

## **PIERCE/PEARCE RESEARCH JOB**

### Greene Co. Deeds

Deed Book BB, p. 251. John Pierce of Greene County to William Fannin of Greene Jan 12 1815 for \$120, 30 acres in Greene County. Wit: Joseph Pierce.

Deed Book D, p. 470. Nathaniel Pierce of Richmond County, Augusa, and wife, Ann, to Henry Carleton of Wilkes County May 9, 1791 for #15 230 acres in Greene County.

Deed Book BB, p. 201. William Veazey of Greene County to Bartlett Pearce of Greene County Jan 10, 1804 for \$300, 80 acres in Greene County.

Deed Book BB, p. 564. John McHargue of Greene County to Lazarus Pierce of Greene County. Nov 11, 1806 for \$175, 81-1/2 acres.

### Hancock County Deeds

Nov 29, 1793, p. 51. John Pierce of Richmond County to Thomas Ship of Greene County for #6, 287 acres in Greene County, formerly Washington County. Note: Probably 287 1/2 acre land grant.

### Greene County Marriages

Bartley Pierce to Betsy Gilmore Feb 3, 1802

Edmond Pierce to Louisa Tooke Sept 16, 1818

John Pierce to Margaret Moon April 13, 1790

Lazarus Pierce to Mary Smith Feb. 4, 1803

Lovic Pierce to Ann Martin Foster Sept 27, 1809

Matthew Pierce to Nancy Bates Oct 30, 1836

Nancy Pierce to William Fanning Jan 13, 1800

Wyly Pirce to Rebecah Harrell Sept. 28, 1806

### Hancock County Marriages

Joseph J. Pierce to Mary F. Howell Jan 24, 1838

Jesse Pearce-Mrs. Keturah Miller 182\_\_

Thomas Pierce to Betsy Roberts July 21, 1812

Elizabeth Pearce to Martin Johnson Feb 22, 1810, the son of Rev War Soldier John Johnson and his wife Elizabeth Wade Johnson

Dixon Pierce to Elizabeth Brown 1809? Note: "Mr. Abercrombie moved for an appointment to report a bill to divorce Elizabeth Pierce and Dickson Pierce. 1820." (Card File at Georgia State Archives).

Putnam County Marriages

Thomas Pearce to Synthia Blalock Sept 9, 1834

1820 Georgia Census

Hancock County - Mathew Pierce (estate of Matthew Pierce 1849 in Greene County) and Spotswood Pierce.

Greene County - Lovick Pierce, the minister born in Halifax Co. NC

*Putnam County - Thomas Pierce*

1805 Georgia Land Lottery

*The heirs of Thomas Pierce, deceased drew land in Hancock County.*

John Pierce of Burke

Seth Pierce of Jefferson

*Thomas Pierce of Hancock County (entitled to draw)*

*Spotswood Pierce of Hancock (entitled to draw)*

John Pierce of Richmond County

Joseph Pierce of Greene County

1807 Land Lottery

Orphans of Abner Pierce, Jackson County

1820 Land Lottery

Lovick Pearce Sr., Revolutionary War Soldier, of Baldwin County drew 202-1/2 acres in Appling County. Also, Lovick Pearce of Greene County militia district 143 drew 165 acres in Walton

County.

1821 Land Lottery

Thomas Pierce of Wilkinson County drew land in Monroe County.

1820 Hancock County Census - Mathew Pierce, Spotswood Pierce.

1820 Greene County Census - Lovick Pierce.

1820 Putnam County Census

**Fellice Pierce (Fielding?) , Capt. Martin W. Stamper District**

male under 10

male 45+

3 females under 10

female 26-45

**\*\*Thomas Pearce, Capt. Thomas Bustin District**

2 males under 10

male 10-16

male 16-26

male 26-45

female under 10

female 16-26

female 45 +

**\*\*John J. Pearce, Capt Thomas Bustin District**

3 males under 10

2 males 10-16 (James)

male 26 to 45

female under 10

2 females 10-16

female 26-45

1830 Putnam County Census - John Pierce, Fielding Pierce, James Pierce and Thomas Pierce.

1827 Land Lottery

**John J. Pierce drew in Putnam County**

Georgia Militia Records, etc. found in the Georgia State Archives in the Card Files

Abner Pierce, Pvt. 3rd Co., Washington County Regt, 1793. Source: Militia Records 1784-1815, Washington County)

Edmond Pierce, Pvt. First Class M, Greene County, Stewart's Brigade, 1814-1815. Description: fair, blue eyes, dark hair. Source: Militia Records 1783-1815, Greene County).

Hugh Pierce, Revolutionary War Soldier, SC Line pension #S32445, born 1749 in Frederick County Virginia. On his 1832 application for a pension he stated that his sister was residing in Jones County, Georgia. He enlisted in Spartanburg County and was there after the war. Later removed to Franklin County, then Habersham County, Georgia.

Jacob Pierce, Ensign, Twiggs County 1814-1820

**John Pierce**, Pvt in Allen Tooke's Co. Sept 2-11, 1813, Fort Pike and Sept 12-19, 1813; Pvt. in Capt. Thomas Dawson's Company 1813; Pvt. Capt. Joseph Worston's Co., Jan 5-Mar 5, 1814, Ft. Floyd . Source: Georgia Militia Records 1779-1839, p. 152, 296,501-502

**John Pierce** married April 13, 1790 Margaret Moon, Greene County.

Joseph Pierce, Capt. 29th Regt, Morgan County, 1814.

Lazarus Pierce, 1st Class M., Greene County, Stewart's Brigade, 1814-1815. Source Georgia Militia Records. Aged 41. Description: 5 feet 8 inches, fair, blue eyes, sandy hair. Source: Militia Records 1783-1815, Greene County.

Lovick Pearce, Chaplain under General John Floyd,, Camp Hope, Ft. Hawkins, 1813. Source: Militia Records.

Stephen Pierce, Capt., Jones County, 1814: Source: Militia Records

Theophilus Pierce, J. P., Wilkinson County, 1808.

Wiley Pierce, Pvt., Ft. Harrison, 1814. Source: Militia Records.



William Pierce Estate. State House Augusta Ga. 24 Oct 1791. John Houston admr.

William Pierce. The Senate took up a bill to relieve the heirs of William Pierce, a soldier in the Late Troops 1809.

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Note: Fort Pike was west of Hawkinsville. The first fort in Georgia was Ft. Hawkins named after Benjamin Hawkins for the purpose of managing the creek Indians. During the Creek War smaller camps were erected in various other locations. Beginning about 1790, those persons who settled in Greene County were on the "Georgia frontier" facing raids and other disturbances with the Creeks. Finally, beginning in 1811 through 1814, militia companies were organized to drive the Creeks out of the region. The Creek war ended in a massacre at Fort Mims, in Alabama during 1813. Since a number of Pierce/Pearce men from Greene County were listed in the Georgia Militia, it is not unreasonable to assume that John Pierce, Pvt. was the same person as John J. Pierce of Greene and Putnam Counties.

#### TAX DIGESTS

1825, 1827, 1830 Putnam County - Thomas Pierce

1830 Putnam County - James Pierce, Fielding Pierce, John Pierce

1825 Putnam County - Martin Moon

1809, 1810 Greene County - Ephraim Pierce. Lazarus Pierce. Ephraim drew 202-1/2 acres in Wilkinson County (land Lottery). Lazarus Pierce was born 1774 and married Mary Smith Feb 4, 1803 in Greene County.

1810 Greene County - Asa Pierce, Benjamin Pierce, Ephraim Pierce

Comments: After searching the estates, etc. and deed records of Hancock, Greene, Baldwin and Putnam Counties, my next goal was to discern who were residents of Putnam County in 1809, the year of the birth of James Pierce. The deed records in Putnam County provided no transactions for the Pearce/Pierce name. So, I went to the tax digests which must list everyone eligible to pay the tax. The earliest surviving record was 1825. As you can see from the copies I am sending, Thomas Pierce was there in 1825 and 1827. Also, in 1827 he drew 202-1/2 acres in Putnam County in the land lottery. James was still a minor, so did not appear. The earliest record found of James was in 1830 and included James, Fielding and John Pierce. Interestingly, the 1825 Putnam County Tax Digest also listed Martin Moon. This would be the father of Margaret Moon who married John Pierce in 1790 in Greene County, which is perfect timing for John to be the father of James!

Conclusions:

Thomas Pierce was married twice. 1st, in 1812 to Betsy Pierce in Hancock County and (2) to Synthia Blalock 1834 in Putnam County. His land seemed to have been in the Hancock corner of Putnam County. In order for James to have been a son of Thomas, there would have to be a marriage prior to 1809. I am enclosing the LWT of Thomas Pierce of Harris County, as well as that of his wife who mentioned a "step daughter". This Thomas had a large number of children and according to the words in his LWT several may have predeceased him.

I examined all surviving records. The records for Washington and Taliaferro Counties burned in a court house fire. I searched everything in Hancock, Putnam, Greene, Baldwin and Harris Counties.

There were no deeds or estates to establish anything. However, the tax digests clearly establish Thomas and John J. Pierce in Putnam County during the same time periods. Thomas removed to Harris County and John J. died sometime after the 1830 Census. Ironically, no tracts of land were listed on the tax digests, so I was unable to establish if any parcels were passed down to James. The 1820 Census did establish that both Thomas and John J. had a son born before 1810. **My best guess is that Thomas and John J. were the heirs of the old Thomas Pierce whose heirs drew Hancock County land in the 1805 Land Lottery.** Also, possibly Spotswood Pierce. I searched diligently for a possible estate of old Thomas Pierce before 1805. The problem is that there is no way to learn the names of his heirs except via estates, wills, deeds, etc. and nothing was found in Hancock, Greene or Putnam Counties. These are the three counties in focus where family members resided. Another possible proof opened up when I learned that John J. Pierce was married to Margaret Moon and/or the names of her children might be mentioned in the estate of Martin Moon of Putnam County. I did locate the estate of Martin Moon in one of the Loose Estate Folders. Although it included some vouchers and itemized the estate, the names of the heirs were not listed.

Please study the Tax Digests to see if you recognize any of the other names.

Sending Enclosures separately, viz:

1. LWT of Thomas Pierce of Harris County
2. LWT of Synthia Pierce of Harris County
3. 1813putnamTD
4. 1830TD-CaptBaughDist
5. asapierce-1810greeneTD

6. benpierce-1810greeneTD
7. ephraimpierce-1809greeneTD
8. ephraim pierce-1810greeneTD
9. fieldingpierce-1830putnamTD
10. johnjpierce-1825putnamTD
11. johnjpierce-1827putnamTD
12. johnjpierce-1827putnamTD
13. johnjpierce-1830putnamTD
14. jamespierce-1830putnamTD
15. lazaruspierce-1809GreeneTD
16. marinmoon-1825putnamTD (Martin Moon)
17. thomaspierce-1825putnamTD
18. thomaspierce-1827putnamTD
19. thomaspierce-1830TD
20. Deed to Thomas Pierce dated 1820 Putnam County

Sincerely,

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