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January 14th, 1916.

Dear Sir:-

We find that you are listed in the Chapter reports of Buffalo and Central New York as a member of each.

Institute members, under the By-laws, should not maintain membership in two Chapters.

I make inquiry in connection with the preparation of the new Annuary and would appreciate it if you will advise me under which Chapter we should carry your name.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Central New York Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Pierce,
118 Lake Street,
Elmira, New York.

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J. H. PIERCE, F.A.I.A.

H. H. BICKFORD, F.A.I.A.

PIERCE & BICKFORD,

ARCHITECTS,

118 AND 120 LAKE STREET,

ELMIRA, N. Y.

BELL AND YORK STATE PHONES.

ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS TO FIRM.

Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 15th, 1916.

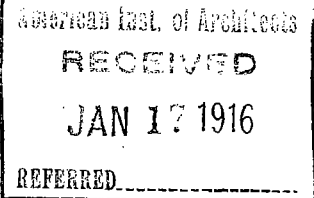
Mr. E. C. Kemper,

Executive Secretary,

American Institute of

Architects,

Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of Jan. 14, 1916.

I am and have been since its' organization a member of the Central N.Y. Chapter A. I. A.

A number of years ago, while conversing with some members of the Buffalo Chapter, they explained to me that they had a class of non-resident members, and that I was eligible, etc. etc. I joined their Chapter in the non-resident class, and have paid dues ever since.

If I am not permitted to retain membership in the non-resident class of the Buffalo Chapter and at the same time be a member of the Central New York Chapter, I shall have to resign my non-resident membership in the Buffalo Chapter.

I regret that you did not send a copy of your letter to me to the Secretary of the Buffalo Chapter, instead of sending it to the Secretary of the Central New York Chapter, or that you did not send to both Secretaries.

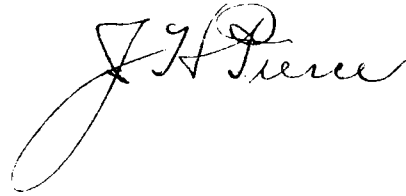
I will await your reply concerning the non-resident member-

Mr. E. C. Kemper--

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ship and whether it may be continued.

Yours very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. P.", written in dark ink.

Enc. J. H. P.

Pierce, J H

January 21st, 1916.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of January 15th with regard to the membership of the Central New York and Buffalo Chapters. I find on looking at the correspondence that we sent a similar memorandum to the Secretary of the Buffalo Chapter, so that all parties were fully advised. In view of your letter your name will be retained as an active member of the Central New York Chapter and will not be carried in the Annuary as an active member of the Buffalo Chapter.

I trust that you will let me know at an early date if this is not as you wish. Copies have been sent to the Secretaries of the Chapters concerned.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Pierce,
118-120 Lake Street,
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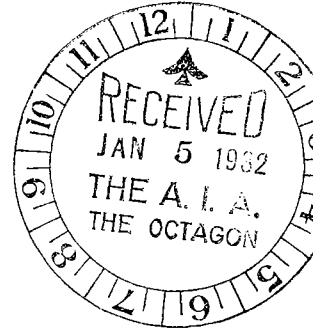
Miss Garrison

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ARCHITECTS

J. H. PIERCE, F. A. I. A.
R. T. BICKFORD, A. I. A.

215 WEST WATER ST.
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

January 4, 1932



Mr. Frank C. Baldwin,
Secretary A. I. A.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

After fifty-one years practice as an architect,
forty-three and over as a Fellow of the American Institute
of Architects, I am retiring from practice at the age of
seventy-six plus.

I suppose Article 10, Section 2 of the By-laws
applies to my case. I am making application for exemption
from dues under the above named section and article.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Pierce

J.H.P.

*Paid in full 10
Dec. 31/31*

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Pierce Com.

January 13, 1932.

Dear Mr. Pierce:

We are glad to have your letter of January 4th, and shall take pleasure in submitting your application for retirement under Chapter I, Article 10, Section 2 (a), of the Institute By-Laws, to the Executive Committee for consideration.

There will be a meeting of the Committee during the latter part of February, and you will be advised promptly thereafter of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Pierce,
215 West Water Street,
Elmira, New York.

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Copy to Mr. Merton E. Granger, Secretary, Central New York Chapter.

(Copy for Mrs. Miller)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

April 11, 1932.

Dear Mr. Pierce:

The Minutes of the February meeting of the Executive Committee have been approved and we are now in a position to write the formal letters.

This will advise that the Committee, by resolution, placed you on the retired list of the Institute, effective December 31, 1931.

This makes no change in your status as an active member except that it relieves you of the payment of Institute dues.

By direction of the Secretary.

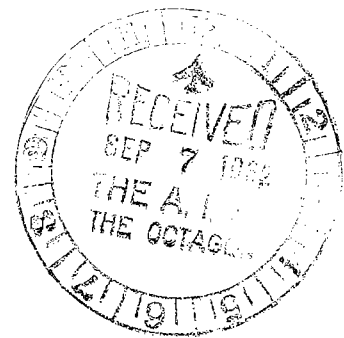
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Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Pierce,
215 West Water Street,
Elmira, New York.

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Mr. Kemper



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Leonard A. Waasdorp
311 Alexander Street
Rochester, N.Y.

THE CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

September 6, 1932

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

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We regret to advise you of the death of Mr. Joseph H. Pierce, a member of the Central New York Chapter, on Sunday, August 28. Mr. Pierce was a fellow of the Institute and a former president of our chapter. For your records I enclose herewith two newspaper clippings.

Our President, Mr. Walter H. Cassebeer, has appointed a committee to draw up resolutions and I will forward you copy of same as soon as action has been taken by the chapter this month.

Respectfully yours,

L. Waasdorp

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Secretary.

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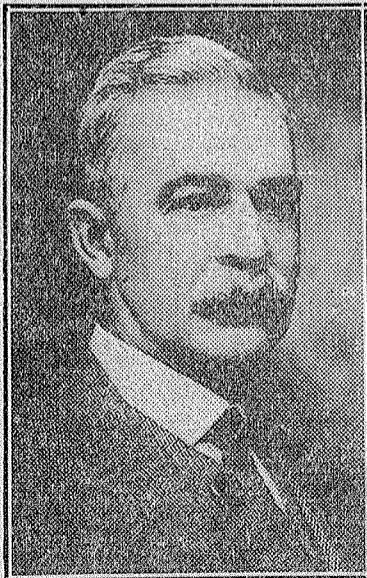


PART of the crowd, estimate first annual field day of Association at Waneta Lake tainment programs added to This picture was taken by a just before the afternoon'

Death Takes J. H. Pierce; Ill 2 Years

Leading Architect Here for Many Years Succumbs At 77 At Residence Sunday Evening—Designed Many Buildings in Elmira

Joseph H. Pierce, 77, a leading architect in Elmira for more than half a century, died unexpectedly at his home, 308 West Clinton Street, Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Pierce had been in ill health about two years, but his condition



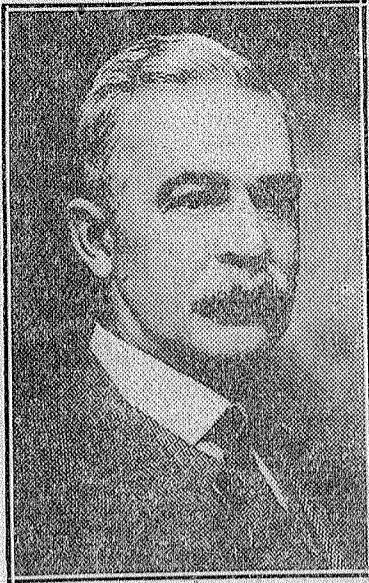
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Came Here in 1870

Mr. Pierce was born in Dundee and was graduated from the Dundee Academy and Starkey Seminary. He moved in Elmira in the late 70's and became associated with Architect W. H. Hayes. When Mr. Hayes left this city for Minneapolis, Mr. Pierce continued the business.

In 1884 he formed a partnership with Otis A. Dockstader which continued for six years. In 1891 Mr. Pierce and H. H. Bickford organized the partnership of Pierce & Bickford. In 1920 Robert T. Bickford was taken in as a junior partner and in 1925 the firm became an equal partnership comprising Mr. Pierce, H. H. Bickford and Robert T. Bickford.

Since the death of H. H. Bickford, Mr. Pierce and Robert T. Bickford continued the partnership until Jan. 1, 1932, when Mr. Pierce retired. Mr. Bickford, who is a graduate of Cornell University College of Architecture and a member of the American Institute of Architects, is continuing the practice at the present office at 215 West Water Street.

Among the buildings in this city designed by the firms headed by Mr. Pierce are: Hedding M. E. Church in 1900 and the addition completed about two years ago, the S. F. Iszard Building, the Southside High School, the Central Y. M. C. A., the Gorton-Pagett Building, the First National Bank & Trust Company Building on Lake Street, the City Hall, Parley Coburn School and several of the Elmira College buildings. In addition the firms designed many schools and other buildings in various parts of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Was Chapter President

Mr. Pierce was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and a former president of the Central New York chapter.

He was a member of the Corning Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, of Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M., a Royal Arch Mason, a member of St. Omer Commandery, Knights Templar; and Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He was also a member of Century Club, Rotary Club and other local organizations.

From 1914 to 1917 Mr. Pierce served as police commissioner of Elmira. He was active in military circles, serving in the 30th Separate Company, N. Y. N. G., in which he rose from private to sergeant.

JOSEPH H. PIERCE

Joseph H. Pierce, 77, late of 308 West Clinton Street, died unexpectedly Sunday at 7:30 p. m. He is survived by his widow; a brother, William. The funeral will be held at the family home Wednesday at 2 p. m. The Rev. Benjamin

Rowe will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Bruce Pierce of Syracuse, a cousin of Joseph H. Pierce. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

*Mrs M
Forester
[Signature]*

September 8, 1932

Dear Mr. Waasdorp:

It is with much regret that we learn from your letter of September 6th, of the death of Mr. Joseph H. Pierce, a member of the Central New York Chapter and Fellow of the Institute.

We shall be glad to have, for our permanent records, a copy of the resolutions which the committee of your Chapter is preparing in regard to Mr. Pierce.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

Mr. L. A. Waasdorp, Secretary,
Central New York Chapter, A.I.A.,
311 Alexander Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

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[Archivist's note: The chapter apparently did not send a copy of the resolutions, since they are not in the membership files nor in the chapter correspondence files of the AIA Archives.]