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**ALBIN WESLEY PIERCE**

**and**

**Mabel Temple**

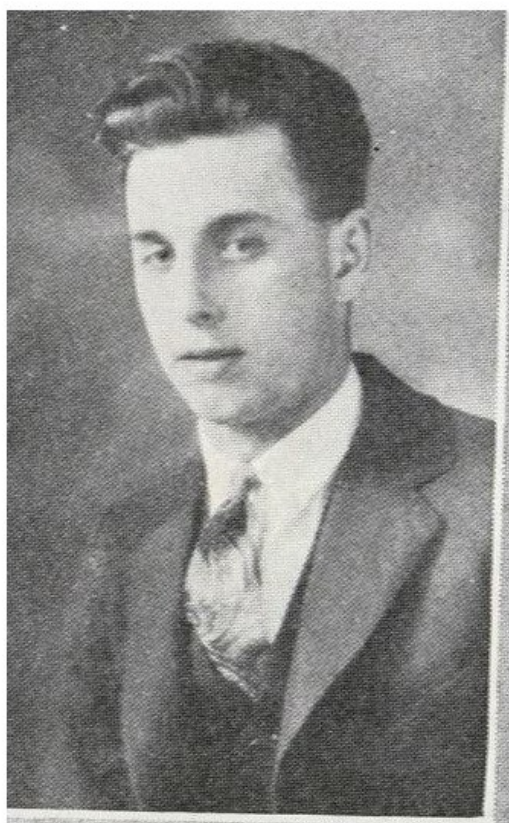
Clifton and Fairfield NJ

**Edward Pearce branch #3, generation #6.**



1967 photo by Glen. The Albin and Mabel Pierce homestead at 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield NJ. Glen was raised here ages 4 to 11.

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**Albin Wesley Pierce 1924**  
**Born 9/3/1905**



**AWP - 1960 in Fairfield, Essex County NJ.**  
**Generation 6**

**"When you are old and  
 grey and full of sleep.**

**And nodding by the  
 fire, take down this  
 book.**

**And slowly read, and  
 dream of the soft  
 look,**

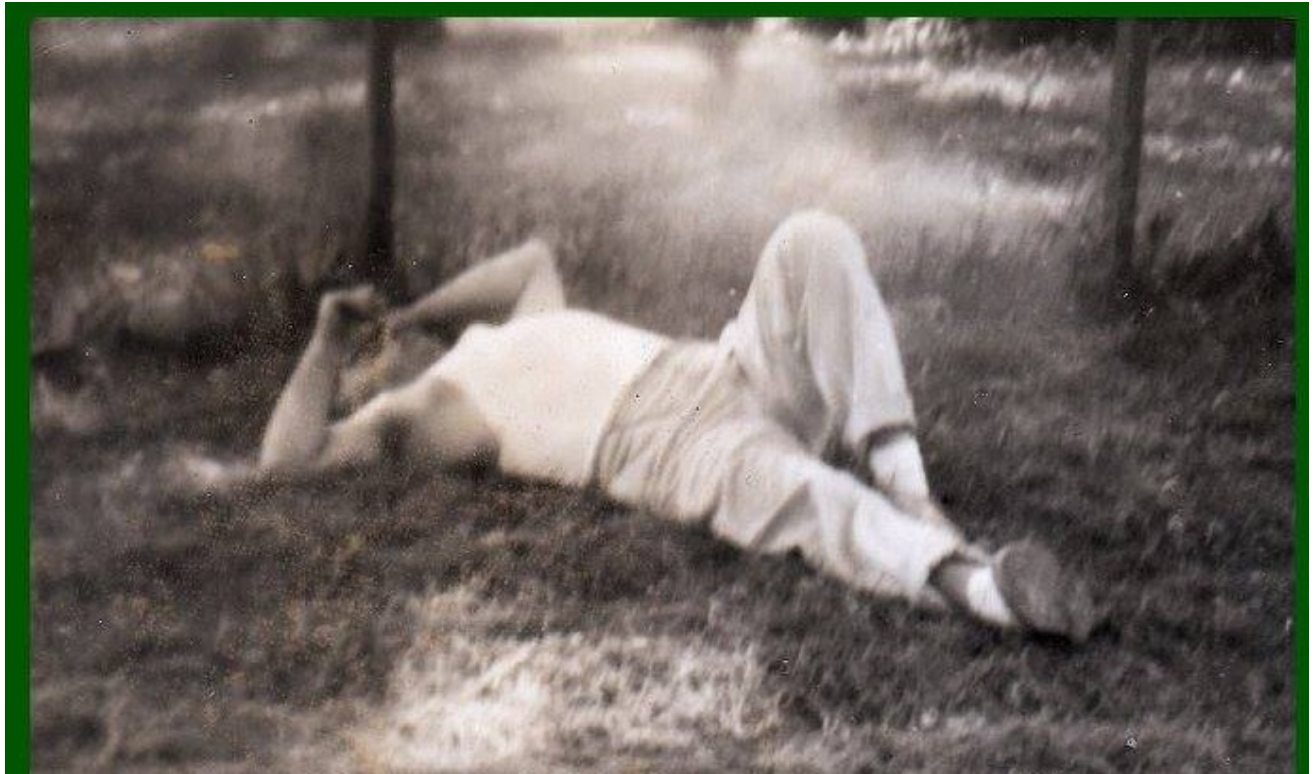
**Your eyes had once."**

**GRAMP**

**1905 - 1967**

**"When You Are Old" by  
 William Butler Yeats**

About 1943, Albin Pierce taking a break. He drafted and built his own home at 16 Glen Ave. He was a talented artist.



Albert helped until he joined the Navy in 1943 while still a senior at Caldwell High School. Ellis and George did a lot of work.





Albin Pierce. Maybe 1941 before WW2. Possibly Joe in background.



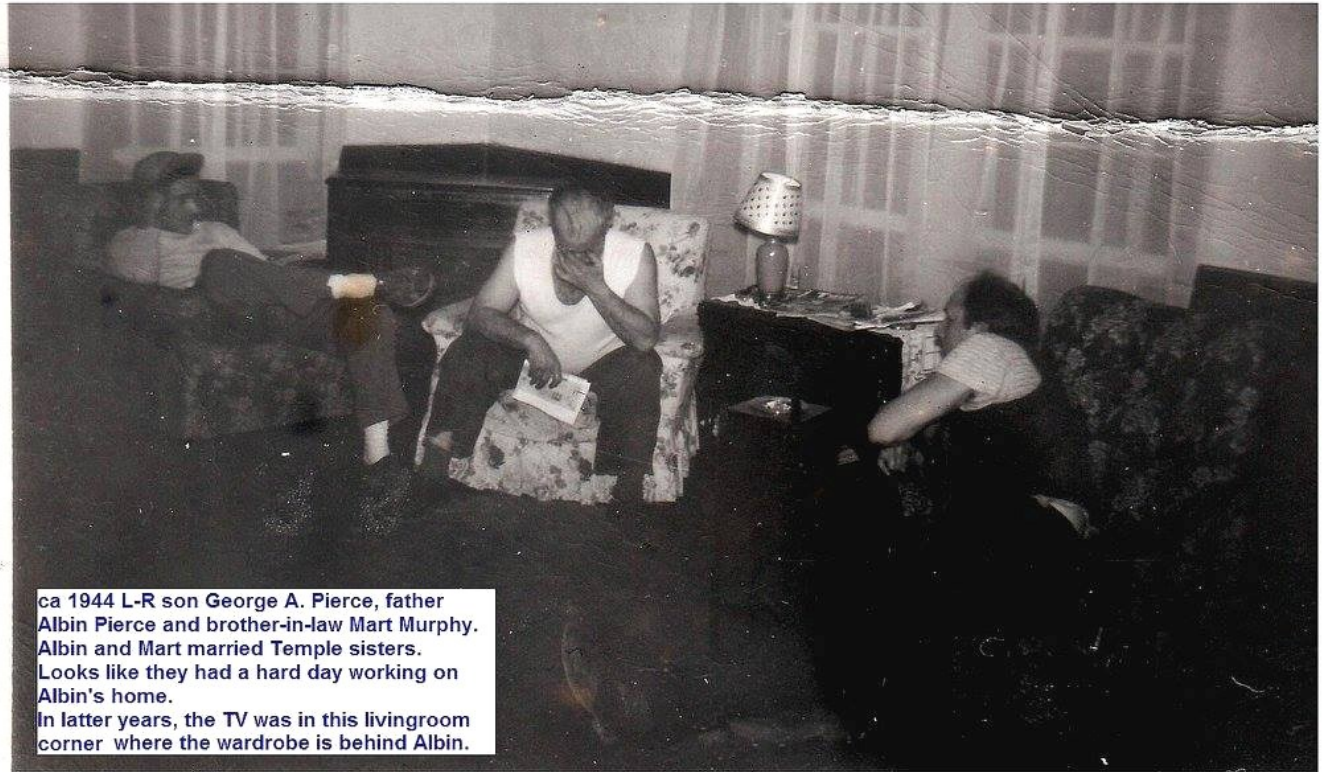
Ca 1941-42 Albin Pierce rented this home from [Hap Mowrey](#). It was a converted barn at 23 Little Falls Road, Fairfield NJ. Albin lived on the left side. Harold Courter's home is on the right, far back.

Hap (Stephen) is buried at Hillside Cemetery. He had a varied career: Fairfield Mayor and West Essex HS bus driver. He enters the Pierce tree via Courter's.



1940's 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield NJ





ca 1944 L-R son George A. Pierce, father Albin Pierce and brother-in-law Mart Murphy. Albin and Mart married Temple sisters. Looks like they had a hard day working on Albin's home.  
In latter years, the TV was in this livingroom corner where the wardrobe is behind Albin.



**ca 1943-44 Albin working weekends building his fireplace chimney.**



**ca 1943 Albin at front left side of his home. See oil furnace chimney in rear.**

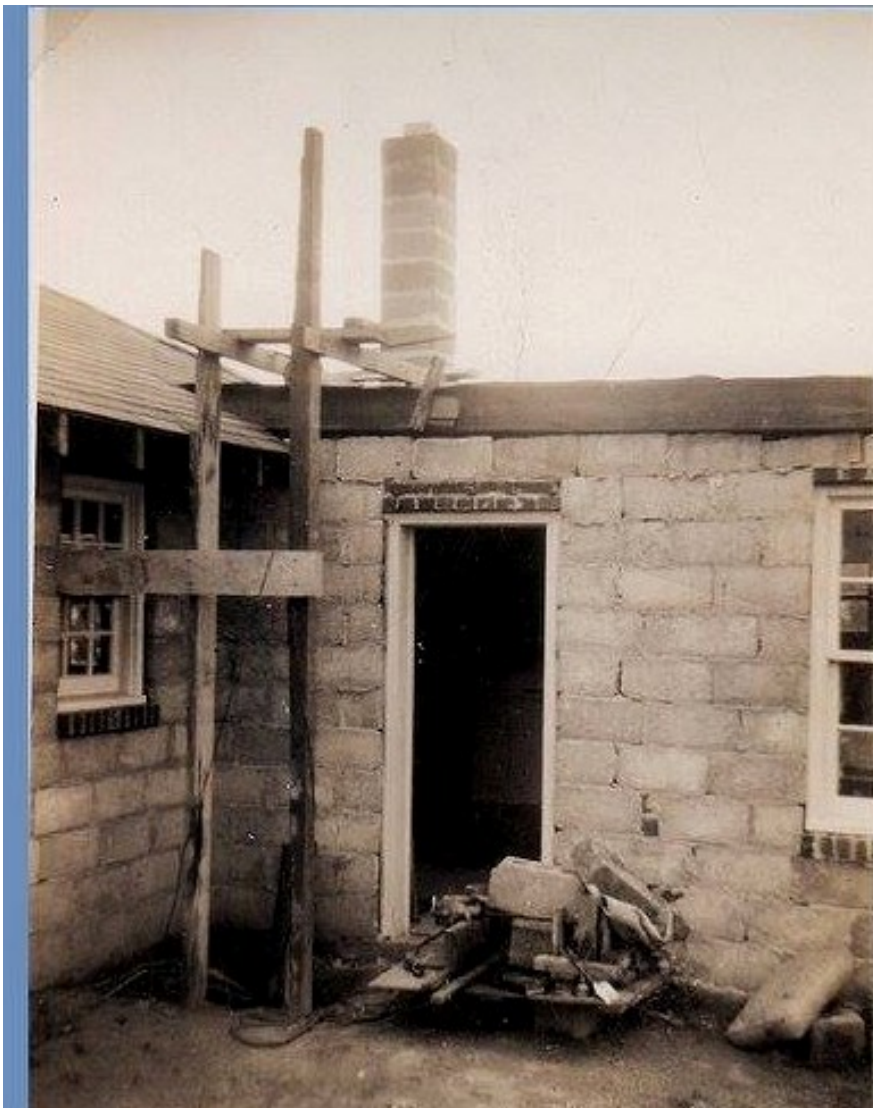




Front.

Livingroom on right.

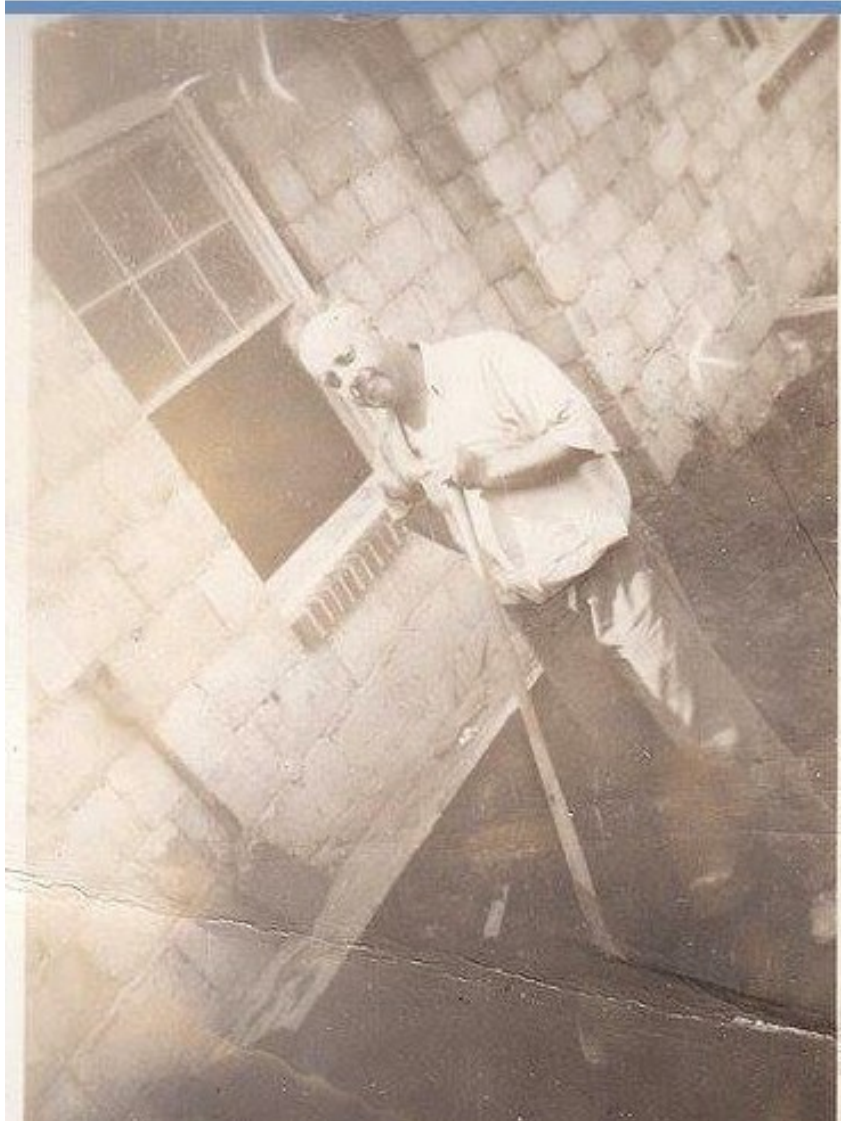
Dining room on left.



16 Glen Ave,  
Fairfield NJ

Backdoor into  
the kitchen.

The left corner  
is for the water  
pump.



Albin Pierce



Ca 1943—Albin Pierce shoveling snow at their rental home in Fairfield NJ. Stephen 'Hap' Mowrey owned the home.





1940's 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield NJ

Photo maybe looking down Glen Ave towards today's Colt Street. This area was once a 300 acre Van Ness farm. Lot's of woods.



Oil Tank to be put underground.

The “shack” is in the backyard. It was used about 5 years as their home while building the main home.



Albert digging in front by the garage. In 1957, Albert and Georgette had their wedding reception in this garage. Looked nice.



The “**Shack**”.

About 1942—1946

The family lived in this shack while they built the home.

There was a bedroom on the left for Albin and Mabel. The rest of the shack was wide open for the 4 boys.

There was a hot belly stove. Probably an out house somewhere.



Joe by the shack.

Their big brown dog named Tippy slept under the shack.





Shack in the back. Probably the 1947 Blizzard that Glen was born in.



Backyard. Albin with son Joe Pierce.

Joe looks about age 7 in this photo. If so, then this would be 1944 or 1945. Albert was in the Navy.

I see a water hand pump next to Albin.



Looks like George on left and Joe on right.





ca 1944 woods down Glen Ave, probably 100 feet past the Colt St. intersection. A well worn path entered the woods filled with Birch trees and a large deep stream that carried down to the Passaic River. You could see deer. It was quiet except for the sounds of nature. I often went back there after school when I was around ages 8 to 12.

I remember for Winter 1955 cub scouts, I needed to make an Indian Tom-Tom. Uncle Joe was always creative. He found a Birch tree; sliced the bark. Back at Albin's house where we lived, Joe put the bark over steaming pans of water. Gradually, the bark was pliable. Soon I had a Tom-Tom.



ca 1944 McDougald Creek near the middle of New Dutch Lane, Fairfield, NJ.



ca 1944 McDougald Creek, Fairfield NJ





Albin and Mabel Pierce, 16 Glen Ave home. ca 1946

Albin and Mabel Pierce loved to read the newspapers.  
They are reading at the end of the Livingroom.



Grandma Louise in  
white dress.

Her son Albin in rear.

Grandson Joe in front.  
Mabel in black.

Do not know who is in  
the middle.

About 1945





Mabel on left, Albin center and Louise on right. About 1945.  
House is still being built.



**Tippy, the reddish colored dog petted by Mabel as  
Allie and Louise read.**



Albin Pierce. Not sure where photo taken.



**Albin Pierce. Maybe 1942 by his Fairfield "Shack".**





**ca 1946 Joe Pierce and Otto Temple.**

Zirk's Farm is in the back area past the fence.



Late 1940s. The Flynn's would later live on right side.







About 1947, Albin and Mabel home. Mabel proudly watered the roses everyday. In a year or two, the entire garage wall was full of roses.





Albin Pierce car, 1948 Chevy with 1950 plates.

Albin used white birch trees as a fence. I remember Albert putting up a big fence around 1954. Future Ellis Pierce property across the street (not the home in far area).



ca 1948 at Albin - Mabel Pierce home, 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield NJ



July 1949 getting ready for Jane and Ellis Pierce wedding at Albin home.

Glen: I remember the 7/22/1949 wedding which started at dusk.



1963 Albin Pierce home.





1967 Albin and Mabel Pierce homestead.



2/1974 Mabel Pierce home. She died 3/29/1974.  
Glen got last photos of home.





1974 Albin home.





1974 Albin and Mabel Pierce homestead. Front.





2/1974 Mabel side yard.



