

Letter from Jessie Souther to Eddie Force

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Dear Mr Force

I am a friend of Mrs Anthony's of Dahlonega, and she gave me your letter hoping maybe I can help you. I haven't worked on the Pierces but I have some Abercrombie infomration and some dates on your Pierces. A couple of years ago I copied some information out of the church records of the Mt. Zion #1 Baptist Church in Lumpkin CO. Mr Zion #1 is about 10 miles North of Dahlonega. In these records on

1. June 30 1840, received by experience Clementh Abercrombie and Nancy Pierce
2. May 4 1850 by Experience Andrew J Pierce
3. Oct 1 1852 by Experience George Pierce

4. Nov 26 1853 AJ Pierce, Nancy Pierce, George Pierce received letters of dismissal.
5. July 21, 1855 AJ Piece, Nancy Pierce, George Pierce joined again.
6. Nov 1855 Letters of Dismission to AJ Pierce, Nancy Pierce, and GW Pierce

A few years ago I had done some work for a Jerry Abercrombie of California on the abercormbie family. He was a descended of Clemeth Abercrombie. Mrs Anthony gave me her notes on the Abercrombies. In Mrs Anthony's nd Jerry's notes they have your Nancy as a sister to Clemeth and My husbands great-great grandfather John Abercrombie Jr. They were children of John Abercrombie Sr., and Fannie Cavender.

The Cloementh Abercrombie famioy left Lumpkin Co around 1870 and went west and settled in Kansas in Mitchell County.

About two years ago a lady had a query in a weekly magazine that I take-Family Puzzlers on the pierces. I sent her what I had copied out of the

church records. I don't know if it could be your Pierces or not but if you would like to try her name was Mrs Melvin L Pierson 1404 N 10<sup>th</sup> St Colton, CA 92324.

I am enclosing a family chart on the Sampson Pierce family. I wonder if Sampson could have been a brother to your Andrew J. I wonder if your Andrew J & Nancy might have went to Kansas also with Clemeth Abercrombie. I think others went with him. Sorry I could not help you more than this. I live in Lumpkin County about one mile from the Pierces store where you visited when you were here.

Yours truly Jessie Souther

May 23 1980

Dear Mr. Force

I was glad to hear I was some help to you on the Abercrombies. Sorry I could not help you more on the Pierces. I am enclosing some copies for you and I thought you might like to have the copies on the Cavender's also. I am descendent of Clementh Cavender also. If I learn of any one working on the Pierce's I will let you know. Have you written Mrs Sybil McRay? She is the genealogist at the Chestatee Regional Library at Gainsville, and does the Hall Co. history article in the "Times" If you notice your Nancy is not listed in the "Hall Co0 History Article or "This N That History of Hall Co". In the story Jerry Abercrombie did on Clemeth Abercrombie, she is listed as one of the original heirs of the estate of John Abercrombie. Nancy Must have married and moved up to the Northern part of Lumpkin Co. The cemetery that John & Fanney Abercrombie & her parents Clementh & Rebecca Cavender are buried in is in Hall Co. close tl the Lumpkin Co. line, approximately 3 miles from Wahoo Baptist Church. Mt Zion #1 is in Northern Lumpkin Co. close to the present day Rangers Camp. Do you have information of the Abercrombies of SC? If so please share with me. I will be glad to pay toe cost of the copies I have not

gotten to research the Abercrombies in SC like I would like to . I work and have two children. I think our James Sr. from Laurens SC, father could have been a William Abercrombie, and his father a David Abercrombie that came to American in 1673 in the ship "Blessing " to Charleston SC. I have not been able to prove this.....

Jessie Souther