

Jim Pierce

# James Francis Pierce

**BIRTH** 31 JAN 1881 • Springfield, Clark, Ohio, USA

**DEATH** 21 MAR 1971 • Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, USA

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phone 5173 and ask for Johnston.  
The Greenfield Grays defeated the visiting Indianapolis Manhattans, 5 to 3. Four two-baggers by catcher Roberts, of the home team, were the feature. For next Sunday the Grays would like to hear from the Detch Specials, of this city. Jim Pierce and Arthur Dobbins are also asked to communicate with the management. Telephone Irvington 568. Call Arnold or Gray Brothers, Greenfield, Ind.

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forced Kaiser and Conway pulled the curtain by whiffing.  
Jim Pierce, who played right field for Phillips yesterday, is a local product. Jim got away fine in the field, but couldn't straighten the ball out to any extent.  
Besides scoring the Hoosiers' only run

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fielder, New Bedford, New England; Nobe Orr, catcher, Bluffton, Northern Indiana; Jack Gorman, outfielder, Bluffton, Northern Indiana; Jim Pierce, outfielder, Kearney, Nebraska State.

## Pierce

Bats: Unknown • Throws: Unknown

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Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
1910	--	Kearney Capitalists	Nebraska State League	D				

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Kearney in 1910

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fielder.  
Jim Pierce, second baseman and outfielder, will be given a chance to make good this season either in the infield or outfield of the Danville Club of the K. I. T. League.  
Jimmy Rice, who at one time was bat

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season's lineup will include: Jim Walts, Ottumwa Central Association; Paddy Bauman, Providence Eastern League; Jim Pierce, Oklahoma State League; Stewart and Reins, Canton, Illinois-Missouri League; Dowling, Topeka, Western League; Firestone, Lincoln, Western League; Al Whitridge, Calderhead, Madison, Illinois-Wisconsin League and Goebler. Frank Gardner, former Central League, umpire, will officiate.

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## LOCAL PLAYERS LOSE OUT.

**I**f the Nebraska State League should decide not to operate this year--and dispatches from that part of the country indicate it will not--there will be several Indianapolis ball players who automatically will become free agents. Among them are Jim Pierce, manager of the York club, who is now assisting Coach Pattison with the Purdue University baseball squad; Earl Chase, first baseman; Third Baseman Totten and Catcher Schissel.

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who will be seen on the infield.  
Jim Pierce, playing manager of the York (Neb.) club, will hold down one of the outfield positions for the All-Stars. Pitcher Eylens, former Purdue University star and the sensation of the Commercial League this season, probably will work against Taylor's aggregation in one of the games.

## PURDUE BASEBALL CALL

**Pierce to Handle Squad During Early Training Period.**

*By Times Special*

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 6.—The diamond call has been issued at Purdue. Candidates for the varsity nine were called out this afternoon and filed their names with Coach Jim Pierce of Indianapolis. Pierce will handle the squad until Ward Lambert, head baseball coach, finishes his work with the basketball team.

Fred Beebe, former big leaguer, had been engaged to coach the Purdue ball tossers this year, but he asked to be relieved of the work because of a business venture he is making.

## EX-PURDUE MENTOR WILL ASSIST BUSH CONDITIONING TRIBE

**Indians to Pull Stakes for  
Southern Camp Sunday,  
March 1.**

**BY W. BLAINE PATTON.**

Jim (Hump) Pierce, for the last ten years an important factor in the early season coaching and training of the Purdue university baseball aspirants, was signed yesterday by Manager Ownie Bush of the Indianapolis club to look after the Indians during their 1925 spring jaunt to Plant City, Fla.

**Pierce is rated as one of  
the best trainers and coaches**

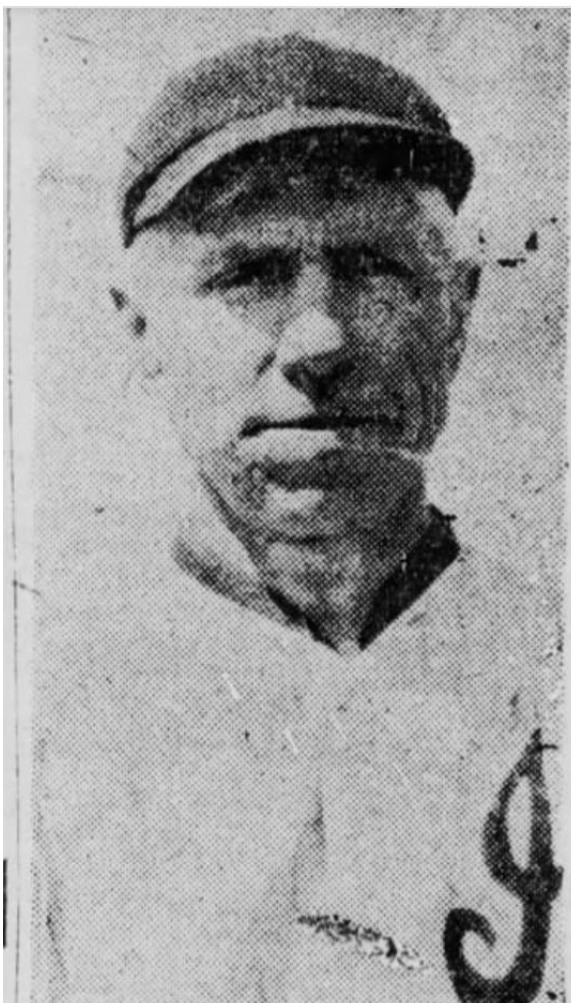
The new addition to the club is well known in local baseball circles. He played on the same semi-pro team with Bush before the local pilot entered the professional ranks and was a member of the old Indianapolis Reserves, who played at Brighton Beach two decades ago, along with Eddie Summers, Pat O'Brien, Jess Pritchett and Ownie Bush.

### **Grand Rapids Manager.**

Last season Pierce was manager of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) club of the Michigan-Ontario League. He served as manager of the Port Huron club in 1922. At that time W. H. Watkins, for many years business manager of the Indians, was owner of the club. Steve Harter, local fight promoter, was business manager of Pierce's team.

"Hump," as he familiarly is known to his friends, should fit into the Bush system exceptionally well. He has a sunny disposition, is a natural comedian and well liked by baseball players. This should aid and assist in the harmony which existed in the ranks of the Tribe last season and which is considered one of the salient reasons for the success of the team in its neck-and-neck race for the pennant.

Aside from making a study of training methods, Pierce is a coach of known ability. He has played baseball for many years, both at infield and outfield positions and knows the game



Jim Pierce

Jim Pierce, the Tribe's expert trainer, will be back with the squad again this year and he expects to start south about Feb. 19 to get things lined up for the ball tossers.

"Hump" plans to land at Sanford, Fla., two weeks ahead of the players to supervise the work of getting the ball park there in shape for Bruno Betzel's performers.

## 'Hump' Pierce Rites Tomorrow

Services for James E. "Hump" Pierce, 90, an athletic trainer 38 years, will be held tomorrow at 9:45 a.m. in Feeney-Kirby Mortuary and at 10 a.m. in Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Pierce, an Indianapolis native, died Sunday night in St. Francis Hospital.

He was a trainer and assistant coach at Purdue University from 1914 until 1920. He was trainer for the Indianapolis Indians 18 years and for the Louisville Colonels 10 years. He retired from the Indianapolis baseball post after the 1952 season.

## **Purdue Aide Of 1914-20 Dies at 91**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — James E. "Hump" Pierce, 91, an athletic trainer for 38 years, will be buried today in an Indianapolis cemetery.

Pierce died Sunday night in an Indianapolis hospital.

The Indianapolis native was a trainer and assistant coach at Purdue University from 1914-1920. He was trainer for the Indianapolis Indians minor league baseball team for 18 years and Louisville Colonels for 10 years.

Pierce also had a lengthy baseball career, playing at Burlington, Iowa; Fowler, Ind.; Dallas; Richmond, Ind., and Newark, Ohio. He owned the Flint, Mich., team briefly and managed teams at Manhattan, Kan.; Okmulgee, Okla.; Canton, Ohio; York, Neb.; Battle Creek and Port Huron, Mich., and Kitchener and Hamilton, Ont.



# Jim Pierce

**Positions:** Outfielder and Second Baseman

**Bats:** Unknown • **Throws:** Unknown

**Full Name:** James S. Pierce

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## Teams Played For

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Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
<a href="#">1910</a>	--	<a href="#">Manhattan Maroons</a>	<a href="#">Central Kansas League</a>	D				
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<a href="#">1914</a>	--	<a href="#">York Prohibitionists</a>	<a href="#">Nebraska State League</a>	D				
<a href="#">1919</a>	--	<a href="#">Flint Halligans</a>	<a href="#">Michigan-Ontario League</a>	B				

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Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff		G	W	L	W-L%
1914	--	<a href="#">York</a>	<a href="#">NESL</a>	D		1 of 1	112	60	52	.536
1915	--	<a href="#">York</a>	<a href="#">NESL</a>	D		1 of 1				
1919	--	<a href="#">Flint</a>	<a href="#">MION</a>	B		1 of 1	100	35	74	.321
1920	--	<a href="#">Battle Creek</a>	<a href="#">MION</a>	B		1 of 3	122	47	73	.392
1920	--	<a href="#">Flint</a>	<a href="#">MION</a>	B		1 of 2	119	52	63	.452
1921	--	<a href="#">Port Huron</a>	<a href="#">MION</a>	B		1 of 3	119	58	63	.479
1922	--	<a href="#">Kitchener</a>	<a href="#">MION</a>	B		1 of 1				
<b>6 Seasons</b>							<b>572</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>.437</b>
<b>B (4 seasons)</b>							<b>460</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>.413</b>
<b>D (2 seasons)</b>							<b>112</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>.536</b>

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LICENSE No. 592

Local No. 01838		INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH				71-010300			
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				State No.					
PERMANENT INK SEE HANDBOOK FOR INSTRUCTIONS		DECEASED—NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX	DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	
		1. James E. Pierce					2. Male	3. March 21, 1971	
RACE		AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS)	UNDER 1 YEAR MOS. DAYS	UNDER 1 DAY HOURS MIN.	DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)		COUNTY OF DEATH		
4. White		5a. 90	5b.	5c.	1/31 1881		7a. Marion		
CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH		INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER)					
7b. Indianapolis		7c. Yes		7d. St. Francis Hospital					
STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY)		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY		MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)			
8. Ohio		9. USA		WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>		11. None			
USUAL RESIDENCE WHERE DECEASED LIVED. IF DEATH OCCURRED IN INSTITUTION, GIVE RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION.		USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, IF RETIRED)		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY					
13a. Clerk		13b. Marion County							
RESIDENCE—STATE		COUNTY	CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION		INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	TOWNSHIP			
14. Indiana		14b. Marion	14c. Indianapolis		14d. yes	14e. Center			
STREET AND NUMBER		14f. 51 S. Sherman Drive		14g. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give war or dates of service)		15. RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
FATHER—NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
15. James Pierce					16. Bridget Madden				
INFORMANT—NAME		RELATIONSHIP		MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)					
17a. Miss Esther Sigmen		17b. None		17c. 51 S. Sherman Drive, Indpls, Ind.					
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:		[ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c)]						APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
18. 4123		IMMEDIATE CAUSE							
CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A), STATING THE UNDER- LYING CAUSE LAST		(a) Cause of death: heart failure						4 1/2	
		(b) Due to, or as a consequence of:						3 1/2	
		(c) Left lower leg amputated - gangrene						3 weeks	
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS GIVEN IN PART I (A)		CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE						AUTOPSY YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
		due to clot in femoral artery						IF YES WERE FINDINGS CON- SIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH 19b. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
DATE & TIME OF DEATH		MAY 1971		REV		DATE SIGNER			

Parents James and Bridget (Madden) Pierce

Father's Birthplace	Ohio
Mother's Birthplace	Ohio
Able to Speak English	Yes
Occupation	Trainer
Industry	Baseball
Class of Worker	Wage or salary worker
Employment	Yes

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
James F Pierce	49	Head
Peter M Pierce	50	Brother
Bridgett E Pierce	75	Mother

1900 United States Federal Census for James F Pierce												
Indiana > Marion > Indianapolis > District 0031												
Name	Relation to Head	Race	Sex	Birth Month	Birth Year	Age	Marital Status	Years Married	Children Born	Children Living	Birthplace	
Johnson, Blair R	Brother	W	M	Dec	1879	20	S				Illinois	
Pierce, William H	Head	W	M	Jan	1854	46	M	21			Ohio	
Pierce, Bridgett E	Wife	W	F	Sept	1854	45	M	21	2	2	Ohio	
Pierce, Peter M	Son	W	M	Oct	1879	20	S				Ohio	
Pierce, James F	Son	W	M	Jan	1881	19	S				Ohio	

James Francis Pierce

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Male

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White

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31 Jan 1881

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Springfield Township, Clark, Ohio

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Wm. H. Pierce

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Bridge E. Maden

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