

JOHN H. PIERCE, a member of the Indiana county bar, was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1855, and is a son of James and Sarah A (Harrold) Pierce. The Pierce family is of Scotch descent and was planted in this country at an early day in its Colonial history. One of its numerous descendants was William Pierce, the grandfather of John H. Pierce. He removed to Armstrong county, this State. His son, James Pierce (father), received a good education, and became a successful teacher of his native county. He died in 1864, at Rimersburg, Clarion county, Pa., where he had gone on a business trip. He was active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was Sarah A. Harrold, who still survives him. She is a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, from which her parents removed when she was small, and settled first near Elderton, Pa., but in a few years located in Jefferson county, near Punxsutawney, where they resided as long as they lived. After her husband's death Mrs. Pierce moved to near Elderton, Armstrong county, where she now resides. She is in the sixty-third year of her age, and has been a member of the M. E. church for many years.

John H. Pierce is the eldest of a family of five children, was reared principally near Elderton and received his early education in the common schools. He graduated at the Indiana State Normal school of Pennsylvania, in the class of 1881. He taught in the common schools from 1875 until the winter of 1883. He commenced the study of law with Hon. Silas M. Clark, who was shortly afterwards elected to the Supreme Bench of the State. He next prosecuted his legal studies with Col. Daniel S. Porter, until the death of the latter, when he completed the prescribed course of reading with the law-firm of Jack & Taylor, of Indiana, and was admitted to the Indiana county bar in the fall of 1885. Since then he has been engaged in the practice of his profession. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Indiana. He is a republican in politics, has been serving for several years as secretary of the Indiana County Agricultural society and is a safe and prudent lawyer.

On September 5th, 1883, John H. Pierce united in marriage with Josie Moore, daughter of John and Eliza Moore, of Whitesburg, Armstrong county, Pa. Their union has been blessed with two children, both sons: John M and William E.