**Chapter 05501** **1946**

**C. ELLIS PIERCE**

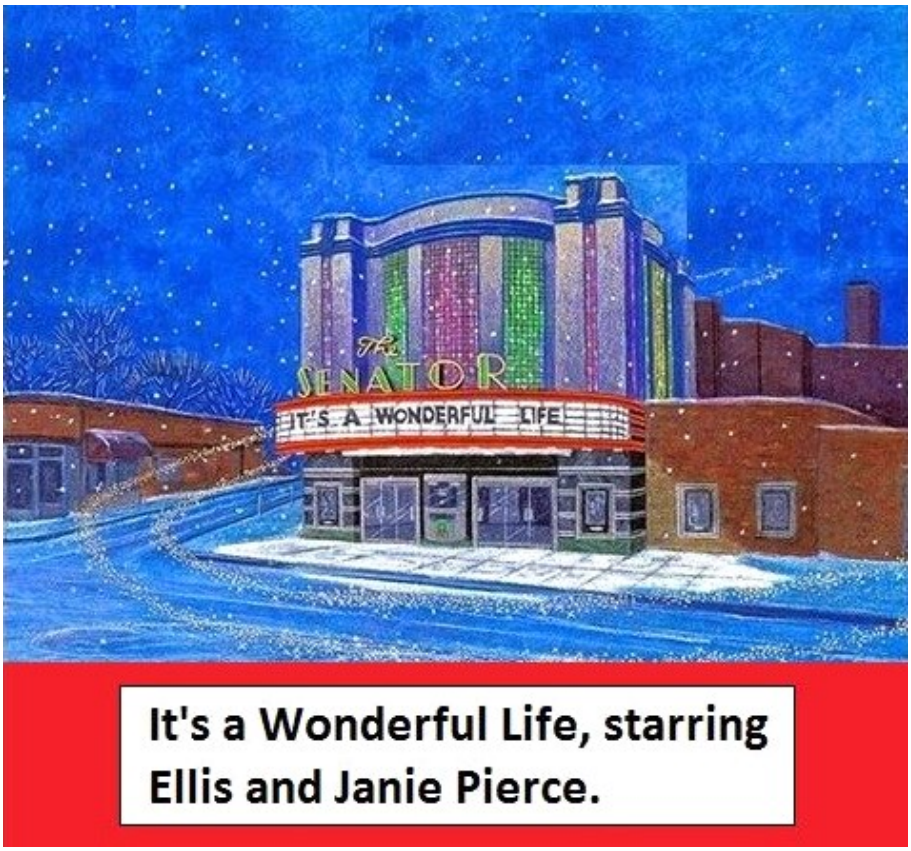
**And**

**L. J. JANIE NELSON**

Fairfield NJ and

**Edward Pearce branch #3, generation #7.**

Ellis is a 4th great grandson of Henry Pearce #1

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## Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Charles Ellis 'Ellis' PIERCE

Charles Ellis 'Ellis' PIERCE is the 4th great grandson of Henry PEARCE

Self

**1** **Henry PEARCE**
b: 7/25/1725
England
d: 7/8/1788
Fairfield, NJ

**Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR**
b: 5/6/1737
England
d: 10/16/1814
Fairfield, NJ

Son

**2** **Edward PEARCE**
b: 12/2/1773
England
d: 7/26/1834

2nd great grandson

**5** **Charles Small 'Charlie' PIERCE**
b: 12/20/1883
Possibly Cedar Grove, NJ
d: 5/5/1944

Grandson

**3** **Joseph PIERCE**
b: 7/2/1814
Fairfield, NJ
d: 2/4/1885
Fairfield, NJ

3rd great grandson

**6** **Albin Wesley 'Allie' PIERCE**
b: 9/3/1905
Paterson, NJ
d: 4/17/1967

Great grandson

**4** **Albert Wesley PIERCE**
b: 7/16/1859
Horseneck Rd, Fairfield, NJ
d: 10/17/1931
Fairfield, NJ

4th great grandson

**7** **Charles Ellis 'Ellis' PIERCE**
b: 1/30/1928
Clifton, NJ
d: 12/16/1995

**Ellis Pierce**

**1932**

**Age 4.**

Ca 1938 L-R brother’s Ellis and George Pierce.

Appears to be the Otto Temple house in Totowa NJ.

Ca 1944

**ca 1944 Ellis left, George right, Joe in front, taken at 23 Little Falls Rd, Fairfield NJ. Place is now the Penn Federal Savings bank. Pierce**

**ca 1942 Ellis Pierce dressed up at his parents work in progress home.**
**Not sure of the year.**

# 2010 story written by Janie's kids.

**Lillian Janie Nelson Pierce, What a wonderful LIFE….**

Jane Nelson was born in Knox, N.Y., December 17th, 1930. She was the middle daughter of Vera and John Nelson. She had two sisters, May was her older sister by two years and Martha was her young sister by two years.

Her father built a quaint little house in Knox, N.Y. Mom's main memory of the Knox NY home was when her house burned down when she was 3 years old. The family bought some land in Altamont, N.Y. where her Daddy built another beautiful home and he had a small gas station put in the front of their home that Vera managed while her Dad worked in the Bayer Aspirin Plant.

Altamont is a small town at the foothills of the Bozen Kill Mountain range in upstate N.Y. Her memories of this town have never left her… the train station in the center of town, the general store, colonial homes along main street where all her friends lived, the Reformed church where she sang with her sisters, her piano teacher that lived down town. Everything was within walking distance and everyone knew each other and helped one another during good and bad times.

At 11 years old while in the 6th grade her Daddy was diagnosed with cancer. It was devastating news to their family. He was in his early 30's with a young family. On December 7th 1940 12/7/1941 she remembers listening to the radio with her dad when the news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor was broadcasted. After the New Year her Dad had to go to the hospital and Janie had the opportunity to sing with her sisters on the radio so her daddy could hear them. They sang " Dear old Daddy" and," The Yellow Rose of Texas"…He died January 30th,1941. 1942

Growing up her favorite dog was Judy. Judy would walk to school with the girls everyday. One day Janie left Judy at the school and her Mom made her go back to the school in the dark to get Judy. Judy was so faithful that she never left the school. Janie's mother was a wonderful homemaker and she encouraged her daughters to make their cloths. Janie would make her own broom stick skirts from seed bags and curtains towels. Janie learned allot from her mother and cherished the memories of her childhood home.

Janie played the piano as a child and was admired by her friends for her musical talents. In 7th grade she left Altamont and moved to Schenectady NY after her Dad died. Janie spent summers at the Gage Farms where she lived a life a prestige. She would board a train in Schenectady and head to Altamont to visit the Gage family. She has great memories of her time at the Gages Farm. The Gage family owned the Gage Publishing company in Montclair, NJ. The Gage family loved little Janie, so much that they wanted to adopt her, but Janie wouldn't have it. She loved her family dearly and didn't want to be separated from them,

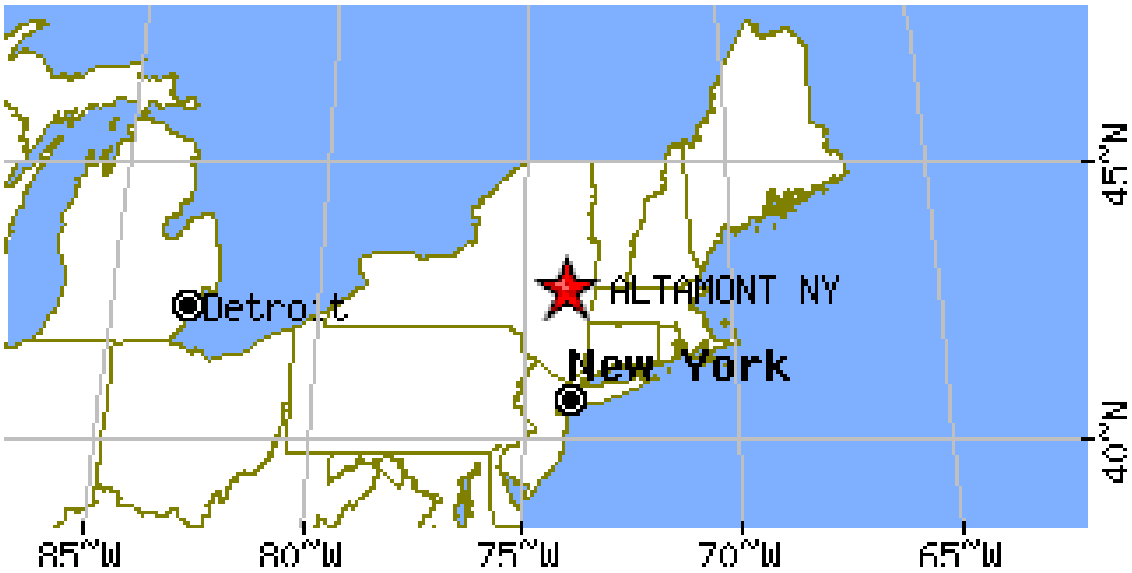
In 1941 the family moved to Schenectady NY where her mother worked at the GE plant to support the family. That was a difficult time in her life and within a two years they decided to leave the area and move to Montclair, NJ.

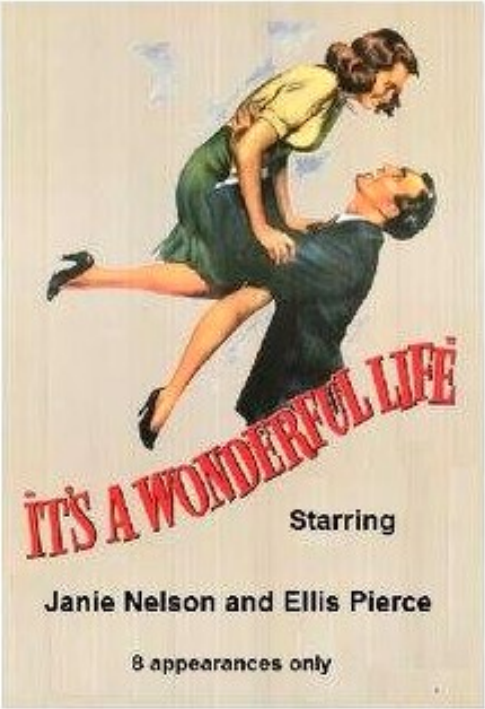
Janie attended high school in NJ. She had so many wonderful friends in Grover Cleveland High School. In her senior year of high school she met Ellis Pierce at Boulder Beach. Ellis just returned home from the war. Janie thought Ellis was so good looking. They fell in love quickly and soon after they were engaged to be married. Ellis bought Janie a beautiful blue cut diamond ring for their engagement. On July 21, 1949 they were married, it was the hottest day of the year, but no matter they were in love and headed to Greenwood lake for their honeymoon and then on to Niagra Falls.

Ellis and Janie had a great life together. They had a quiver full of children, 8 in all. Charlie, Jane Ann, Mark, Joane, June, Tommy, Todd and Jill. They loved their children well through the years. They live in many different places, but the most memorable was the old green house. Janie tended to the garden, picked berries and loved having big gatherings. She worked hard taking care of the animals in the barn and in the house. The winters were hard, but Janie endured and loved her family through the good and the difficult times. She made her famous home made bread and loved to serve her family and many friends throughout the years. We always had just enough to eat weather it be watercress from the pond or road kill brought home from Todd Janie was a bit of a health nut and kept her family loaded with vitamins and farm fresh foods. She loved us well.

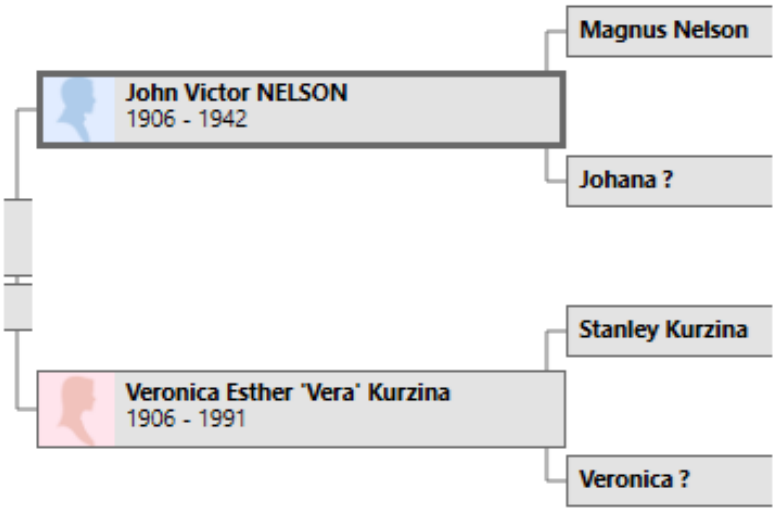
Out of her 8 children, Janie has been blessed with 21 Grandchildren and 1 great Grandchild on the way. She is loved and cherished deeply by her family and friends. She 1s a Proverbs 31 Women to her family. "
***"Her children arise and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things but you surpass then all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting: but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised".***

**Thank you mom for all the love and memories…we will treasure them forever!!**



# John Nelson family




Magnus & Johana | Stanley & Veronica

**John Victor NELSON**
**Born:** 5/9/1906
Knox, NY
**Died:** 1/30/1942
NY

**Veronica Esther 'Vera' Kurzina**
**Born:** 9/1906
**Died:** 9/1991
Broadablin NY

**Marriage:** 8/25/1928 in Altamont, New York

| Go | Children: 3 | Sex | Birth | Death |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ◁ | Vera Mae 'Mae' NELSON | F | 11/2/1929 in Knox, NY | 11/15/2012 |
| ◀ | Lillian Jane 'Janie' NELSON | F | 12/17/1930 in Knox, NY | 12/15/2018 |
| ◀ | Martha 'Martie' Helen NELSON | F | 1933 in Guilderland Town, Albany, New York | 1980 |

Janie Nelson married Ellis Pierce on 7/22/1949.

Ca 1934 mom Vera and her children L-R Janie age 4 and Mae age 5.  Photo probably taken at Knox, NY.

Glen remembers Grammie Kamper (Vera) as a happy person. She got along well with Mabel Temple Pierce.

**John Victor Nelson** was Janie Nelson's father.  Janie married Ellis Pierce in 1949.

John was born 5/9/1906 in Knox, New York and died 1/30/1942 age 35 in NY state.  He rests at Fairview Cemetery, Altamont, NY.

Apparently, John was a **Freemason** based on the tombstone symbol.

John was 5 feet 7.5 inches in height and weight 145.  Light complextion, brown hair, blue eyes.  He married Veronica Esther 'Vera' Kurzina on 8/25/1928.

John died from Cancer.  He left his wife Vera age 35, Mae 12, Janie 11 and Martie 8.

**1946** Grover Cleveland High School, Caldwell, NJ.

Senior class book. I don't know why he used "Jr."

CHARLES ELLIS PIERCE, JR.

"Pierce"

*"He's a great guy — what a line!*
*A better fellow isn't easy to find."*

Pet Aversion: Homework. Main Interest: Pat. Noted for: Making a dull class interesting. Destined to be: Successful in all his endeavors.

**WW2 draft registration**. I wonder why Ellis used his Uncle Charlie for notifications.

WW2 was over in 1945.

After high school, Ellis age 18 enlisted 7/18/1946 as a post WW2 Army infantryman. Discharged 5/21/1948.

**Registration Date: 30 Jan 1946**

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

**REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)**
**(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)**

SERIAL NUMBER: W 436

1. NAME (Print): Charles (First) Ellis (Middle) Pierce (Last)

ORDER NUMBER: 13170

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print): R. D. Little Falls Road, (Number and street) Caldwell Twp., (Town, township, village, or city) Essex (County) N.J. (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS: same
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE: Ca 6-1655-J (Exchange) (Number)

5. AGE IN YEARS: 18

DATE OF BIRTH: Jan. 30, 1928 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)

6. PLACE OF BIRTH: Clifton (Town or county) New Jersey (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Charles F. Pierce--Montclair, N. J. (uncle)

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Charles E. Pierce
(Registrant's signature)

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) c16—21630-4 (OVER)

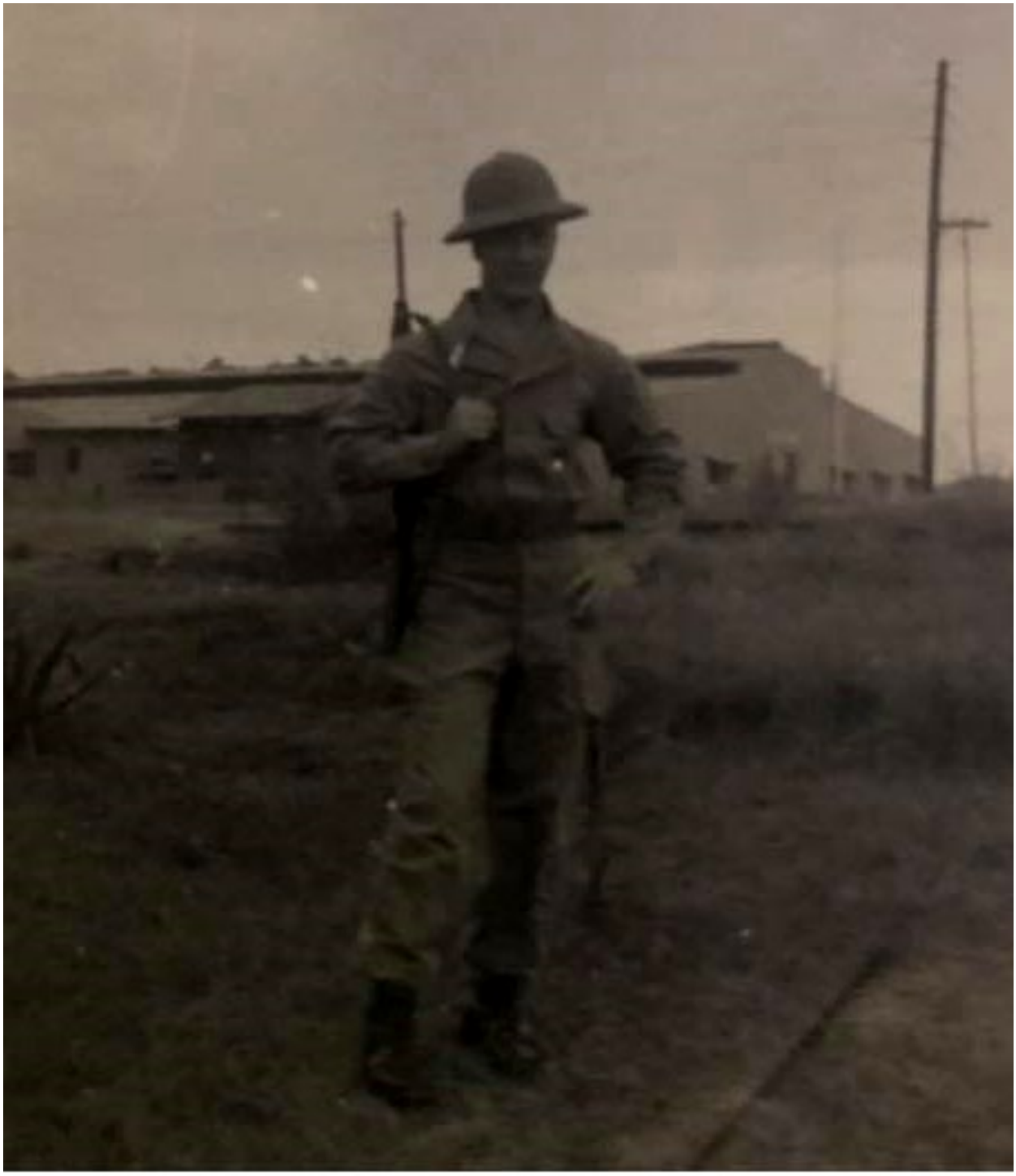
US Army enlisted 7/18/1946

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | Charles E Pierce |
| Gender | Male |
| Birth Date | 30 Jan 1928 |
| Death Date | 16 Dec 1995 |
| SSN | 158202142 |
| Enlistment Branch | ARMY |
| Enlistment Date | 18 Jul 1946 |
| Discharge Date | 21 May 1948 |

US Army, 29 Engineers Aero Photo unit.

WE CLEAR THE WAY

1946 Ellis Pierce, age 18, US Army infantryman.
Enlisted 7/18/1946.  Discharged 5/21/1948.



**1946 Ellis Pierce, US Army**

7/22/1949 late in the day. Ellis and Janie's wedding held on the front lawn at 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield NJ; Albin and Mabel's home. Miss Bernice Murphy with bouquet in front, Janie's sister Martha Nelson behind. Future father-in-law Albin Pierce escorted Janie. Jane's father died in 1942.

The reception was held in the garage.  Same place used in 1957 by Albert and Georgette Pierce.  Life was simple and so were budgets.

Best man looks like his brother George.

20 months old Glen Pierce can remember this event.

7/22/1949 cutting the cake Ellis and Janie Pierce.

7/22/1949 at Albin and Mabel's home.
L-R Albin, Mabel, Ellis, Janie and Vera (Janie's mom).

# Jane L. Nelson, Charles E. Pierce Wed In Caldwell

Miss Jane Lillian Nelson, daughter of Mrs. John Nelson and the late John Nelson, of Amsterdam, N. Y., became the bride of Charles Ellis Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin W. Pierce, of Glen Avenue, Caldwell Township, recently.

The ceremony was performed on the lawn of the Pierce residence by the Rev. E. W. Geitner, with a garden reception following the wedding.

The lawn of the home was decorated with palms, ferns, laurel and gladioli.

The bride wore a colonial gown of imported French marquisette trimmed with Chantily lace, a nylon illusion neckline and a fingertip French illusion veil. She carried a colonial bouquet of white

roses, stephanotis and babies breath with white silk streamers.

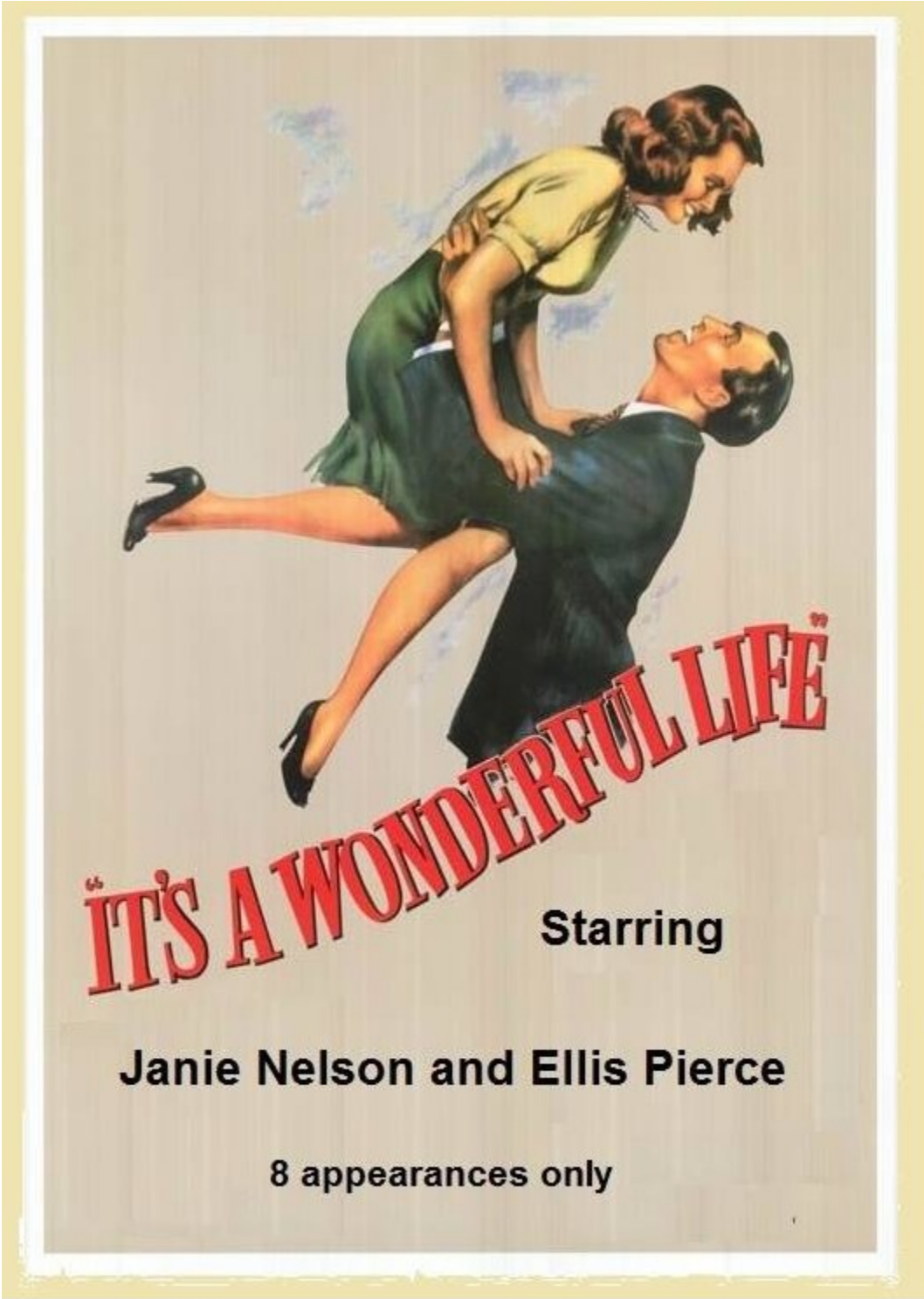
The maid of honor, Miss Martha Helen Nelson, of Montclair, sister of the bride, wore an Alice blue gown starched with ninon with a sweetheart neckline and contrasting peach blossom coronet. Her colonial bouquet consisted of pink roses with peach blossom streamers. The bridesmaid, Miss Bernice Marie Murphy, of Totowa Borough, wore a gown of brocaded peach blossom starched flock broadcloth with a sweetheart neckline and Alice blue coronet. She carried a colonial bouquet of talisman roses and ageratum with Alcie blue streamers.

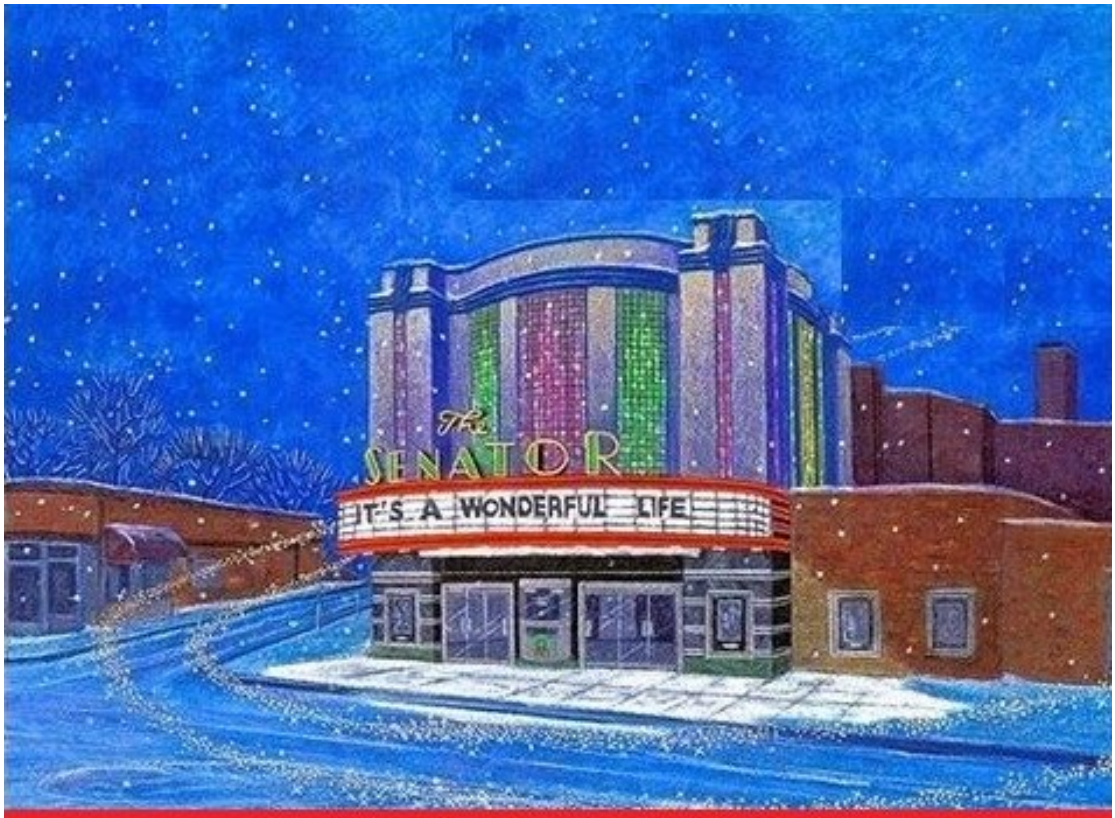
The best man was George Arnold Pierce, brother of the groom. The page was Joseph Henry Pierce. The ushers included, Albert W. Pierce and Frank R. Schubel, both of Caldwell.

The mother of the bride was attired in a flowered blue organdy dress. The mother of the groom wore a gown of starched French nude chiffon with a corsage of white and salmon colored flowers.

The bride is a graduate of Grover Cleveland High School and the Barbizon School of Modeling. The groom is also a graduate of Grover Cleveland High School, and attends Farleigh Dickinson College. He is employed by the American Home Foods Co., and during the last war served for two years in the Far East as a member of the 29th Engineers Aero Photo unit.

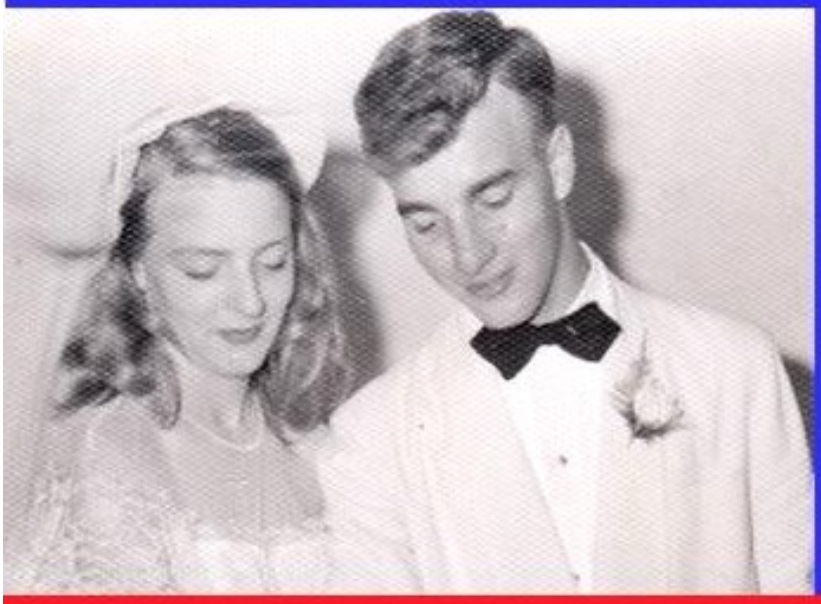
After the reception, the couple left on a tour of New York State and will visit the bride's relatives. They will reside in Caldwell Township.

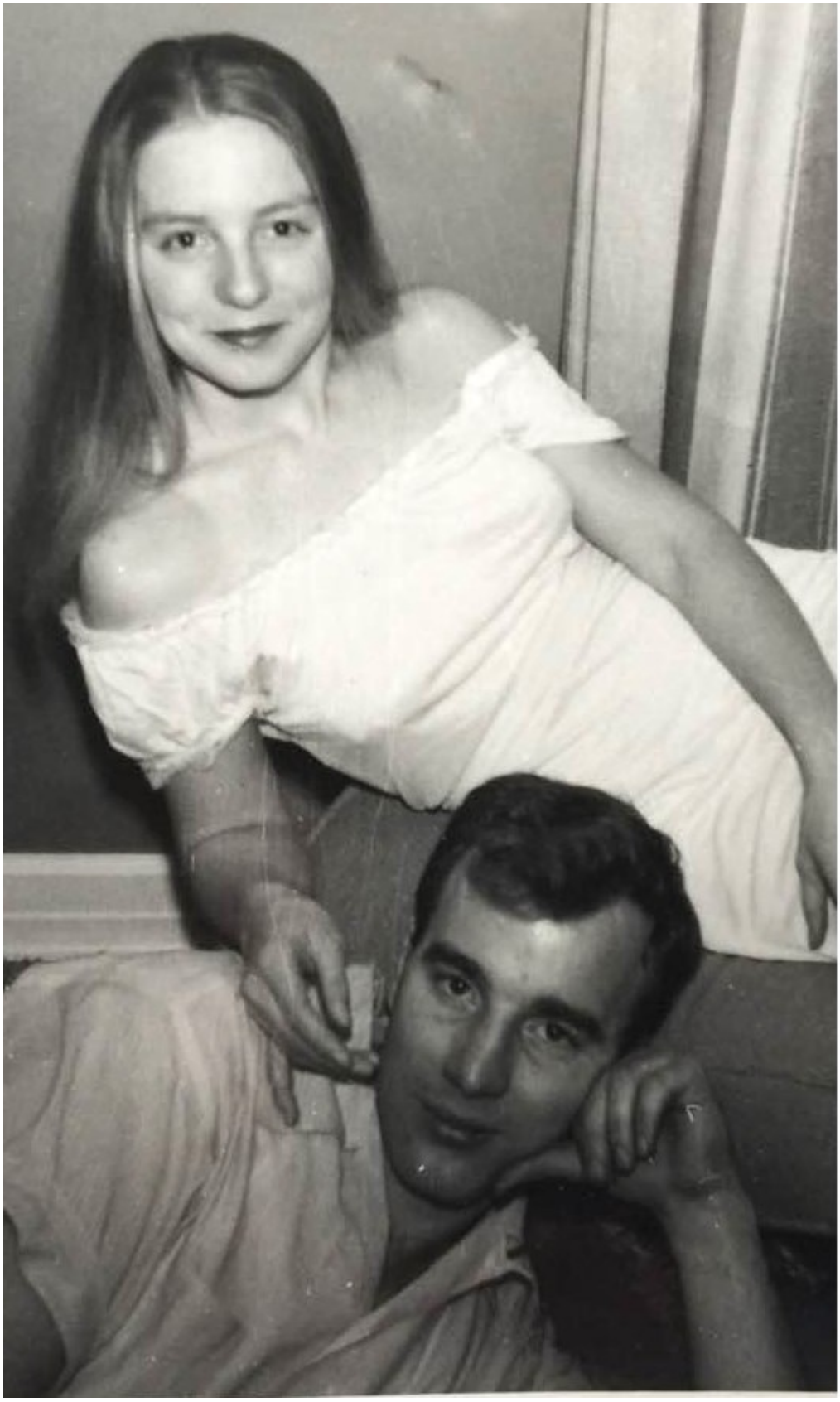

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"
Starring
Janie Nelson and Ellis Pierce
8 appearances only




It's a Wonderful Life, starring Ellis and Janie Pierce.

Movie played 8 times





Ca 1954—Ellis and Janie Pierce.

Mrs. Janie Nelson Pierce

## C. Ellis Pierce, branch 3, generation 7

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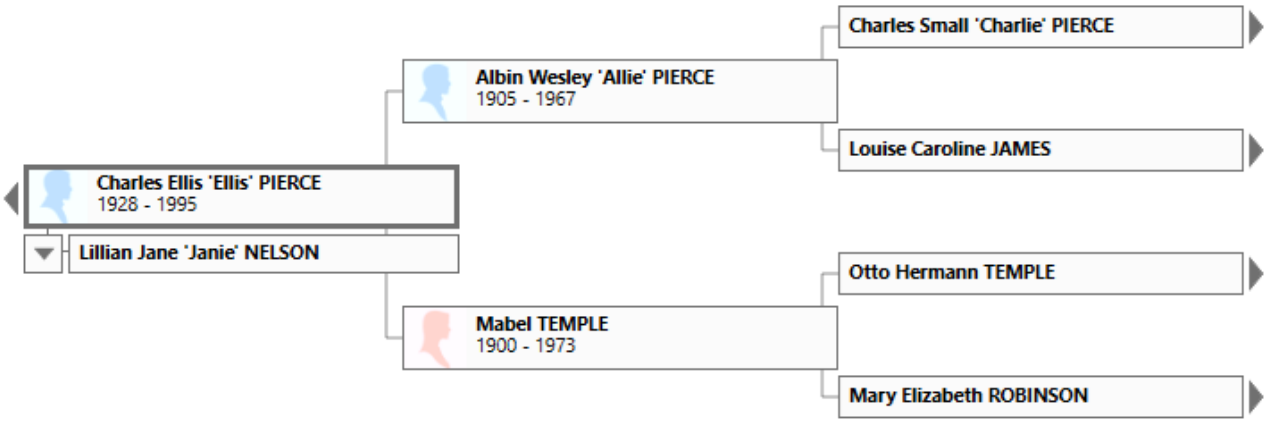
| 7 | Charles Ellis Pierce | 1928-1995 | 67 | Lillian Jane "Janie" Nelson | * | |
| | | | | | | |
| | 8 Children of Ellis and Janie Pierce | | | | | |
| 8 | Charles Nelson Pierce | * | | Nitza Ramos | * | |
| 8 | Joseph Clement | * | | Jane Ann Pierce | * | |
| 8 | Mark Ellis Pierce | * | | Jane Shirley Fisk | * | |
| 8 | Michael David Rainville | * | | Joane Susan Pierce | * | |
| 8 | David William Lacy | * | | June Olson Pierce | * | |
| 8 | Thomas Ellsworth Pierce | 1960-1990 | 29 | Rita Tondo | * | |
| 8 | Todd Rutledge Pierce | * | | Kathleen Rooney | * | |
| 8 | Frederick Robert Bingler | * | | Jill Mary Pierce | * | |




Albin Wesley 'Allie' & Mabel

John Victor & Veronica Esther 'Vera'

**Charles Ellis 'Ellis' PIERCE**
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Clifton, NJ
**Died:** 12/16/1995

**Lillian Jane 'Janie' NELSON**
**Born:** 12/17/1930
Knox, NY
**Died:** 12/15/2018

**Marriage:** 7/22/1949 in Albin Pierce Home, 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield, NJ

| Go | Children: 8 | Sex | Birth | Death |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ◀ | Charles 'Charlie' Nelson PIERCE | M | 12/28/1951 in NJ | |
| ◀ | Jane Ann PIERCE | F | 11/29/1953 in Fairfield, NJ | |
| ◀ | Mark Ellis PIERCE | M | 10/11/1956 in Chilton Hosp, Pompton Plains, NJ | |
| ◀ | Joane Susan PIERCE | F | 1/11/1958 in Fairfield, NJ | |
| ◀ | June Olson PIERCE | F | 6/11/1959 in NJ | |
| ◀ | Thomas Ellsworth 'Tom' PIERCE | M | 8/6/1960 in NJ | 3/23/1990 |
| ◀ | Todd Rutledge PIERCE | M | 8/8/1961 in NJ | |
| ◀ | Jill Mary PIERCE | F | 3/22/1964 in NJ | |

4/21/1957 wedding reception for Albert and Georgette held at Albin and Mabel's home.

Photo taken in the living room.  Ellis age 29 in a tan shirt is dancing with Michele age 8.

4/21/1957 Michele Gathman age 8 dancing with Uncle Ellis Pierce.

Mart Murphy pictures at 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield NJ.

March 29, 1964 Pierce cousins in Fairfield, Essex County, NJ.

Rear L-R Jane Ann, Gail, Charlie, Mark. Front L-R: Joane, June with the red coat and Bonnie.

Mark Pierce running at far right.

**Charlie N. Pierce**

**Joane, Aunt Marie Murphy, Bonnie, June and Eric.**

**Bonnie, Eric, Mark, Stevie, Joane, June and Grandma Mabel Temple Pierce.**

Joane Pierce

Need help identifying.  Maybe joe's kids ??

Notice Ellis home on Glen Ave Fairfield in upper left.

Need help identifying.

I see Bernice and Aunt Marie.

Need help???

Notice the “shed” that Albin and Mabel lived around 1940—1944 while Albin built his home, on left, cinder block by block.

Wayne and Freddy in left rear in blue coats.

June, Joane and Tom.  Who was the rabbit?

Glen, Wayne, Charlie and Alan Pierce.  About 1966

Ca 1963 at the Fairfield NJ airport.  Albert Pierce far right.  Ellis Pierce  in grey suit is left of his son Charlie who is in a Little League baseball uniform.

11/6/1963 Trenton NJ Evening Times, page 33.

# Caldwell Twp. Name Changed

CALDWELL (AP) — This Essex County township is known as Fairfield today, the name it had in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Residents voted to change the municipality's name in a referendum yesterday. The vote was 696 for the new name to 558 against. The change went into effect immediately.

The Post Office Department had refused to grant the township a post office because of the confusion with neighboring Caldwell Borough. The department said that without a new name, the municipality would have no post office.

The centuries-old name Fairfield was still being used to identify a small neighborhood in the northernmost section of the township.

Ellis was the primary town councilman who pushed for the name change.

The town voted 696 to 558.

In other words, 55% voted to use the old town name of Fairfield.

A new post office was built for zip code 07004.

Ellis was thrilled. Glen remember him going to his mom Mabel's house to share the news.

Ca 1965 at Albin and Mabel Pierce's home.  Ellis and Janie lived across the street.

Standing L-R Pierce's, Stevie, Eric, Charlie, Jane Ann and Bonnie.  Sitting not sure.

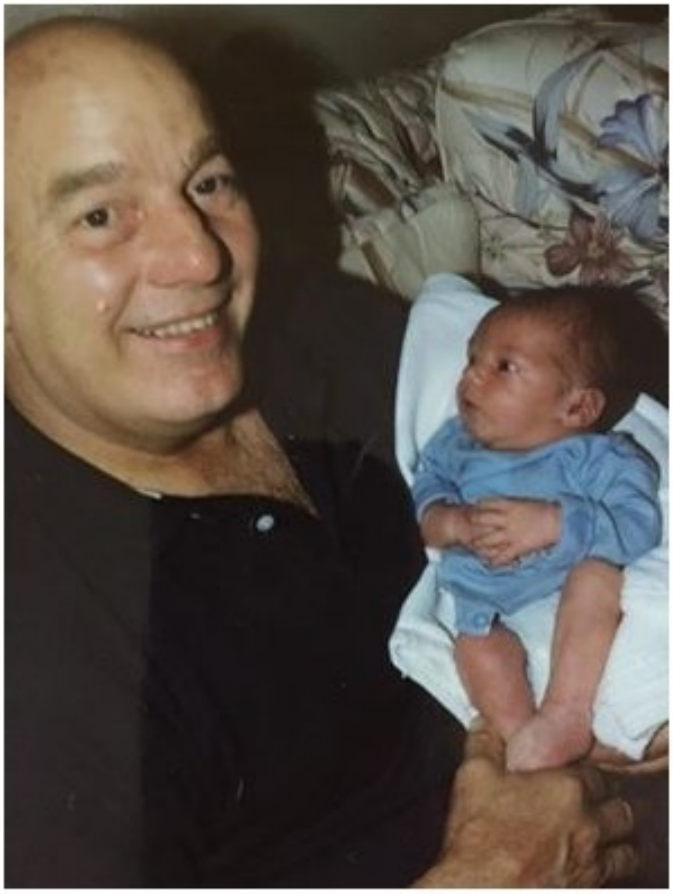
**ca 1966. Ellis and Janie Pierce kids: Charlie, Jane Ann, Mark, Joane, June and baby Jill, Tom and Todd. They mostly lived in Fairfield NJ and Macopin NJ.**

**1964 Albin and Mabel Pierce at their home, 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield, NJ**

12/31/1964  40th Wedding Anniversary for Albin and Mabel Pierce, seated, at their home 16 Glen Ave, Fairfield, NJ.

L-R Joe, dot, Georgette, Albert, Janie, Ellis, Noreen, George.

12/31/1964  Albin and Mabel Pierce



**10/1989 Suffern NY.**

**Grandfather C. Ellis Pierce and Robbie Bingler.**

# 2016

**June and Joane with mom Janie**

# 2/18/2017

**Sat 2/18/2017 The Pierce Girls — with Paige Visbeen, Meredith Jane, Kathleen Rooney Pierce, Amanda Clement, Jane Clement, Joane Rainville and Kimberly Berdos at First Baptist Bloomfield, NJ. Sisters Meredith in purple and younger sister Kim in black and white striped dress are having baby boy's. Meredith daughter is in the front with grandma Mrs. Janie Pierce of NJ.**

**They descend from 1700s Henry Pearce - Elizabeth Spear and their son Edward Pearce and Hannah Stagg of branch #3 from Fairfield, Essex County, NJ.**

12/17/2017 birthday 87 for Janie N. Pierce.

She is at Lakeland Healthcare Center, Haskell, NJ

Left is daughter Jill Pierce Bingler and hubby Freddie with Janie.

Right is Freddie, Jane, Mark, Todd, Mike, Joane and Jill with Janie.

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"It's a Wonderful Life"
JAMES STEWART
DONNA REED

Life had it's ups and downs.  But overall :

**It was a wonderful life.**

2/22/2017  Mom Janie Nelson Pierce and 3 daughters Jane Ann, Jill and Joane.  June was not here.