

## **My Grandfather Lorenzo Dowell Pierce Biography PDF Version March 1999**

**My Grandfather--Lorenzo Dowell (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born March 16, 1895 in Cleburne TX Johnson County, and died June 16, 1971 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX buried in Old Hansford Cemetery. He married **Jimmie Francis Scott**, daughter of John Scott and Sophy Woody. She died in 1946.

### **L. D. Pierce and Jimmie Francis Pierce Story Written By Juanita Pierce**

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Lorenzo Dowell Pierce Jr., was born in Johnson County, Texas March 16 1895. His father L.D. Pierce Sr. and his Mother Ora (Finley) Pierce lived along the Brazos River in a bend in the river called Goatneck. His grandfather Andrew Jackson Pierce and his grandmother Nancy (Abercrombie) Pierce came from Rome GA, to Texas. L.D. Sr. lost his leg in an accident with a train while he was riding horseback. He had a wooden peg leg and was called "Peggy" or "Peg Leg

Pierce" because of it. L.D. Jr. told many tales of swimming in the Brazos River and of the big water rises in the river. In 1909 the Pierce family rented a boxcar for their belongings and came to the Texas Panhandle. As the train did not come to Hansford, they came in from Channing in wagons. It took four days to come from Channing to Hansford. L.D. Sr. was engaged in farming for many years. Around 1916 L.D. worked on Turkey Track Ranch along with many other Hansford County boys. Among the many things he did was breaking sod and working with threshers on a threshing machine. As a Young man, he and his friend, Jim Compton took a trip to Galveston by train. They stayed in Childress awhile and picked cotton for traveling money. Between Wichita Falls and Fort Worth the train derailed. No one was hurt, but L.D. and Jim had lots of excitement. When they came home, they came through Dalhart, then to Texhoma, Oklahoma, because the track did come to Hansford. They hitched a ride with Luken Walker who was freighting with mules and three wagons hooked together. Luken accidentally fell on the tongue of the front wagon. That

scared the mules and they took off running. Before the boys could get the wagons stopped, all three wagons had run over Mr. Walker. He died in Texhoma that night. L.D. and Jim drove the wagons on home to Hansford. L.D.'s brothers and sisters were: Clem, Allen, George, Susie Dacus, Visa Compton, and Sally Clark.

Jimmie Francis Scott was born in Denton, Texas, January 25, 1905. She spent most of her life growing up in and around Eric, Oklahoma. On a visit to her Aunt Mrs. Jim Mayfield, Jimmie met L.D. Pierce. They were married May 19, 1924, in Eric, Oklahoma. They had four children: James Lorenzo (J.L.) born PRIVATE; Bobby Jack, born PRIVATE; Peggy June, born PRIVATE; and one daughter who died, Jaynell, 1927-1928.

For several years, L.D. worked for his cousin, Ed Wilbanks, drilling water wells. In 1932 while drilling a water well on the Morton Place, there was an accident that killed Roy Martin who was working with L.D. Roy left two young daughters Sybil and Sylvia, and a wife, Mareta. L.D. was very sad at his death.

During the Depression, L.D. worked on the WPA building the dam that first formed Lake Fryer. In the late thirties, he went into business for himself, putting up windmills and repairing water wells. L.D. died of heart trouble at the age of 76 in 1971. Jimmie Francis died in 1946 of heart trouble. She had one brother, Lymon Hensley, and four sisters: Doris, Iris, Isabell, Dorothy, and Ceretha

Short Article Spearman Reporter: 1970;s LD Pierce in Hospital L.D. Pierce local windmill repairman, lost his balance and fell down the basement stairs at his sons home Thursday. The accident broke part of a vertebra in his neck. Mr. Pierce is in Hansford Hospital for treatment. When he is released he will have to wear a neck brace for some time."

(reality check: in reality my grandfather LD was down the street at a neighbors (Kathleen ???) Kathleen's grand-mother and my grandfather had a love affair going on, and when grandpa was going over to her house(alley catting around) and he got too drunk and fell down the stairs and broke his neck. So much for that romantic liaison) LDP- LD's grandson written 1998

Lorenzo D (L.D.I I) Pierce is buried in Old Hansford Cemetery, Hansford Co., TX with his wife Jimmie Francis Scott.

Info on Jimmie Francis Scott lineage provided by Dorothy Franklin (Scott) and other information she had received from Jimmy Dewitt Spivey of Houston TX (deceased) On his genealogy form he states that his information was obtained from May Oma and Jim Mayfield, Lavern Loyd Woody, and James Dewitt Spivey Jr.---

**Children of Lorenzo (L.D.) Pierce and Jimmie Scott are:**

- + 22 i. James Lorenzo (J L)<sup>5</sup> Pierce, born April 10, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
  
- + 23 ii. Bobby Jack Pierce, born May 08, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
  
- + 24 iii. Peggy June Pierce, born November 01, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
  
- 25 iv. Infant Janell Pierce, born 1927; died 1928.