral arrangements. The pallbearers were I. V. Dorland, E. G. Ljungholm, John A. Gilmore, G. H. Powell, Dr. P. W. Barber, Joseph Parker, Jr., H. Frapwell, Dr. J. A. Exton and J. B. Thomson, all past masters of the Triune Lodge, F. & A. M. The Arlington Company factories were shut down half a day and every employee attended the funeral.

Mr. Pierce came to Arlington in 1892 to succeed Mr. Cooper as superintendent of the Arlington Company. The concern was a small and inconsequential affair at that time, and Mr. Pierce at once set to work to build it up. It is a big plant today, one of the very largest in the world, and no little of its success is due to his efforts. The tremendous strain, however, undermined his health, and resulted in a nervous disorder from which he appeared unable to rally, and at the end a stroke of apoplexy carried him off.

Harvey Pierce was easily one of the most popular men in town, and his sterling integrity, thoughtful consideration and kind-heartedness won him a position here that will not soon be replaced. At one time he was a member of the Board of Education, and at another time he was a member of the Board of Health. He was born in Pittsfield, Mass. in 1860, and for a number of years resided in North Adams, Mass. After his graduation from Williams College he entered the services of the old Zylonite Company of North Adams. A widow and two children survive him.

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I found in NEHGS vitals for Pittsfield Ma.

Harvey Cole Pierce b. May 1.1860 to William Pierce and Elizabeth Henderson father  
b.W.Royalston mother NY

Adams marriage 1886 Adams Ma. the document was not clear so date was not available.

Harvey C. Pierce 26 forman b. Pittsfield parents William and Elizabeth Henderson 1st marriage  
Mattie Perrine 24 at home b.Jerseyville Ill, parents Thomas and Helen K. Vandenburg, Louis N.  
Mudge Minister, Princeton N.J.

Like I said the document was not clear I am sure about the Prince part but the last 4 letters I just  
guesses.

(could it be Louis S Mudge, Princeton NJ? cwn)

I could not find a death record for Harvey in Ma. but

1900 Census for Kearny town New Jersey

Harvey Pierce b. May 1860 in Ma. 40 yrs. supervisor and general Mng. celuloid works

Mattie wife b.Jan. 1862 38 in Illinois

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Gussie dau. 13 b.Ma.

He may have died in NJ.since they were living there in 1900  
How could he have married Mary Bowie?

Tina

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HARVEY C. PIERCE, General Manager of the Arlington Manufacturing Company and one of the leading Republicans of Hudson County, is descended from the old Pierce and Henderson families of New England.

Born in Pittsfield, Mass., on the 1st of May, 1860, he is the son of William Pierce and Elizabeth Henderson, natives, respectively, of West Boylston. Mass., and of Newpoit, N. H.

Having attended the public schools, Mr. Pierce prepared for Williams College, Williamstown. in his native State, and there pursued his studies with characteristic zeal and energy. Afterward he became actively interested in the manufacture of articles from celluloid, and, engaging in the business, he has ever since been identified with it in one capacity or another. In 1891 he was made General Manager of the Arlington Manufacturing Company, of Arlington, N. J., which position he still holds. This is one of the largest and most successful establishments of the kind in this country, and no small degree of its growth and prosperity is due to Mr. Pierce. He has displayed excellent business ability, sound judgment, and great sagacity and foresight, while his knowledge of commercial affairs as well as of the process of celluloid manufacture has gained for him a high reputation.

He has also been prominent and influential in public matters, and especially in politics, and is a leading member of the Hudson County Republican Committee. He is also President of the Arlington Club, a member and Past Master of Triune Lodge, No. 159, A. F. and A. M., and a member of Triune Chapter, No. 257, R. A. M., of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and Mecca Temple. N. O. M. S., all of New York City. He is also Vice-Regent of the Royal Arcanum, and President of the District Association. In the councils of the Republican party, with which he has always been actively identified, he has rendered most efficient service, and is regarded as one of its able and trusted leaders. As a resident of Arlington his influence has been felt in every movement affecting the welfare of the community. He is progressive, public spirited, and active in the advancement of all worthy objects, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him.

October 26. 1886, Mr. Pierce was married at Princeton, N. J., to Miss Mattie Perrine, of Jerseyville, ILL., and their children are Arthur, born in 1890, and Gussie, born in 1887.

Genealogical history of Hudson and Bergen counties, New Jersey edited by Cornelius Burnham Harvey 1900

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#### THE AMERICAN ZYLONITE COMPANY OF ADAMS, MA 1881-1991

The American Zylonite Company was formed in 1881 to manufacture cellulose nitrate plastic products under a license from the British company, the Xylonite Company. Despite the difference in initial letters, the two names are pronounced the same.

The Xylonite Company was producing nitrated cellulose for molded products under processes developed first by Alexander Parkes, then Daniel Spill. The American Zylonite Co. was formed by Dr. Emil Kipper, a German chemist and L. L. Brown, a successful paper manufacturer who had in the late 1860s manufactured explosive caps for nitroglycerin in North Adams, MA.

The company was formed in 1881 and built a factory between Adams and North Adams, MA at a place ever since known as Zylonite. The operation was managed by Dr. Emil Kipper with George M. Mowbray as technical director. At least a substantial portion of the ownership was by L. L. Brown, the owner of a paper company in Dalton, MA, a competitor to the Crane Co. Mowbray had more than ten years' experience in the nitration of glycerine to form nitroglycerine which was used

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in the boring of the railroad tunnel through the Hoosac Mountain Range from North Adams to Sherborn Falls, MA.

The American Zylonite Company was very successful and formed three subsidiaries for the production of cellulose nitrate products: Zylonite Comb & Brush Co. 1883; Zylonite Collar and Cuff Co. 1883; and Zylonite Novelty Co. 1884.

By 1885, the company employed nearly 500 employees and was a substantial rival of the Celluloid Co., The Zylonite Co., and subsidiaries who produced hand mirrors, combs, hand brushes, piano keys, billiard balls, jewelry and other novelty items.

The operation of the company and its subsidiaries occupied a site built between the railroad and what now is Massachusetts. Route 8. There was a patent suit by the Celluloid Company claiming that the process which Zylonite was using infringed on Hyatt's patents. The first judicial decision disallowed the case, but on appeal, the judge in the original case reversed himself and awarded a sizable monetary judgement to the Celluloid Co. Apparently, at the same time there was a bank failure which caused some concern to Brown. As a result of the two unfortunate occurrences, the Zylonite Companies were forced out of business. Production ceased at the installation on January 18, 1891. Apparently Celluloid Co. bought the operation from Brown, land, building and equipment for about \$1.3 million. Equipment was moved to the Newark, NJ operation of the Celluloid Co. and some of the pertinent personnel were hired.

What happened to the original factory immediately after this unfortunate event, is not known. However, for the past sixty or more years, the Zylonite factory has passed through a long succession of paper manufacturers. The latest owner is the James River Paper Co.

For more information, contact G. Marshall Naul, 209 Glen St., Chestertown, MD 21620-1417, 410-810-1758.

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Springfield Republican, April 27, 1909

Harvey Cole Pierce, 49, a former resident of Pittsfield, died yesterday at his home in Arlington, NJ. Mr Pierce was a native of Pittsfield and was graduated from the Pittsfield high school in 1879. He was graduated from Williams College in 1882. After graduating from Williams he entered the employ of the American zylonite company in Adams, and when that company moved to Arlington a few years later went with them. He was the manager of that company's plant in Arlington. He is survived by a widow, one son and a daughter, two brothers, William and Harry Pierce of Pittsfield, and a sister, Mrs Nellie E. Packard, of Toledo Ohio.

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Date: Wednesday, May 8, 1901 Paper: Trenton Evening Times (Trenton, NJ) Page: 5  
Deputy Prison Keeper David J. Kerr, of South Clinton Avenue, has been entertaining Harvey C. Pierce, superintendent of the Arlington Celluloid Works, and John Coyle, a contractor and builder, of Harrison, NJ.

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Date: Wednesday, January 19, 1898 Paper: Jersey Journal (Jersey City, NJ) Page: 8  
Set Free, Though Guilty.  
Through the intercession of his employer, Harvey C. Pierce, Alfred J. Casey of Kearny, this morning was allowed to go free under a suspended sentence, after he had pleaded guilty to the theft of some celluloid. Judge Hudspeth lectured him severely before letting him go.

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Date: Monday, June 8, 1896 Paper: Jersey Journal (Jersey City, NJ) Page: 2  
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Harvey C. Pierce and family, of Stuyvesant Avenue, Arlington, leave this week for a month's vacation in the Berkshire Hills.

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1880 United States Federal Census about Harvey C. Pierce

Name: Harvey C. Pierce

Age: 19

Birth Year: abt 1861

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1880: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Son

Marital status: Single

Father's Name: William Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Name: Elizabeth Pierce

Mother's Birthplace: New Hampshire

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Occupation: Student

Cannot read/write:

Blind:

Deaf and Dumb:

Otherwise disabled:

Idiotic or insane: [View Image](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

William Pierce 58

Elizabeth Pierce 60

William Alton Pierce 30

George A. Pierce 27

Charles S. Pierce 25

Nellie E. Pierce 21

Harvey C. Pierce 19

Henry G. Pierce 17

Sarah C. Henderson 9

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1900 United States Federal Census about Harvey C Pierce

Name: Harvey C Pierce [Harvey Pierce]

Age: 40

Birth Date: May 1860

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1900: Kearney Ward 3, Hudson, New Jersey

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital status: Married

Spouse's Name: Mattie P Pierce

Marriage Year: 1887

Years Married: 13

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: New Hampshire

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

Harvey C Pierce 40

Mattie P Pierce 38

Gussie V D Pierce 13

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Arthur H Pierce 9

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Notes for Laura Martha Perrine:

June 2, 1881 - Jersey County Democrat, 1881

Misses C. DARBY and Mattie PERRINE were visiting in the country last Monday.

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1940- lived 27 Stuyvesant Ave Arlington NJ

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1910 United States Federal Census about Laura Pierce (appears to be Mattie's real name)

Name: Laura Pierce [Laura Penn]

Age in 1910: 48

Birth Year: abt 1862

Birthplace: Illinois

Home in 1910: Kearny Ward 3, Hudson, New Jersey

Race: White

Gender: Female

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital status: Widowed

Father's Birthplace: New Jersey

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

Laura Pierce 48

Augusta V D Pierce 22

Arthur H Pierce 19

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1930 United States Federal Census about Mattie P Pierce

Name: Mattie P Pierce

Gender: Female

Birth Year: abt 1862

Birthplace: Illinois

Race: White

Home in 1930: Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey

Map of Home: [View Map](#)

Marital status: Widowed

Relation to Head of House: Head

Father's Birthplace: New Jersey

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Occupation:

Education:

Military Service:

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace:

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[View Image](#)

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Neighbors:

[View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name

Age

Mattie P Pierce 68

Harvey Cole Pierce and Laura Martha Perrine had the following children:

- i. AUGUSTA VANDUSEN<sup>4</sup> PIERCE was born on 01 Jun 1887 in Adams, Berkshire County, MA. She died in 1967.
  26. ii. ARTHUR HAROLD PIERCE was born on 30 Jun 1890 in Adams, Berkshire County, MA. He died on 11 Mar 1960. He married CATHERINE S.
17. **MARY JOSEPHINE<sup>3</sup> NEWTON** (Jane L.<sup>2</sup> Pierce, Levi<sup>1</sup> Pierce) was born on 06 Oct 1854 in Ashburnham, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA (November 13, 1854 ?? Mary Jane ??). She died on 25 Feb 1927 in 536 North St, Pittsfield, MA. She married **WILLIAM JOHN OATMAN**. He was born in 1858. He died on 28 May 1927 in 536 North St, Pittsfield, MA.

Notes for Mary Josephine Newton:

Wife of WJ Oatman

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OATMAN, Hiram T., Dec. 27, 1901, age 57 (5 Pleasure Av.)  
Mrs. Malvina, Jan. 19, 1936, age 88 yrs. 3 mos. 1 dys. (3 Pleasure Av.)  
Mary J., Feb. 25, 1927, age 72 yrs. 4 mos. 19 dys. (536 North)  
William J., May 28, 1927, age 68 yrs. 5 mos. (536 North)

Notes for William John Oatman:

OATMAN, Hiram T., Dec. 27, 1901, age 57 (5 Pleasure Av.)  
Mrs. Malvina, Jan. 19, 1936, age 88 yrs. 3 mos. 1 dys. (3 Pleasure Av.)  
Mary J., Feb. 25, 1927, age 72 yrs. 4 mos. 19 dys. (536 North)  
William J., May 28, 1927, age 68 yrs. 5 mos. (536 North)

William John Oatman and Mary Josephine Newton had the following child:

27. i. EVA NEWTON<sup>4</sup> OATMAN was born in 1882. She died on 15 May 1906. She married FRED DANIEL BUTLER. He was born on 23 Mar 1880.
18. **ADDA ELIZABETH J.<sup>3</sup> NEWTON** (Jane L.<sup>2</sup> Pierce, Levi<sup>1</sup> Pierce) was born on 19 Jul 1856 in Ashburnham, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1943 in Bridgeport, CT. She married **ELIAS H. KIRBY**. He was born in 1853. He died on 21 Mar 1940.

Notes for Adda Elizabeth J. Newton:

(From Monday's Eagle)

Mrs. Lizzie J. Kirby

Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie J. Kirby, 86, widow of Charles J. Kirby, formerly of Pittsfield, who died Saturday in Bridgeport, Conn., were at 1.30 this afternoon at the Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street. Rev. John Gratton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, officiated. Burial was in the Pittsfield Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirby, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Woodbridge, was born in Ashburnham, daughter of Leonard and Jane Pierce Newton. She came to Pittsfield in 1877 and had lived here 65 years. The Kirby home was on Elm Street. Mr. Kirby, who died March 21, 1940, was employed for many years by W.G. Backus & Son, plumbers. Subsequently he was with the

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Berkshire Sheet Metal Company.

Mrs. Kirby was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a past noble grand of Silver Star Rebekah Lodge. She was a sister of the late Mrs. William J. Oatman, whose husband with his brother, Hiram T. published the Sunday Morning Call here, starting in the 1890s. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby went to Bridgeport to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Woodbridge, the former Dora Kirby.

Other survivors are a granddaughter; Mrs. John J. Lichtenberg of Long Hill, Bridgeport, and a great granddaughter, Diane Lichtenberg.

Notes for Elias H. Kirby:

The Kirby home was on Elm Street. Mr. Kirby, who died March 21, 1940, was employed for many years, by W.G. Backus & Son, plumbers. Subsequently he was with the Berkshire Sheet Metal Company.

Elias Kirby married to Elizabeth J. in 1926 and he worked for Berkshire Sheet Metal Works. They resided at 87 Elm. There was another Kirby family (George, a blacksmith) who lived at 177 Elm.

Elias H. Kirby and Adda Elizabeth J. Newton had the following child:

- i. DORA MAY<sup>4</sup> KIRBY was born in 1889. She died in 1972. She married EARL F. WOODBRIDGE. He was born in 1890. He died in 1942.

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19. **CHESTER WARREN<sup>4</sup> FARWELL** (Sarah Eva<sup>3</sup> Pierce, George Washington<sup>2</sup> Pierce, Levi<sup>1</sup> Pierce) was born on 03 Nov 1880 in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. He died on 18 Dec 1950. He married **GRETCHEN EMILY GRACE KUMME**.

Notes for Chester Warren Farwell:

Noted below is Chester's obituary:

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Hyde Park Tribune - Thursday, January 11, 1951  
Chester Farwell, Lifelong Local Resident, Dead

Chester W. Farwell, of 59 Oak Street, who passed away on December 18, was a life long resident of Hyde Park. In early life he was associated with Henry D. Noyes, also a Hyde Park resident, in the business of publishing and selling of Sunday School supplies. after the death of Mr. Noyes, Mr. Farwell carried on the business until it was taken over by The Pilgrim Press of Boston with which Mr. Farwell became associated and for which he worked for 38 years.

Mr. Farwell came from a notable Hyde Park ancestry. His father, Edwin C. Farwell, was a deacon and a member of the choir of the First Congregational Church. His mother, Sarah Eva Pierce, was an active Christian worker and for many years the leader of the Bethany Class, a pioneer group of mothers. The Bethany room in the church building was equipped and named in her honor.

Chester Farwell was a devoted worker, often working long and late hours, behind the scenes, to see that churches and schools would have their supplies on time. He was unselfishly devoted not only to his work but also to his home and to his family.

Farwell was born at 55 Oak Street and died at 59 Oak street and never lived anywhere but at these two addresses during his 70 years on earth. He celebrated his seventieth birthday and his fortieth wedding anniversary during the weeks preceding his death. He had one brother and one sister , both of whom are now dead.

Chester Farwell joined the choir at the local church when he was 15 years old and sang with it for 30 years, serving as tenor soloist for 8 years. He taught Sunday School for many years and was

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president of the Christian endeavor Association. He also was a member of the Congregational Men's Club of Boston, the Hyde Park YMCA Bowling League, and the Wollaston and Hyde Park G'ee Clubs.

He is survived by his widow, Gretchen E. G. Kumme; one son, Warren G. of Pennsylvania; three daughters, Mrs. S. Lowell Clark and Mrs. A. L Stone of Hyde Park and Mrs. John Wright, Jr. of New Jersey; and seven grand-children.

Funeral services were held at the First Congregational Church on Webster street in Hyde Park with the Rev. Gilmore and Rev. George W. Owen conducting Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Hyde Park.

Chester Warren Farwell and Gretchen Emily Grace Kumme had the following children:

- i. WARREN GREGORY<sup>5</sup> FARWELL.
- ii. HERMENA EVA FARWELL. She married ? CLARK.
- iii. VIOLET RUTH FARWELL. She married ? STONE.
- iv. GRETCHEN MYRTLE FARWELL. She married ? WRIGHT.

20. **MELBOURNE HARDWICK<sup>4</sup> PIERCE** (George Balch<sup>3</sup>, George Washington<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 02 Oct 1896 in Hyde Park, Norfolk, MA USA. He died in 1959 in Belmont, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. He married **IMA DOROTHY CONNORS**. She was born on 18 Nov 1894 in Newton, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1959.

Notes for Melbourne Hardwick Pierce:

Name: Melbourne H Pierce

Gender: Male

Birth Year: abt 1897

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Race: White

Home in 1930: Watertown, Middlesex, Massachusetts

Map of Home: [View Map](#)

Marital Status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Head

Spouse's Name: Ima D Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Occupation:

Education:

Military service:

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace:

Household Members:

Name Age

Melbourne H Pierce 33

Ima D Pierce 35

Barbara A Pierce 0 [1/12]

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Name: Melbourne H Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1935

Street address: 54 Copeland

Residence Place: Watertown, Massachusetts, USA

Occupation: Machinist

Spouse: Irma D Pierce

Publication Title: Watertown, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1935

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Name: Melboure Pierce  
Age: 43  
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1897  
Gender: Male  
Race: White  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Marital Status: Married  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Home in 1940: Watertown, Middlesex, Massachusetts  
Map of Home in 1940: [View Map](#)  
Street: Capeland Street  
House Number: 54  
Farm: No  
Inferred Residence in 1935: Watertown, Middlesex, Massachusetts  
Residence in 1935: Same House  
Sheet Number: 6A  
Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 106  
Occupation: Machinist  
House Owned or Rented: Owned  
Value of Home or Monthly Rental if Rented: 6500  
Attended School or College: No  
Highest Grade Completed: College, 1st year  
Hours Worked Week Prior to Census: 40  
Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker in private work  
Weeks Worked in 1939: 52  
Income: 2100  
Income Other Sources: No  
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Melboure Pierce 43  
Ima D Pierce 45  
Barbara Pierce 10  
Richard Pierce 4

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Name: Melbourne H Pierce  
Gender: Male  
Residence Year: 1944  
Street address: 17 Oak 1948J  
Residence Place: Belmont, Massachusetts, USA  
Occupation: Toolmaker  
Spouse: Ima D Pierce  
Publication Title: Belmont, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1944

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Melbourne Hardwick Pierce and Ima Dorothy Connors had the following child:

- i. RICHARD APPLETON<sup>5</sup> PIERCE was born on 12 Feb 1936. He died on 26 Jul 2002.
21. **HELEN<sup>4</sup> WOODBURY** (Harriet Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Pierce, George Washington<sup>2</sup> Pierce, Levi<sup>1</sup> Pierce) was born on 05 Jun 1894. She died on 16 Dec 1987 in Gwynedd, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA. She married **TRELL W YOCUM**.

Trell W Yocum and Helen Woodbury had the following child:

- i. TRELL WOODBURY<sup>5</sup> YOCUM was born on 09 Jul 1924 in New York, USA. He died on 07 Aug 1987 in Essex, New York, USA. He married NANCY OLIVER.

Notes for Trell Woodbury Yocum:

Name: Trell W Yocum  
Birth Date: 9 Jul 1924

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Birth Place: New York, New York County (Manhattan), New York, USA  
Death Date: 7 Aug 1987  
Death Place: Essex County, New York, USA  
Cemetery: Lakeview Cemetery  
Burial or Cremation Place: Willsboro, Essex County, New York, USA  
Has Bio?: N

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22. **KNOWLTON FRANCIS<sup>4</sup> PIERCE SR** (William Alton<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 06 Jul 1879 in Sunday, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Union Street 2:30AM. He died on 29 Sep 1932 in Kearney, NJ. He married Theodora Mary Bloomer on 11 May 1901. She was born on 18 Aug 1881. She died on 19 Aug 1938 in 7:30PM.

Notes for Knowlton Francis Pierce Sr:

Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988 about Knowlton Pierce

Name: Knowlton Pierce

Event Type: Birth

Birth Date: 6 Jul 1879

Birth Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Father Name: William Alton Pierce - Music Dealer

Mother Name: Ellen K Knowlton

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1880 United States Federal Census about Knowlton Pierce

Name: Knowlton Pierce

Age: 11m

Birth Year: abt 1879

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1880: Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Son

Marital status: Single

Father's Name: William Alton Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Name: Ellen Adelaide Knowlton Pierce

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Neighbors: View others on page

Cannot read/write:

Blind:

Deaf and Dumb:

Otherwise disabled:

Idiotic or insane: View Image

Household Members:

Name Age

William A. Pierce 32

Ellen Adelaide Knowlton Pierce 37

Mabel E. Pierce 6

Alton R. Pierce 4

Knowlton Pierce 11m

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1885 lived at Beaver Street

1890 lives at Union Street

<http://kearnyfire.com/html/history.html>

On August 11, 1921, Knowlton F. Pierce was appointed Chief Engineer of the fully paid Kearny Fire Department.

The members worked a 96 hour per week schedule

consisting of 3 ten-hour day shifts, then a 24 hour shift, then 3 fourteen-hour night shifts and then 24 hours off duty.

Since becoming a full paid department the men who have been appointed to the Chief of the Department are:

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Knowlton F Piece 1921 - 1931

John Lone 1931 - 1932

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In 1921 the membership of the department was as follows:

1 Chief

1 Assistant Chief

1 Superintendent of Repairs

1 Superintendent of Drills

1 Superintendent of Fire Alarm

6 Captains

73 Firefighters

Total Personnel - 84

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1910 United States Federal Census about Knowlton F Pierce

Name: Knowlton Francis Pierce

Age in 1910: 30

Birth Year: abt 1880

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1910: Kearny Ward 4, Hudson, New Jersey

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital status: Married

Spouse's Name: Mary S Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members:

Name Age

Knowlton F Pierce 30

Mary S Pierce 28 [31]

Adelaide L Pierce 7

Dorothy F Pierce 6

Clara W Pierce 5

Irene M Pierce 3

Isabel J Pierce 2

Knowlton F Pierce Jr. 0 [7/12]

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1920 United States Federal Census about F Nolton Pierce

Name: F Nolton Pierce [F Colton Pierce]

Age: 40

Birth Year: abt 1880

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1920: Kearny Ward 4, Hudson, New Jersey

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital status: Married

Spouse's Name: Mary Theodora Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home Owned: Own 536 Chestnut Street

Able to Read: Yes

Able to Write: Yes

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members:

Name Age

F Nolton Pierce 40

M Theodora Pierce 37



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L Adlaine Pierce 17  
W Clara Pierce 14 - WR Bench Novelty  
M Irene Pierce 12  
J Isabell Pierce 11  
F Nolton Pierce 10  
J Grace Pierce 6  
M Theodora Pierce 5  
R Marion Pierce 3  
E Helen Pierce 2

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1930 United States Federal Census about Knolton Pierce

Name: Knolton Pierce [Knolton Purce]

Gender: Male

Birth Year: abt 1880

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Race: White

Home in 1930: Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey

Map of Home: [View Map 536 Chestnut Street](#)

Marital status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Head

Spouse's Name: Dora Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Occupation:

Education:

Military Service:

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace:

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[Neighbors: View others on page](#)

[Household Members:](#)

Name

Age

Knolton Pierce 50

Dora Pierce 48

Grace J Pierce 16

Dora B Pierce 15

Mavin E Pierce 13

Helen E Pierce 12

Evelyn R Pierce 9

Hazel V Pierce 8

Knolton Pierce 20 - Clerical Post Office

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Knowlton Francis Pierce Sr and Theodora Mary Bloomer had the following children:

- i. ADELAIDE LETITIA<sup>5</sup> PIERCE was born on 27 Aug 1902. She died in Jun 1966. She married (2) UNKNOWN WILSON.

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- ii. DOROTHY FRANCIS PIERCE was born on 11 Sep 1903. She died on 11 Jun 1913 in Arlington, Hudson, New Jersey, USA.
- iii. CLARA WINTHROP PIERCE was born on 23 Mar 1905.
- iv. IRENE M. PIERCE was born about 1908. She married OACAR DEREK.
- v. ISABELLA J. PIERCE was born about 1909.
- vi. KNOWLTON FRANCIS PIERCE JR was born about 1910. He married Mary Elizabeth Levy, daughter of Harry Levy and Christine M DeHaven, in 1942 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 04 Feb 1972 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for Knowlton Francis Pierce Jr:

1910 United States Federal Census about Knowlton F Pierce Jr.

Name: Knowlton F Pierce Jr. [Kenneth F Pierce Jr.]

Age in 1910: 0 [7/12]

Birth Year: abt 1910 [abt 1909]

Birthplace: New Jersey

Home in 1910: Kearny Ward 4, Hudson, New Jersey

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Son

Marital status: Single

Father's Name: Knowlton F Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Name: Mary S Pierce

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name	Age
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Knowlton F Pierce	30
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Mary S Pierce	28 [31]
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Adelaide L Pierce	7
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Dorothy F Pierce	6
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Clara W Pierce	5
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Irene M Pierce	3
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Isabel J Pierce	2
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Knowlton F Pierce Jr.	0 [7/12]
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1920 United States Federal Census about F Nolton Pierce

Name: F Nolton Pierce

Age: 10

Birth Year: abt 1910

Birthplace: New Jersey

Home in 1920: Kearny Ward 4, Hudson, New Jersey

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Son

Marital status: Single

Father's Name: F Nolton Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Name: M Theodora Pierce

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Able to Read: Yes

Able to Write: Yes

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name	Age
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F Nolton Pierce	40
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M Theodora Pierce	37
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### Generation 4 (con't)

L Adlaine Pierce 17  
W Clara Pierce 14  
M Irene Pierce 12  
J Isabell Pierce 11  
F Nolton Pierce 10  
J Grace Pierce 6  
M Theodora Pierce 5  
R Marion Pierce 3  
E Helen Pierce 2

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1930 United States Federal Census about Knolton Pierce

Name: Knolton Pierce [Knolton Purce]

Gender: Male

Birth Year: abt 1910

Birthplace: New Jersey

Race: White

Home in 1930: Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey

Map of Home: [View Map](#)

Marital status: Single

Relation to Head of House: Son

Father's Name: Knolton Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Name: Dora Pierce

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Occupation:

Education:

Military Service:

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace:

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Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name	Age
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Knolton Pierce	50
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Dora Pierce	48
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Grace J Pierce	16
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Dora B Pierce	15
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Mavin E Pierce	13
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Helen E Pierce	12
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Evelyn R Pierce	9
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Hazel V Pierce	8
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Knolton Pierce	20
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1940 United States Federal Census about Knowlon F Pierce

Name: Knowlon F Pierce

Age: 30

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1910

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birthplace: New Jersey

Marital status: Single

Relation to Head of House: Head

Home in 1940: Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey

Map of Home in 1940:

[View Map](#)

Street: Davis Avenue

House Number: 180

Farm: No

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Inferred Residence in 1935: Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey

Residence in 1935: Same Place

Resident on farm in 1935: No

Sheet Number: 2A

Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 27

Occupation: Electrician

Industry: Celuloid Manufacturing

House Owned or Rented: Rented

Value of Home or Monthly Rental if Rented: 40

Attended School or College: No

Highest Grade Completed: High School, 1st year

Hours Worked Week Prior to Census: 40

Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker in private work

Weeks Worked in 1939: 52

Income: 1600

Income Other Sources: No

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members:

Name Age

Knowlton F Pierce 30 - Self

Isabel J Pierce 32 - Sister Benchworker Radio Tube

Marion E Pierce 23 - Sister Benchworker Radio Tube (RCA)

Evelyn Pierce 19 - Sister Benchworker Radio Tube (RCA)

Hazel Pierce 16 - Sister

Alfred E Wilson 16 - Nephew

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1942 removed to Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Marriage Index, 1885-1951 about Knowlton F Pierce

Name: Knowlton F Pierce

Gender: Male

Spouse: Betty Levy

Spouse Gender: Female

Marriage Place: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States

Marriage Year: 1942

Marriage License Number: 748497

Digital GSU Number: 4143690

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- vii. GRACE JANET PIERCE was born on 21 Jul 1913. She died in Apr 1980 in Germansville, PA. She married (1) JOSEPH EMANUEL ARVIDSON. She married (2) WALTER RINKER.
- viii. THEODORA MARY PIERCE was born on 30 Jul 1914. She died on 16 Jan 1950. She married ? O'BRIEN.
- ix. EDNA MARION PIERCE was born on 24 Jul 1916. She married Maurice Collins on 08 Feb 1941.
- x. HELEN EDYTHE PIERCE was born on 01 Aug 1917 in Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey, USA. She died on 20 Oct 2001. She married JAMES LINDSAY BRODIE. He was born about 1913. He died on 20 Aug 1987 in Hunlock Creek PA.

Notes for Helen Edythe Pierce:

1940 United States Federal Census about Helen E Brodye

Name: Helen E Brodye

Age: 22

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### Generation 4 (con't)

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1918  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birthplace: New Jersey  
Marital status: Married  
Relation to Head of House: Wife  
Home in 1940: Harrison, Hudson, New Jersey  
Map of Home in 1940: View Map  
Street: Franklyn Avenue  
House Number: 16  
Inferred Residence in 1935: Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey  
Residence in 1935: Kearny, Hudson, New Jersey  
Resident on farm in 1935: No  
Sheet Number: 4B  
Occupation: Scrubber  
Attended School or College: No  
Highest Grade Completed: High School, 2nd year  
Duration of Unemployment: 12  
Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker in private work  
Weeks Worked in 1939: 21  
Income: 420  
Income Other Sources: No  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
James L Brodye 27  
Helen E Brodye 22  
Helen T Brodye 4/12

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Web: Obituary Daily Times Index, 1995-2012 about Helen (pierce) Brodie  
Name: Helen (pierce) Brodie  
Publication Date: 21 Oct 2001  
Publication Place: United States  
Death Date: abt 2001  
Death Place:  
Age at Death: 84  
Birth Date: Abt 1917

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U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current about Helen E Brodie  
Name: Helen E Brodie  
SSN: 141-07-5321  
Born: 1 Aug 1917  
Died: 20 Oct 2001  
State (Year) SSN issued: New Jersey

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U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1 about Helen E Brodie  
Name: Helen E Brodie  
Birth Date: 1 Aug 1917  
Address: PO Box 3, Hunlock Creek, PA, 18621-0003 (1990)  
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[PO Box 3, Hunlock Creek, PA, 18621-0003 (1992)]

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U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 2 about Helen E Brodie  
Name: Helen E Brodie  
Birth Date: 1 Aug 1917  
Address: Breeze St, Hunlock Creek, PA, 18621

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Web: Pennsylvania, Find A Grave Index, 1682-2012 about Helen Pierce Brodie  
Name: Helen Pierce Brodie

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Birth Date: 1 Aug 1917  
Age at Death: 84  
Death Date: 21 Oct 2001  
Burial Place: Wyoming, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, USA  
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Birth: Aug. 1, 1917  
New Jersey, USA  
Death: Oct. 21, 2001  
Dallas, Luzerne County  
Pennsylvania, USA  
Born to Knulton and Theodora Pierce. Wife of James L Brodie. Attened Cross  
Creek Community Church, Trucksville. Employed yb Atwater Silk Mill, Plymouth.  
Burial: Wyoming Cemetery  
Wyoming, Luzerne County  
Pennsylvania, USA  
Created by: Tammy Clark Record added: Jul 06, 2004 Find A Grave Memorial#  
9046260

Notes for James Lindsay Brodie:  
Web: Obituary Daily Times Index, 1995-2012 about James L Brodie  
Name: James L Brodie  
Publication Date: 14 Sep 1987  
Publication Place: United States  
Death Date: abt 1987  
Death Place: Hunlock Creek PA  
Age at Death: 74  
Birth Date: Abt 1913  
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- xi. EVELYN RUTH PIERCE was born on 28 Apr 1920. She died on 20 Dec 1969. She married Harold C. Pfeiffer on 04 Sep 1943.
  - xii. HAZEL PIERCE. She married EDWARD STURKE.
23. **CLARA WINTHROP<sup>4</sup> PIERCE** (William Alton<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 03 Jun 1882 in Saturday, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Union Street. She died on 18 Aug 1956 in Pittsfield General Hospital, Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She married Samuel Newton Nicholls, son of George B. Nicholls and Sarah Bush, on 25 Mar 1918 in Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY. He was born on 27 Sep 1871 in Caistor Township, Ontario, Canada. He died on 09 Apr 1959 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

Notes for Clara Winthrop Pierce:  
Clara Winthrop Pierce Nicholls  
Mrs. Samuel Newton Nicholls  
Born June 3, 1882  
Died August 18, 1956  
Age 74

The funeral of Mrs. Clara Winthrop Pierce Nicholls, 74, of 77 Elm Street, who died Saturday night at Pittsfield General Hospital, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 at the Wellington Funeral Home. The Rev. Stanley B. Thompson of Morningside Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Pittsfield Cemetery.

Mrs. Nicholls was born in Pittsfield June 3, 1882, the daughter of William Alton and Ellen Adelaide

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Knowlton Pierce. She lived here all her life. Educated in the local schools, she graduated from Pittsfield High in 1901 and helped her father start the Pierce Coal Co. which observed its 50th anniversary this year.

She was a member of the Morningside Church and treasurer of McCall Auxiliary. She also belonged to the Fortnightly Club.

Besides her husband, Samuel Newton Nicholls, she leaves one son, George Alton Nicholls of this city, and two grandchildren.

There will be no calling hours.

Notes for Samuel Newton Nicholls:  
Berkshire Evening Eagle, April 9, 1959  
Samuel Newton Nicholls, Fuel Company Executive  
Funeral Services To Be Saturday Afternoon at 2

Samuel Newton Nicholls, 87, a partner in the Pierce Coal and Oil Company since 1920, died suddenly this morning at his home, 77 Elm Street.

Born September 27, 1871 in Caistor Centre, Ontario, Canada, he was superintendent of the horse and sheep department of Iowa State College, Ames Iowa before coming to Pittsfield shortly after the turn of the century to work on the Spoor Estate (Blythewood).

Mr. Nicholls was superintendent of the Salisbury Estate from the time it was being built until he became a partner with his wife, the former Clara Pierce, in the Pierce Coal Co. in 1920. He retired from active service in the company five years ago.

He was a member of the Morningside Baptist Church, the Mystic Lodge of Masons, and the local Aerie of Eagles.

Survivors include a son, G(eorge). Alton Nicholls, a sister, Mrs. Jennie Snyder, and two grandchildren, all of Pittsfield.

Friends may call at their convenience tonight after 7 at the Zoph Funeral Home. The family will be present at the funeral home tomorrow evening from 7 to 9. Services will be at the funeral home at 2 Saturday afternoon with the Rev. Stanley B. Thomson, pastor of the Morningside Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Pittsfield Cemetery.

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Type: Beaches & Lakes, Nature & Gardens, and Hiking & Walking

Ages: All Ages

Cost: Free

In 1856 Taconic Lodge was built by William C. Allen of New York City. He died on December 24, 1873. His heirs kept the property until it was sold in 1882 to Henry C. Valentine

In 1882 Henry C. Valentine, a varnish manufacturing tycoon from New York, purchased the Taconic Farm Estate. It was situated on 385 acres on the lake, and included all of the south shore. In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Warren Salisbury, owner of Kimball Piano & Organ Co. of Chicago, purchased the property.

In 1909 the Salisbury's demolished the Taconic Lodge aka Valentine Lodge and built a new mansion.

In April of 1911, Mr. And Mrs. Salisbury announced the new name of their estate, Tor Court, the "Tor", being an old English word which means a hill overlooking a lake. Tor Court has an Onota Lake frontage of 4200 feet, about 3/5 of a mile. At that time the estate included 10 acres of lawns. There were five greenhouses connected by tunnels, 15 head of cattle, 2,000 chickens, plum, apple, and pear orchards, formal gardens and a profusion of white lilacs. Adjoining it on the North is Burbank Park, a legacy to the town in 1882 from Abraham Burbank. Across the lake was Blythewood Farm.

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Mrs. Salisbury died in 1945, and the mansion was never reopened, although the family kept it maintained in perfect condition.

In 1948 Hillcrest Hospital purchased the property.

Until 1971 the mansion was used for patient rooms. When the new addition was opened, the staunch old building became offices and administration building.

In 1981 a full scale clean up of the gazebo was organized.

In 1984 while workmen were grading and landscaping near the restored gazebo the ground gave way to reveal a chamber below and a galley running the whole length of the promenade.

Construction workers speculate that the subterranean chambers were actually foundations to prevent the gazebo from heaving from the frost.

The gazebo, situated on rolling lawns behind the stately house and overlooking the lake, was the scene of many turn of the century social events.

(Taken from geocaching.com)

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77 Elm Street

Previous owners: Eugene L. Smith 18xx-1917 Wife

1925 - Miss Jennie P. Goewey bds 77 Elm (Jennie Nicholls Snyder?)

Samuel Newton Nicholls and Clara Winthrop Pierce had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup> NICHOLLS was born on 25 Jul 1918 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He died on 25 Jul 1918 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.
- ii. GEORGE ALTON NICHOLLS was born on 23 Dec 1922 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He died on 21 Dec 1989 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Berkshire Medical Center. He married Helen Lucille Clark, daughter of Arthur Jay Clark and Grace Markley, on 04 Aug 1946 in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. She was born on 31 Jan 1924 in Palm, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 30 Jun 2012 in 21 Beverly Street, Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA.

Notes for George Alton Nicholls:

Pittsfield, March 20, 1945 - Mr and Mrs Arthur J. Clark of Pennsburg, Pa. announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen L. Clark, to Second Lieutenant George Alton Nicholls of the Marine Corps, son of Mr and Mrs Samuel N. Nicholls of 77 Elm Street. Miss Clark attended the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, and is now studying in New York. Lieutenant Nicholls, who attended the University of Pennsylvania, was trained at Camp Lejeune, NC and Quantico VA. He will leave New York by plane March 31 for Camp Pendleton, CA.

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Notes for Helen Lucille Clark:

Pittsfield, March 20, 1945 - Mr and Mrs Arthur J. Clark of Pennsburg, Pa. announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen L. Clark, to Second Lieutenant George Alton Nicholls of the Marine Corps, son of Mr and Mrs Samuel N. Nicholls of 77 Elm Street. Miss Clark attended the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, and is now studying in New York. Lieutenant Nicholls, who attended the University of Pennsylvania, was trained at Camp Lejeune, NC and Quantico VA. He will leave New York by plane March 31 for Camp Pendleton, CA.

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Helen Clark Nicholls 1924-2012 PITTSFIELD

Helen Clark Nicholls passed away peacefully at home on June 30, 2012, surrounded by family and friends. The daughter of Grace Markley Clark and Arthur Jay Clark, Mrs. Nicholls was born in Palm, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 31, 1924. She married G. Alton Nicholls of Pittsfield on August 4, 1946. They moved to Pittsfield in 1948 and enjoyed 43 years together until his death on Dec. 21, 1989.



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Mrs. Nicholls graduated from Pennsburg (PA) High School in 1941, and from the Allentown (PA) Business College in 1942. She was a 1945 graduate of the Academy of Vocal Arts, located in Philadelphia and New York City. Mrs. Nicholls received a coveted full scholarship to the Academy. Trained as an opera singer and stage performer, she studied drama with Dr. Herbert Graf of the Metropolitan Opera. Mrs. Nicholls was a member of the Junior League of Pittsfield, where she was active in Children's Theater. She was a member of the Pittsfield Town Players. Her final stage role was as a hilarious Buttercup in a church production of The Pirates of Penzance. A member of Zion's Lutheran Church,

Mrs. Nicholls served on many committees and the church council and volunteered in the church office. She sang in the church choir along with her husband Al. With the family business, Pierce Coal and Oil Company, Mrs. Nicholls served as treasurer from 1959 until the business was sold in 1968. She was employed as secretary-receptionist to the late Dr. Donald C. Exford from 1970-1976.

She belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Berkshire Motor Sports Club, and the Y's Menettes of the Pittsfield YMCA. She enjoyed singing, playing piano and listening to music, dancing, traveling, swimming, reading, laughing, and caring for her home and family.

Mrs. Nicholls was predeceased by her husband Al Nicholls; her sister Grace Clark Moyer and brother-in-law John Moyer; and countless beloved family members and friends. Mrs. Nicholls will be dearly missed by her son, Clark W. Nicholls of Lee, and daughter, Pamela Nicholls of Albany, Calif.; as well as son-in-law Robin Woodland, granddaughter Ella Rae Woodland, nieces Sally Johnson and Helen Rood, and a circle of dear friends and family. We cherish memories of Helen's sparkling wit and wonderful sense of humor, and her generosity and love.

**FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The funeral will be held at WELLINGTON FUNERAL HOME, Reverend Dennis P. Kohl and Reverend Timothy Weisman officiating, Mon., July 16, 2012, at 11 a.m. Calling hours are omitted at the request of the deceased. If friends desire, gifts may be made in Helen's name to Zion's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or HospiceCare in the Berkshires

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O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee,  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dear, and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

Helen Clark Nicholls

Helen had a childhood surrounded by a huge family and extended circle of friends, in Pennsylvania Dutch country, Pennsburg Pennsylvania, outside Philadelphia. Her

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parents were Arthur Jay Clark and Grace Markley Clark, and she had one older sister, Grace.

Helen was a star from the first - as a gymnast, singer, actress, pianist, stage performer, and all-around high-spirited cutie pie.

Helen used her local fame to good advantage. She often laughed about the time she answered an essay question on a High School history test with a simple answer, like this: "They went to war, etc. etc. etc." She received full credit for her answer.

Helen's glory years reached their peak during the years in Philadelphia and NYC, when she was a student at the Academy of Vocal Arts, and afterwards when she pursued singing, acting and dancing. Helen received a full scholarship to the Academy, the one recipient chosen from among many competitors - big news back home in Pennsburg. At the Academy, she was trained as a mezzo-soprano opera singer.

Helen sang and performed on radio, with big bands, with the USO, in churches, and in stage performances.

Helen considered herself a city person, and always missed her two cities, New York and Philly. One favorite story involved pranks pulled by Helen and her best friend Sally Moore, who was also opera-trained. They'd board the same subway train via different doors, stand in different sections of the car, burst into harmonic song, then exit via different doors.

Helen met her match in Al Nicholls, whom she met through a mutual friend in Philadelphia. Helen and Al had a beautiful romance and 43 happy years together. Al loved her sense of humor, her talent and high spirits, and Helen loved his smile, laugh, intelligence, and inner strength. Just this year, Clark placed a wedding day photograph of Al looking adoringly at Helen on display in Helen's room. Helen reveled in this reminder that she had truly been loved in this life.

After a couple of years in Philadelphia, Helen and Al moved to Pittsfield for Al to run the family business, Pierce Coal and Oil Company. Helen was the very well-organized and skillful treasurer of the business.

During her first decade and more in Pittsfield, Helen kept active with the arts. She performed in the Junior League's Children's Theater (Pinnocchio and Rose White were two of her roles) and she was a member of the Town Players. She sang in numerous churches at Sunday services and for weddings and funerals. She continued playing piano.

Over time, Helen pulled back on her artistic creativity to focus on caregiving for her home and family, including her mother Grace Clark and her in-laws Clara and Sam Nicholls, and her two children, Clark and Pam. While she never expressed regret about choosing the roles of wife and mother rather than as performer, she very much missed those earlier years and wished she had been able to better balance her home and creative lives.

Helen and Al enjoyed church activities at Zion's together, including singing in the choir. Like Al, Helen served on many committees and on the church council. She also volunteered in the church office.

Helen's final stage role was as a hilarious Buttercup in the Pirates of Penzance, directed by Charlie Benz at Zion's in the early '70's. Her husband Al played the role of the tender Frederic. Pam was in the chorus, along with Sue Hohl and Sammy Slack, and many other friends were in the cast. It was pure joy.

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Helen and Al were each wonderful dancers, a delight to watch on the dance floor. They enjoyed traveling to tropical climes, bringing Clark and Pam along for the fun in early years. Later, Helen and Al spent happy winter months in Florida.

Al's arteriosclerosis landed him in the hospital for surgery almost yearly during his last decade, and then cancer took him quickly and unexpectedly. Helen cared for him during those scary times. After Al passed away on December 21, 1989 - and was buried on his 67th birthday, December 23 - Helen's broken heart never fully recovered. She couldn't believe she had to live so long without her beloved, and often longed for the time when she would join him in heaven.

In addition to Al, the great majority of her friends and family members passed before her. Helen grieved her many losses -- and counted her many blessings.

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Helen was a devoted and incredibly supportive wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, neighbor and friend.

(Perhaps acknowledge people at the funeral whom she cared for - Sue Hohl McMahon, Helen's "second daughter"; the Hathaways, next-door neighbors and churchmates with whom she shared many good times; Rona Hathaway Mitchell, who was Helen's god-daughter; niece Sally Johnson, a beloved friend; people from Zion's, her spiritual and social home for decades . . .)

Helen's son Clark loved and enjoyed his Mom. When Helen became widowed and later home-bound, Clark stepped up to the plate. He took his Mom out for meals, took care of her practical needs, and visited her often, made sure that she was never alone for too long. He ensured that Helen's home was cared for and bills paid, that she and her care team had plenty of food and supplies, that the air conditioner was installed and the emergency generator in place, and so much more. He was the hero in Helen's later life.

Helen and her daughter Pam grew to be incredibly close over the years, despite the many miles between their homes. For years they enjoyed daily phone calls between Massachusetts and California, in which they'd share life updates and revel in their mutual love and appreciation. They both looked forward to that call each morning. Too, Pam sent a daily email that awaited Helen each morning. Helen's love and generosity are at the center of Pam's life.

Helen and Clark enjoyed twice-yearly visits from Pam's family, including Helen's now 20 year-old granddaughter Ella Rae Woodland. Helen adored her "Snicklefritz" who owned Helen's heart. Helen was proud of Ella Rae's intelligence and grace, adored her humor and her loving heart, and marveled at the unbelievable fact that this September Ella Rae will turn 21. Where did the years go? A cherished blanket Ella Rae made for her Gramma covered Helen day and night. All caregivers and visitors knew how much comfort Helen took from that cozy blanket, and from her granddaughter's love.

Helen and her "son-in-love" Robin Woodland were great good friends for 29 years. They ran their own mutual admiration society. Helen always counseled Pam to count her blessings and cherish Robin, this wonderful husband, who was such a devoted father - and brother- and son-in-law, too. On Father's Day a few weeks ago, Helen was deeply appreciative that Robin supported Pam in being here in Pittsfield with her, rather than at home with him.

In her last years, Helen had a loving team of caregivers who enabled her to stay comfortably in her home when the time came that round-the-clock assistance was required. Helen and her caregivers built some very meaningful and joyous

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friendships. Helen retained her sparkling sense of humor, and enjoyed countless laugh sessions and heart-to-heart talks. She got a big kick out of her "campfire girls" sessions with her smoking friends, and enjoyed a little wine at the end of the day.

The team of Helen's Angels who held her during these past 2 1/2 years or so included: Linda Cranson, Ellen Hall, Amy Whitmire, Margaret Dodge and Sally Daley. Linda and Ellen were with Helen for more than 4 years.

Helen knew that she was as well cared for as a Queen, and "put a penny in her thank-you bank" each day in gratitude for her many blessings, as numerous as leaves on a tree.

Along the way, Helen also received great care from her friend Doctor Lobovits who visited her every Wednesday and shared many laughs, as well as a few drinks and song fests.

Helen benefited from HospiceCare in the Berkshires' wonderful services, especially from the skills and insights of nurses Denise Talabach and Becky Booker.

Clark, Pam, Robin and Ella Rae have been sustained by the care of Helen's Angels and the Hospice team, as well, and are very grateful for these meaningful connections.

The years of care provided a lovely ending to a long, rich, complex life. The devotion brought to her by her caregivers and her family enabled Helen to rest and receive. Helen was very grateful, as are her family and friends.

What will we do without our Helen? Our lives have been enriched by sharing them with Helen. We will miss her terribly, and will cherish the countless gifts she shared with us.

Helen told us that she longed for Jesus to take her hand and lead her home. May Helen be reunited with the many beloved family members and friends who passed before her, and whom she missed so much. May Helen experience the happiness she always deserved. We wish her peace.

24. **ELIZABETH HENDERSON<sup>4</sup> PIERCE** (George Arthur<sup>3</sup> MD, William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 21 Mar 1882 in Lebanon Spa, NY. She married Raymond Allen Talbot, son of Charles H Talbot and Ella Moriah Crowell, on 19 Nov 1906 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 06 Jun 1882 in Dighton, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 17 Jun 1925 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA.

Notes for Elizabeth Henderson Pierce:

Name: Elizabeth Pierce

Event Type: Pittsfield School records - Linden St school

Birth Date: 21 Mar 1882

Residence Date: abt 1894

Residence Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Residence Age: 12

Father Name: George Pierce

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Name: Elizabeth Henderson Pierce

Birth Year: abt 1882

Birth Place: Lebanon Springs, New York

Marriage Date: 19 Nov 1906

Marriage Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

Age at Marriage: 24

Father: George A

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Mother: Marilla Gates  
Spouse: Raymond Allen Talbot  
Spouse Birth Place: Dighton, Massachusetts  
Spouse Age at Marriage: 24  
Spouse Father: Charles H  
Spouse Mother: Ella Crowell

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Name: Raymond Allen Talbot Junior  
Gender: Male  
Birth Date: 2 Oct 1910  
Birth Place: Springfield, Massachusetts, USA  
Father: Raymond A Talbot  
Mother: Elizabeth H Pierce

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Notes for Raymond Allen Talbot:

Name: Raymond Allen Talbot  
Event Type: Marriage  
Birth Date: abt 1882  
Marriage Date: 19 Nov 1906  
Marriage Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
Marriage Age: 24  
Father Name: Charles H  
Mother Name: Ella Crowell  
Spouse Name: Elizabeth Henderson Pierce  
Spouse Marriage Age: 24  
Spouse Father Name: George A Pierce  
Spouse Mother Name: Mirella Gates

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Raymond Allen Talbot and Elizabeth Henderson Pierce had the following child:

- i. RAYMOND ALLEN<sup>5</sup> TALBOT JR was born on 02 Oct 1910 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA. He died on 20 Jan 1998 in 34996 Stuart, Martin, Florida, USA. He married HELEN ELIZABETH MAHER. She was born on 18 Jan 1911 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 14 Jun 1965.
25. **BERTHA STOCKWELL<sup>4</sup> PACKARD** (Ellen Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Pierce, William<sup>2</sup> Pierce, Levi<sup>1</sup> Pierce) was born on 29 Nov 1886. She died on 26 Jun 1954. She married **VERNON G. KIBBY**.

Notes for Vernon G. Kibby:

1928+1930+1931 = Vernon G. Kibby at 1137 Cadillac Blvd. Nellie may have moved to daughter's home as Widow. Neither Packard or Kibby in 1926 Akron directory.

Cadillac seems to be a new road with no homes in 1924

1934-1935 = Vernon G. Kibby wholesale manager at Conart M S Inc., home at Cuya Falls, Ohio. No Nellie Packard on Cadillac. Harry Grossman at 1137 Cadillac in this directory.

Vernon G. Kibby and Bertha Stockwell Packard had the following children:

- i. ARNOLD<sup>5</sup> KIBBY was born on 10 Jan 1911. He died on 13 Apr 1990.

Notes for Arnold Kibby:

Arnold KIBBY

Birth Date: 10 Jan 1911

Death Date: 13 Apr 1990

Social Security Number: 274-07-8814

State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Ohio

Death Residence Localities

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ZIP Code: 34207  
Localities: Bayshore Gardens, Manatee, Florida  
Bradenton, Manatee, Florida  
College Plaza, Manatee, Florida  
Fifty Seventh Avenue, Manatee, Florida

ii. HELEN KIBBY.

26. **ARTHUR HAROLD<sup>4</sup> PIERCE** (Harvey Cole<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Levi<sup>1</sup>) was born on 30 Jun 1890 in Adams, Berkshire County, MA. He died on 11 Mar 1960. He married **CATHERINE S.**

Notes for Arthur Harold Pierce:

1910 United States Federal Census about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce [Esther H Penn]

Age in 1910: 19

Birth Year: abt 1891

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Home in 1910: Kearny Ward 3, Hudson, New Jersey

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Son

Marital status: Single

Bookeeper Manhattan Hudson

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Name: Laura Pierce (Mattie?)

Mother's Birthplace: Illinois

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members:

Name Age

Laura Pierce 48

Augusta V D Pierce 22

Arthur H Pierce 19

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1930 United States Federal Census about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Gender: Male

Birth Year: abt 1891

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Race: White

Home in 1930: Springfield, Clark, Ohio

Map of Home: View Map

Marital status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Head

Spouse's Name: Catherine Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Illinois

Occupation: Automobile Agency Automobile Garage

Education:

Military Service: Veteran WW1

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace:

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Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members:

Name Age

Arthur H Pierce 39

Catherine Pierce 33 b.Pennsylvania

Nancie L Pierce 2 [2 9/12] b.Pennsylvania

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U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1933

Street Address: 1752 Center blvd

Residence Place: Springfield, Ohio

Occupation: Salesmanager

Spouse: Catherine S Pierce

Publication Title: Springfield, Ohio, City Directory, 1933

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1940 United States Federal Census about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Respondent: Yes

Age: 48

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1892

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Marital status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Head

Home in 1940: Marietta, Washington, Ohio

Map of Home in 1940: [View Map](#)

Street: Third

House Number: 615

Inferred Residence in 1935: Marietta, Washington, Ohio

Residence in 1935: Same House

Sheet Number: 4B

Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 108

Occupation: Traveling Salesman - Funeral goods(?)

House Owned or Rented: Rented

Value of Home or Monthly Rental if Rented: 38

Attended School or College: No

Highest Grade Completed: High School, 4th year

Hours Worked Week Prior to Census: 60

Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker in private work

Weeks Worked in 1939: 52

Income: 6??

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

Arthur H Pierce 48

Catherine Pierce 43

Nancy Pierce 12

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U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1928

Street Address: 1944 Guilford

Residence Place: Columbus, Ohio

Occupation: Representative

Spouse: Cath S Pierce

Publication Title: Columbus, Ohio, City Directory, 1928

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U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1933

Street Address: 1752 Center blvd

Residence Place: Springfield, Ohio

Occupation: Salesmanager

Spouse: Catherine S Pierce

Publication Title: Springfield, Ohio, City Directory, 1933

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U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1935

Street Address: 615 3d

Residence Place: Marietta, Ohio

Occupation: Salesman

Spouse: Cath Pierce

Publication Title: Marietta, Ohio, City Directory, 1935

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U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1941

Street Address: 615 3d

Residence Place: Marietta, Ohio

Occupation: Salesman

Spouse:

Cath Pierce

Publication Title: Marietta, Ohio, City Directory, 1941

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U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1945

Street Address: h 336 Guernsey av

Residence Place: Columbus, Ohio

Occupation: Manager

Spouse: Cath S Pierce

Publication Title: Columbus, Ohio, City Directory, 1945

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U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 about Arthur Pierce

Name: Arthur Pierce

Gender: Male

Residence Year: 1949

Street Address: 336 Guernsey Av

Residence Place: Columbus, Ohio

Occupation: Manager Max Woche & Son Co

Spouse: Cath S Pierce

Publication Title: Columbus, Ohio, City Directory, 1949

Nancy L secretary Farm Bureau Co-op Assn

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Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918 about Arthur H. Pierce

Name: Arthur H. Pierce

Race: White

Birth Date: 30 Jun 1890

Birth Location: Adams, Massachusetts, USA

Decorations and Awards: [View Image](#)

Rank: [View Image](#)



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Advancement: [View Image](#)

Comments:

I Lieutenant Infantry 27 Nov 1917 from CL. Fort Harrison Ind 27 Aug 1917 to 26 Nov 1917. Captain 5 Nov 1918. 165 Depot Brigade to Discharge Cp Travis Tex; Kelly Field Tex. Honorable discharge 22 Feb 1919.

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U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 about Arthur Harold Pierce

Name: Arthur Harold Pierce

Birth Date: 30 Jun 1890

Birth Place: Adams, Massachusetts

Residence: Marietta, Ohio

Race: White

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Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-2007 about Arthur H Pierce

Name: Arthur H Pierce

Birth Date: 1891

Gender: Male

Race: White

Residence City: Columbus

Residence County: Franklin

Residence State: Ohio

Residence Country: United States

Death Date: 11 Mar 1960

Hospital of Death: Public - Other

City of Death: Columbus (Pt)

County of Death: Franklin

Certificate: 20111

Age at Death: 69

Certifier: Physician

Autopsy: Yes, used for certification

Marital status: Married

Census Tract: 0019

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Web: Columbus, Ohio, Union Cemetery Index, 1847-2012 about Arthur Harold Pierce

Name: Arthur Harold Pierce

Gender: Male

Birth Place: N. Adams MA

Death Date: 11 Mar 1960

Burial Date: 15 Mar 1960

Cemetery: Union Cemetery

Burial Place: Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States

Spouse: Catherine S. Pierce

Father: Harvey Cole Pierce

Mother: Mattie Perrine

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Union Cemetery Association

Name: Arthur Harold Pierce

Date of Birth: 00/00/0000

Location: Union Cemetery Association

NEW CEMETERY-1946 ADDITION

SECTION 03-EAST

Lot :608

Space :1

Age: 69

Place of birth: N. Adams MA

Gender: Male

Veteran: Yes

Date of death: 03/11/1960

Spouse name: Catherine S. Pierce

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Father name: Harvey Cole Pierce

Mother name: Mattie Perrine

Funeral director: Davis, Deyo

Service date: 03/15/1960

Cremated: No

Relation to owner: Husband

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Arthur Harold Pierce and Catherine S had the following child:

- i. NANCY L<sup>5</sup> PIERCE was born about 1928.

Notes for Nancy L Pierce:

1930 United States Federal Census about Nancie L Pierce

Name: Nancie L Pierce

Gender: Female

Birth Year: abt 1928 [abt 1927]

Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Race: White

Home in 1930: Springfield, Clark, Ohio

Map of Home: [View Map 1752 Center Blvd](#)

Marital status: Single

Relation to Head of House: Daughter

Father's Name: Arthur H Pierce

Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Mother's Name: Catherine Pierce

Mother's Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Occupation:

Education:

Military Service:

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace: [View Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name Age

Arthur H Pierce 39 Automobile Agency, Automobile Garage

Catherine Pierce 33

Nancie L Pierce 2 [2 9/12]

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1940 United States Federal Census about Nancy Pierce

Name: Nancy Pierce

Age:12

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1928

Gender: Female

Race: White

Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Marital status: Single

Relation to Head of House: Daughter

Home in 1940: Marietta, Washington, Ohio

Map of Home in 1940: [View Map](#)

Street: Third

House Number: 615

Inferred Residence in 1935: Marietta, Washington, Ohio

Residence in 1935: Same House

Sheet Number: 4B

Attended School or College: Yes

Highest Grade Completed: Elementary school, 8th grade

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

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### Household Members:

Name	Age
Arthur H Pierce	48
Catherine Pierce	43
Nancy Pierce	12

27. **EVA NEWTON<sup>4</sup> OATMAN** (Mary Josephine<sup>3</sup> Newton, Jane L.<sup>2</sup> Pierce, Levi<sup>1</sup> Pierce) was born in 1882. She died on 15 May 1906. She married **FRED DANIEL BUTLER**. He was born on 23 Mar 1880.

### Notes for Eva Newton Oatman:

Oatman-Butler Wedding. Pretty Ceremony at the Home of the Bride in Pittsfield  
Date: Thursday, April 16, 1903 Paper: Springfield Republican (Springfield, MA) Issue: 18 Page: 5  
Fred D. Butler and Miss Eva Newton Oatman were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Oatman, on North Street in Pittsfield, the wedding being attended by about 300 people, including many out-of-town friends and relatives of the young couple. The decorations were elaborate, pink and white being the colors predominating, which, with many potted plants and special electric lights, gave to all of the rooms on the lower floor a conservatory effect. The large piazzas on the south and west sides of the house were enclosed with heavy canvas and were illuminated by colored incandescents. The main hall was tastefully adorned with the branches filled with apple blossoms, and suspended from the leaves and flowers were myriads of silver hearts. A portcullis floral arch led to the dining-room from the hall, also to the west parlor. Apple blossoms were used in profusions about the windows and doors, in addition to the 100 or more palms and Easter lilies prettily arranged in the several apartments. Kingsman's orchestra was stationed behind a bank of palms, and while the guests were arriving rendered a short concert program, mainly of popular airs. Promptly at 8 o'clock the bridal party descended the stairs, and, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, walked slowly into the west parlor. First came the ring bearer, Dorothy M. Kirby, with the ribbon girls, Ruth McKernon and Dorothy Raybold, and they were followed by the ushers, Emory Wright, Frank White, Robert Kent and Roland Thomas. Next in line were the bride maids, Misses Ada Case, Grace L. Cain, Jane Hall and Elizabeth F. Rice, with the maid of honor, Miss M. Agnes Butler, and the bride, leaning upon the arm of her father, brought up the rear. Passing through a floral gate and under an arch formed of an irregular scroll, with lattice-work supported by a pillar, the party entered the south parlor, where they were met by the groom and his best man, Roscoe S. Collin. The young couple, with the best man, maid of honor and the ring-bearer, stood in front of the bay-window under a small-shaped-bower, former of pink silk. This was surmounted by an inverted lattice arch adorned with ribbons tied in lovers' knots, and the rest of the bridal party formed the conventional semi-circle just outside the temporary railing and double gates. Rev. F. W. Lockwood, pastor of the First Baptist church, performed the ceremony, the bride being given away by her father.

A reception followed, Mr. and Mrs. Butler receiving congratulations and well wishes, after which a collation was served by Caterer Shields. The presents, which were many and costly, were shown in two of the rooms on the second floor and included cut glass, silver, china and \$350 in gold coin. The bride's gown was of white satin striped chiffon, over white taffeta with white lace and ribbon garniture. She also wore a white tulle veil and wreath of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of 20 bride roses. The maid of honor was dressed in blue mousseline de soie over blue, trimmed with lace and blue ribbon, and she carried white carnations. The gowns worn by the bridesmaids were of pink mousseline de soie, trimmed with lace and pink roses, and the ring-bearer was attired in white India silk and lace, adorned with white ribbon. The two ribbon girls were dressed in white dimity, the trimmings being pink and blue ribbons, respectively. A pearl and sapphire scarf-pin was the groom's gift to the best man, while the ushers received gold scarf-pins. The bride gave to her maid of honor a pearl and ruby broach, to the bridesmaids gold brooches, to the ring-bearer an opal ring, and to the ribbon girls ivory fans. Mr. Butler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Butler, and is prominent in church work and the social life of the city. Mrs Butler is a graduate of the Pittsfield High School, class of 1901 (same as Clara Pierce), and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The couple left on a late train last night for New York and Washington and will be at home at 536 North Street after June 1.

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Berkshire County. Pittsfield

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 1906 Paper: Springfield Republican (Springfield, MA) Issue: 44 Page: 9

Death of Mrs. Eva Newton Butler.

Mrs. Eva Newton Butler, 23, wife of Fred D. Butler, died yesterday at the home of her parents, Editor and Mrs William J. Oatman, 536 North Street. Mrs. Butler was born in Pittsfield and passed all of her life in that city. She graduated from the local high school in 1901 and two years later became the wife of Mr. Butler. Previous to her marriage she taught for some time a Sunday School class in the First Baptist church, and since 1902 was a member of the Methodist church. A daughter was born to Mrs. Oatman yesterday morning. Besides the child, Mrs Butler leaves her husband and parents. Mr. Oatman announced yesterday afternoon that owing to the death of his daughter the Pittsfield Daily Times will not be published the remainder of the week.

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The daughter is Virginia Irene Butler, 536 North Street, Birthplace Same, d/o Frederick Daniel Butler, Lumber Dealer and Eva Newton Oatman

Freddie Butler b. March 23, 1891

s/o Charles and Ida Francis, Lumber Dealer

Fred Daniel Butler and Eva Newton Oatman had the following child:

- i. VIRGINIA IRENE<sup>5</sup> BUTLER was born on 15 May 1906 in 536 North St, Pittsfield, MA.