

[Pierce, Duane]

Duane, fifth son of Liberty and Lydia (Beals) Pierce, was born in Burlington, Otsego county, New York, January 11, 1809; died in Buffalo, New York, October 20, 1881. He was educated in the district schools, and at the age of eighteen was apprenticed to his Uncle Isaac Pierce of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, to learn the trade of carpenter, joiner and millwright. After gaining an expert knowledge of these callings he returned to Otsego county, where he worked at his trade and for several years operated a sawmill and sash, door and blind factory. In 1838 he removed with his family to Herkimer, New York, where he built a cotton mill at Van Hornesville for an operating company. In 1841 he again removed with his family to Plum, Vernango county, Pennsylvania, traveling by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence to Erie, Pennsylvania by steamboat, finishing his journey by team. He built many of the early saw, flouring and woolen mills in northwestern Pennsylvania, where he also owned and conducted a farm. In 1827 [sic] he retired from active life and removed to Buffalo, New York, where he died. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious faith a Universalist. He married, January 23, 1833 at Hartwick, Otsego county, New York, Mary Morse, born in Burlington, Otsego county, January 21, 1817, daughter of Nathaniel Morse, a pioneer settler of Otsego county, who came there from Connecticut. Nathaniel was a son of Stephen, son of Daniel (2), son of Daniel (1), son of William, son of Anthony Morse, the emigrant ancestor, born in Marlboro, Wiltshire, England; came to America in 1635, settling at Newbury, Massachusetts. Nathaniel Morse inherited a large farm from his father Stephen, and was a prominent farmer of Otsego county. Children of Duane and Mary (Morse) Pierce:

1. Maryette, born January 30, 1834, died in Van Hornesville, Herkimer county, New York, February 17, 1840.
2. Amelia M., born January 19, 1836, died January 20, 1900; she married [in] April, 1857, Thomas Tipton; one son, Ray Pierce Tipton.
3. Ray Vaughn [born at Stark, Herkimer Co. NY on 6 Aug 1840; married Mary Jane Smith].
4. Franklin Duane [born 22 Feb 1853; married (first) on 17 Apr 1876 in Buffalo, NY to Ida J. Constantine; married (second) on 26 May 1879 in Brooklyn, NY to Alice Baker].
5. John Edmund, born June 10, 1857, died July 18, 1881; married, November 28, 1879, Louise M. Whicher of Buffalo, New York.

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