

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Pierson, John A. Senator _____

Represented Appanose County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 May 1825 Richland County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Jane Sturgeon 10 Apr 1855

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; member of the Ohio Legislature

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 7th General Assembly 1858

6. Public Offices

A. Local School director; Appanose County assessor; Appanose County Board of Supervisors; Appanose County Treasurer

B. State Member of the Ohio Legislature shortly before coming to Iowa.

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Mar 1895 Centerville, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Moulton, Iowa

8. Children Alta Belle; Bruce S.; Maggie J.; Robert M.

9. Names of parents Isabell M. Pierson

Pearson, John A.

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

*- He located on St. John's Township, Appanoose County, Iowa in May 1856
at Plover City, Iowa.*

Pierrew, John A.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

| Source | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained |
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| - Obituary | | | - <u>The Centerville Daily Citizen</u> , Centerville, Iowa Feb. Mar 20, 1895, p. 3, col. 2 |
| - Ancestry.com | | | (accessed 29 Dec 2010) |
| - <u>History of Appamoose County</u> | | | Iowa 1878, p. 581 |
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THE LOCAL NEWS.

John A. Pierson, an Old Settler, Passes Away at His Centerville Home.

The Christian Church Ladies Give a Very Successful Birthday Party.

P. E. O. Society Honor James Russell Lowell in an Elaborate Programme.

OLD SETTLER DIES.

John A. Pierson, a Prominent Citizen, Passes Peacefully Away.

John A. Pierson, one of the earliest settlers of Appanoose county, died last evening at his home on East State street, after an illness of nearly five months. He had been confined to the house more or less ever since July, 1894, but had been tolerably well until the early part of December, when he was compelled to remain within doors for a considerable length of time. March 10th, he was taken suddenly ill with his old complaint of heart disease and enlargement of the liver, and on Monday but little hopes were entertained for his recovery. He failed rapidly and death finally ensued about five o'clock yesterday.

John A. Pierson was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 11th, 1825, and moved to Johns township in Appanoose county in May, 1856. He was married to Mary Jane Sturgeon in 1855, and four children have been born to them, Ida Belle, Bruce S., Maggie J. L. and Robert M. He was at one time a member of the Ohio legislature, and shortly after coming to this state was elected to the legislature from this district. He has been a public man all of his life, serving as assessor for five years and was a member of the board of supervisors for some time.

In 1879 he was elected county treasurer and shortly afterward moved to Centerville. He served one term and retired to private life in preference to returning to his farm. He was always an eminent, influential and a prominent man in the community, was a public spirited citizen, a democrat in political faith an active member of the Methodist church, and a firm believer in and an advocate of strict temperance. His word was always to be relied upon in all subjects pertaining to good moral government and society. A wife and four children survive him.

The funeral will be held to-morrow from the family residence at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. V. Cowan will officiate.

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orated her dining table as though for an elaborate feast, and the ladies seated about it gave toasts to America's greatest essayist and poet. The following rhetorical menu, which had been daintily decorated with a sketch of Lowell's home and tied with a yellow ribbon was enjoyed by all present:

Suppons of Wit,
Croustades of Humor.
Simulacrum a la Launfal,
Entrees of Compliment.
Felicitous Game
of Current Topics.
Confections of Pleasant Flattery.

The evening was a most enjoyable one and at the next meeting, which will be held with Mrs. Lane Strickler, Wm. Cullen Bryant will be the topic for consideration.

Amusement.

The performance at the opera house last night was quite a surprise to those who were in attendance. As a rule the shows of a similar nature to the Alabama Blossoms that come into our town on a jump are farces of the first water, but it is without exaggeration that we state that the entertainment furnished last night was first class in all respects. To those who like a lively programme of good old negro melodies, fancy dancing and songs nothing better has appeared at the opera house in some time. The quartette and chorus singing was very well received and the rendition of the "Little Alabama Coon" was excellent. The announcement was made that the company will appear again to-night at the opera house in an entire change of programme.

—What has become of the Emerson Club?

—Miss Mary Swan, of Plano, is visiting friends in the city.

—Mr. Bam, of Bain Bros. merchandise store, at Mystic, is in the city to-day.

—A large number of patterns of wall paper suitable for halls, stores and offices at the City Book Store.

—D. Hoffman and daughter Ida, of Mt. Ayr, were in the city yesterday in consultation with Dr. Sawyers.

—For sale, a square piano in good condition, will sell cheap. Inquire of Mrs. S. W. Lane.

—W. H. Davison, of the civil engineering department of the Rock Island, is in the city to-day on business.

—Sig. Pence, of the Maple Grove Cheese Company, at Moravia, is looking after business interests in the city to-day.

—The ladies will serve out cake and coffee at the Salvation Army hall to-night, Thursday, March 21st. Supper 10 cents each. Come! come! come!

—Mr. Walter Stone has accepted a position in the Maring Clothing Store, and invites the public to try their clothing and furnishings. Go and see him

Centerville Weather Bureau.

The temperature for last evening and to-day was:

7:00 p. m. yesterday..... 36 above
7:00 a. m. to-day..... 22 above
12:00 m. to-day..... 51 above

Forecast: Barometer rising. For to-day and Thursday, fair and warmer.

—Wm. Bradley was in Sedan yesterday on business.

—Superintendent P. H. Bradley is in Numa to-day.

—Spence's Alabama Blossoms at opera house to-night.

—R. L. Sluffar, of Centerville, was in the city Tuesday.—Keokuk Gate City.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wright are reported much better this evening.

—A Grinapan is in Chicago purchasing new goods for his south side store.

—Go and see Spence's Alabama Blossoms at the opera house to-night.

—Miss Clara Myers, of Seymour, is visiting with Miss Jennie Hays of this city.

—R. S. Lowery, Seymour's prosperous banker, was transacting business in the city yesterday.

—G. B. Blosser, Moulton's popular and enterprising druggist, is in the city to-day visiting with friends.

—Father Daily, of Farmington, was in the city yesterday looking after his business interests.

—M. E. Lusk, vice-president of the Quincy Varnishing Company, was in the city yesterday upon business.

—The best soap on the market for laundry work is Anti-Washboard. For sale by J. H. Day.

—D. D. Sturgeon came in from Corydor this afternoon to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, J. A. Pierson.

—Seats for the Hawley Smith lecture at Russell's opera house, next Monday night, can now be secured and reserved at the postoffice news stand.

—Will Halden, of Humeston, who was reported as being very low in these columns some days ago, is again on duty at Ady & Haldeman's drug store.

—Everybody is going to hear Wm. Hawley Smith next Monday night at Russell's hall. Secure your seats now and be sure of them. On sale at post office.

—W. Augustus and daughter, of Centerville, were visiting in the city yesterday. Mr. Augustus is master mechanic of the Keokuk & Western railroad.—Keokuk Gate City.

—Those who attended the entertainment by Spence's Alabama Blossoms last night, speak of it in high terms of praise, and all went away satisfied. They appear again to-night in a choice programme at the opera house.

—Division 5 of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will give one of their suppers and socials at

Business Change

Mr. Sherman clothing salesman, in the Maring store by Oscar Cole. A has divided his stock furnishing goods and it to his building on the square, has placed of it. He calls himself The Rival. Mr. invites all the young to come to the Maring nice, neat new wu collars and cuffs and prices lower than

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I will be in Cer 23d. Please leave Continental hotel.

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THE
HISTORY
OF
APPANOOSE COUNTY,
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CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

A Biographical Directory of Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Appanoose County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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84 years; at the age of 20, Joseph L. removed to Madison Co., N. Y., where he was commissioned Colonel in the war of 1812; participated at the battle of Sackett's Harbor and served through the war; he married Miss Betsey, daughter of Ichabod Downing, of Massachusetts; her mother's maiden name was Chase; her parents died when she was but 2 years old; she was taken by her uncle, Solomon Chase, to Madison Co., N. Y.; remained with her uncle till her marriage, thence removed to Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; in 1834, came to Kane Co., Ill., where she died in 1849, leaving six children; soon after his mother's death, his father married Mrs. Fannie Isabel in June, 1850; her family were all residents of California; in 1876, he removed to San Joaquin Co., Cal., where they now reside; he has retired from active life, being 88 years of age.

MCDONALD, Wm., far., Sec. 27; P. O. Centerville.

Mann, J. J., far., Sec. 35; P. O. Centerville.

Mann, P. C., far., Sec. 28; P. O. Tranquility.

Manzy, Wm., far., Sec. 6; P. O. Promise City.

Marchbanks, John, Sec. 2; P. O. Walnut City.

Martin, S. A., far., Sec. 33; P. O. Jerome.

Milligan, A. S., far., Sec. 17; P. O. Tranquility.

Milligan, Samuel, far., Sec. 17; P. O. Tranquility.

Mitchel, L. S., far., Sec. 32; P. O. Jerome.

Mitchell, W. W., far., Sec. 32; P. O. Jerome.

Morelan, B., far., S. 18; P. O. Tranquility.

Morelan, W., far., S. 18; P. O. Promise City.

Morris, L., far., S. 34; P. O. Jerome.

Morris, R. S., far., Secs. 13 and 24; P. O. Centerville.

Murphy, T. A., far., S. 34; P. O. Jerome.

Myers, A., far., S. 27; P. O. Centerville.

NEEDHAM, J. W., farmer, Sec. 28; P. O. Tranquility.

Needham, S., far., S. 12; P. O. Centerville.

Neil, B., far., S. 7; P. O. Jerome.

Neil, W. K., far., S. 7; P. O. Tranquility.

NICODEMUS, WILLIAM H., far., Sec. 12; P. O. Centerville; born

in Maryland Aug. 23, 1835, and located in this State in 1854, and in this county in 1866; he owns 100 acres of land in Sec. 28, Independence Tp., and he rents and cultivates 55 acres in Sec. 12, Johns Tp. He is a Greenbacker. His wife, Rubia Cozad, was born in West Virginia Nov. 26, 1841; they were married Jan. 19, 1869, and have four children—Martha E., born Feb. 2, 1870; Nicholas P., Dec. 12, 1871; Thomas W., Sept. 25, 1874, and Franklin C., Dec. 26, 1876. Mr. Nicodemus enlisted in Co. G, 11th Iowa V. I., Dec. 7, 1861, and served until Dec. 6, 1863; re-enlisted again at Vicksburg, and served until July 15, 1865; was in the battles of Shiloh, at the siege of Vicksburg and with Gen. Sherman in his famous march to the sea, and on to the Washington review, and was in forty-one battles and innumerable skirmishes.

PENDERGAST, J. W., farmer, Sec. 34; P. O. Jerome.

PEUGH, DAVID, farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Centerville; born in Virginia Jan. 12, 1819; settled in Indiana twenty-five years, and then located in this county in May, 1854; owns 160 acres of land under cultivation and twenty-five acres of timber land. His wife, Nancy E. Needham, was born in Indiana May 4, 1824; married in 1842, and have six children—Lucretia Jane, Nancy Ann, David Preston, William H., Sarah Josephine and Charles Albert.

PIERSON, JOHN A., farmer, Sec. 30; P. O. Promise City; born in Richland Co., Ohio, May 11, 1825, and located here May, 1856, owns 160 acres of land, valued at \$25 per acre. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and a Democrat. His wife, Mary Jane Sturgeon, born in Washington Co., Penn., July 28, 1827, and they were married April 10, 1855, and have four children—Ida Belle, Bruce S., Maggie J. L., Robert M. Mr. Pierson has been School Director for six years, Assessor five years, also Supervisor, and was a member of the House of Representatives in 1858 at the new Capitol.

RATLIFF, BENJAMIN, farmer, Sec. 14; P. O. Centerville.

Rider, Wm., far., Sec. 7; P. O. Griffinsville.



You searched for **John A. Pierson** in **Iowa**

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **John A Pierson**

Birth Year: **abt 1825**

Age in 1870: **45**

Birthplace: **Ohio**

Home in 1870: **Johns, Appanoose, Iowa**

Race: **White**

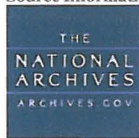
Gender: **Male**

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Post Office: **Promise City**

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
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| | John A Pierson | 45 |
| | Mary J Pierson | 43 |
| | Ida B Pierson | 14 |
| | Bruce S Pierson | 11 |
| | Maggie J Pierson | 9 |
| | Robert M Pierson | 5 |
| | Isabell M Pierson | 65 |

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: Johns, Appanoose, Iowa; Roll: M593_375; Page: 454B; Image: 212; Family History Library Film: 545874.

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 Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data:

- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
- Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

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 This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1870 United States Federal Census, the Ninth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age at last birthday, sex, color, birthplace, occupation, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1870 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

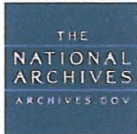
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You searched for **John A. Pierson** in **Iowa**

| 1880 United States Federal Census | | |
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| Name: | John A. Pierson | |
| Home in 1880: | Centerville, Appanoose, Iowa | |
| Age: | 55 | |
| Estimated birth year: | abt 1825 | |
| Birthplace: | Ohio | |
| Relation to head-of-household: | Self (<i>Head</i>) | |
| Spouse's name: | Mary J. Pierson | |
| Father's birthplace: | Pennsylvania | |
| Mother's birthplace: | Pennsylvania | |
| Neighbors: | View others on page | |
| Occupation: | Co. Treasurer | |
| Marital Status: | Married | |
| Race: | White | |
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| | John A. Pierson | 55 |
| | Mary J. Pierson | 53 |
| | Bruce A. Pierson | 21 |
| | Maggie J. L. Pierson | 18 |
| | Robert M. Pierson | 15 |
| Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Centerville, Appanoose, Iowa; Roll: 326; Family History Film: 1254326; Page: 549B; Enumeration District: 20; Image: 0180. | | |
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|  | Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. | |
| Original data: Tenth Census of the United States, 1880. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. | | |
| Description: | | |
| This database is an index to 50 million individuals enumerated in the 1880 United States Federal Census. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, occupation, relationship to the head of household, race, sex, age at last birthday, marital status, place of birth, parents' place of birth. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1880 Federal Census. Learn more... | | |

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You searched for **John A. Pierson** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **John A Pierson**
 Birth Year: **abt 1823**
 Birth Place: **Ohio**
 Gender: **Male**
 Race: **White**
 Census Date: **1895**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Appanoose**
 Locality: **Centerville**
 Roll: **IA1885_287**
 Line: **22**
 Family Number: **410**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| | John A Pierson | 72 |
| | Mary J Pierson | 68 |
| | Robert Pierson | 27 |

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.
 Original data: Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)

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Name: John A. Pierson

Sex: M

Birth: Abt 1825 in Ohio

Note:

Census: 1870 United States Federal Census Record

Name: John A Pierson

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1825

Age in 1870: 45

Birthplace: Ohio

Home in 1870: Johns, Appanoose, Iowa

Family and neighbors: [View Results](#)

Race: White


Gender: Male

Value of real estate: [View Image](#)

Post Office: Promise City

■ Ancestry Hints for **John A. Pierson**

[3 possible historical record matches](#)
Marriage 1 [Mary Sturgeon](#) b: Abt 1827 in Pennsylvania

Children
 [Ida Pierson](#) b: Abt 1856 in Iowa

[Bruce Pierson](#) b: Abt 1859 in Iowa

 [Maggie Pierson](#) b: Abt 1861 in Iowa

[Robert Pierson](#) b: Abt 1865 in Iowa

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