

SEYMOUR PIERCE

1840 ~ 1917

CAPTAIN SEYMOUR PIERCE, an honored veteran of the Civil War and now engaged in the coal and lumber trade in Honeoye Falls, is a citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged, for while advancing individual success he has also contributed to the commercial activity upon which the progress and general prosperity of every community rests. He was born in the town of Lima, Livingston County, New York, on the 10th of May 1840, and is a son of Martin R. and Emily M. (Graham) Pierce.

Our subject is indebted to the common school system of his native county for the educational privileges, which he enjoyed. After putting aside his text books he responded to the President's call for aid in preserving the Union and enlisted in April 1861, as a member of Company G, Twenty- Seventh New York Infantry, being mustered into the United States service on the 21st of May at Elmira, New York. He was made first sergeant, later was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in November 1861, and in June 1862, was commissioned captain. He participated in the first and second battles of Bull Run, and the engagements at Crampton Gap, Antietam, Fredericksburg- and Chancellorsville, and after December, 1861, was detailed for service in the signal corps, with which he was connected until May 31, 1863, when he was discharged at Elmira, New York, and mustered out of service.

Captain Pierce then began farming on his own account in Livingston County, New York, and after following that pursuit for one year was for three years engaged in general merchandising in Honeoye Falls. He next turned his attention to contracting and building. He was not without practical experience in this line, for during the summer months, when he was attending school; he had served an apprenticeship to the builder's trade. For six years he engaged in that business with his brother, and then they embarked in the manufacture of window sash, doors and blinds, also dealing in general house-building materials until 1896. They then sold out and have since engaged in the general lumber and coal business, having a liberal patronage, which is constantly increasing. He is also a stockholder in the Honeoye Falls Wood Working Company.

On the 7th of November 1866, Mr. Pierce was married to Miss Charlotte Garfield, a daughter of Nathaniel and Charlotte (Harwood) Garfield. Their only daughter, Jessie, who was born March 14, 1869, is now the wife of L. E. Parsons, a farmer now residing at Marseilles, New York. Mr. Pierce is identified with the Republican Party, having been one of its loyal supporters since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is associated with several civic societies, including the Masonic fraternity, which society he joined in 1865 and in which he has held various offices, including that of master for ten years. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Lewis Gates Post, No. 369, G. A. R., of Honeoye Falls, and has several times served as its commander, while in the state encampment he has several times been a delegate. He is as true to-day to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the starry banner of the nation upon southern battle fields. His reputation in business circles is also one of the highest, for he is not only energetic and enterprising but thoroughly reliable and through his own efforts has steadily advanced to the plane of affluence-

Buried:
Honeoye Falls Cemetery
Honeoye Falls
Monroe County
New York, USA