

Mary Ann Pierce (and Thomas Pierce)

1861 census, Pyle Street, Newport

Thomas Pierce	58	Head	Bootmaker employing 6 men, 5 boys and ? women	Portsmouth, Hampshire
<i>Mary A Pierce</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>Wife</i>		<i>Newport, Hampshire</i>
John Pierce	18	Son	Bootmaker's shopman	Newport, Hampshire
Robert Wilkie	9	Grandson	Scholar	Islington, Middlesex
Mary A Adams	19	Servant	General Servant	Calbourne, Hampshire

Hampshire Telegraph - 20 March 1869

ISLE OF WIGHT

NEWPORT

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS. - The remains of the late Mrs. Pierce, the wife of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Thomas Pierce, was interred in the Society of Friends' special burial ground, on Hunny Hill, near Newport, on Tuesday morning last. The funeral procession, which consisted of male and female relatives and friends (who wore no emblems of mourning), left the house of the deceased, in Pyle-street, and moved through Lower St. James's-street, and up Hunny Hill, The coffin, which was without a pall, was borne by bearers, and was made of plain polished oak, the name and age of the deceased being inscribed on a wooden instead of a metal plate. After placing the coffin on the rests, and after an unbroken silence of some minutes, Mr. T. P. Hatch, of Southampton, delivered a solemn and impressive address. He spoke of the worth of the deceased, and most earnestly implored all present to prepare for their latter end. The body was then consigned to the earth, and after four minutes' silence, the funeral procession returned to Newport, when a religious service was held at the St. James's-street Chapel lower schoolroom, which was quite filled with friends and sympathisers.

Thomas Pierce

Hampshire Telegraph – 9 June 1869

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THE LATE MR. THOMAS PIERCE. – About a fortnight since this highly esteemed gentleman went to London, for the purpose of attending the May Meetings, held in connection with the Society of Friends, of which body he was an active member; and while attending one of these meetings, he was seized with an attack of paralysis, from which he never recovered. For some days after the attack he was quite unconscious, he however rallied a little, and was enabled to recognize his family and friends, but he gradually became weaker and expired on Friday last, in the presence of his family. Mt. Pierce was a highly respected and most philanthropic gentleman. He entered heartily into every scheme which had for its object the amelioration of his fellow creatures. He took a very active part in the management of the “British Schools,” the “Town Mission,” “Ragged Schools,” “Penny Savings’ Bank,” “

Newport Provident Society for the Industrious Poor,” &c., &c.; and during any general distress he was always found first in endeavouring to alleviate it. Mr. Pierce was a consistent Liberal in politics, and was frequently selected by his fellow-townsmen to second the nomination of a Liberal candidate at the borough elections. Mr. Pierce seconded the nomination of Mr. Wykham Martin, M.P., at the last general election. Mrs. Pierce died in the month of March last.

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