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Name variations include: Pearc, Pearce, Pearse, Peirc, Peirce, Peirs, Peirse, Perce, Pers, Pierc, Pierce, Piers, Pierse, Pirce, Perice and Piercce.

First Generation

1. Thomas¹ PIERCE was born in 1583^[1] and died on 7 October 1666; he was 83^[1]. He was clearly born in England, but we currently do not have his migration information. However, he was in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA by 21d:12m(February):1634/5, when he was admitted to the church there^[3].

In 1635/6, he was granted 4 acres of planting ground in Charlestown^[2]. In the 1638 Charlestown Book Of Possessions, Pierce is listed as having 10 lots: 5 acres in the West End with a dwelling house; 1 acre on the South Meade; 1 other acre in the South Meade; 4 acres in Line Field; 4 cow commons; 5 acres of woods in the Mystic field; 3 acres in the Mystic marshes; 1 acres in Mystic Long Meadow; 15 acres of woods in Mystic Field; and 62 acres at Water Field^[2].

Thomas' will was dated 6 November 1665 at Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA, when Thomas was aged 82 years, and proved on 22 March 1666/7. He left 20s. to Harvard College and gave legacies to the two grandchildren living with him -- Mary Bridge & Elizabeth Jeffs. The rest, he left to his wife, Elizabeth, for as long as she lived. She was also named his executrix. After Elizabeth's death, all of his grandchildren were to get 10s. each and the rest was to be divided amongst his children. His son, John, was named overseer^[2].

The inventory of his estate included: House, etc. £60; 12 acres £48; 8 acres commons £32; 6 acres £20; 10 acres marsh £30; 5 commons £30; total £413^[2].

Circa 1612 when Thomas was 29, he married **Elizabeth [surname not known]**, in England^[1,4,5,6,7,8,9,3,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19]. Elizabeth was born in England in 1596^[1,3]. This birth year is based on the fact that she was aged 71 in 1667. She died sometime after 1667. Since she and Thomas named a daughter "Persis", it is possible that this was her maiden name. Another possibility is that it is a corruption of "Pierce". Regardless, it became a family name for girls. Elizabeth was admitted to the church in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 10d:11m(January):1634/5^[3].

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Samuel |
| 3 | ii. | John |
| 4 | iii. | Thomas |
| 5 | iv. | Mary |
| 6 | v. | Persis |
| 7 | vi. | Elizabeth |

Generation: G9 Grandparents twice

Person Numbers: 3736/3737 (Jonathon) and 3804/3805 (Mary)

Second Generation

Family of Thomas PIERCE (1) & Elizabeth [surname not known]

2. Samuel² PIERCE (*Thomas¹*) died between 8 September 1678, when his will was written, and 17 September 1678, when his will was proven.

Samuel was of Malden, Middlesex co., MA, but also owned land in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA. He bought 2.75 acres of land in Charlestown from T. Brigden in 1666 and sold 2 acres to A. Hill there in 1670/1. He bought a house & land from James Gooding in Charlestown in 1677^[2]. Samuel was also admitted to the church at Charlestown on 5

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December 1669^[3].

As previously mentioned, his will was written 8 September 1678 and proved on 17d:1m(September):1678. He gave his son Thomas a house & 2 acres in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA in addition to all the meadow from Sprague's Marsh to Bullard's Bridge. He also received 4 acres of plowland "before door"; 2 lots at 2 acres each; a haylot at the Cambridge line and Meadow adjoining Bullard Bridge. Thomas also received 4 cow commons, with the stipulation that he paid his brother Joseph & four sisters. Jonathon received the Great Lot; the marsh between Widow Lynde & Bullard Bridge and 2 cow commons. John received the house & malthouse at the Neck & land, except for the houseplot for Joseph, 50 by 50, between dwelling house and creek. 12 acres bought of James Gooding and 2 cow commons^[2].

Before 1655 Samuel married **Mary [surname not known]**, in Malden, Middlesex co., MA or Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[1,4,6,20,21,22,23]. Mary was born circa 1630^[24], as estimated from her death information. She died of Smallpox on 17 January 1705/6; she was 75^[3]. Mary was admitted to the church at Charlestown on 27 March 1670^[3]. As a widow, Mary was granted 8 cow commons in 1681. She also received 11 acres of land in 3 separate parcels, two by her house and the other between James Russell's land, the watering-place and Thomas Danforth's land in 1681. In 1700, she also consented to a sale of land to Jonathon Pierce^[25].

They had the following children:

8	i.	Samuel
9	ii.	Mary
10	iii.	Thomas
11	iv.	John1
12	v.	Joseph
13	vi.	Jonathon
14	vii.	John2
15	viii.	Elizabeth
16	ix.	Persis
17	x.	Abigail
18	xi.	Hannah
19	xii.	Benjamin

Generation: G8 Grandparents twice

Person Numbers: 1868/1869 (Jonathon) and 1902/1903 (Mary)

3. John PIERCE (*Thomas¹*) was a Mariner from Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[3]. Apparently, at some point, he removed to London, for he is referred to as "J.P. of London, mariner" in Wyman^[3]. In 1648, he bought a house & garden from Grace Smith in Charlestown. In 1655, he sold a house, hay-lot and one-quarter of a cow common to R. Mousal in 1655. The one-quarter cow common had been bought from his sister Persis Pierce Bridges, who was referred to as "widow Bridges, my sister" in the deed. By 1669, he was referred to as "J.P. of Wapping"^[3]. John was admitted to the Charlestown Church on 22d:6m(August):1652^[3].

4. Sergeant Thomas PIERCE. (*Thomas¹*) I currently have no more information on him.

5. Mary PIERCE (*Thomas¹*) married **Peter TUFTS**.

6. Persis PIERCE (*Thomas¹*) married **William BRIDGE**.

7. Elizabeth PIERCE (*Thomas¹*) married **R. NICHOLS**.

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Third Generation

Family of Samuel PIERCE (2) & Mary [surname not known]

8. Samuel PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(December):1669/70^[3]. His estate was inventoried on 30 March 1691, and totaled £169^[26]. Samuel married **Mary ORTON**.

9. Mary³ PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 20d:6m(August):1656 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[3,27] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 22 December 1690; she was 34^[28]. At the age of 13, Mary was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(January):1669/70^[3].

In 1672/1678 when Mary was 16, she married **Captain John LYNDE**, son of **Ensign Thomas LYNDE & Elizabeth TUFTS**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[1,11,29,30,31,32,33,34,35].

They had the following children (*surnamed LYNDE*):

20	i.	Mary
21	ii.	Elizabeth
22	iii.	John
23	iv.	Thomas
24	v.	Ann
25	vi.	Abigail
26	vii.	Samuel

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 950/951

10. Thomas PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 7d:11m(January):1657/8 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[3,27] and died of a fever on 4 August 1693; he was 36^[26]. At the age of 12, Thomas was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(January):1669/70^[3].

Thomas had a Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA grant of 13.75 acres, 20 poles in 1685. He also received another grant of 10 poles "by corner highway to the fieldbridge" that same year^[26]. The inventory of his estate in Charlestown included his house, 26 acres of upland and 7 acres of marsh, valued at £331. His heirs applied for administration on 20 November 1699^[26]. Thomas married **Elizabeth HALL**.

11. John¹ PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born in 6m(August):1658 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[3,27] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 6m(August):1659; he was 1^[3,37]. Wyman says that he died in 1658, but the vital records for Malden, Middlesex co., MA say 1659.

12. Joseph PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born in 6m(August):1659 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[3,27]. At the age of 10, Joseph was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(January):1669/70^[3].

13. Jonathon³ PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born in 1661^[1] and died in 1722; he was 61^[1]. He is buried in Copp's Hill Cemetery, Boston, Suffolk co., MA. At the age of 8, Jonathon was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(January):1669/70^[3]. Jonathan was admitted to the church at Charlestown on 18 September 1715.

Jonathan was granted 10.5 acres of land in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA in 1685. In 1699/1700, he bought 6 acres from B. Bunker. In 1700, he sold 16.5 acres to Samuel Whittemore. He sold a house to S. Counce in 1704. In 1707, he bought 3 acres from John Pierce & sold the same lot to Joseph Kent that same year. Along with John Pierce, he sold 12 acres of woodlot #56 to W. Richardson in 1707. He sold 6 acres of Bunker [Hill] to A. Ireland in 1708. He sold lots to Spencer Phipps in 1709 & 1710. To his son Samuel, he either deeded or sold a house & 30 acres in

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1713. He bought this parcel back from his son's widow Mehitabel in 1714/15. He then mortgaged the same lots to C. Chambers in 1715/16^[25].

Jonathan's estate was administered to his widow, Mary on 16 July 1722. The inventory included a house and 10 acres, being 4 acres meadow, 3 acres orchard, 3 acres plowland, 19-1/2 acres of pasture, 2 acres of marsh, 2 acres of upland, 1-1/2 acres & 6 acres - being 7-1/2 acres woods, 1st division 2nd range Mystic Side.

His widow received the southwest part of the house, 1.5 acres of orchard & meadow, 2 acres of upland, 2.25 acres of woods and 6 acres of the 19.5 acres of pasture mentioned in the estate inventory. In 1724/5, 3.25 acres of lot #56 was granted to Thomas Pierce. In 1728, Mary Lobdell Pierce deeded to her children all the rights to her husband's estate. In 1728/9, the heirs sold to Joseph Pierce the northeast end of the house & the cellar under the northwest end of the house; 2/3 of the barn at the west end; 8.75 acres and another parcel of 13.5 acres. In addition, they sold him one-quarter of the 5 acres of woods bequeathed to their mother by their father; and "Drinker's house" -- lot #45. In 1728/9, the heirs -- working through Joseph & John Pierce, attorneys -- sold to N. Tufts 1 and 1/8 acres of orchard and sold 6 acres to S. Phipps. In addition, they transacted the southwest third of the barn and 2.25 acres at the north end of the 6 acre lot^[25].

On 4d:10m(December):1683 when Jonathon was 22, he married **Mary LOBDELL**, daughter of **Isaac LOBDELL & Martha WARD**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[1,11,35,38,39,40,41,42,43]. They were married by Deputy Governor Thomas Danforth, Esq.

They had the following children:

27	i.	Mary
28	ii.	Samuel
29	iii.	Jonathon1
30	iv.	Jonathon2
31	v.	Thomas
32	vi.	Joseph
33	vii.	Martha
34	viii.	Benjamin
35	ix.	Sarah
36	x.	Elizabeth
37	xi.	Isaac
38	xii.	John
39	xiii.	Jacob
40	xiv.	Stephen

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 934/935

14. John2 PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(January):1669/70^[3].

15. Elizabeth PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born in 8m(October):1666 in Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[27]. At the age of 3, Elizabeth was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(January):1669/70^[3]. Elizabeth married **John CURTICE**.

16. Persis PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 30 January 1668/9 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[3]. At the age of 1, Persis was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 16d:11m(January):1669/70^[3]. Persis married **John SHEPHERD**.

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17. Abigail PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 16 April 1670 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[3] and baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 29d:3m(May):1670^[3]. Abigail's will was written on 3 April 1707 and proved on 31 May 1708. The inventory totaled £77^[3]. Abigail was admitted to the church at Charlestown on 8 October 1699^[3].

18. Hannah PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 28 December 1671 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[3] and was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 31 December 1671^[3]. Hannah married **Samuel COUNCE**.

19. Benjamin PIERCE (*Samuel², Thomas¹*) was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 15d:6m(August):1675^[3].

Fourth Generation

Family of Jonathon PIERCE (13) & Mary LOBDELL

27. Mary⁴ PIERCE (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 4 September 1686 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26] and died in Reading, Middlesex co., MA on 2 November 1740; she was 54^[47,48,49]. She is buried in the Old Cemetery, Reading, Middlesex co., MA. At the age of 2, Mary was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 12d:6m(August):1688^[26]. She lived in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA & Stoneham, Middlesex co., MA^[48].

On 22 November 1709 when Mary was 23, she married **Isaac SMITH**, son of **Deacon Francis SMITH & Ruth MAVERICK**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA by Mr. Justice Emerson^[47,48,50]. Their marriage record reads "Smith, Isaac and Mary Pierce of Charlestown...at Charlestown".

They had the following children (*surnamed SMITH*):

- i. **Mary**
- ii. Sarah
- iii. Abigail¹
- iv. Martha
- v. Isaac
- vi. Jonathon
- vii. Catherine
- viii. Phebe
- ix. Samuel
- x. Abigail²
- xi. Timothy
- xii. Maverick

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 466/467

28. Samuel PIERCE (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 19 February 1687/8 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26]. At the age of 1, Samuel was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 12d:6m(August):1688^[26]. He married **Mehitable [surname not known]**.

29. Jonathon¹ PIERCE (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was "dead born" on 18 October 1689 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26].

30. Jonathon² PIERCE (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 24 January 1690 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26]. At the age of 4, he was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA in 21d:2m:1694/5^[26].

31. Thomas PIERCE (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 29 March 1693 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26] and was baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA on 11d:4m(June):1693^[26].

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- 32. Joseph PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 24 January 1694/5 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26] and baptized in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA in 21d:2m(April):1694/5^[26].
- 33. Martha PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 5 January 1696/7 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26]. At the age of 1, Martha was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 8 August 1697^[52]. She married **John STEEL**.
- 34. Benjamin PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 30 September 1698 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26] and baptized as "Peirce, Benjamin" in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 2 October 1698^[53].
- 35. Sarah PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born in 1699 and baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 28 July 1699^[26].
- 36. Elizabeth PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 29 June 1700 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26]. Elizabeth married **Abraham SMITH**, son of **Lieutenant & Captain John SMITH & Catherine MORRILL**. He was born on 10 April 1661 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA^[47,54,55].
- 37. Isaac PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 27 June 1702 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26].
- 38. John PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 22 December 1703 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26] and baptized as "Pierce, John" in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 23 April 1704^[52].
- 39. Jacob PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 24 August 1705 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26] and died on 24 August 1705 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26].
- 40. Stephen PIERCE** (*Jonathan³, Samuel², Thomas¹*) was born on 24 January 1706 in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[26]. At the age of 3, Stephen was baptized in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 30 April 1709^[52].

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