

Chapter 05206 **1943**

**DARRELL LEONARD 'DICK' PIERCE**  
**1911-2006 (91)**

And

**Caroline Margaret Johnson**

Mead, Washington

**George Pearce branch #5, generation #6.**

Dick is a 3rd great grandson of Henry Pearce #1

Dick is the same generation as cousin Albin Pierce.



9/27/2024


## Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Darrell Leonard 'Dick' PIERCE

Darrell Leonard 'Dick' PIERCE is the 3rd great grandson of Henry PEARCE


Self

 <b>Henry PEARCE</b> b: 7/25/1725 England d: 7/8/1788 Fairfield, NJ	 <b>Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR</b> b: 5/6/1737 England d: 10/16/1814 Fairfield, NJ
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Son

 <b>George PEARCE</b> b: 1/5/1779 Fairfield, NJ d: 11/15/1853
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Grandson

 <b>William M. PEARCE</b> b: 1810 Fairfield, NJ d: 5/17/1867
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Great grandson

 <b>William Davis PIERCE</b> b: 6/17/1848 NJ d: 2/2/1924 Spokane, WA
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2nd great grandson

 <b>Donald Leo 'Leo' PIERCE</b> b: 3/10/1884 Lemonweir, WI d: 4/12/1959
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3rd great grandson

 <b>Darrell Leonard 'Dick' PIERCE</b> b: 6/3/1911 Mead, WA d: 1/15/2003
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6th generation



World War 2

The Pacific: “The divisional **26th Signal Company**, arrived in December 1942 and participated in large-scale offensive operations launched in early January 1943. They became familiar with the vagaries of communications in the tropics.

Because radios did not always work well in the jungle, wire lines remained important. Stringing the lines proved a herculean task, however, as the signalmen, without bolos or machetes, "pulled the wire by hand through the mysterious and malevolent jungle, moist and stifling with its stench of vegetable decay." (*Rebecca Robbins Raines* , 1996, “Getting the message through “ book)

During WW2, he served as a US Army Staff Sergeant in the 26th Signal Corps and Motor Pool with the American Division.

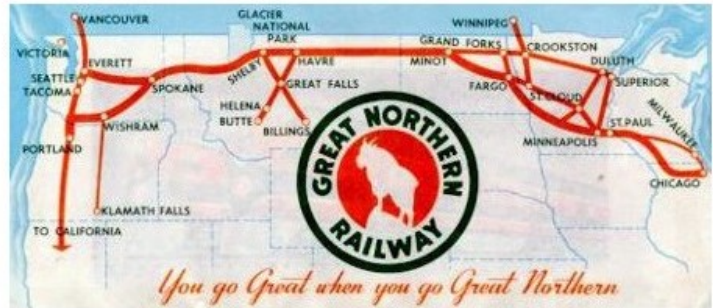
Following his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to Mead, Spokane County, Washington.



Darrell grew up and received his education, graduating from Mead High School. During his school years he worked on the family farm. Following high school, Dick worked as a logger in Eastern Washington.



Dick later moved to Western Washington, where he was employed in the logging industry. In 1955 he was employed by the Great Northern Railroad in the Bridge Division. Following his 1975 retirement, they moved to Dryden. In 1985 they returned to Western Washington, moving to Marysville to make their home.



Darrell L. "Dick" Pierce, 91, of Marysville, and a former resident of Dryden, died Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 15, 2003 in an Arlington Convalescent Center.

He was born on June 3, 1911 to Don Leo and Franka Marie (Shaw) Pierce at Mead, WA, where Darrell grew up and received his education, graduating from Mead High School. During his school years he worked on the family farm. Following high school, Dick worked as a logger in Eastern Washington.

During W.W. II, he served with the 26th Signal Corps and Motor Pool with the American Division and following his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to Spokane. Dick later moved to Western Washington, where he was employed in the logging industry. In 1955 he was employed by the Great Northern Railroad in the Bridge Division. On June 30, 1962 he married Caroline Margaret Johnson Stebbins at Post Falls, ID. They made their home in Western Washington and following his retirement in 1975 they moved to Dryden. In 1985 they returned to Western Washington, moving to Marysville to make their home.

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He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9417 in Gold Bar, Eagles Lodge and the Snohomish Grange, F & AM Lodge #259 and the Scottish Rite, Everett Valley.

Dick is survived by two stepdaughters, Darlene Dennis of Cottage Grove, OR, and Joyce Kopp of Marysville; a stepson and his wife, Fred and Karen Stebbins of Yakima; sister, Leora McBride of Spokane; ten grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline in Nov. of 2002; four grandchildren; two brothers; and three sisters.

A graveside inurnment service of Commemoration to celebrate the Life of Darrell "Dick" Pierce will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon, Jan. 24, 2003, at the gravesite in Mt. View Cemetery, with Pastor Bob Jackson, officiating.

2003 Obit page 2 of 2. Dick Pierce died 1/15/2003.





Mt. View Cemetery, Leavenworth, WA

Caroline's maiden name was Johnson.

Dick and Caroline married 6/30/1962 at Post Falls, Idaho.  
They spent most of their latter years in Washington state.