

CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO

SAMUEL PEARSALL
of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania

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SECTION 1.

SAMUEL PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 31, Section 1, born 1765; resided at Bainbridge, N. Y., and Shinglehouse, Pa.; married Mary Parient. Children:—

1. Samuel Pearsall, died in Iowa. See Chapter 32, Section 2.
2. John Pearsall, born 1795; died 1881. See Y, this Section.
3. William Pearsall, born August 9, 1790; died September 9, 1843. See Chapter 32, Section 4.
4. Nancy Pearsall, died about 1837. See Z, this Section.
5. James Pearsall. See Chapter 32, Section 6.

James H. Smith, in his History of Chenango County, N. Y., says that Samuel Pearsall settled on the north line of the town, directly north of Bainbridge, where his son, James Pearsall, now [1880] lives, and died there. Samuel Pearsall came to Bainbridge because his cousin, Thomas Pearsall, the great merchant of New York City, advanced the money to set up Samuel Pearsall and his brothers of Dutchess County, in the lumbering business on the Susquehanna River; and because their distant kinsmen and friends, George Pearsall and his son, Peter Pearsall, of Dutchess County, who were the most skillful builders and designers of saw-mills then in America, erected for him and his brothers the mills which he, and afterwards they, severally operated on the north branch of the Susquehanna River. [History of Chenango County, page 166.]

It is an axiom of experience that the lumberman follows the timber, leaving the farmer and the town-builder to perfect that which the lumberman has started. One can well understand, therefore, that the vast tracts of pine and hemlock over the line in Pennsylvania must have looked attractive to Samuel Pearsall, when the pine forests of Chenango County, New York, became distant from the navigation waters, so quite early he and his sons acquired large holdings near what is now known as Shinglehouse. By all the rules of the calling they should have gone to Michigan when the timber was exhausted in Pennsylvania, but at that moment oil was discovered in their section and the descendants of Samuel Pearsall ceased to be lumbermen and became large and successful oil producers.

Y. JOHN PEARSALL, born 1795; died 1881; resided at Bainbridge, New York, and Ceres, Pennsylvania; married Ruth Lane, at Bainbridge, New York. Children:—

1. Augusta Pearsall, born 1828; died 1862.
2. Mary Pearsall, born 1830; died 1851.
3. Lois Pearsall, born 1834; died 1912.

4. Nancy Pearsall, born 1839; died 1900.
5. Clarissa Pearsall, born 1847; resided at Oswego, New York.
6. Josephine Pearsall, born 1849; resided at Shinglehouse, Pa.; married, 1869, Mark Stevens, at Milgrove, Pa., who was born 1847. Children:—*1. Ruth Stevens, born 1873; married, 1892, John Cole, who was born 1873. They resided at Shinglehouse, Pa., and Yampa, Colo. Children:—1. Mark Stevens Cole, born 1896; 2. James Cole, born 1897; 3. Marion Cole, born 1905; 4. Josephine Cole, born 1912. *2. Grant Stevens, born 1885; married Nora Cleason of Genesee, Pa., in 1906. Child:—1. Squire Stevens, born 1907; resided at Andover, N. Y.

Z. NANCY PEARSALL, died about 1837, at Afton, N. Y.; resided at Afton, N. Y., where she married, 1815, Charles Dutton, son of Stephen Dutton and Sally Tarble. He was born February 2, 1788. He was born in Vermont and, in 1790, had come to Otsego County, New York, with his parents, who were Vermont Sufferers, or those who gave up their holdings in Vermont because they were loyal to the claims of New York to the ownership of the strip in dispute between the two states. This controversy had started during late Colonial times and had, during the Revolution, largely divided the allegiance of the natives of the locality, the New Yorkers being strong supporters of Congress and the American cause. Children:—*1. Leroy Dutton, born April 21, 1816; married first Harriet Heller; second Flora Baldwin. *2. Lorenzo Dow Dutton, born January 28, 1818; married Sarah H. Allison. *3. John Dutton, born February 2, 1820. *4. Charles Dutton, born September 17, 1825; married Hannah Grace. *5. Jerome Dutton, born March 2, 1826.

The father of Charles Dutton, when he came to Jericho, now Bainbridge, New York, was vitally interested in making for himself and family a home in the country called Otsego County, which was located on part of the drains of the north branch of the Susquehanna River, many miles from the settled parts of the state. It certainly looked like a doubtful experiment to the elder Dutton and his fellow Vermont Sufferers. They had come from the country along the well-beaten and much traveled highway leading to Canada. Their old home had possessed many of the advantages of the settled sections along the sea coast and was a district which enjoyed the most lucrative trade in all America. The problem that confronted these Vermonters must have appeared as almost impossible of satisfactory solution. So apparent did this seem that many of these Sufferers from Vermont never came to Otsego County, but sold their land-rights to others, particularly to certain merchants in New York City, among whom was Thomas Pearsall, the great merchant.

Prior to the beginning of this industry, founded upon the improved mills built by George Pearsall and his son, Peter Pearsall, the lumber used in the cities of the Atlantic sea-board had been made by the farmers of the near-by sections, and was largely the product of the axe. It certainly, in the main, was the result of hand labor. The introduction into a locality of a number of mills, making lumber to be shipped away, marked the beginning of a new era in American building and in construction of all kinds into which lumber entered as a component part. In fact, the influence of this new industry speedily reached to

England and other foreign lands. It must have been a happy day to these Vermonters and their neighbors when it was first demonstrated that, although they were located many miles from the sea coast and were west of the Catskill Mountains, so that it was impossible for them to reach the Hudson River as a means of transportation, yet, nevertheless, by rafting their lumber to tide-water on the headwaters of the Chesapeake, they were able to cheaply reach not only New York City, but all the ports of the Atlantic sea coast, as well as to enjoy a share of the foreign trade.

SECTION 2.

SAMUEL PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 32, Section 1, died in Iowa, and was buried at Calamus, Iowa. He resided at Bainbridge, N. Y., and Shinglehouse, Pa.; married Elizabeth Pearsall, or Betsey, his cousin, sister to Phebe, who married William Pearsall. She was daughter of Charles Pearsall, Chapter 31, Section 20. Children:—

1. Solomon Pearsall, born 1816; Chapter 32, Section 3.
2. Harriet Maria Pearsall, born May 18, 1819; married, September 13, 1840, William Scott. He was born May 27, 1819; died December 14, 1910. Children:—*1. Sardinia Maria Scott, born June 8, 1841; married, September 27, 1857, Waterman Arnold. Children:—1. Ida Arnold. 2. Scott Arnold. *2. Phileta O. Scott, born February 5, 1843; died May 6, 1858. *3. Fatima E. Scott, born June 19, 1846; married, January 1, 1866, Oscar Cushman. *4. Sidney Sylvester Scott, born July 24, 1849; married Rosena Kenyon, who was born May 3, 1857, in Potter, Pa. Children:—1. Harry Scott, died Oct., 1898. 2. Josephine Scott. 3. Williard Scott. *5. William Winfield Scott, born March 24, 1853; married, November 30, 1877, Emma B. Hooper, born December 20, 1858. Children:—1. Clyde Scott, decd. 2. Archie Scott. 3. Seth Scott. 4. Roy Scott. 5. William Scott. *6. Harriet Delilah Scott, born April 25, 1855; died January 4, 1911; married, January 1, 1871, Ephraim Randall. Children:—1. Nellie Randall, decd. 2. William Randall, decd. 3. Grace Randall. 4. Bruce Randall. 5. Hazel Randall. 6. Clifford Randall. 7. Olive Randall. *7. Alice Adelaide Scott, born June 30, 1858; married January 1, 1881, Alfred Cruson. Children:—1. Clyde Cruson, decd. 2. Gladys Cruson.
3. John S. Pearsall, born June 29, 1821. See Z, this Section.
4. Polly Pearsall, born May 3, 1829; married, 1849, Alfred Warren, who was born October 9, 1827; died October 9, 1892. Children:—*1. William F. Warren, born April 3, 1850; died in infancy. *2. Wallace W. Warren, born January 25, 1851; married, 1887, Mrs. Ford, who was born April 25, 1860. *3. George W. Warren, born May 11, 1853; died August 22, 1853. *4. Clarence Warren, born 1855; died in infancy. *5. Perry N. Warren, born December, 1857; married, July 21, 1879, Martha A. Glendenning. *6. Albert M. Warren, born May 30, 1862; married, December 25, 1889, Cora A. Jones, who was born November 30, 1871; died July 16, 1915.
5. William Nelson Pearsall, died July 26, 1858; unmarried.

Z. JOHN S. PEARSALL, born January 29, 1821; died January 16, 1900. He resided at Shinglehouse, Pa.; married, June 18, 1845, Eleanor Matilda Graves, daughter of Ezra and Sophronia Graves, who was born June 9, 1821; died September 16, 1900. Children:—

1. Theresa Josephine Pearsall, born February 20, 1847; died September 8, 1900; married Seymour Alison Farley. Child:—*1. Amelia May Farley, born August 25, 1884.
2. Helen Pearsall, born April 8, 1849; died March 4, 1879; married William Hunt.
3. Eliza Pearsall, born June 16, 1851; died May 24, 1889; married James Thompson.
4. Eva Pearsall, born July 30, 1854; married first, October 12, 1872, A. C. Vorhees, who died June 2, 1888. She married second, March 1, 1890, Charles Warner, who died May 3, 1903. Children:—*1. Sella Vorhees, born January 27, 1874; married first, February 24, 1892, Charles Barnes. She married second, May 10, 1907, Antone Alves.
5. Lillie Pearsall, born February 24, 1857; married Frank Farley.
6. May Pearsall, born July 6, 1859; married W. B. Brightman.
7. Dora Pearsall, born April 28, 1863; married, May 3, 1884, Madison J. Bridge, who was born March 11, 1861. Children:—*1. Lester Bridge, born June 2, 1886. *2. Nelson Bridge, born February 23, 1891.
8. Belle Pearsall, born February 20, 1867; died October 1, 1888.

The will of Eleanor Matilda Pearsall appears among the records of Potter County, Pennsylvania, and is recorded in Will Book D, page 271.

SECTION 3.

SOLOMON PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 32, Section 2, born 1816; died July 8, 1872; resided at Shinglehouse, Potter Co., Pa.; married, 1840, Rachel Warner of Deerfield, Massachusetts, who died 1876. Children:—

1. George W. Pearsall, born June 14, 1843; died November 12, 1916; resided at Knoxville, Tenn.; married, April 21, 1868, Delphine Stevens. She was born March 12, 1845. Children:—*1. Lynn L. Pearsall, born September 10, 1882. *2. Celia A. Pearsall, born July 18, 1875.
2. Thenia Pearsall, born April 14, 1845; married Erven Van Wormer.
3. Horace F. Pearsall, born 1847; died May 12, 1915; married Emma L. Newton. Child:—*1. Mabel A. Pearsall, married first, Fred T. Matterson. She married second, — Gadsby.
4. Rose A. Pearsall, born December 25, 1848; married Nathaniel Johnson.
5. Celestine Pearsall, born July 4, 1850; died May 8, 1874.
6. Almond A. Pearsall, born January 5, 1852. Married Alice —.
7. Herbert LeRoy Pearsall, born October 5, 1853; died September 7, 1917. He married, August 13, 1884, Irene Herrick, who was born 1865. Children:—*1. Belva C. Pearsall, born March 19, 1886; married Edward Brown. *2. Arthur H. Pearsall, born March 19, 1886. *3. Harold Pearsall, born October, —. *4. Ruth Pearsall, born May 16, 1895; married Clayton

- Wingard. *5. John Pearsall, born April 30, 1898. *6. Laura Pearsall, born April 15, 1901. *7. Alice Pearsall, born December 4, 1910.
8. Elwin A. Pearsall, born November 22, 1855; unmarried.
 9. Emily Pearsall, born February 1, 1858; married John E. Stives.
 10. Edith Pearsall, born April 25, 1860; died May 25, 1888; married Corwin.
 11. Flora G. Pearsall, born April 15, 1862; married Crandall.
 12. Frances E. Pearsall, born October 15, 1865; married Johnson.
 13. Mildred Pearsall, born December 30, 1867; married Bally.

SECTION 4.

WILLIAM PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 32, Section 1, was born August 9, 1790; died September 9, 1843; buried with his wife on the Pearsall farm near Grand Mound, Iowa. He resided in Chenango Co., N. Y.; Potter Co., Pa.; Terre Haute, Indiana; Dixon Ferry, Iowa; and Clinton Co., Iowa. He married his cousin, Phebe Pearsall, daughter of Charles Pearsall. She was born October 17, 1790; died April 19, 1853. Children:—

1. Emily Pearsall, born January 11, 1815; married John Crosby.
2. Elizabeth Pearsall; married ——— Crosby.
3. Mary Ann Pearsall, born March 14, 1817; died January 8, 1884; married, December 14, 1832, Nathaniel Barber. He was born July 7, 1809; died August 26, 1883. Children:—*1. John Barber, born September 9, 1833; died March 5, 1834. *2. Mary E. Barber, born March 16, 1835; died June 22, 1909; married, December 27, 1854, Freland White. *3. William Rufus Barber, born June 1, 1838; living; married, August 18, 1860, Mary E. Norman. *4. Child not named, born October 2, 1840; died October 16, 1840. *5. Elizabeth Barber, born February 22, 1843; died April 29, 1844. *6. Alancing Eugene Barber, born March 27, 1845; married December 24, 1868, Celia M. Philips. *7. George Wallace Barber, born March 18, 1848; married, March 23, 1869, Belinda Guy. *8. Ellen M. Barber, born March 7, 1851; died April 20, 1852. *9. Albert A. Barber, born December 8, 1853; married, May 3, 1877, Laura Simmons. *10. Emma A. Barber, born July 3, 1858; died December 16, 1859.
4. William Riley Pearsall, born March 27, 1824. See Chap. 32, Sec. 5.
5. Cyrus Augustus Pearsall, born June 19, 1826; died June 3, 1903; buried at Des Moines, Iowa; resided at Des Moines, Iowa; married, May 2, 1852, Marrietta Simpson, who was born July 11, 1836; died June 11, 1911. Children:—*1. Alice Pearsall, born March 3, 1855; died February 22, 1913. *2. Le Roy Pearsall, born January, 1857; died 1857. *3. Ida M. Pearsall, born January 11, 1859; married, May 2, 1875, Frank W. Fuller. *4. Ada Pearsall, born April 14, 1861; married, September 14, 1905, Morrison Alsbury. *5. Carrie Pearsall, born March 25, 1863. *6. Alma Pearsall, born December 15, 1865; married Charles H. Huston. *7. Glenn C. Pearsall, born March 15, 1874; unmarried.
6. Phebe Jane Pearsall born January 9, 1828; died January 26, 1873, at Comanche, Iowa; married, March 9, 1845, John A. Tyler. He was born May 21, 1824; died August 24, 1871. Children:—*1. George Durant Tyler, born

March 9, 1847; married, July 16, 1882, Jennie Bowman. *2. William Ansel Tyler, born September 12, 1848; married, September 14, 1869, Huldah Stafford. *3. Adeline Tyler, born 1858; died in infancy. *4. Mary Ellen Tyler, born February 10, 1853; married first, February 21, 1878, William Muhs. *5. Amelia Eveline Tyler, born August 3, 1855; married, November 20, 1872, Charles B. Roman. *6. Charles Edwin Tyler, born October 2, 1860; married Mary Newell. *7. Henry Franklin Tyler. [See page 1464.]

7. George Volney Pearsall, died unmarried. He is buried in Arkansas.

The introduction of lumbering as a business looking to the marketing of the product in distant markets brought into existence the occupation of Raftsmen. This was a remunerative calling if everything went as anticipated, but it is easy to understand that when one attempted to ride on the flood waters of the North Branch of the Susquehanna River, which was the outlet to market of the lumber produced in Bainbridge and Chenango County, New York, there were bound to be times when the waters would fail and the raftsmen would find himself bar bound at some out of the way place along the river, where he was soon out of funds and among strangers. At such times there was nothing to do but to get money or credit wherever it could be had. This furnished a fine opportunity for the loan man of the community to reap a little extra profit. Space will not permit of a recital of the many times this occurred to William Pearsall and his brother-in-law, Charles Dutton, both of whom were captains of lumber rafts floated on the Susquehanna River. Sometimes they had to give judgments in order to get the money.

SECTION 5.

WILLIAM RILEY PEARSALL, son of William Pearsall, Chapter 32, Section 4 was born in Chenango Co., N. Y., March 27, 1824; moved with his parents to Pennsylvania in 1833, and in 1835 to Clinton Co., Iowa; later he followed the California excitement across the country and stayed 5 years, returning to Iowa. Later he removed to State of Washington. He died January 26, 1900, and is buried at Monroe, Snohomish Co., Wash. He married first, Rhoda Parker, daughter of Francis Parker, who was one of the party with whom he made the trip to California in 1849. [See Annals of Iowa, vol. IX, Nos. 6 and 7, page 451.] He married second, August, 1856, Sallie Names, who was born March 3, 1838. Children of the second marriage:—

1. Clarence Howard Pearsall, born October 28, 1857; died June, 1858.
2. William Riley Pearsall, born March 20, 1859; resided at Sultan, Wash.; married first, October, 1888, Katherine T. Wince, who was born March, 1867; died Oct., 1889. He married second, Dec. 15, 1892, Lottie K. McGillvry.
3. George Volney Pearsall, born June 18, 1860; died June 19, 1916; buried at Centralia, Wash.; resided at Centralia, Wash.; married, June 25, 1890, Alice May Bearse, daughter of James M. Bearse and his wife, Marion S. Green. She was born February 2, 1871. Children:—*1. Ellsworth Earl Pearsall, born September 4, 1892. *2. Ralph Marion Pearsall, born January 16, 1894. *3. George Elmer Pearsall, born November 19, 1898. *4. Robert Ivan Pearsall, born August 11, 1906.

4. Mary Viola Pearsall, born July 26, 1861; married George Mack.
5. Elsie Melissa Pearsall, born October 12, 1862; died March, 1864.
6. Hiram Ellsworth Pearsall, born February 6, 1864; married, January 8, 1890, Anna Barbara Walters. She was born February 13, 1872. Children:—
*1. Lillie Viola Pearsall, born October 2, 1890; resided at Bothell, Washington; married, July 10, 1910, Oliver Earl LaBarr. *2. William Henry Pearsall, born March 23, 1893; married Gladys Alberta Stillman.
7. Horace Greeley Pearsall, born April 6, 1865; died March, 1866.
8. Stella Pearsall, died in infancy.

SECTION 6.

JAMES PEARSALL, son of Samuel Pearsall, Chapter 32, Section 1; resided in Chenango Co., N. Y. He married first,——. Children of first marriage:—

1. John W. Pearsall, born September 17, 1817; died October, 1879; married, 1852, Elena Dodge, born April 23, 1823; died October 29, 1898. Children:—
*1. Anna M. Pearsall, born September 3, 1858; unmarried. *2. Fred L. Pearsall, born March 29, 1860; unmarried.
2. William Pearsall. See Z, this Section.
3. Caroline Pearsall, married first, Benton. She married second, Terwilliger.
4. Phoebe Pearsall, married Williams.

Child of the second marriage:—

5. Mary Pearsall, married Taft.

Z. WILLIAM PEARSALL, born November 19, 1802, in Dutchess Co., N. Y.; died August 21, 1887; buried in Harpersville, N. Y.; resided at Afton, Chenango Co., N. Y.; married Mehetable Williams, who was born December 31, 1808; died April 24, 1883. Children:—

1. Susan Pearsall, born March 27, 1829; died June 15, 1894.
2. Caroline Pearsall, born January 30, 1840; died November 4, 1873.
3. Daniel Pearsall, born June 4, 1843; died January 2, 1846.
4. Egbert Pearsall, born October 4, 1847; died June 17, 1893; resided at Coventry, Chenango Co., N.Y.; married Mary Sanford, who died 1896. Children:—
*1. William Pearsall, married Edna Hinman. *2. Berton Pearsall. *3. Herbert Pearsall. *4. Arthur Pearsall.
5. Sarah M. Pearsall, born January 4, 1851; resided at Binghamton, N. Y.; married George Suttle.
6. Washington Pearsall, born April 26, 1831; died December 18, 1900. Married December 8, 1857, Catherine Sanford. Children:—*1. John Henry Pearsall, born September 5, 1858. *2. Andrew Wiley Pearsall, born July 14, 1868; married, May 29, 1895, Ellen E. Adkins. *3. Daniel Leroy Pearsall, born November 6, 1867; married first, May 24, 1893, Claribel Olendorf; she was born November 5, 1872; died November 5, 1905; no children. He married second, January 1, 1907, Nellie Bunce. Child of second marriage:—1. Dorothy Pearsall. *4. Minnie Effie Pearsall, born April 17, 1870; married, June 6, 1895, Russel Holbrook. Child:—1. Fred Washington Holbrook, born May 28, 1897.