

CHAPTER FORTY-ONE

URIAH PEARSALL

of Near Rockaway, Long Island, N. Y., and Sophiasburgh, Ontario, Canada

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SECTION 1.

URIAH PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 40, Section 1; resided at Near Rockaway, Long Island, N. Y., and Sophiasburgh, Ontario, Canada; married January 11, 1785, Rebecca Whitmore at the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. Children:—

1. John Pearsall, died May 13, 1876, Chapter 41, Section 2.
2. Samuel Pearsall, born 1791, Chapter 41, Section 7.
3. James Pearsall, died March 6, 1857, Chapter 41, Section 10.
4. Thomas Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 12.
5. Uriah Pearsall, married Laura Foster. See Z, this Section.
6. William Pearsall, married Bridget —.
7. Amos Pearsall, born December 1, 1803; died January 31, 1879, Chapter 41, Section 13.

8. Benjamin Pearsall, born 1795; died aged 77 years, Chapter 41, Section 14. This is a very interesting marriage as it discloses another Staffordshire name among those who came to Long Island. We have abstracted in the English section several Peshall deeds from the Whitmore chartulary. It will be recalled that John de Whitmore, who was born before 1275, married Margery the daughter of Stephen de Uselwell, son of John de Swinnerton, and his wife Eleanor de Peshall. And that John de Whitmore the great-grandfather of this John de Whitmore had married Margaret, the daughter of Roger de Swinnerton. This gave this last John de Whitmore standing as one of the collateral heirs of John de Swinnerton, who died in 1284, in the suit against Roger de Swinnerton, to whom John de Swinnerton had attempted to entail his lands.

John Whitmore, the first in America, came to Virginia about the time of the trouble there over the ownership of Kent Island. He was among the first of the Dutch-English traders to remove, as he appears on the records of Wethersfield, Connecticut, as early as 1638.

Joseph Whittmore, the grandson of John Whitmore, was witness for Lyon Gardner to the execution of an Indian deed made July 14, 1659, and is described as of Southton County, Long Island. Lyon Gardner was one of the projectors of the town of East Hampton, which was peopled with emigrants who mostly came from county Kent, England, among the rest that branch of the Pearsall family who call themselves Parshall. [Colonial Records of Connecticut and Trumbull's Colonial Recollections, vol. 1, page 197.]

According to the traditions of his family, Uriah Pearsall was a loyalist during the Revolutionary War. The writer personally examined the old records in the Government Land Office at Toronto, and although the land claim taken up by Uriah Pearsall was never perfected to him, but to his son, there is no question in the minds of the government officials that it represented a gift to an English loyalist, particularly because it states distinctly that it was a free gift. Uriah Pearsall did not remove with his family until some time after the treaty of peace was signed. Two of his sons, Samuel and James, remained on Long Island, and so far as now appears they might have all remained there. To the writer it looks as if the lure of free lands and the call of the wilderness was too strong to be resisted by men of our family.

SECTION 2.

JOHN PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 1; baptised February 2, 1786, at St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.; died May 13, 1876, aged 92 years; resided at Near Rockaway, Long Island, N. Y., and Sophiasburgh, Ontario, Canada, in the Bay of Quinte country. He married Hannah Abrams. Children:—

1. William Pearsall, born July 4, 1812, Chapter 41, Section 3.
2. Rebecca Pearsall, born June 27, 1813; married James Bishop.
3. Oliver Pearsall, born April 13, 1814, Chapter 41, Section 4.
4. Alfred Pearsall, married Catharine Fieldhouse.
5. Mary Elizabeth Pearsall; married first, Samuel Norton; second Thomas Highstead.
6. Smith Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 5.
7. Thomas Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 6.
8. Julia Pearsall; married first, Robert Norton; second George Paine.
9. Dorland Pearsall, married Margaret Miller.
10. Phebe Pearsall, married Daniel Sills.
11. Laura Pearsall, married Henry MacCool.

SECTION 3.

WILLIAM PEARSALL, son of John Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 2; born July 4, 1812; died March 10, 1878; resided at Brighton, Ontario, Canada, and Brockaway, Mich.; married 1835, Bridget Finnigan, who was born in Ireland, December 17, 1814; died in Bay City, Mich., December 16, 1881. Children:—

1. John Pearsall, born June 19, 1836; died June 30, 1883; buried at Ferndale, Humboldt County, California.
2. Johanna Pearsall, born April 21, 1838; died March 11, 1907; married John Sullivan.
3. Hannah Mary Pearsall, born February 17, 1840; died August 30, 1912; married Edward Lynch.
4. Henrietta Pearsall, born April 12, 1842; died June 17, 1910; married John Bayle.
5. Miles Pearsall, born June 13, 1844; married Anna Bayle.

6. Catharine Mary Pearsall, born May 2, 1846; married Eugene D. Galvin.
7. William J. Pearsall, born July 5, 1848; married Matilda Tebo. See Y, this Section.
8. Teresse Pearsall, born April 29, 1850; died December, 1878.
9. Rebecca Pearsall, born February 8, 1852; married December 25, 1882, William Jenkins.
10. James Dorland Pearsall, born February 22, 1854; married Alice Bradley. See Z, this Section.
11. Frank J. Pearsall, born October 2, 1857.

SECTION 4.

- OLIVER PEARSALL, son of John Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 2; born April 13, 1814; died January 14, 1888; resided at Sophiasburgh and Hallowell, Ontario, Canada; married December 31, 1835, Lucretia Huff of Huff's Island, Canada. She was born November 4, 1811; died January 14, 1888. Children:—
1. David Gibson Pearsall, born December 6, 1836; married Saphronia Way.
 2. Hannah Jane Pearsall, born September 26, 1838; married Benjamin Van Cleaf.
 3. Philleas Pearsall, born September 16, 1840; married Herman Trumpour.
 4. Smith Albert Pearsall, born January 6, 1843; married Pauline Foster. See W, this Section.
 5. Thomas Sidney Pearsall, born September 6, 1844; married Sarah Melissa Trumpour. See X, this Section.
 6. Firman Pearsall, born April 4, 1848; married Elizabeth Eckert. See Y, this Section.
 7. Philip James Pearsall, born September 22, 1850; married Emily J. Noxon. See Z, this Section.
 8. Matilda Pearsall, born December 15, 1855; married Marshall B. Trumpour.

SECTION 5.

- SMITH PEARSALL, son of John Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 2; resided at Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co., Ont., Canada; married Martha McTaggart. Children:—
1. Robert Pearsall, died young.
 2. Susan Bohama Pearsall, born March 31, 1848; married John Benson.
 3. Alvilda Castora Pearsall; married William Spafford. See Z, this Section.
 4. John D. Pearsall; married first, Hannah Furlong; second Hannah Doxsee.
 5. Sarah E. Pearsall.
 6. Smith Pearsall.
 7. Martha Jane Pearsall, married Hilton Leavens.

SECTION 6.

- THOMAS PEARSALL, son of John Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 2; born April 27, 1820; died August 13, 1902; resided at Sophiasburgh, Ont., Canada; married October 22, 1846, Janette Miller, daughter of Jonathan Miller. He died April 23, 1904. Children:—
1. Georgeana Pearsall, born October 21, 1847; married Leonard Garvin.

2. James Alway Pearsall, born June 11, 1850; married Bertha Agnes Moxon. See Z, this Section.
3. Emily Janette Pearsall, born March 3, 1853; married December 25, 1876, William Wylie.
4. Thomas Pearsall, born March 3, 1853; married Phebe Finkler.
5. Philip E. Pearsall, born April 29, 1861; married Harriet Beecher Stowe Roblin.
6. Luella Maud Pearsall, born January 1, 1868; died December 6, 1896.

SECTION 7.

SAMUEL PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 1; died April 4, 1867, aged 76 years and 4 months; buried with his wife in the Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, Long Island, N. Y.; resided at Near Rockaway, later called Pearsalls, Long Island, N. Y.; married Sarah Wright at the Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y. She died July 23, 1860, aged 68 years and 1 month.

She is a direct descendant of Thomas Wright living at Norfolk, England, in the reign of Henry VIII (1509-47) whose son John Wright died seized of the manors of Tendall and Rowses in Norfolk; Nicholas the son of this John married Anne, daughter of Edmund Beaupre and heir to Beaupre Hall in Norfolk. He was the grandfather of Nicholas, Peter and Anthony Wright who coming from Sandwich, Cape Cod, in 1653, joined the company led by Rev. William Leveridge who came to the north shore of Long Island. Here they purchased a tract of land from the Matinecock tribe of Indians, which included the site of the present village of Oyster Bay. The three brothers were all at an early period active and zealous members of the Society of Friends and for many years Anthony's house at Oyster Bay was the place for both worship and business.

From this line of ancestry came John Wright the celebrated smith of Long Island, famous to this day not only as the most skilful man of his time, but also as the teacher of George Pearsall the last and greatest of his students, who later went from Long Island into Dutchess and Saratoga Counties, New York, and from here his sons going into the vast timbered wilderness drained by the waters of the Susquehanna in New York and Pennsylvania, led those who conquered and opened up for settlement the two greatest states in the Union. Children:—

1. James Wright Pearsall, born 1807; died May 21, 1836.
2. Wright Pearsall, born September 2, 1811, Chapter 41, Section 8.
3. Laru Pearsall.
4. Furman Pearsall, born April 30, 1817; Chapter 41, Section 9.

SECTION 8.

WRIGHT PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 7; born September 2, 1811; died December 19, 1898; buried with his wife in the churchyard of the Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Church, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, Long Island, N. Y.; resided at Pearsalls Corners, Long Island, N. Y.; married Rebecca Irwin, who was born November 20, 1811; died March 17, 1891. Children:—

1. Sarah Augusta Pearsall, born April 22, 1834; died February 27, 1858.
2. Hamilton Wright Pearsall, born September 4, 1836; died January 13, 1913; married June 5, 1859, Catharine Amanda Pearsall, daughter of Henry Pearsall and Maria Carman his wife, Chapter 43, Section 15. She was born February 3, 1833; died January 13, 1912. Children:—*1. Alden Hamilton Pearsall, born March 19, 1860; died June 18, 1881. *2. Anna Augusta Pearsall, born March 2, 1864; married September 12, 1888, Robert Higbie, who was born March 5, 1863. *3. Henrietta Davison Pearsall, born February 9, 1869; unmarried.
3. Mary Emma Pearsall, married Charles Hewlett.
4. Eleanor Forester Pearsall, born 1844; died June, 1902; married October, 1897, Rev. Robert W. Jones.
5. Georgiana Pearsall, born October 20, 1838; died August 10, 1870.

The family of Pearsall did not concentrate their homes on Long Island in one locality, and thus make a town called by the family name, as so many other Long Island Colonial families did, but we find the Pearsalls located in many localities. It is interesting therefore to study how the family name came to represent a locality. To the mind of the Long Island reader there will immediately occur the village of Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, located adjacent to the old Sand Hole M. P. Church. It will be a matter of surprise to learn that this place name was so recent as not to have been mentioned in the Town Records. In the early days travel was by boat, hence we have three Rockaway landing places, the one farthest inland being called Near Rockaway; a main road was built to this landing, but it was a couple of miles to the westward before this road branched. Here in course of time several roads, all at one place joined with the main road to the landing. Here Wright Pearsall, about 1830, started a store, hence we find the old deeds referring to the branch roads as leading to Wright Pearsall's store. Later Wright Pearsall took his son into partnership with him, and for a while the deeds recite the roads as leading to Wright Pearsall and Son's store. This was too lengthy, so the neighbors, and the conveyancers in their deeds, began to describe the place as Pearsalls Corners, which was an apt designation of the peculiar cornering of roads at this point. A village grew up around the Corners, and there was every prospect that the name would indefinitely continue, when upon the advent of the railroad the station was named Lynbrook, and Pearsalls Corners again became a designation of the place where all the old roads join into a peculiar circle surrounded by many corners to roads leading in all directions from Lynbrook.

There was also a place on the north side called Pearsalls Landing, on Hempstead Harbor. As early as 1760, Thomas Pearsall had a mill there and ran a fleet of packets to New York City, hence this became quite a busy trading point. There was a road leading there from Hempstead Village which was closed by gates, at the boundary of each man's holdings. In 1814, this was made an open highway three rods wide. The name continued until about 1850, when it ceased because locally everything was included in the designation Roslyn, the name of the village at the old landing place.

When the writer learned these facts, he was greatly disappointed as his grandfather, John Pearsall, on the old farm in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, had told him that there was a town on Long Island called Pearsall, and that the family all came from there, yet it was evident that our branch of the family had gone from Long Island before either of the places above named was known as a town. In fact grandfather could not have known that they ever existed. One can therefore well appreciate my delight when the records disclosed that when the sons of Thomas Pearsall came to Long Island from Virginia they settled out on Hellgate Neck and started the town Pearsall, a name which continued geographically for a number of years and which continued in our family traditions as a place name for many generations.

SECTION 9.

FURMAN PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 7; born April 30, 1817; died November 29, 1885; buried with his wife and several of their children in the Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, Long Island, N. Y.; resided at Brooklyn, Long Island, N. Y.; married May 4, 1842, Mary Carman, who was born January 2, 1817; died August 12, 1884. Children:—

1. Robert C. Pearsall, born February 26, 1843; died October 30, 1873; married September 30, 1863, Henrietta Pearsall. She died July 17, 1865.
2. Daughter, born August 29, 1844; died August 29, 1844.
3. Theodore C. Pearsall, born March 10, 1846.
4. Mary Antoinette Pearsall, born March 15, 1848; died February 7, 1852.
5. Daughter, born March 30, 1851; died April 4, 1851.
6. Emma Isabella Pearsall, born February 22, 1852.
7. Edward F. Pearsall, born November 30, 1854.

SECTION 10.

JAMES PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 1; born June 4, 1796; died March 6, 1857; resided at Pearsalls, Long Island, New York; married January 11, 1817, Elizabeth Combs at St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y. Children:—

1. Lucy Pearsall, born January 13, 1818; married Oliver Watts.
2. Uriah J. Pearsall, born January 28, 1821; married Phebe Remsen. See W, this Section.
3. Mary Pearsall, born August 23, 1823; married Mott Carman.
4. Amos Pearsall, born January 29, 1826, Chapter 41, Section 11.
5. Charles Pearsall, born May 20, 1828; married first, Elsie Abrams; second, Martha Brower. See X, this Section.
6. Margaret Pearsall, born June 10, 1831; married Daniel Pearsall.
7. Alexander Pearsall, born June 10, 1834; married Mary Jane Pearsall. See Y, this Section.
8. Rebecca Pearsall, born January 10, 1838; died May 16, 1915; married William DeMott.
9. Sarah Elizabeth Pearsall, born March 5, 1842.

10. Daniel Pearsall, married first, Margaret Pearsall; second Harriet L. ——. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 11.

AMOS PEARSALL, son of James Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 10; born 1826; died February 14, 1882; aged 56 years; buried with his wife in the Sand Hole M. P. Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, Long Island, N. Y.; resided at Lynbrook, Long Island, N. Y.; married Hannah Ann Baldwin, who died November 3, 1893, aged 67 years. Children:—

1. Tenador Pearsall, died in childhood.
2. Thomas Webster Pearsall, born May 8, 1864; married Katherine Elizabeth Abrams. See Z, this Section.
3. Christiana Pearsall, baptised December 31, 1859.

SECTION 12.

THOMAS PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 1; resided at Belleville, Canada; married Lydia Gardiner. Children:—

1. Addison Pearsall, married Mary Jane Jones.
2. Whitmore Pearsall, died aged 2 years.
3. Thomas Proctor Pearsall, born April 15, 1834; married Cynthia P. Parliament.
4. Gideon Pearsall.
5. Elizabeth Pearsall, married Samuel Norton.
6. Phebe Ann Pearsall, married Alvin Dickinson.
7. Viola Pearsall, died young.
8. Rebecca Jane Pearsall, married Henry Williamson.
9. Mary Abigail Pearsall.
10. Elnora Pearsall.

SECTION 13.

AMOS PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 1; born December 1, 1803, at Near Rockaway; died January 31, 1879, on Long Island, N. Y.; resided at Sophiasburgh, Ontario, Canada; married, February 15, 1831 at Sophiasburgh, Canada, Sarah Valteau who was born July 2, 1809; died October 6, 1885. Children:—

1. Charles Whitmore Pearsall, born December 31, 1831; died February 9, 1836.
2. William Emory Pearsall, born August 1, 1833; married Jane Soby. See W this Section.
3. Hildebrand Valteau Pearsall, born February 15, 1836. See X, this Section.
4. Katherine Pearsall, born February 28, 1838.
5. Isaac Saunders Pearsall, born April 20, 1840; married Martha A. Williams.
6. James Pearsall, born May 27, 1842; married Isabel Gonsolas. See Y, this Section.
7. Peter Valteau Pearsall, born November 2, 1844; married Lodema LeRoy. See Z, this Section.
8. Sarah Emma Pearsall, born June 15, 1848; married Stallham L. DeLong.
9. Charles Edward Pearsall, born September 24, 1850.

SECTION 14.

BENJAMIN PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 1; died 1872, aged 77 years; buried with his wife at Bethel; resided in Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada; married Mary Norton, daughter of Andrew Norton. She died 1881. Children:—

1. Lemuel Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 15.
2. James Smith Pearsall, born September 9, 1832; married first Helen Hawkins; second Eldura Jane McFall. See Z, this Section.
3. Samuel Washington Pearsall, died young.
4. Robert Pearsall, married Catharine Bishop. No children.
5. Royal C. Pearsall, married Margaret Covert.
6. Mary Pearsall, resided at Picton, Ontario, Canada; married first, David Dorland; married second, Cornelius Valteau.
7. Lura Pearsall, married first, Harvey Salisbury; married second, Mannis Doolittle.
8. Rebecca Pearsall, resided at Sophiasburgh, Ontario, Canada; married James Bishop.

SECTION 15.

LEMUEL PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 41, Section 14; resided at Hillier and Crofton, Ontario, Canada; married March 4, 1852, Margaret A. Valteau, daughter of Peter Valteau and his wife Martha Potter. Children:—

1. Maria Pearsall, born July 28, 1856; married February 6, 1877, Byron Way.
2. Samuel Washington Pearsall, born January 27, 1858; married Sarah Elizabeth Covert. See Y, this Section.
3. Martha Aurelia Pearsall, born August 16, 1860; married March 2, 1880, Denmore Doolittle.
4. Mary Louise Pearsall, born March 13, 1862; married first, James Robbin; married second, J. J. Hayes.
5. Emma Pearsall, born March 13, 1864; died May, 1902; married March 20, 1891, Delmar Tice.
6. Lucy Annette Pearsall, born July 21, 1866; married August 6, 1889, Morley Meyers.
7. Ellen Theodora Pearsall, born May 27, 1868; married September 23, 1891, Willard Clark, who was born February 12, 1870.
8. James Rockwell Pearsall, born May 4, 1870. See Z, this Section.
9. Peter Audley Pearsall, born June 23, 1872; married Cora Brice. No children.