

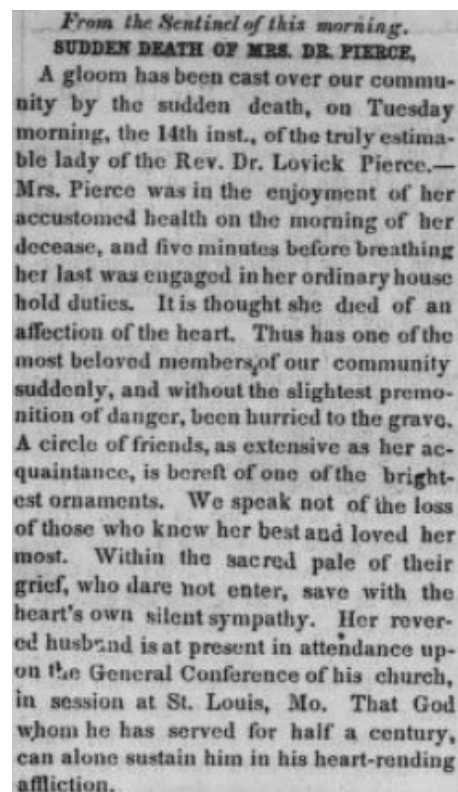
Today in Columbus History: On Tuesday, May 21, 1850, *The Columbus Times* reported the sudden death of Ann Foster Pierce, wife of renowned Methodist minister Rev. Dr. Lovick Pierce. Pierce is often referred to as the patriarch of Southern Methodism; many Columbus families named their sons after him. He had studied medicine and for a brief period practiced that profession in N.C. Pierce put that aside and concentrated on his religious calling, coming to Columbus in the mid-1830s, where he became pastor for St. Luke in 1836. A few years later, he built a small house near what is now Wynnton Road. That property was sold to William Waters Garrard, who expanded the residence; it was later known as "Hilton," which is now merely a ruin thanks to a devastating fire. Pierce also served as pastor at St. Paul Methodist Church. In May 2018, Jack Schley wrote a detailed piece on the Rev. Pierce in *Southern Views Magazine*. <https://soviewsmag.squarespace.com/.../rev-dr-lovick-pierce>.

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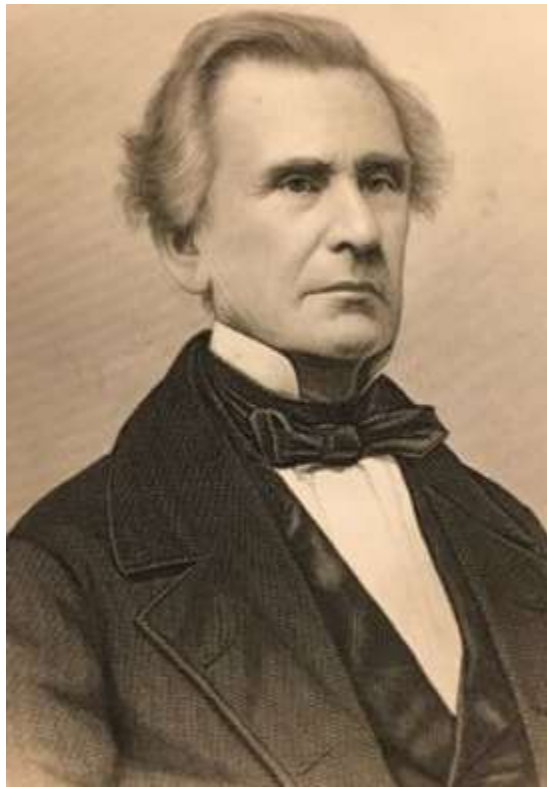
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From the Sentinel of this morning.
SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. DR. PIERCE,
A gloom has been cast over our community by the sudden death, on Tuesday morning, the 14th inst., of the truly estimable lady of the Rev. Dr. Lovick Pierce.— Mrs. Pierce was in the enjoyment of her accustomed health on the morning of her decease, and five minutes before breathing her last was engaged in her ordinary household duties. It is thought she died of an affection of the heart. Thus has one of the most beloved members of our community suddenly, and without the slightest premonition of danger, been hurried to the grave. A circle of friends, as extensive as her acquaintance, is bereft of one of the brightest ornaments. We speak not of the loss of those who knew her best and loved her most. Within the sacred pale of their grief, who dare not enter, save with the heart's own silent sympathy. Her revered husband is at present in attendance upon the General Conference of his church, in session at St. Louis, Mo. That God whom he has served for half a century, can alone sustain him in his heart-rending affliction.



Portrait from Jack Schley's article in "Southern Views," May 2018.



Portrait of Rev. Dr. Lovick Pierce from Findagrave.