

Husband: Andrew Jackson Pierce

Born: July 16, 1815 in: Hall Co., GA
 Married: July 02, 1837 in: Lumpkin, GA Marriage performed by Wm. Christopher, MG
 Died: May 20, 1892 in: Johnson Co., TX
 Father: Reuben Pierce
 Mother: Louise (Loursa?)

Wife: Nancy Abercrombie

Born: 1820 in: GA
 Died: Aft. 1892 in: Cleburn, Johnson Co., TX
 Father: John Abercrombie
 Mother: Fannie Cavender

CHILDREN

1	Name: John R. Pierce Born: 1838 Married: February 23, 1858 Died: 1863-1864 Spouse: Nancy Jane Wimpey	in: Lumpkin Co., GA in: married by J.P. in: R Road Montgomer
2	Name: George W. Pierce Born: January 01, 1841 Married: Bef. 1889 Died: September 30, 1896 Spouse: Nora I. Daniels	in: Lumpkin Co., GA in: Cisco, Eastland, TX in: Cisco, Eastland Co., TX
3	Name: Clemeth Pierce Born: 1842 Spouse: Mollie Gordon	in: Lumpkin Co., GA
4	Name: Elizabeth Pierce Born: 1844	in: Lumpkin Co., GA
5	Name: Andrew J Pierce Born: August 07, 1847	in: Lumpkin Co., GA
6	Name: Vicatiams M. Pierce Born: 1851	in: Lumpkin Co., GA
7	Name: Nancy Emeline Pierce Born: February 15, 1852 Spouse: James Madison Conn	in: Dahlonge, Lumpkin Co., GA in: in Caty Cemetary close to
8	Name: Lorenzo Dow Pierce Born: January 26, 1856 Married: Aft. 1884 Died: 1923 2nd Spouse: Aqua Ora Finley	in: Cherokee, Cherokee Co., GA Near Rome GA in: Spearman Tx
9	Name: Fanny Pierce Born: 1858	in: Cherokee, Cherokee Co., GA
10	Name: Rhoda Ann (Roddie) Pierce Born: April 19, 1862 Married: May 24, 1877 Died: November 25, 1941 Spouse: Allen Mansil (Mannie) Wilbanks	in: Cherokee Co., GA (Rome??) in: Johnson Co. Tx at the Pierce Ranch Homes in: Spearman, Hansford Co., TX

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Notes

Obitrary of Andrew Jackson Pierce dated 24 May 1892 Johnson County Texas: "Old Settler Dead. Capt A. J. Pierce died at his home on Friday Last. His home nestled in the timber overlooking the Brazos. He was born in Hale (Hall) county, Georga on the 16th of July, 1815. His home was under the shade of mountains where their peaks kiss his new home above. He was one who lived to love a friend, his friends. He feared no enemy. In 1851 Capt. Pierce went to California. He was there when the golden gates were opened to the outside world. He came to Johnson County in 1866. He selected his home where the bluff banks of the Brazos reminded him of his mative hills. He has gone to his grave. He leaves behind forty-five grand children and twenty great grand children. Two of his boys fell in battle, and sleep under the soil of their native state. His aged wife, who was before she took his name, Nancy C Abercrombie, lives to mourn his going. Their Children, C.A. Pierce, L.D. Pierce, Mrs G.W. Pierce and Mrs Roddie Wilbanks are here to mourn the loss of a father and friend. We write this only as a token of respect to him who is one of our mourned dead. May the youngest of his great grand children only live to emulate his example."

Another obitrary reads, "Mr A.J. Pierce died at his home May 20, and was buried in the family cemetery, by the side of his former wife. He was born in Hall county, Georga., July 15, 1815, and so was 77 years old. In 1866, after losing all his property, because of the war. He moved to Texas and settled in, what was then in the wild west. He settled and improved the farm in Johnson county, in 1866 on which he died. In early life he married and he and his wife had born to them eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Three of their sons and six of their daughters are still living. There are of his decendents, forty-five grand children and twenty great grand children. Mr Pierce was a member of the Baptist church. He loved his family and friends. He was bold and fearless in the expression of his option and never deceived anyone. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn him. The family have the sympathy of this community, but the hope and trust sustains us that when life's parting comes, that beyond the fleeting dust the severed links are gathered home and God, in love and patient care, will reunite them over there."

These two obitraries contain at least one bit of conflicting information. The first names is wife as Nancy C Abercrombie and states she was living. The second states he was buried beside his former wife, but also states that he is survived by his wife. I believe he was married only once and this to Nancy Abercrombie.

Mrs G. W. Pierce is listed as a child, while in fact she would have been a daughter-in-law since G. W. was a son who survived until 1896.

It is Probably that Capt Andrew Jackson Pierce "JACK" went to the California gold rush with his other brothers in the 1850's. We have not records of this except as is stated in the Obituary above/

In 1864 during Sherman's March to the sea the Pierces migrated to Cleburne Tx Brazos County now Johnson County on a crooked stretch of the

river they named "Goatneck" Little is know of those early years. I had heard stories that Jack could stay gone a couple of years at a time and that Nancy Pierce drank, chewed tobaccco, and cussed like a man. They built a log cabin on the Brazos. It was later stuccoed over heavily and was torn down by the currently owners in 1997. The Johnson County Historical society tried to have it but it was beyond repair due to termites ect.

"The Brazoz Valley was one of the frist communities in part of what is now Johnson County. In the early 1850's a few settlers came to live among a few friendly indians. Georgraphically it is an area starting at the NE corner of GOATNECK Community (near the old Pierce ranch)".....Johnson County History book pg 83

" There were several big Ranches in the area: Cameron, Pierce Willingham, Mertz, and others, with many more across the river in what is now Hook and Somervell Counties".....Johnson County History Book c406 about Freeland

Log House Memorials: by Vilola Block Johnson County history book page 257

"Two old long in the Freeland Community in western Johnson County are memorials to the sturdy pioneers who build them. Although both have been covered over in recent years it proves that this type of house was built to last. Southeast on the Brazos River is the old Jack

"Uncle Jackie" Pierce log cabin which was overlaid with stucco in 1933 or 1934 (by the Peabodys who bought the ranch editor LD Pierce)

The bottomland between the house and the river was cleared for crops by Negro Slaves. A huge bluff on the river was walled up by the Negroes for their abode. (editors note: this bluff was bulldozed in 1996) Albert Crooks fathers once worked for Jack Pierce and the Crook Family lived here in this old house. He said the Negroes continued to live uinder the bluff long after the Civil War, and that it was no trouble to see where their cooking fires were built. Floods on the river finally undermined the bluff so cmkpletely that it caved off, and now there is no evidence left of the early home of the Negroes. Many of them are buried along with the Pierce family in the Cemetery north of the house. (editor-this part of the Pierce ranch with the Cemetery is now owned by Larry Dyer) There is only one large rock tombstone in this cemetery, which contains about 20 graves"

Andrew Jackson Pierce moved to Texas in 1866 some twenty miles from Waco, and moved to Johnson County in 1869. Not legible but hting it reads had six boys and six girls. Both are buried in the old homstead in Johnson county. From Wilbanks famiy bible-furnished by Margaret Evans

Marriage Information	
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