

[Pierce, Elizabeth A. Sloat]

MRS. PIERCE DIES AT 95

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sloat Pierce, 95, widow of Dr. Charles E. Pierce and one of the oldest residents of Watertown, died at 1 this morning at the family home, 406 Franklin street, after an illness of more than six years. Death was attributed chiefly to infirmities of old age. She would have been 96 years old June 21.

The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 2 at the Cleveland funeral home. Rev. Blaine F. Hartford, pastor of the All Souls Universalist church, will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot in Brookside cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Surviving Mrs. Pierce are a son, Gerald Sloat Pierce, 326 South Pleasant street; a daughter, Mrs. W. Leonard (Carolyn E.) Mahana, 406 Franklin street, a retired teacher of English at the Watertown High school; a grandson, Charles E. Pierce, San Francisco, Calif.; and a sister, Miss Helen M. Sloat, 406 Franklin street, a retired teacher of the Academy street and Knickerbocker schools.

Another sister, Alice, died years ago at the age of 13.

Her brother, Wallace B. Sloat, one-time lumber merchant of Watertown, died at his home in Chaumont April 29, 1952, at the age of 72.

Her husband, Dr. Pierce, who was a practicing physician for 53 years, 51 of them in Watertown, died at the age of 78 on March 31, 1950, in the House of the Good Samaritan.

Ill since February, 1961, Mrs. Pierce had been confined to her bed since August, 1964. She was born June 21, 1871, in Watertown at the old Sloat family home, which was located at 327 West Main street, and was the eldest daughter of Charles W. and Ada Budlong Sloat. She was one of a family of four children.

Her father was the head of the old lumber firm of Sloat & Greenleaf and later of C. W. Sloat & Son, located on Mill street. After the death of the father in 1924, the son Wallace took over the business, which was discontinued in 1939.

A life-long resident of Watertown, Mrs. Pierce was educated in the local schools, being graduated from the high school in 1890, and the old Hightstown Seminary for Ladies, Hightstown, N.J., which she attended for a year.

She was married to Dr. Charles E. Pierce of this city on June 13, 1900 at the old Universalist church on Public Square by Rev. B. B. Gibbs.

Dr. and Mrs. Pierce lived for many years at the Franklin street home, the former Sloat residence, and she continued to live there after her husband died 17 years ago.

Mrs. Pierce was a member of the All Souls Universalist church and of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter, D.A.R.

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