Chapter 01227 **1885**

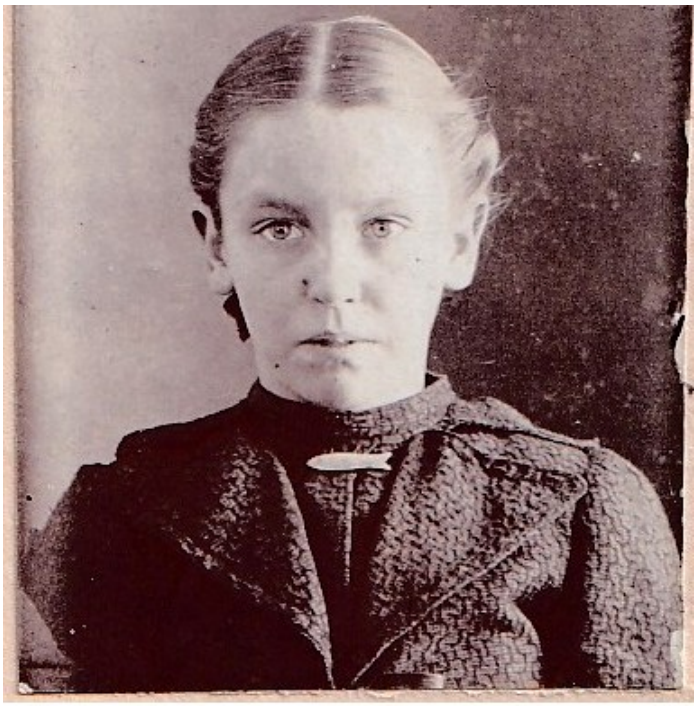
JESSIE PEARL PIERCE
1885—1950 (65)

Mauston Wisconsin and
Nora Springs, Iowa

George Pearce branch #5, generation #6.

Jessie is a 3rd great granddaughter of Henry Pearce #1

Jessie is the same generation as cousin Albin Pierce.
She was born 20 years before Albin.



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Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Jessie Pearl PIERCE

Jessie Pearl PIERCE is the 3rd great granddaughter of Henry PEARCE

Self

Henry PEARCE
b: 25 Jul 1725
England
d: 08 Jul 1788
Fairfield, NJ
1

Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR
b: 06 May 1737
England
d: 16 Oct 1814
Fairfield, NJ
1

Son

George PEARCE
b: 05 Jan 1779
England
d: 15 Nov 1853
2

2nd great grandson

Byard Watson PIERCE
b: 03 Sep 1860
Fairfield, NJ
d: 23 Mar 1934
5

Grandson

William M. PEARCE
b: 1810
Fairfield, NJ
d: 17 May 1867
3

3rd great granddaughter

Jessie Pearl PIERCE
b: 07 Apr 1885
Mauston, Wisconsin
d: 13 Apr 1950
Nora Springs, Iowa
6
Gen #6

Great grandson

Reuben 'Civ War' PIERCE
b: 09 Apr 1838
Caldwell, NJ
d: Abt. 1879
NJ
4

Jessie is the daughter of Byard Watson PIERCE and Roba HOLLAND. Jessie was the 3rd child of 5.

In the garden, **1930s** ??

L-R standing:

Walter Byard Pierce	9/12/1894—1/2/1961	(66)
Edward Holland Pierce	7/20/1883—1/17/1863	(79)
Benjamin Harrison Pierce	8/16/1888—7/6/1954	(65)

Seated:

Byard Watson Pierce	9/3/1860 - 3/23/1934	(73)
Jessie Pearl Pierce	4/7/1885 - 4/13/1950	(65)
Roba Holland Pierce	12/17/1863—8/23/1942	(78)

Photo in 2025 from **Mrs. Dorothy Marie Olson Pierce**

Reuben 'Civ War' & Emeline	Edward William & Martha Holland
Byard Watson PIERCE 1 **Born:** 03 Sep 1860 Fairfield, NJ **Died:** 23 Mar 1934	**Roba HOLLAND** **Born:** 17 Dec 1863 Fairfield, NJ **Died:** 23 Aug 1942

Marriage: 12 Oct 1882 in Mauston, Wisconsin

Go	Children: 5	Sex	Birth	Death
◁	Byard Herbert PIERCE	M	20 Jul 1883 in Lemonweir, WI	02 Jan 1961
◀	Edward Holland PIERCE	M	20 Jul 1883 in Lemonweir, WI	17 Jan 1963
◀	Jessica Pearl "Jessie' PIERCE	F	07 Apr 1885 in Mauston, Wisconsin	13 Apr 1950 in Nora Springs, Iowa
◀	Benjamin Harrison "Ben" PIER...	M	16 Aug 1888 in Lemonweir, Wisc	06 Jul 1954
◁	Walter Byard PIERCE	M	12 Sep 1894 in Mauston, Juneau Cty, WI	02 Jan 1961 in WI

Before 1919, sisters Mrs. Emma Holland Allen and Mrs. Roba Holland Pierce

Roba on the right was Jessie's mother.

Photo from Mrs. Dorothy Olson Pierce and Mrs. Cindy Allen Bertino.

1st marriage for Jessie: Bill died.

+ Add Parents | Byard Watson & Roba

William B. 'Bill' McMillian 1
Born: 1885
Ohio
Died: 19 Oct 1917
Oakwood Cem, Mauston, Wisconsin

Jessie Pearl PIERCE
Born: 07 Apr 1885
Mauston, Wisconsin
Died: 13 Apr 1950
Nora Springs, Iowa

Marriage: 04 Dec 1914 in Mauston, WI

Go	Children: 1	Sex	Birth	Death
◀	Dorothy Roba McMillian	F	23 Dec 1915 in Mauston, WI	12 Nov 1993 in Arcata, CA

2nd marriage for Jessie: Seymer died.

Sherman & Ann | Byard Watson & Roba

Seymer Henry Rector 1
Born: 15 Mar 1883
South Dakota
Died: 17 Aug 1943
Nora Springs, Iowa

Jessie Pearl PIERCE
Born: 07 Apr 1885
Mauston, Wisconsin
Died: 13 Apr 1950
Nora Springs, Iowa

Marriage: 04 Dec 1919 in Mason City, Iowa

Go	Children: 1	Sex	Birth	Death
◁	William Edward Rector	M	18 Sep 1920 in Nora Springs, Iowa	02 May 1931 in Hampton, Iowa

3rd marriage for Jessie : Brother to Seymour Rector

Sherman & Ann | Byard Watson & Roba

Edwin James Rector 1
Born: 22 Sep 1876
Illinois
Died: 06 May 1959
Iowa

Jessie Pearl PIERCE
Born: 07 Apr 1885
Mauston, Wisconsin
Died: 13 Apr 1950
Nora Springs, Iowa

Marriage: 13 Oct 1944

Go	Children: 0	Sex	Birth	Death

Jessie Pearl PIERCE
1885 - 1950 (65)

Jessie married 3 times; the first two husbands died during the marriage.

Jessie bore 2 children:

With husband #1 Bill McMillian, Dorothy Roba McMillian 12/23/1915—11/12/1993 (77) who married Kenneth Walton.

and
With husband #2 Seymour Rector, William Edward Rector 9/18/1920—5/2/1931 (11). Farming accident.

Photo from **Mrs. Dorothy Olson Pierce**.

10/13/1944 Marriage #3 of 3. Edwin James Rector age 68 and Jessica Pearl "Jessie' PIERCE age 59. Ed was the brother to Seymour who died 16 months earlier in a farming accident.

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The penalty for neglect to make return to the Clerk of District Court, within 15 days by the person solemnizing marriage is $50. Code, Section 3146

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Return of Marriage to Clerk of District Court

Cerro Gordo COUNTY

1. Full name of GROOM Edwin Rector
2. Place of Residence Modesta Calif
3. Occupation Gardener
4. Age next birthday 68 years. Color white Nationality American
5. Place of birth McHenry Co. Illinois
6. Father's name Sherman Rector
7. Mother's maiden name Ann Baldock
8. Number of GROOM'S marriage 2
9. Physician signing Groom's certificate Dr Bascom
   Address Nora Springs Ia
10. Full name of BRIDE Jessie Rector
    Maiden name if a widow
11. Place of residence Nora Springs Ia
12. Age next birthday 59 years. Color white Nationality American
13. Place of birth Mauston, Wis
14. Father's name Byard Pierce
15. Mother's maiden name Roba Holland
16. Number of Bride's marriage 2
17. Physician signing Bride's certificate Dr Bascom
    Address Nora Springs, Ia
18. Witnesses to marriage L. Jensen A. P. Staker

N. B. At Nos. 8 and 16 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, etc., marriage of each. At 18 give names of subscribing witnesses to the marriage certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

October 13, A. D. 1944

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Edwin Rector Groom

Jessie Rector Bride
(Name of Bride Before This Marriage)

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

At Mason City Iowa Verne A Mettler
(Person Officiating)

this 13 day of October 1944 Justice of the Peace
(Office)

William age 11 fell from a farming manure spreader that crushed his head and died. He was Jessie's 2nd child.

West Fork Cemetery, *Dougherty*, **Iowa**.

Globe-Gazette, Mason City, Iowa · Thurs, 8/19/1943

Seymer Henry Rector 3/15/1883—**8/17/1943** age 60 died in Iowa.

S. RECTOR DIES IN MASON CITY

Rites Will Be Friday; Burial Near Sheffield

NORA SPRINGS—Seymer H. Rector, 60, died at 11:20 a. m. Tuesday, in a Mason City hospital, where he underwent an operation three weeks ago.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Sheckler funeral home. Burial will be at West Fork cemetery, several miles east of Sheffield.

Seymer Henry Rector was born March 15, 1883, in South Dakota. He was a son of Sherman and Anna Rector. Most of his life was spent in the vicinity of Hampton and Aredale. He moved to Nora Springs from Aredale five years ago, March 1, 1938. He worked on the section crew of the Rock Island railroad for the last two

2nd husband of Jessie Pierce.

Seymer Rector
1883 - 1943 (60)
2nd hus of Jessie Pierce

summers. Since March 18 he had been employed by the Decker packing company in Mason City.

He was married to Mrs. Jessie McMillan of Mauston, Wis., at Mauston on Dec. 4, 1919. One son, William Edward, was born to them. He was fatally injured in 1931 at the age of 10, suffering a skull fracture when he was thrown from a manure spreader.

Survivors are the widow; a step-daughter, whom he had reared since she was 4 years old, Mrs. Kenneth Walton of Arcata, Cal., and her two children, Floyd and Betty; two brothers, Ed Rector of Modesto, Cal., and Alonzo Rector of South Dakota; and a sister, Mrs. Mattie Jones of Miltonvale, Kans.

Jessie died in 1950. Her 3rd husband Ed, brother to deceased Seymer, had Jessie buried with his brother Seymer.

West Fork Cemetery, *Dougherty*, **Iowa**.

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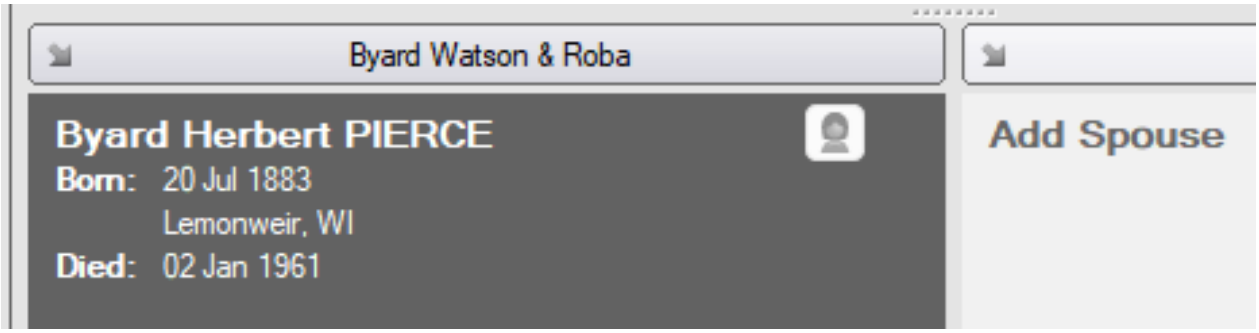
Byard Watson & Roba	James William & Anna
Edward Holland PIERCE 1 **Born:** 20 Jul 1883 Lemonweir, WI **Died:** 17 Jan 1963	**Susan Anna GOUGH** **Born:** 17 Oct 1888 Belvidere, Illinois **Died:** 15 Jan 1988

Marriage: 19 Feb 1920

Go	Children: 3	Sex	Birth	Death
	George Edward PIERCE	M	19 Nov 1920 in Mauston, WI	
	James William 'Jim' PIERCE	M	02 Dec 1922 in Mauston, Wisconsin	24 Mar 1986
	Edward Walter 'Ed' PIERCE	M	21 Feb 1931 in Mauston, Wisconsin	13 Aug 2018 in Fort Valley, Georgia

4/14/25 Dorothy—do you know anything about **Byard Herbert Pierce ?**

Do you know his cemetery??

He was the son of Byard Watson Pierce and Roba Holland.