

Arline Southwick (daughter of [Oliver Perry Southwick](#) and [Mary Arline Ladd](#)) was born 03 Nov 1904 in Williams Bay, Walworth, WI¹⁶², and died 27 Jan 1987 in Williams Bay, Walworth, WI¹⁶². She married [Harold Leroy Pierce](#) on 20 Jun 1928 in Williams Bay, Walworth, WI, son of [John Dennis Pierce](#) and [Inez Salome Vandresser](#).

📖Notes for **Arline Southwick**:

OBIT: " Arline Pierce, age 83, passed away Wed., Jan. 27, 1988, at Sherwood Care Center, Williams Bay, WI. She was born Nov. 3, 1904, in Williams Bay, the daughter of Oliver and Mary (Ladd) Southwick. She married Harold L. Pierce June 20, 1929, in Williams Bay. He preceded her in death in Sept of 1985. She was employed at Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay and was a librarian at the Williams Bay Public Library for many years. She was a member of the Williams Bay United Church of Christ and its Ladies Aid, a member of the Friends of the Library, the Study Club, and the Woman's Club.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Marilyn Woods of Richmond, IL and Marjory Friestad of Santa Barbara, CA; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Williams Bay United Church of Christ. Rev Cathey Rennick officiating. Burial will be in the East Delavan Cemetery. Visitation is from 3:00 until 5:00 and from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Friday at the Walworth Funeral Home. The family would appreciate memorials to the United Church of Christ or the Williams Bay Public Library."

Certificate of Birth - No. 162925, 5:30 A.M. Thursday, Nov. 3, 1904, Williams Bay Birth Record - Reel 291 - Record 2413 Marriage License No. 41 Williams Bay, Walworth Co., WI.

The following is from a paper Arline wrote to remember early life in Williams Bay. My great grandfather, Jonas Southwick and family came to Wisconsin in 1840 living west of Delavan. Then they built the house where Fridlund's lived (Southwest corner of Golf Course) and farmed there many years. My father Oliver, and two sisters, Hettie and Jennie, and a brother Doric were born there. I am the only descendent of that family. Two brothers of George Southwick also lived in the area. Charles lived in the house next to where we now live. (40 W. Geneva St.) They operated a boarding house there for several years, later moving to a house across the corner from the Mormon Church, which later became the Belfry Theater; and William H. lived on a farm just north of the village on Hwy. 67 (Elkhorn Rd.). his son Ernest and family also lived there. Ernest's daughter Mary (Mrs. John Ingersoll) and her family lived there until a couple of years ago. Several cousins of the Southwick family lived in the Delavan area.

At the turn of the century building went on at a rapid rate. Families of several astronomers and employees there moved to the area and built homes. Among the early ones were E.B. Frost, E.E. Barnard, Storrs Barrett, D.J. Oetjen and Francis Sullivan. Other residents of the area were Henry Francis, Alfred Piehl, Harry Brumgard, Ed Williams and George Williams (grandson of Israel Williams) who lived in the Israel Williams house which was torn down several years ago and is now the Bayside Motel. He did odd jobs, kept the village clean picking up papers (many of which were stored in his house). He was the first person to keep a fire in the library. The history of the library (at the library) can give much more information.

The first post office was located where the village park now is, and Mrs. Ed Williams was the postmistress. Various people would bring books which they had read to the post office to exchange with other people who had books which they had also read. It was at this time that Mr. Barrett became interested in a library, and was instrumental in starting a traveling library (books borrowed from the state library and loaned for a three week

period, then exchanged for another group). It was at that time that a building from the Sturgess Estate was to be torn down, but several men from the Bay purchased the land where the present municipal building stands and the first library known as the Barrett Memorial Library, was in the front of the building which was moved from the Sturgess estate. The back part of the building was a bowling alley for several years and then changed into a community room, complete with kitchen and wash rooms. This room served as a meeting place for many groups, was the polling place and where the first members of the Lutheran Church met. Ned Grim was one of the first Sunday School teachers. My father operated a grocery store next to a hotel and tavern known as the Vista House on the corner where the Lackey Building now stands (Geneva and Walworth). My parents built a general merchandise store in 1903. This is where the Hotton building now stands. The Vista House burned on a cold night in Feb. or March 1903. Mr. Lackey built the present building in 1905. Before that he had a business which later became Hollister and Sons Lumber Company and was located near the railroad tracks so that lumber and feed could be brought in easily. The Office Tavern is now located on that part of the property. There was a wooden building just north of the Lackey building which was a harness shop, operated by Dan Beard. It later was a drug store and ice cream parlor operated by William Stein. A blacksmith shop stood just north of the present post office. It was owned by Oscar Roaker and later Louis Rasmussen, until he retired and the building was torn down. Mr. DeGroff lived in a house which was remodeled many years ago into a dining room owned by Melvin Spence and is now Charlie O's. A meat market was where Doc's delicatessen is now located. It burned in the early 1900's. Edwin Hermanson built the present building and operated a bakery there, followed by George Anderson until Doc's Delicatessen (Doc. Boyd) took over. A wooden building just south of the village hall was operated by Mr. Schroeder as a livery stable. This building was later razed.

The Lackey Building was built in 1905 by W.A. Lackey (father of Vera Granath) where the old tavern stood. Mr. Lackey operated a hardware store where the present hardware store now is, and a dry goods store next door. The first postmistress was Anna Peterson. A pool hall operated by Roy Colby was where the present barber shop now is, and a grocery store operated by Granzow and Peterson was where the present grocery is located. (In 1996 a Carpet Store) A Tea Room was where the present Ice Cream Store is, it later was an ice cream store operated by Arthur Ohl followed by many others including W.H. and Gordon Burton, William Amundsen and Arthur Keach.

A restaurant operated by Loren Taylor was where the Laundromat now stands. The cement block building on the corner was built and operated by Leslie Sawyer and is now the Keg Room. (In the 40's and 50's it was Fish Line Grocery Store). A small room which is now part of the Keg Room was operated by Chauncey Grim as a restaurant. The building where the Beauty Parlor now located was an A&P Store for a short time. Then for many years it was a restaurant known as Lee's Kitchen. (Operated by Lela Hopkins) The present Mall on Geneva and Walworth was built and operated as a garage by Hopkins and Walker for many years. The shop west of the Lackey Building (up Geneva St.) was originally a shoe repair shop, followed by an ice parlor and motor repair shop operated by Elmer Hopkins.

The Shell Station, across from the park, was originally owned by Arthur Anderson and the Country Store was originally operated by Ed Hollister. There was a hotel where the Condominium South now stands. It was originally Frenda Inn, the Somerset Lodge. Fernwood Inn stood where Boro Spatz now lives. Condominium North stands where Rose Lane Lodge once stood.

The social life of the village, centered around churches: The Congregational, and Swedish, later the Calvary Church. The Tuesday Evening Study Club was the first Women's organization in the Bay. It consisted of single

women originally, but later (1929) accepted married women. It was originally known as the Cross & Crescent Society & consisted of single women of the Congregational Church.

Conference Point Camp and the Y.M.C.A. (now George Williams) brought many groups to the village as they still do. Eleanor Camp for Girls no longer exists.

Probably what impressed me most was the development of Cedar Point Park. As a child I went there to Sunday School picnics. There was only one building at the very end of the point - used a yacht Clubhouse in the summer.

As for me I helped in my parents store till I went to Whitewater Normal, and taught at Sheboygan for four years, then I married Harold Pierce and came back to Williams Bay to live. I was the librarian here for twelve years and helped out part time until my retirement in November 1977.

[Brøderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2, Ed. 4, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Social Security Death Index, Surnames from M through Z, Date of Import: aug 5, 1996, Internal Ref. #1.112.4.43931.43]

Individual: Pierce, Arline

Birth date: Nov 3, 1904

Death date: Aug 14, 1987

Social Security #: 399-28-0926

Last residence: 53191

State of issue: WI

Zip of last payment: 53191

More About **Arline Southwick**:

Burial: Unknown, Social Security #: 399-28-0926. ¹⁶²

Footnote: State of issue: WI. ¹⁶²

More About **Arline Southwick** and **Harold Leroy Pierce**:

Marriage: 20 Jun 1928, Williams Bay, Walworth, WI.

Children of **Arline Southwick** and **Harold Leroy Pierce** are:

- i. [Marilyn Elizabeth Pierce.](#)
- ii. +[Marjory Ann Pierce.](#)