

born 8-27-1878 Durham, NC, died 5-16-1950, Greenville, SC.  
 m 5-26-1908, Mamie Howard, b 4-16-1885, d 10-26-1972, Greenville, SC.

Parents:

Joseph Goodman Piper, b Flat River NC 11-26-1839, d 03-21-1905  
 Eliza Ann Turrentine, b 9-19-1850, d 12-28-1935 Durham. (Annie)

Children:

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| 1. Joseph Howard     | 07/10/1909-02/07/71  | m Medora Browning 6/6/13-2/22/88    | 2   |
| 2. Herbert Elmo      | 11/10/1916-12/07/22  | died of nephritis, age 6            |     |
| 3. Samuel Turrentine | 09/24/1923           | m Mary Ellen Odell 8/21/23-10/10/00 | 2   |
|                      |                      | m 6/16/01 Rachel Walker Pride       |     |
| 4. Rodney Moffitt    | 07/17/1925- 10/11/99 | m 9/1/49 Dettie Austin 4/15/28      | 3   |
|                      |                      | Grandchildren reported              | = 7 |

Joe remembered as a child moving from the farm to the town of Durham, in a wagon loaded with sweet potatoes. He ate some of them along the way. Of course, the jogging of the wagon made the load pack down, and he thought that he had eaten more than he actually had.

In 1897, at age 19, he started work at the Charlotte Roofing and Paving Company. He later took his roofing skills to Shreveport, and New Orleans. He returned to Durham at his father's death in 1905. In 1908, he returned from his honeymoon to do a mill roof in Greenville SC, liked the place, and stayed. The business was reorganized in 1914 as the J. A. Piper Roofing Company. He lived to see the third generation of his family working in that same concern. In 1947 he was named "Roofer of the Year" by the National Roofer's Association.

Joseph H., Samuel, and Rodney (Jimmy) all took an active part in their father's work. Father and sons all served terms as President of the National Roofers Association. The father started a Boy Scout troop, which met in their back yard. He later helped hire their first Scouting Executive, and earned Scouting's Silver Beaver Award. He served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, and took an active part in the affairs of his church.