

James S. Pierce

(- 27 Feb 1909)

Pierce. On February 27, 1909, James S. beloved husband of Maria A. Pierce, aged 73 years. Funeral from his late residence, 610 R street northwest, Tuesday March 2 at 10 o'clock a.m.

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Veteran of Civil War Dies

Passing of James S. Pierce, Aged 73 Years

Held Record of Continuous Service Under Government Since 1865.

Expert in War Department

James S. Pierce, a clerk in the War Department, with a record of continuous service under the government since the beginning of the Civil War, died yesterday morning at his late residence, 610 R street northwest. Mr. Pierce was seventy-three years of age. He was born at Gettysburg, Pa.

He had been ill for six weeks, and had recently submitted to an operation, from the shock of which he never fully recovered. Members of his family say that during the war he became ill and that since that time he had been troubled with the after effects of that sickness.

He enlisted in the Pennsylvania Reserves at the beginning of the war and saw much active service. He was at Bull Run and in the campaign around Richmond. At the time of the battle of Gettysburg he was ill in a Washington hospital and shortly afterward left the army on account of disability.

In the Ordnance Division

Owing to his expert knowledge of army matters he was soon afterward made a sergeant of ordnance at the arsenal in this city, and after serving there for five years entered the census office, where he was employed for a short while. From 1876 he had been an employee in the ordnance division of the War Department. He was well known to officials and clerks of the department. During his illness Gen. Crozier took much interest in his case and sent several messages to him.

The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence on R street. No arrangements have been made for the services, but the pallbearers will be selected from Mr. Pierce's friends in the War Department. Gen. Crozier has given notice that as many clerks of the ordnance division who wish to attend the funeral may have sufficient leave.

His wife, two sons and two daughters survive Mr. Pierce.