

Pioneer Mother Of Old Dunton Is Passed Away

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Mrs. Emily C. Pierce (nee Crouch), 706 North Dunton avenue, Arlington Heights, passed away at five o'clock last Saturday morning, after a long, active life of 91 years, linked for 73 years with the history of Arlington Heights; 71 years with the First Methodist church of this village.

Mrs. Pierce was one of the rather early pioneers of the Village of Dunton—late changed to Arlington Heights. She came here at the age of 18 to be company to her married sister, Mrs. Jane Hale, whose husband was Anthony Hale, of a family famous in American history. Emily Crouch married Anthony Hale's brother, Isaac Hale, about 1858.

Sept. 24, 1860, she joined the First Methodist Episcopal church in Dunton, and has been a member here ever since. Anthony Hale was chorister in the church for years.

Of her first marriage, there were three children: Orin, deceased; Fannie, who passed on in childhood; and Mrs. Elsie Hale Pickens, now of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hale continued to live in Dunton, both being members of the Methodist church, until his passing on about twelve years after their marriage.

About a year after Mr. Hale's death, Mrs. Hale married Mr. William Warwick, who had come from England with a wife and four sons, but the first Mrs. Warwick died of homesickness for her old home in England. Children of this marriage are Mrs. Charles McElhose (Adelaide), Mrs. Grace Allison of Los Angeles, and Arthur, deceased. All were members of the local Methodist church. The Warwick family lived on the present Meyer

farm at Campbell and Wilke roads; they worked 186 acres, 40 of which were rented each year. About 29 years ago they moved to within the village to the present Charles McElhose home on North Dunton street, where Mr. Warwick passed away. The third marriage was to Mr. Frank Pierce, who died a few years afterward.

Mrs. Pierce retained remarkable spryness and ambition to advanced age, enjoyed automobile rides, and even planned an airplane trip quite recently. For years she was president of the Ladies' Aid society of the church. Her intense loyalty to the church and to its pastors was remarkable. With the exception of the early years in New York state, where she remembered helping her father build a log house and in "sugaring," practically her entire life was spent in and around Dunton, or Arlington Heights, except two years spent in Florida, and another two years visiting at her old eastern home.

Mrs. Pierce leaves her three daughters, Mrs. Charles McElhose, Arlington Heights; Mrs. Elsie Pickens, Beverly Hills; Mrs. Grace Allison of Los Angeles, California; one older sister, Mrs. Sarah Hill, in Oswego, New York; one brother, Mr. Hulbert Crouch of Phoenix, Arizona; and grandchildren, and many friends.

The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at the late home, at which Rev. Samuel Taylor, pastor of the church, officiated. Two songs "Lead Kindly Light" and "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day," were sung by Mrs. Barry of Des Plaines. Burial was in Arlington Heights cemetery.