

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Pierce, Abiel Richmond Senator Pierce, Abiel Richmond - Represented Jefferson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Jan 1820 Waldo County, Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Euphonia E. Ripley 16 Sept 1847 Montville, Maine  
② Julia A. Ripley 1864

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1862 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1868, 1870 - Senate

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 8 May 1880 Lockridge, Iowa; buried Lockridge Cemetery, Lockridge, Iowa

8. Children Mrs. J. H. Richards; Frank

9. Names of parents Nathaniel and Esther (Dyer) Pierce

## 10. Education

## 11. Degrees

## 12. Other applicable information

*Republican*

- Military service - Civil War - 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry, attained rank of Captain, GAR Post named in his honor
- His first wife, Sophronia, born 1824, died 19 May 1861, also buried in Lockridge Cemetery, Lockridge, Iowa
- His second wife, Julia A., born 1837, died 6 Feb 1873, buried in Lockridge Cemetery, Lockridge, Iowa
- In 1838 he enlisted in a militia company in Maine. In 1848 he went by sea around Cape Horn to California for the Gold Rush. He stayed two years and returned to Maine in 1851.
- In 1851-1854 he engaged in running a trading vessel between Maine and Cuba.
- He settled in Lockridge, Iowa in Jefferson County, Iowa in 1857 when he farmed.
- He founded the town of Lockridge, Iowa.



C. H. I. & P. R. R. PASSENGER TRAINS. West. No. 3, Mall, 11:20 a.m. No. 1, K Ex. 11:25 p.m.

FEIGHT TRAINS. West. No. 13, 6:15 a.m. No. 15, 6:00 p.m. No. 17, 10:50 p.m. No. 23, 9:33 a.m.

C. H. & Q. R. R. West. No. 1, P. Ex. 10:30 p.m. No. 3, Mall, 8:30 a.m. No. 5, L & K Ex. 9:15 p.m. No. 7, freight 8:00 a.m. No. 9, 4:30 p.m.

Super may be found on file at all times at P. H. C. ticket office, no. 56 Clark street, where our friends are at liberty to examine it.

with F. R. Fegan. P. STEAD cleans and colors clothes. Carriage Works, opp. Leggett.

boarders wanted. Inquire at this BURNETT & Co., the live business at Business Corners, near the C. depot, have purchased the lots Hanson's lumber yard used to be, across the street south from Burnett's present place, and have already been prepared to put up a commodious two-story business building, 20x40 size. The building he is now using is 100 feet long. Mr. Burnett is doing a fine business and has found it necessary to increase the size of his

Geo. P. Hays, D. D., of Wash. Pa., had big audiences at the Presbyterian church both morning and last Sabbath. His sermons on occasions were able and eloquent that in the morning being on the subject of the Bible and its wonderful ability to the needs of all kinds of people; and that in the evening being on the subject of the divinity of Christ and the Christian's duty. A good impression was made on all who heard him, and it is believed that Fairfield will be so fortunate as to have his services either as church pastor or as a special evangelist, or both, it would be a great blessing on which we could well be relied. He will preach at the place next Sunday.

Iron has been circulated in Polk county, and the necessary two-thirds of the vote obtained, asking the trustees to call a special election to vote a tax of one cent on the Ft. Madison & Northwestern railway. The proposed line, now under construction, runs about three miles north of Abingdon through the Houghton place. Those who pretend to know say that the line will not be ordered and the election will then be defeated, and the line will have to be run south, through Abingdon if possible. It is believed that many have signed the petition merely for the purpose of bringing the matter to a head and as the best way of disposing of the present survey. It is believed that a larger amount of money can be raised by the Abingdon route than by taxation

AL. HILBERT makes photos. East side. COLE's great circus will be here on the 25th.

FRESH strawberries in market at twenty-five cents a box. STONE is being delivered for the new city building.

HORSE BUYERS report sales slow and hard to make this week. THERE will be no services at the Congregational church Sunday.

Mrs. SARAH CARSON, an old resident of Batavia, died a week ago yesterday. TOM ROGERS' delivery horse ran off one day last week and demolished things badly.

MR. THOMAS SHEWARD has sold his family horse and carriage to Hon. M. A. McCoid.

QUINCY has destroyed over a hundred dollars' worth of Frank Jones' hogs on Skunk River.

A FAVORITE, but not a cooking stove, arrived at Mr. Burnett's last week. It was a fine boy.

DR. JAMES has moved and will occupy a part of Mrs. David Alter's house opposite the Davls House.

REMEMBER the meeting at Squire Crawford's office Monday evening to arrange for Decoration Day.

CHARLES F. DUNN, aged 21 years, died in this city last Saturday of Bright's disease of the kidneys.

DONAVIN'S Original Tennesseans, the best colored troupe of vocalists, at the opera house to-night. Admission 50 cts.

MR. LEONARD, who has recently returned from Jewell Center, Kansas, has been appointed turnkey by Sheriff Chester.

THE past two weeks has been just the weather for pic-nicks, and parties have gone to the woods to eat their dinners daily.

IRON is on the down grade now. The price of nails yesterday, regulated by the nail association east, fell to \$3.25 per hundred.

A Moor trial was held at Ratcliff & McCoy's office Monday night, the law students having an interesting and profitable discussion.

C. C. MORRIS slipped and fell while putting up his awning Monday morning and injured himself so that he has been confined to his house ever since.

LAST Thursday, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. T. J. Coleman, Mr. George M. Smith was married to Miss Emma B. Coleman, all of Buchanan township.

BUSINESS men around town, drop into the room in the rear of Wells & Garrettson's bank about two o'clock Saturday and lend your assistance toward getting up a big celebration.

THE Thirteenth Annual Jefferson County Sunday School convention will be held at Pleasant Plain Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1st and 2nd. The program will be announced in due time.

THE season of sheep-shearing has arrived and a considerable quantity of wool has already been brought to market. Nearly a thousand pounds had been received at the Woolen Mills up to Monday night.

DEATH OF MAJOR PIERCE. A Good Man, A Respected Citizen, and a Brave Soldier Answers to the Call of the Long Roll.

When the news reached our city Monday morning that death had taken Major A. R. Pierce, the fact could hardly be realized by many. His vigorous manhood, which, despite his constant suffering and ill-health enabled him to carry the burden of his years so lightly, certainly gave promise of a much longer lease of life, and the sad announcement that the kindly, honest old major had passed to the beyond, was received with universal sorrow.

He expired at 7:45 o'clock Sunday evening at his home in Lockridge so quietly, peacefully and painlessly, that the attendants at his bedside were not aware for some little time of his dissolution. The closing scenes of his long, eventful and heroic life were calm and beautiful. His illness was occasioned by a re-opening of wounds received while in the army, and although he suffered greatly for a period of several months it was not expected that the result would prove fatal. He bore his cruel burden of pain with patience and resignation and never lost heart nor hope of ultimate recovery until the inflammation developed into gangrene a day or two previous to his death, when he remarked to one of his attendants that he would not survive, expressed his willingness to go, and calmly arranged his affairs, requesting that he be buried in his major uniform, and speaking feelingly concerning the details of his funeral. From this time on he simply waited for the summons which came on Sunday evening.

The life of Major Pierce has been a long and eventful one, and is crowned with honor. He was born in Waldo county, Maine, Jan. 3, 1820. In 1838, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in a militia company called into the service of the state of Maine by Gov. Fairfield during the disturbances created by the boundary question between the state of Maine and the province of New Brunswick, which so nearly resulted in plunging the country into a great war with Great Britain, hostilities being only averted through the efforts and influence of Major-General Winfield Scott. This brief period of service, though uneventful, may possibly have had not a little to do in developing those soldierly qualities which rendered his military career so illustrious during the war of the rebellion. In the year 1848, during the California gold fever, Mr. Pierce went to that state, going by sea—the long and perilous passage around Cape Horn—being out of sight of land for the period of one hundred and five days. He remained in California two years, experiencing the various fortunes and vicissitudes which fell to the lot of the sturdy pioneers of that day, returning in 1851 to his native state. During the winter season of the three following years he was engaged in running a trading vessel between the coast of Maine and the island of Cuba. On one of these voyages he narrowly escaped death, his vessel being shipwrecked and the crew taking to the boats were exposed to all the dangers of the deep, being only saved by drifting onto one of the Cape Verde Islands. To these pioneer and sailor experiences may safely be attributed the self-reliant, sturdy and heroic character, which was the chief charm and ornament of the Major's life.

announced almost impossible. Notwithstanding his gallant struggle the election went adversely.

Major Pierce was twice married, to Miss Sophronie Ripley in Maine in 1848, and to Miss Julia Ripley in 1864. The former died in May 1861, leaving a daughter of tender years. It was from a home left desolate unto him, and under the shadow of a deep bereavement that Major Pierce turned his face toward the colors he was destined to follow with such distinction through four years of a fearful war. The latter died in 1872, leaving a son. The daughter, Mrs. J. W. Richards, of Waterloo, and son Frank, survive him.

The sense of loss which the death of Major Pierce occasioned in Lockridge and the vicinity cannot be described. He had been so intimately identified with all the interests of the town, of which he was the founder, that all felt they had suffered an individual and irreparable bereavement. As citizen, soldier and statesman, he was in every sense a man that any community could delight to honor. Whatever his sufferings might be, whatever the demands of his business, or the troubles of his later years, he was always ready to lend a helping hand to every cause which in his heart he considered a good one. The virtues and graces of his private life were admirable and worthy of emulation, and it is worthy of the community that it holds the broken old soldier in such high estimation as to sadly miss and sincerely mourn him.

The funeral occurred Tuesday afternoon. The stillness and quiet of the town gave evidence to the fact of the appreciation of the heroic character of the man who was to be laid away with sadness and with honor. The body, in charge of six members of his old command, preceded by a military escort and followed by an immense concourse of people, was taken to the Lockridge cemetery and buried with the honors of war, where, beside the graves of his loved ones, and almost under the shadow of his old home, "after life's fitful fever, he sleeps well."

THE COMING FOURTH. Preliminary Steps for a Rousing Old Fashioned Celebration in Fairfield.

Fairfield proposes to lead every town in this whole section in the celebration of the forthcoming Fourth of July. We have had small demonstrations for a number of years. This time it is proposed to take hold of the matter with energy and have a celebration that will bring the people here from all the surrounding counties. The matter has been talked of among a number of the substantial men in both the city and the country and meets with favor everywhere. The Agricultural Society will probably have the management of the details, but everybody will be expected to assist and by a general effort it is thought that a big celebration can easily be gotten up. It is proposed to have the celebration on the Fair Grounds on Saturday the third, and the intention is to have several first-class trotting matches, to be participated in by home horses and horses from a distance. One big trot will be provided for the middle of the afternoon by horses which can go below 2:30. Also, the intention is, to secure an orator of ability to deliver the address and possibly to wind up in the evening with a big display of fire works.

A preliminary meeting to talk the matter over, appoint committees, and get the matter fairly and systematically started, will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in the room just back of Wells & Garrettson's bank. Everybody interested is invited to attend.

BY HIS OWN HAND. Suicide Last Sunday Morning of William Groff

The people of Fairfield were startled last Sunday by the announcement that

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money can be obtained by subscription for the Abingdon route than by taxation for the route which will be voted on. There is considerable good natured feeling over the matter up there which will reach its climax when the special election comes off. Mr. Harney, the engineer of the road, we believe, was in Abingdon Monday, and renewed the assertion with a great deal of positiveness that one hundred miles would be built from West Point this year.

**THE COLLEGE PICNIC.**—Last Friday was a holiday for the college students, and a bright day it was and a jolly one. Early in the day two band wagon loads started for Cedar, one, to Conley's Mill, was composed exclusively of Freshmen, the other a promiscuous party in which almost every other class in school was represented. The Freshmen spent the day as Freshmen only can, and, filled with pleasure, returned at evening, hungrier than ever.

The other load, the "happy family" as they styled themselves, arrived at Cedar near Crawford's at ten o'clock. Soon the woods resounded with peals of laughter and the bluffs echoed the shouts as though they, too, were enjoying it all. Some hunted for wild flowers, others cut fishing poles and sought the creek to partake of the sport of Isaac Walton. Noon came at last and the family of sixteen seated themselves on the velvet grass around an excellent repast, which the ladies had prepared. The good things passed away like a summer's dream, for the ride and their exercise had sharpened the students' appetites. Again the party separated and went, some to their fishing, some for ferns and flowers and some to quiet shades to talk of the beauties which they so profusely around them. The sun set and cooling night came down beneath the trusty horses were headed homeward; and the twilight was delightful, the road smooth and everybody happy, and so with songs and laughter the four miles were soon left behind; the day had slipped pleasantly into eternity, and every heart was filled with fresh and lasting memories of a day well spent.

**PERSONAL.**

Mrs. F. A. Hitchcock left Monday evening for a few days' visit to Chicago.  
Dr. Mohr was called to Albia last week as a medical expert in a case on trial there.  
Mr. Jno. A. Spielman thinks of leaving Saturday evening for a three weeks' trip to Colorado.  
Mrs. D. W. Templeton and Mrs. Eliza Campbell leave this week for a visit to southern Ohio.  
Mrs. A. Hillbert left this morning for a four or five weeks' visit to her old home in Pekin, Ill.  
Dr. D. F. Parrett, of Ohio, who used to practice medicine in Fairfield, was in town the first of the week.  
Mr. E. S. Page, of Des Moines, one of the best insurance men in Iowa, was in this city yesterday.  
Rev. Mr. Dwight left Friday evening on a visit to his brother in St. Louis. He is expected to be back to-morrow.  
D. W. Templeton returned Friday from a pleasure trip to Kansas City, Atchison, Leavenworth, and other places in the west.  
Mr. George W. Case expects to be in Fairfield on the 23rd on his way to Chicago as a delegate to the republican convention.  
Mr. and Mrs. Zimmermann, who have been spending some months with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Burnett, will leave for their home next week.

Mrs. A. J. Church is back again. Her relatives in Illinois couldn't keep her, and the county wouldn't, so back she came, the authorities there paying her way. She was taken to the poor farm yesterday.

Dr. Hays, who preached at the Presbyterian church last Sunday, will deliver a lecture on "Character and Manhood" at the Presbyterian church to-morrow evening. Admission free and the public generally are invited.

MANY of the readers of THE TRIBUNE will learn with sorrow of the death of the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Potter of Burlington, who died yesterday morning of scarlet fever. She was thirteen years old.

THE C., B. & Q. freight house was entered by burglars last Saturday night. Several cases of shoes were broken open, but as near as can be ascertained not more than five or six pairs were taken. Nothing else was disturbed.

A new street sprinkler will be put on the streets on the 15th and will prove a real benefit during the hot and dusty weather this summer. The streets will be sprinkled around the square and a distance of one block in every direction away from the square. Mr. J. A. Hinson will have charge of it.

REV. A. J. WHITE continues to preach to non-church goers at the Christian church. Subject next Sunday morning; "The two Books; or, the Agreement of Nature and Revelation." Sunday evening, "Who wrote the Books of the New Testament?" will be considered. Unbelievers are specially invited to attend.

A FIRE broke out in the middle of the afternoon Tuesday in a stable belonging to Mrs. J. Bonewitz in the northern part of the city, and was burned to the ground. The alarm of fire brought a large crowd, but too late to do any good, further than to throw water on adjoining buildings. A calf in the building was burned to death. Loss about \$100.

YESTERDAY morning four children, giving their names as Craycall, and ranging in age from five to eleven years, were taken off the train from the west; having come alone all the way from Washington, Kansas, where their mother is. They were sent by Mr. Herring to the residence of Zeno Hadley, in Black Hawk, that gentleman living in the neighborhood where the children said they belonged.

THE Blue Ribbon Club met in the Baptist church Monday evening, the attendance being the smallest in the opinion of President Tomy, with the exception of one meeting, since the organization of the Club. Rev. Spring, of Brighton, delivered an address which contained much good information and advice on the subject of temperance. The Club will meet again in two weeks when it is expected that Mr. Dungan of Mt. Pleasant will address the meeting.

ABOUT three o'clock last Sunday morning the household of Andy Boyd was awakened by some one trying to get in at the door. Mr. Boyd, who sleeps above, hurried down stairs with a revolver and inquired who was there. He received a reply that it was Jim Bailey, and unless Boyd let him in he would break in the door and murder them inside. After some further talk Bailey appeared at a window when Mr. Boyd thrust his revolver against the glass and pulled the trigger several times, but in the excitement he had forgotten to cock the weapon, which doubtless saved Bailey's life. The latter then departed hastily, and the next morning apologized to Mr. Boyd, saying that he was drunk on the previous night and meant no harm.

hearted character, which was the chief charm and ornament of the Major's life. In 1837 Mr. Pierce again followed the "Star of Empire," settling with his family, consisting of his wife and little daughter, in this county where the town of Lockridge now is, and where he continued to reside up to the time of his death. Upon his arrival he engaged in farming, an avocation which he has followed ever since, and which in fact was his occupation the most of his life. He was identified with the republican party from its organization, and was elected by that party to the legislature in 1861—a position which he resigned to accept the captaincy of Company "M," 4th Iowa cavalry, a company whose existence was mostly due to his exertions. He continued in the service of the government until the close of the war, being promoted to the rank of major of his regiment for brilliant service in the field, and was twice wounded. The military career of Major Pierce is an exceptionally brilliant one. The war record of Jefferson county has not an example of a more gallant or a more useful soldier. Instinctively a soldier, and possessed of clear faculties and absolute integrity as well as gallant bravery, he was a born leader of the best of men and capable of controlling the worst. He shrank from no duty, sharing alike the fatigues and dangers of his command, when his rank entitled him to some comforts and positions of comparative safety. The fortunes of war did not give him an opportunity to command a larger force than a regiment, but such were his methods and his administration that he was capable of doing so, for he possessed in the highest degree the necessary elements of a dashing and successful cavalry commander. Upon his return from the army he resumed his farming operations. In 1867 he was elected by the republicans to the state senate, serving one term. As a legislator he was earnest and painstaking; and guided by principle he was an honest advocate for the people, serving them intelligently and honestly. His record in the senate entitles him to proud distinction, for every measure he introduced or advocated was in favor of economy and the public good.

In 1872 Mr. Pierce, from stern convictions of duty alone, severed his connection with the party which had so repeatedly honored him, choosing to ally himself with the Liberal party, which, in his judgment, he considered to be the honest portion of both political parties. In this he was actuated by true patriotism, believing that the war clouds having rolled away, the country was again reunited one and deprecating the policy of party leaders to engender sectional hatred for selfish political ends. As a member of the opposition he displayed his usual energy and would have received honors had it been in their power to so reward his endeavors.

The panic of 1873, which so rudely disturbed the seeming prosperity of the country, affected Mr. Pierce very seriously and added to the sufferings of his battle-scarred frame, the harassing anxieties of mind accompanying narrowing means. The last years of his life were devoted to sustaining falling fortunes, and at no period of his long and useful career did his native honesty and integrity appear brighter than in this unequal struggle against disaster.

In 1879 Mr. Pierce received the unanimous nomination of the democratic and greenback parties for state senator, and made a thorough and exhaustive canvass of the county, accomplishing by his wonderful will power what his physical

The people of Fairfield were startled last Sunday by the announcement that a young man by the name of Wm. Groff, a son of Mr. Wm. E. Groff, living two miles southwest of the city, had ended his life that morning by suicide.

Further inquiry confirmed the report. The young man had killed himself by shooting in the breast with a shot gun. He had eaten a hearty breakfast and afterwards returned to the table and ate again. Soon after he took off his shoes and went into a bedroom by himself and a few moments later the report of a gun was heard. His brother hurrying into the room found him laying on the floor dead, the load from the gun having entered his breast, causing instant death. The presumption is that he placed the muzzle of the gun to his breast and discharged it with one of his feet.

Young Groff had been afflicted for some time past with a derangement of the mind, the affliction taking the form of melancholy and moroseness. This first came on him about four years ago, previous to which time he was very bright and had become possessed of a good education. Since his affliction manifested itself he has been gradually growing worse, and at various times has attempted to take his life. Early in the year he was taken to the asylum at Mt. Pleasant for treatment. A few weeks ago he made his escape from that institution one night, and since then has been at home. He was about 23 years old.

The funeral took place Monday, Rev. Carson Reed officiating.

R. H. MOORE, editor of the Moline Review, has failed, an assignment of his property for the benefit of his creditors having been made a week ago last Tuesday. Mr. Moore is well known in Fairfield, having been in business here a number of years ago. His failure was owing to extravagance in furnishing his office beyond his means. The last issue of his paper says his indebtedness is \$19,000, of which amount \$12,000 is secured by mortgage and \$7,000 is unsecured. The paper further says: "To offset this; is the Review office which Mr. Moore estimates as worth \$20,000, and his Columbus Junction property which he estimates at \$5,000, making a total of \$25,000. It is, however, by no means probable that this property will realize anything like the figures placed upon it by Mr. Moore. It is a question whether much will remain after the secured claims are paid out of the estate."

"Mr. Moore's misfortune is deeply regretted. An overreaching ambition to excel in the line of printing led him into expenditures which he might have avoided." This assignment was made to his roreman, Mr. J. H. Porter.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Free Masons which assembles in Des Moines, Thursday, June 1st, a pet project of the order will be revived—the establishing of an asylum for needy widows and orphans. At Dubuque, a meeting was held to confer on the matter. There was \$10,050 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, invested in United States bonds, and the Masons at that meeting proposed that it be devoted to the founding of an asylum for the indigent widows and children of the Masons. The Herald says that the meeting almost unanimously agreed that the subject be referred to the officers of the grand lodge, who have been asked to consent that the Dubuque lodges may send circulars to the other lodges asking them to instruct their delegates in the grand lodge to vote in favor of the project at the grand lodge.

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Obituary.

Mrs. J. W. Richards, wife of the local editor of this paper, received a telegram last Monday morning conveying the sad news of the death of her father, Major A. R. Pierce, who died at Lockridge, Jefferson county, Iowa, on the evening previous. Deceased was about 60 years of age, having been born in Maine, May 13th, 1820. In 1848 he was married in Belfast, Maine, to Miss Sophronia E. Ripley, and with her came to Iowa over 20 years ago. They settled in Jefferson county, this state, and Mr. Pierce was subsequently elected a Representative from that county. It was during his term of office that the war broke out, and he resigned his seat in the Iowa House of Representatives, and coming home, formed a company, of which he was chosen captain, and entered the service. He was afterwards promoted and commissioned major of the 4th Iowa Cavalry, a position he held until the close of the war. E. F. Winslow was colonel and Dr. Robinson of Cedar Falls, surgeon of the same regiment with Major Pierce. After peace was declared he returned home and was again elected Representative, and afterwards as Senator from his county, which positions he filled very acceptably. In 1861 his wife died, and three years later he was again married, this time to Miss Julia Ripley, who however, died in 1872. Mr. Pierce platted the town of Lockridge, about 12 miles east of Fairfield, on the C., D. & Q. R'y, which town was located on his land.

The cause of his death was probably blood poisoning from a sabre wound in one leg, received while in the service, which never wholly healed. About two weeks since he was taken sick with fever, and this limb began at once to trouble him. It was not supposed that his death was so near, and letters received up to Sunday seemed to indicate that while he was quite sick, yet no danger was apprehended. He leaves a son and daughter. He was a kind and loving father, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Dr. G. F. Roberts returned Saturday from Des Moines, where he had been to attend the organization of the State Board of Health. From the Des Moines Register we notice that Dr. Roberts was secretary of the temporary organization. The board organized by electing Dr. W. S. Robertson, of Muscatine, as chairman, and L. F. Andrews, of Des Moines, an old newspaper correspondent, as secretary. Dr. Andrews' applications for the latter position was

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threats, indulges in no insinuations, but says openly and cheerfully that he is for the nominee of the convention. Any man who can not honestly utter the same sentiment is not an unqualified republican.

#### MAJOR A. R. PIERCE.

Sketch of the Life of a Brave Soldier Who Has Passed Away.

[To the Editor of THE HAWKERS.]

LOCKRIDGE, May 12.—Major A. R. Pierce, of this place, who died last Sunday evening, was buried this afternoon. A large number of the citizens of this place and vicinity were present at the obsequies, and a detachment of the Jefferson guards, of Fairfield, followed the remains to the grave, according to the military honors. The cause of Major Pierce's death was blood-poisoning, arising from a wound which he received while in the army, and which never entirely healed up. Deceased was about sixty years of age. He was born in Waldo county, Maine, in 1820, and came to Jefferson county about twenty years ago. Soon after coming here he was elected a member of the Iowa house of representatives, but, on the outbreak of the war, he resigned his seat, and, returning to Jefferson county, recruited company M of the Fourth Iowa cavalry and went into the service as captain. He remained in the service of his country until the war closed, and was noted for his bravery and impetuosity, which was recognized by his appointment as major of his regiment, which was the same that was under command of Colonel E. T. Winslow, recently general manager of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railway. Many interesting stories are told of the battle experiences of the major. The wound which finally caused his death was received at the battle of the Big Blue at which time, being in advance of his troops, he was suddenly surrounded by several mounted rebels who attacked him from all sides expecting an easy prey. They paid dearly for their rashness, as the major's sweeping sabre strokes laid five of them low. One of them, however, was not killed but fell to the ground and drawing a revolver succeeded in shooting the major through the heel before receiving his death wound. The major wrested the revolver from the rebel's dying grasp and brought it home with him and it will now be presented to the Jefferson county library association. This wound was thought to be of slight consequence and did not receive the attention of a surgeon until the next day.

After peace was declared Major Pierce returned home, and again took up his residence at Lockridge, a town thirty-nine miles west of Burlington, which was laid out on property belonging to him. He was subsequently sent to the legislature again, first as a representative and afterwards as a senator. He subsequently became at variance with the republican party on the financial question, and last fall was the greenback candidate of the state senate, a position which he failed to obtain. He was twice married, his first wife dying in 1861, and three years afterwards he was married again, his second wife, however, died in 1872. He leaves two children, one daughter who is the wife of J. W. Richards, city editor of the Waterloo Courier, and a son aged about thirteen years. Major Pierce was widely known throughout this section and was highly respected by all. He was a man of the strictest integrity, and almost the last words he said were that he wanted to die as he had lived, an honest man.

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THE Jefferson county papers of last week publish lengthy and highly eulogistic sketches of the late Major A. R. Pierce, whose death we briefly noticed in last week's REPORTER. From the notices we extract the following description of "an interesting relic," which well illustrates the bravery of the deceased:

Yesterday we were shown at Clarke & Son's store, the pistol which gave Major Pierce his death wound in the battle of the Big Blue, October 25th, 1864. It is an old fashioned self-cocking revolver, of the navy style, rifled and is a six shooter carrying an unusually large ball. Evidently, from the stamp it bears, it was manufactured at Middletown, Connecticut, in 1859, and had seen long and hard service ere it was captured. In the gallant and memorable charge of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry in this battle the Major, who led the charge, separated from his command. His large size and impetuous manner made him an object of prominence and a target for the enemies' bullets. In the heat of the battle he was set upon by five southern soldiers of Price's army, and a deadly conflict ensued. He disabled four of his assailants, and cut the fifth one to the ground with his sabre, but not before the dying rebel had shot him in the foot with this formidable weapon, inflicting an ugly, disabling wound, and one which unfitted him for further immediate service. From the wounded soldier's grasp the pistol was taken, and brought home by the Major when on a furlough. It was then presented to Dr. Clarke, who has had it in his care since, and will now turn it over to the library. In view of Major Pierce's long suffering from the wound thus inflicted, and the life given up for his country, a peculiar interest attaches to the weapon at this time.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The number of immigrants that arrived this morning is 1,432. The total number thus far in May is 31,346, more than the total number that ever arrived in any entire month of May except in 1852 when 52,195 immigrants landed.

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War Record: Capt M 4 Iowa Cav  
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Roster Iowa Soldiers: Pierce, Abial R  
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Mustered Nov. 27, 1861. Promoted 1st  
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Sources:

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Bower, Benjamin F., Co. G, 11 IVI. Born Aug 17 1835 Adams Co., I  
Farmer. Died Apr 15 1902 at his home 1 1/2 mi. s.e. of Glasg  
Buried Glasgow Cem. Wife was Ruth A. Cline, married Jan  
1869; she b. June 21 1848, d Apr 14 1917. 10 children,  
6 living in 1902. (B F Bower wrote a long poem about  
Andersonville, of which we have copy.)

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Name: **Abial R Pierce**  
Residence: **Lockridge, Iowa**  
Age at enlistment: **40**  
Enlistment Date: **11 Feb 1861**  
Rank at enlistment: **Captain**  
State Served: **Iowa**  
Survived the War?: **Yes**  
Service Record: **Commissioned an officer in [Company M, Iowa 4th Cavalry Regiment](#) on 27 Nov 1861.  
Promoted to Full Major on 12 Sep 1863.  
Mustered out on 10 Aug 1865 at Atlanta, GA.**  
Birth Date: **abt 1821**  
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**

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**Born:** 1820  
**Died:** 5-8-1880  
**Cemetery:** LOCKRIDGE  
**Location:** LOCKRIDGE  
**County:** JEFFERSON CO. - IOWA  
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**Born:** 1837  
**Died:** 2-6-1873  
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**Location:** LOCKRIDGE  
**County:** JEFFERSON CO. - IOWA  
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