

PETER C PIERCE, construction foreman and farmer in Canoe township, was born in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., March 6, 1863, son of Abraham and Mary (Colkitt) Pierce. Job Pierce, his paternal grandfather, was a farmer through life in South Mahoning township and died there.

Abraham Pierce, father of Peter C. Pierce, was born in South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., July 5, 1825, and died in February, 1907, in his eighty-second year. He secured a district school education in South Mahoning township and afterward bought a farm in North Mahoning township, and followed farming and lumbering until within fourteen years of his death, when he moved to Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he afterward lived retired. In early manhood he married Mary, daughter of Robert Colkitt, and the following children were born to them: Elizabeth married John K. Neal, of Reynoldsville; Jane, who is the widow of Harmon Rider, lives at Punxsutawney, Pa.; Melissa married John S. Neal; Andrew, who is a resident of Reynoldsville, married Mary Wells; Elmira married Miles Davis, of Reynoldsville; Berthinda married Monroe Fetterhoff, of Plumville, Pa.; Peter C. is mentioned below; George lives at Reynoldsville, and is married to Alice Fleck; Ephraim, who is a resident of Mateer, Armstrong Co., Pa., married Nancy Eckman; Grant who lives in South Mahoning township, married Nancy Fetterhoff; Annie is the wife of Frank Kelly, of Reynoldsville. The mother of the above family died in 1901, aged seventy-two years, and both she and the father are buried in the Methodist cemetery at Georgeville. Abraham Pierce served for one year in the Civil war as a member of Company C, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, mainly in the vicinity of Richmond, Va., and assisted in the construction of Fort Brady prior to the siege of Richmond. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service at the close of the war.

Peter C. Pierce obtained his education in the public schools of North Mahoning township and assisted his father until he was eighteen years of age, afterward, for a number of years, making farming his main business, and he still owns a farm containing fifty-four acres, lying in Canoe township, near Rochester Mills. For the last thirteen years Mr. Pierce has been engaged in construction work, as construction foreman, for twelve years being connected with the P. J. McGovern Construction Company; his connection during the last years has been with the P. E. McGovern Construction Company of Punxsutawney, Pa. Their principal work is the building of bridges, grading of railroad beds and paving of streets.

Peter C. Pierce married Ida M. Work, a daughter of David B. Work, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work, and Sarah Ellen (Colkitt) Work, the latter of whom died in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have three children: Veda, who married Edward Potts, of Richmond; Hallie, who married Charles McCullough, of Rossiter; and Floyd, who is a resident of Akron, Ohio. In politics Mr. Pierce is a Republican. He served two terms in the office of constable and one term as township supervisor. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Richmond, and served one term as a member of its board of trustees.