

Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

PIERCE, Samuel 16 Oct 1862

Private Pierce was age 44 when he entered service. Discharged 1 July 1863 on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.]

Father: John PIERCE, [buried](#) at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Richland Co OH.

Mother: Elizabeth DAVIS [WorldConnect]

Birth: <1818> <1811> Allegheny Co PA

Marriage: Anne POOL, 30 Oct 1834, Richland Co OH

Death: 2 July 1863, Black River Bridge, Mississippi

Cemetery: No clue. He never left camp. Was his body sent home or was he buried near Vicksburg to be reinterred later at the National Cemetery in Vicksburg? [Wife is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Delaware, Delaware Co OH. See [Find a Grave.](#)]

I called Oak Grove cemetery: 740 363 2971 [hrs 8-5 weekdays] Samuel Pierce is not buried there at Oak Grove.

Not listed at Mansfield Cemetery.

Could he have been buried elsewhere in Richland County or is he an unknown at Vicksburg National?

Pension index: Samuel W. PIERCE, Co I, 120th, widow Anne PIERCE. Widow filed 10 Oct 1863, Application 35498, Certificate 33638. [correct Ancestry image 3374] *1395 comes up: Augustus T. PICK and when you search Augustus T Pick, Then Samuel W. Pierce comes up.*

1850 Census, Troy Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 80, Family 80: Samuel PIERCE, age 39 PA, farmer; Anna, age 37 PA; John H, age 15 PA; Mary E, age 11 PA; Sarah A., age 6 PA; James H?, age 2 PA; John PIERCE, age 83, VA.

1860 Census, 1st ward, Mansfield, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 148, Family 147: Saml PIERCE, age 49 PA, book agt; Anna, age 47 OH; John, age 24 OH, law student; Mary, age 20 OH, school teacher; Sarah, age 16 OH; James, age 11 OH; Alice, age 9 OH; Harriet, age 3 OH.

In Nov 1864, Anne PEARCE was living in or near Ashley, Delaware Co OH.

1870 Census, Oxford Twp, Delaware Co OH, Dwelling 161, Family 173: Anne PIERCE, age 56 OH; Mary E, age 27 OH, teaching school; Sarah A., age 25 OH, teaching school; Alice S, age 18 OH, teaching school; Harriet M, age 13 OH, works in milliner shop.

1880 Census, Liberty, Delaware Co OH, Dwelling 56, Family 58: Hiram CHAPMAN, age 31 OH; Alice S, age 28 OH; Hattie B, age one OH; Mildred A., age 7 months OH; Warner KENDON, age 26 OH; Jacob STILITZ Jr, age 21 OH; Mattie CRONKLETON, age 16 OH; Anna PIERCE, mother in law, widow, age 65 OH, parents born PA. [Difficult to read this record.]

1900 Census, 448 West Central Ave, Delaware city, Delaware Twp, Delaware Co OH, Dwelling 298, Family 344: Oscar BAKER, age 46 OH, born Apr 1854, married 16 yrs, parents born OH, comm traveller; Hattie P, wife, age 42 OH, born May 1858, married 16 yrs, 4 children/4 still living; parents born PA; Ralph, son, age 14 OH, born Apr 1886; Russell, son, age 11, born Mar 1889 OH; Howard, son, age 10, born Jan? 1890 OH; Helen, daughter, age 2 California, born Sep 1897; Anna PIERCE, mother in law, age 86 PA, widow, born Jan 1814, parents born VA.

Anne PEARCE died 10 Sep 1907.

Ohio Deaths and Burials: Anne PIERCE died 4 Sep 1907, Columbus, Franklin Co OH; age 93; born 20 Jan 1814, Richland Co OH; white; widowed; father William POOLE, born OH; mother Elizabeth HARRIS, born OH; burial, Hyattsville, OH. [But she is actually buried at Oak Grove Cem, Delaware, Delaware Co OH. See [Find a Grave.](#)]

The soldier's "book agent" occupation seems to have been carried on into another generation by his son James. James was married to Kate SOUTHARD:

1900 Census, 1203 Fifth St, Des Moines, Des Moines Twp, Polk Co IA: James M. PIERCE age 54 OH, born May 1846, married 21 yrs father born PA, mother born OH, publisher, ; Kate L., wife, age 54 Ireland, born Nov 1845, married 21 yrs, 3 children/3 still living; father born Scotland, mother born Ireland, immigrated 1860, has been in US 40 yrs; Dante M, son, age 19 IA, born Aug 1880, single, printer; Samuel Ray/Roy, son, age 18 IA, single, born Dec 1881, printer; Helen Anna, daughter, age 11 IA, born Jan 1889; Marie JONES, servant, single, age 22 Wales, born 1878, parents born Wales, immigration 1890, lived in US 10 yrs; Signa DONALDSON [female], servant, age 17 Sweden, born Apr 1883, parents born Sweden, immigrated 1892, lived in US 8 yrs. [Dante was the person who wrote a letter to a Congress person to find Samuel's

genealogy...see below in pension information.] See also: Rogers, Earl M. "Pierce, Dante Melville" *The Biographical Dictionary of Iowa*. University of Iowa Press, 2009. Web. 21 June 2012 for information about James and Dante.

Pension record information sent by Debbie Ferdetta:

[2277] Dated 29 Oct 1864. Gives two discharge dates: 20 June 1863 and 1 July 1863. Death was 2 July 1863 result of camp diarrhoea. Widow's name was Anne.

[2278] Dated 5 Sep 1863, Anne PIERCE, of Mansfield, Richland Co OH: The soldier died at Black River Bridge in the State of Mississippi on 2 July 1863. Anne married Samuel PIERCE on 30 Oct 1834. Anne's maiden name was Anne POOL.

3 children under age 16 at time of soldier's death: James M, born 9th? May 1848; Alice S, born 20th Nov 1851?; Hamit Nenell, born 5 May 1857; all living at home.

[2279] Marriage of Miss Anne POOL and Samuel PEARCE, 30 Oct 1834 at Richland Co OH.

[2281] Soldier was discharged at Black River Miss., 1 July 1863. So he could not have made it home before he died.

[2282] Soldier was discharged 30 June 1863 at Black River Bridge by reason of physical disability. Samuel PIERCE was born Allegheny Co PA. At discharge he was 44 yrs of age, 6 feet one inch tall, light complexion, black eyes, dark hair, occupation was book agent. This certificate was signed by Col. Marcus Spiegel.

[2284] Officer's Certificate of Disability by Captain Au: Samuel PEARCE became disabled from doing duty as a soldier on or about the 15th Feb 1863. Immediately after landing from the transport he was detailed and sent on picket duty and while on duty he took cold and being exposed had an attack of typhoid fever and with it the diarrhoea. He recovered from the fever, but his constitution being broken and not recovering from the diarrhoea he became so much reduced that he was discharged as above stated. The said PIERCE was a stout and robust man when enlisted. He died with the Regiment a day or so after he received his discharge.

[2286] Disability Certificate signed by Capt Christopher Au ad Surgeon Byron Stanton: Discharged 29 June 1863 at Camp Keigwin, Miss.: Samuel was taken sick the 24th Jan 1863 at Young's Point, LA. when on picket duty. Stationed at Big Black River Bridge, 25 June 1863. Surgeon: chronic diarrhoea of 5 months duration. There is great emaciation, and ??? of lower extremities. Has been under treatment in a hospital for two months. The disease is not amenable to treatment here. I would therefore recommend his discharge.

[2290] Dated 21 Nov 1866: At Wyandot Co OH, 20 Nov 1851, Alice PIERCE was born to Anna and Samuel. The doctor was G. L. McDONALD, of Upper Sandusky, Wyandot Co OH.

[2291] Dated 2 Jan 1867, Woodford Co, IL, Rebecca Maxwell attended birth of Hattie N. PIERCE, daughter of Anna and husband on 5 May 1857.

[2293] Pensioner Anne PIERCE died 10 Sep 1907.

[2297] Dated 2 Nov 1864: Increase of widow's pension claim made. Anne PIERCE was living in Delaware Co OH, post office address Ashley, OH.

[2300] A letter dated 29 Mar 1923 to a Honorable C. C. Dowell, House of Representatives, Washington D C was included. It pertained to genealogy information.

[2301] The letter requesting the above genealogy information was included. The person wanting the information was Dante M. PIERCE of Des Moines, IA.