

Albert G. Pierce, business college, accounting firm owner dies at 79

FALL RIVER — Albert G. Pierce, 79, of 1168 Highland Ave., died Wednesday after a brief illness. He was the widower of Evelyn G. (Storey) Pierce.

He was born in Fall River and had lived in Westport for 27 years. He was a member of Ascension Church in Fall River.

Mr. Pierce graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School, class of 1917, then attended Thibodeau Business College and returned there as one of the instructors. He eventually became the owner. He also took extension courses at Brown University and had an honorary degree from Southeastern Massachusetts University. Mr. Pierce worked in the accounting department of the Fall River Gas Co. from 1920 to 1935.

He was a former director of the Fall River Trust Co. and chairman of its board for 15 years. After leaving the gas company, he established his own accounting firm and also acquired the A.G. and W.J. Howland Insurance Agency.

He was a former trustee of the Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank and a former member of the Executive Committee. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a life member

and past master of King Philip Lodge A.F. & A.M. He also was a life member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Fall River, including Old Colony Consistory and the Massachusetts Consistory of Boston.

Mr. Pierce was also a life member of the Aleppo Shrine of Boston and a Scottish Rite Trustee. He was a life member of the Quequechan Club of Fall River; member of the Board of Insurance Agents; trustee and member of the Finance Board of the Home for Aged People in Fall River; member of the Adams Club of Fall River; former member of the Chamber of Commerce of Fall River; former trustee of Truesdale Hospital; and former member of the district Nursing Association.

He was a former director and financial adviser of the Truesdale Clinic, which created the Pierce Foundation in honor of him and his wife. He was a member of the Massachusetts Association of Public Accountants; the Fall River board of realtors; and was a former member of the Fall River Development Corp.

Arrangements are by the Cherry Place Home of Waring Ashton, 178 Winter St., Fall River.