

CHAPTER FORTY-TWO

HENRY PEARSALL
of Near Rockaway, Long Island, New York

This chapter has been in part deleted. See Note, page 1041.

SECTION 1.

HENRY PEARSALL, son of George Pearsall, Chapter 37, Section 1; resided at Near Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married Martha ——. Children:—

1. Hezekiah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 2.
2. James Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 1.
3. Henry Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 12.
4. A daughter; married James Hugin. Child:—*1. John Hugin.

It was more than a century after the first patenting of the town of Hempstead in 1644 before a final division was made of the lands belonging to the town. During all this time there was much dissatisfaction from time to time expressed, particularly by the newcomers who bought in under the several English patents. There were several written protests presented and entered upon the town records, among the rest the following: At a general town meeting held in Hempstead the 14th day of October, 1723, there were seven men chosen by major vote of ye town to divide the undivided land in Hempstead and to lay to every man according to his just right in ye township of Hempstead and these seven men jointly, to lay out and ascertain our lands and not severally or the major part of them but the whole seven men to do ye work according to justice, but it appears in our way of thinking that they have proceeded contrary to reason and the scheme that was then projusted by the town by taking and selling the towns land where and what they pleased and laying out some men where they chose, and others could not get their rights except they took their leavings in poor land, and theres three of them men dead and four living continue laying out land and bringing the town more in confusion, which we think contrary to law and reason and therefore we whose names are hereafter written do protest against all what they have done or shall do in any division by any power from ye town. This was signed by 70 of the owners of the towns land, but no name of Pearsall was among the number. [Hempstead Town Records, Book 4, page 264.]

The old committee was too strongly entrenched to be displaced, so the dissatisfaction continued until, at a town meeting in Hempstead, ye 22d day of April, 1745, then it was agreed by ye majority of votes, that those persons here after named are to consult and conclude of some measures concerning of our plans either to have a division or fencing, from other towns or some measure that they may be of more profit to ye owners of them, than they have been or are at present, and ye persons or committees chosen are to make a report to ye town of their proceedings, by ye majority on Monday ye 20th of May at which time ye said

town meeting were adjoined to a list of ye names of ye men chosen, John Treadwell, Peter Titus, Samuel Willis, Jacob Smith, Richard Thorne, Jacob Seaman, John Lininton, John Dorland, Henry Pearsall, John Foster, Daniel Hulet, Sam Titus, Jeremiah Bedell, Sam Southard and the above said town meeting be adjoined to this day four weeks for ye above said men to make a report to ye town of their proceedings. [Hempstead Town Records, Book 3, pages 271, 272, 273.]

SECTION 2.

HEZEKIAH PEARSALL, son of Henry Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 1; died before November 15, 1782; married Martha Bedell. Children:—

1. Martha Pearsall, married Joseph Dorlon.
2. Sucke Pearsall.
3. Mary Pearsall, married Nathaniel Ross.
4. Thomas Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 3.
5. Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 10.
6. Henry Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 22.

SECTION 3.

THOMAS PEARSALL, son of Hezekiah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 2; died Dec. 12, 1836; buried in Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.; married first, June 25, 1781, Charity Denton, at St. George's Church, Hempstead. She died October 14, 1805, aged 42 years; buried in Sand Hole M. P. Churchyard. He married second, January 9, 1808, Catharine Murray at the Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. She died December 20, 1831; buried in Sand Hole M. P. Churchyard. Children of first marriage:—

1. Martha Pearsall, born July 7, 1793; died Sept. 15, 1867; married Luke Fay.
2. Susan Pearsall, resided at North Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.; married January 30, 1803, at St. George's Church, Hempstead, Joseph Langdon.
3. Amelia Pearsall.
4. Elizabeth Pearsall.
5. Lydia Jane Pearsall, married Daniel Whitney.
6. Mary Ellen Pearsall, married —Penney.
7. Frances Pearsall, married —Crowder.
8. Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 5.

Children of second marriage:—

9. Thomas Pearsall, born 1809. Chapter 42, Section 4.
10. Uriah Pearsall, born 1810; died June 17, 1878. Chapter 42, Section.
11. Clarkson Pearsall; married Margaret Doughty. See Y, this Section 9.
12. William I. Pearsall, born April 11, 1823; married first, Harriet Conklin; married second, Susan Jones. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 4.

THOMAS PEARSALL, son of Thomas Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 3; born 1809; died 1869; buried with his wife in Hewletts Episcopal Churchyard; resided at Hewletts, L. I., N. Y.; married Eliza Van Nostrand who was born 1816; died 1899. Children:—

1. Thomas H. Pearsall, died February 7, 1853.
2. Sarah Elizabeth Pearsall, born September 29, 1841; married Jordan Losee.
3. Ida Henrietta Pearsall, born July 2, 1849; married Oscar M. Williams.
4. Smith W. Pearsall, died July 30, 1851.
5. Franklin T. Pearsall, died September 9, 1854.
6. Samuel Pearsall, born March 19, 1855.
7. Catharine Amelia Pearsall, born July 29, 1858.
8. Ralph Rogers Pearsall; married Catharine Ann Mott. See Z, this Section.
9. Wilfred Bethene Norton Pearsall, baptised September 15, 1859.

SECTION 5.

BENJAMIN PEARSALL, son of Thomas Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 3; born December 8, 1790; died August 17, 1864; buried in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Churchyard, Hewletts, L. I., N. I., August 19, 1864; married September 15, 1809 at Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., Elizabeth Hawkins who was born October 10, 1789; died March 18, 1840. Children:—

1. Denton Pearsall, born April 21, 1811; died April 16, 1879. Chapter 42, Section 6.
2. Conklin Pearsall, born January 19, 1814; married Anna Driscoll. See Z, this Section.
3. Zophar Pearsall, born May 6, 1817. Chapter 42, Section 7.
4. George B. Pearsall, born August 6, 1819; died September 9, 1853. Chapter 42, Section 8.
5. Sarah Elizabeth Pearsall, born March 26, 1828; married Albert Miller.

SECTION 6.

DENTON PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 5; born April 21, 1811; died April 16, 1879; buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Westchester Co., New York City; resided in New York City; married Elizabeth Underhill of Westchester Co., N. Y. She died November 28, 1889, aged 70 years. Children:—

1. Mary Louise Pearsall, died February 13, 1902; married March 22, 1862, Morris Baisley.
2. Esther E. Pearsall; married William Edward Sparks.
3. Margaret S. Pearsall; married William M. Humphrey.
4. Denton Pearsall, born 1837. See Y, this Section.
5. George H. Pearsall, died September 16, 1901; married Sarah Elizabeth Hunt.
6. Sarah Amelia Pearsall; married October 28, 1865, Patrick H. Fay. He was born November 20, 1825.
7. Charles Benjamin Pearsall; married Anna K. G——. See Z, this Section.
8. Nora E. Pearsall; married George H. Bergman
9. D'Anjou Pearsall; married Florence Hamilton.

SECTION 7.

ZOPHAR PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 5; born May 6, 1817; died May 31, 1883; resided in New York City and Pearsallville, Connecticut; married first, December 17, 1838, at Rose Hill or 27th Street

M. E. Church, New York City, Margaret A. Underhill, sister of Elizabeth Underhill, wife of Denton Pearsall, and daughter of Gilbert Underhill. She died June 17, 1899, aged 79 years. Zophar Pearsall married second, Elizabeth Russell. Children of first marriage:—

1. Sarah Louise Pearsall.
2. William H. Pearsall, married Cora Adelaide Combs. See Z, this Section.
3. Lydia A. Pearsall, died April 7, 1853, aged 3 years.

Children of second marriage:—

4. Zophar Pearsall, died before 1917.
5. Emma Louise Pearsall, married first, William H. Hyler; married second, Edward Leach.

SECTION 8.

GEORGE B. PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 5; born August 6, 1819; died September 9, 1853; resided at Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married Jane Mott, daughter of Henry Mott and his wife Lucy Ann. Children:—

1. William Henry Pearsall, born July 9, 1844; married Amelia Cornell. See Z, this Section.
2. Zophar Pearsall, born September 19, 1849.

SECTION 9.

URIAH PEARSALL, son of Thomas Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 3; born 1810; died June 17, 1878, aged 67 years, 11 months; buried at Sand Hole M. P. Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.; married first, June 15, 1833, Matilda Davison at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., who died April 22, 1852, aged 38 years and 17 days. Uriah Pearsall married second, Hannah Jane Cornwell. Uriah Pearsall married third, October 24, 1868, Elizabeth Ryder, née Abrams, of Pearsalls. Children of first marriage:—

1. De Mott Pearsall, died February 7, 1837, aged 3 years.
2. Alexander Pearsall, married Clara H——. See Y, this Section.
3. Wright Pearsall, born August 20, 1840; married Emily Josephine Smith.
4. Amanda Pearsall, married Benjamin Bedell.

Children of second marriage:—

5. Phebe Ann Pearsall, born 1853; married —— Frost.
6. Louisa A. Pearsall, born 1856; married Emory Doxsey.
7. Wilbur Pearsall, born 1864; unmarried.
8. Cornwell W. Pearsall.
9. Emma Susan Pearsall.

SECTION 10.

URIAH PEARSALL, son of Hezekiah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 2; born 1760; died November 22, 1847, aged 87 years; buried with his second wife in the old Sand Hole M. P. Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Near Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married first, at St. George's Church, Hempstead, August 9, 1781, Caroline Roebuck, daughter of Jarvis

Roebuck. She died July 2, 1791. Uriah Pearsall married second, April 22, 1792, Ann Cornell, daughter of Elijah Cornell and his wife Elizabeth A. Abrams. She died June 30, 1836, aged 64 years. Children of first marriage:—

1. Jarvis Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 11.
 2. Peter Roebuck Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 14.
- Children of second marriage:—
3. Cornell Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 17.
 4. Oliver Denton Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 19.
 5. Tredwell Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 20.
 6. Fannie Pearsall, baptised April 7, 1793; married Nathaniel Davidson.
 7. Julia Ann Pearsall, married John Eldred.
 8. David Pearsall, married Susan ——. See W, this Section.
 9. Jacob Pearsall, married Mary Luger. See X, this Section.
 10. Hewlett Pearsall, married Josephine ——. See Y, this Section.
 11. Hollett Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 21.
 12. Charles Pearsall, married Catharine ——. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 11.

JARVIS PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 10; baptised at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., January 20, 1782; resided in Bergen Co., New Jersey; married Rachel Kelly. She was descended from a family that had long been connected with the Dutch Reformed Church in New York. Brian Kelly, the first American ancestor, appears upon the records of New Amsterdam in 1643. Children:—

1. Uriah Pearsall, baptised November 27, 1800.
2. Catharine Pearsall, born 1802; married first, David Bloomer; second, Jacob Van Wart.
3. Peter Pearsall, born 1806. Chapter 42, Section 12.
4. John Pearsall, born 1809. See W, this Section.
5. Lewis Pearsall, born October 10, 1813; married Sarah Elizabeth Horton. See X, this Section.
6. Nathaniel Pearsall, born 1815.
7. Jarvis Pearsall, born 1817; married Catharine Cole. See Y, this Section.
8. William Pearsall, born 1820.
9. Oliver Pearsall.
10. David Pearsall, born July 15, 1824; married Janet Graham. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 12.

PETER PEARSALL, son of Jarvis Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 11; born 1806; resided in Bergen Co., N. J.; married Susan Ann ——, who was born September 19, 1804; died July 31, 1892, buried in St. John's Cemetery, Yonkers, N. Y. Children:—

1. Peter William Pearsall, married Rachel Ann Simms. See Y, this Section.
2. Charles Edgar Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 13.
3. Emeline Virginia Pearsall, married David Simms.
4. Susan E. Pearsall, born February 21, 1839; died April 26, 1877; unmarried.

5. John Tyler Pearsall.
6. George Washington Pearsall, born December 21, 1847; married Emma Martin.

SECTION 13.

CHARLES EDGAR PEARSALL, son of Peter Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 12; born December 12, 1834; died January 31, 1897; resided at Yonkers, Westchester Co., N. Y.; married July 4, 1855, Martha Simms, who was born March 28, 1837. Children:—

1. Charles Emerson Pearsall, born September 17, 1856; married Sarah Thomas. See Z, this Division.
2. Eva Louise Pearsall, born August 5, 1860; married Jeremiah P. Lewis.
3. Susie Eleanor Pearsall, born July 12, 1862; married James Tabenier.
4. Irene Pearsall, born March 21, 1866; married John L. Maps.
5. Blanche Pearsall, born April 8, 1869; married Darius Johnson.
6. Clarence Alden Pearsall, born March 29, 1871.
7. Arthur Milton Pearsall, born October 1, 1874; unmarried.
8. Mattie Ida Pearsall, born June 1, 1876.
9. Olive Coyt Pearsall, born November 19, 1882; died January 21, 1885.

SECTION 14.

PETER ROEBUCK PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 10; born May 1, 1790; baptised at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., July 6, 1791; died March 28, 1878; married first, November 18, 1813, Abigail Carman, who was born September 1, 1794. He married second, July 20, 1829 at Beardstown, Pennsylvania, Hannah Frost, daughter of Cawley Frost. She was born March 20, 1809 and died February 18, 1886 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Children of first marriage:—

1. Lewis C. Pearsall, said to have been drowned; died unmarried in San Luis, Sierra County, California. He was a pioneer and a miner.
2. Jarvis Roebuck Pearsall, born January 17, 1820. Chapter 42, Section 15.
3. Phineas Carman Pearsall. Chapter 42, Section 16.
4. Huldah Pearsall, married Jacob Miller Gray.
5. Mary Pearsall, died February, 1888; married Victor Dunham.
6. Julia Pearsall, married William Baldwin.
Children of second marriage:—
7. Nancy Jane Pearsall, died March 2, 1888.
8. Jarvis Roebuck Pearsall, born February 28, 1832.
9. Mary Jane Young Pearsall, born August 23, 1834; died October 7, 1837.
10. Catharine Roebuck Pearsall, born April 21, 1837; died October 17, 1916.
11. Isabella Sweitser Pearsall, born February 21, 1840; died February 13, 1899.
12. Anna Sweitser Pearsall, born October 31, 1842; died April 8, 1887.
13. James Frost Pearsall, born August 11, 1846.
14. William Bancroft Pearsall, born September 3, 1848; died August 6, 1915.
15. Eliza Sullivan Pearsall, born January 18, 1853; died January 2, 1900.
16. Julia Mothershead Pearsall, born November 2, 1856; married January 3, 1885, Edward Hiram Evans. He was born January 4, 1861.

The following is copied from a letter written at Indianapolis, Ind., December 30, 1875, by Peter Roebuck Pearsall to his daughter Catharine Roebuck Pearsall:—My mother, Catherine Roebuck, was the daughter of Jarvis Roebuck, a merchant doing business in the city of New York. Mother died soon after I was born, of course, I can have no recollection of her, and her father took care of me until I was four years of age, when he sent me to Nazareth, Northampton County, Pa., where I remained at college until I was seventeen, when I returned to New York. My grandfather at his death left me a handsome Patrimony. He had one brother Peter Roebuck, after whom I was named, who also lived in New York. They were both simon pure Englishmen, which to me is a source of genuine pride.

I now come to a part of my history which you have probably never heard. My grandfather, who unfortunately had a misunderstanding with my father after the death of my mother sent me to Nazareth under his own name, and I knew of no other and was recognized by no other than P. Roebuck. When about twelve years old I was one day requested to call at the hotel as someone wished to see me. Having obtained permission I went and met a very handsome gentleman, about forty or forty-five years of age. He asked me several questions about my family to which I replied as had been taught me that I was the grandson of Jarvis Roebuck, that my father and mother had both died when I was an infant, that I had no recollection of them. You may judge my surprise when he burst into tears and for a time was quite overcome. He then stated that there was a mistake—that he was my father. Boy as I was, the news overjoyed me. I requested him to go with me to the college where I introduced him to the President, who was a warm friend of mine (a lover of music). The President knew my grandfather and at once said that he had no doubt of the correctness of the statements but advised me not to be too receptive in the matter. He wrote to New York receiving in answer a full confirmation of all that my father had stated. From that time it was Peter Roebuck Pearsall, and has remained so ever since. (Seventy-three years and more.)

The following is his own account of his trip to Nazareth, Pa.:—Indianapolis, February 11, 1874. Dear Daughter:—Your truly interesting letter date 2nd inst. was duly received. As your requests with me are equivalent to commands, I proceed with pleasure to give you an account of my visit last Fall to Bethlehem and Nazareth, as the oldest Hall Boy to attend a reunion of the alumni of Nazareth Hall in which I received my scholastic education.

Before we give the incidents of the journey allow me to begin at the beginning as I do not remember that this was ever given. My earthly career began May 1, 1790. Of my mother Catherine Roebuck, daughter of Jarvis Roebuck, I can have no recollection as she gave her life when she gave me. [Notwithstanding this statement we have followed the church record which fixes her death and burial as occurring in 1791.] With the consent of my father my maternal grandfather took me under his care, and at the age of four years he sent me in charge of Abraham Binger (the founder of the great Binger house, New York City) to Nazareth and Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Until eight years of age Mammy Moehring, a childless widow residing at Nazareth, took care of me with all the kindness a mother could bestow upon her own child. At this time they installed me as a student in the college. As the turmoils and ups and downs of a

college life would consume too much time, I beg leave to omit them. My love for music, the Divine Art, began to display itself very early. At the age of twelve years I was permitted to play a large organ during Divine service; they also placed me at the grand piano in the weekly concerts with an orchestra of some thirty instruments. This circumstance caused me to be remembered by many who were fellow students. At this institution I remained until the year 1807, when I returned to New York City:—Here endeth the introduction.

On Saturday evening September 20th I returned from a short visit at Madison, Indiana and found a letter from my friend Chitty, now residing at Bethlehem, a Moravian town ten miles from Nazareth, requesting me to attend a reunion of students at Nazareth on Thursday September 25th, kindly proposing to defray all incidental expenses. Such a generous offer could not be refused, and Monday morning about 7 o'clock found me moving out of the Union Depot in compliance with the invitation. At six o'clock Tuesday evening I arrived at Bethlehem where Mr. Chitty met me and accompanied me to the house of Doctor Jones, who with his family, Mrs. Jones and daughter, entertained me with the most refined hospitality until Friday evening when I felt compelled to decline a pressing invitation to prolong my visit, *ad libitum*, as I felt quite overcome with the tremendous excitement thru which I had just passed. On Wednesday Doctor Jones introduced me to a number of prominent citizens of the place, some of them stating that I was not an entire stranger as they had heard my name mentioned before. On Thursday the 25th, we proceeded to Nazareth, arriving there about 9 o'clock A. M., from the hotel we were escorted by a Company of Cadets.

Here my troubles began. When I saw that venerable and well remembered building, recollections of childhood days came rushing upon my memory with the force of a tornado. And when the president of the college accompanied me thru the different departments, frequently asking, do you remember this, and when he took me to that idolized old organ requesting me to play a particular tune which is always used in passing out of the old year into the new year, I, of course, complied, but my feelings overpowered me when I remembered that I had played the same tune on the same instrument upwards of seventy years before. I gave way saying once a man—twice a child. The president replied not in this case for in his view there was exhibited the reverse. A vivid recollection of events long since passed. We also visited the cemetery, garden, and all points of interest. Dinner being announced the visitors, the faculty, and about three hundred students partaking. A side table was occupied by some of the dignitaries, among whom they placed the Lion of the day in the condition of a lamb. Presently a request came that I should address the students. This I dreaded as my nerves were entirely unstrung—but rather than write myself a mouse I made an effort to be a man. My speech was short for I could not trust myself. However, the compliment was paid me that every word was to the point and would be long remembered by the pupils as well as others.

SECTION 15.

JARVIS ROEBUCK PEARSALL, son of Peter Roebuck Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 14; born January 17, 1820; died October 29, 1887; resided at Christian

Hook, L. I., N. Y.; married March 25, 1843, Deborah Ann Daynes. She was born February 17, 1818; died January 19, 1883. Children:—

1. Alexander A. Pearsall, born August 31, 1853; married Eleanora L. Ghee. See Y, this Section.
2. Mary Lavenia Pearsall, born April 20, 1846; married William Henry Mott.
3. Lewis Fayette Pearsall, born April 11, 1856; married Abigail Smith. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 16.

PHINEAS CARMAN PEARSALL, son of Peter Roebuck Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 14; married May 15, 1839, Catharine A. Morgan. Children:—

1. Emma Pearsall, born March 23, 1845; died June 10, 1851.
 2. Julia Anna Pearsall, born September, 1841; married Chester F. Burdick.
 3. Eliza Pearsall, born March 12, 1840; died June 10, 1842.
 4. Caroline Jacobs Pearsall, born July 8, 1843; married James E. White.
 5. Alfred Everson Pearsall, born April 18, 1847. See Z, this Section.
 6. Frederick Pearsall, born February 11, 1849; died April 4, 1849.
 7. Lavinia Watson Pearsall, born May 25, 1851; married Allen Cady Fitch.
 8. Matilda Lawson Pearsall, born November 9, 1852; married Edward L. Embree.
 9. Edgar Randolph Pearsall, born November 3, 1854; died May 1, 1913; married October 27, 1881, Mary P. Ferris who was born June 20, 1856. Children:—*1. Ferris Randolph Pearsall, born August 24, 1882. *2. Ethel Pearsall, born December 29, 1883. *3. James Ferris Pearsall, born July 9, 1885. *4. Harriet Wheelock Pearsall, born January 27, 1887. *5. Chester Burdick Pearsall, born August 26, 1888. *6. Katharine Morgan Pearsall, born October 27, 1892. *7. Helen Pearsall, born September 20, 1896. *8. Virginia Lee Pearsall, born January 11, 1898. *9. Eleanor Carman Pearsall, born February 12, 1900.
 10. Laura Anta Pearsall, born November 19, 1856; died January 11, 1863.
 11. Rollin Burdick Pearsall, born July 7, 1861; died July 30, 1879.
- Z. ALFRED EVERSON PEARSALL, born April 18, 1847; died April 28, 1919; resided at Westfield, New Jersey; married November 18, 1869, Amanda Terry. Children:—
1. Jay Herbert Pearsall, married February 22, 1901, Mabel Clara Fitch.
 2. Clifford Everson Pearsall, born November 15, 1870; married February 22, 1894, Grace Caroline Moffett.
 3. Leigh Morgan Pearsall, born April 9, 1872; married February 22, 1900, Mary Ellen Moffett.
 4. Ralph Cornish Pearsall, born August 19, 1876; married May 1, 1905, Grace Runyon.
 5. Ruth Pearsall, born July 1, 1880; married June 3, 1903, Lester Wright Neefus.
- Alfred Everson Pearsall founded the News Bureau which devoted itself to gathering the news of the Wall Street zone of the city of New York. It was the ally of all the metropolitan papers and the source from which came the daily report of financial and business affairs sent out over the country by the Associated Press.

It is not possible to write an accurate history of Alfred Everson Pearsall. We are too near the events of his life to give them their exact value, but as to Alfred Everson Pearsall, this can be said, his history is so inseparably connected with the financial growth of this country, that the history of its business for his generation must accord him a large space in its record. It is needless to say that such an organization as he founded is the eyes and ears of the business world. Through it was gained the knowledge and impressions which have moulded and guided the business and financial affairs of the country at large. It is easy to comprehend that such a man must be trustworthy, truthful, reliable, fair and disinterested; that he must be farseeing, yet microscopic in his vision. Any one can tell of the big things already accomplished. It takes the man of discernment and most minute view to discern the germs of movements that will ultimately grow into great enterprises. It takes the judicial mind to sift the false from the true; and to do it day after day for a lifetime, and yet win the approval of the man in the Street, betokens talents far beyond the ordinary and tells of training such as very few men have. Then the dryest facts must be dressed up so that they are entertainingly presented. It is comparatively easy to write of flowers and fruits but to detail day by day the doings of the Bulls and Bears of finance and to yet be uncontaminated by the sordid selfishness which controls most of their desires and purposes requires a man with a soul above things mundane. Hence the reader of his story, as related by himself, must keep in mind that behind the expressions of dire want is really the keen-sighted man of vision, pouring out his irony and covert sarcasm against those who think that the mere possession of wealth is the only badge of true greatness. For he never lost the perspective of things which he saw in the field of the country's money market. Hence he reported about money and bonds and banks and bankers in a way calculated to bring them within the power of the truth, and in such a manner as to aid in the upbuilding of the whole land and all the people. To him the acquisition of bonds and money was not desirable for the power and wealth thereby obtained, but that they never should cease to be instruments for the good and right purpose of making all the people happy. Year after year he spent his holidays in the gypsy wagon which he owned, and in which he wandered all over the country seeking above all other things to regain renewed contact with the common people. Hence the broad and wide vision and the wonderfully accurate discernment which he brought to the dissemination of what otherwise would have been only the sordid news of the money world; which world knows nothing about and cares less for the rest of mankind except in so far as they can be made the means of paying tribute to the comparatively few of the monetary class.

He was also a journalist of commanding position, but he will be better remembered by the part he has taken in the development of the financial and business interests of the country. He was withal a delightful companionable man, as we can well understand after reading the following account he has written of himself. But the reader must take in a Pickwickian sense his references to poverty. He and his were and are men of ample means.

According to the Book my name is Alfred Everson Pearsall, the oldest son of Phineas Carman and Catherine Morgan Pearsall, and by the same token I was

born in Butler Street, near Court Street, Brooklyn, April 18, 1847. My father's father was Peter Roebuck Pearsall, organist of a Moravian Church, I don't know where—and like most musicians, he was poor. My own father inherited his tendency to be musical and poor—poor as to this world's goods but rich, rich indeed, in the graces and tenderness of a refined, gentle, poetic nature, so that when it came his time to die, all kinds of people, rich and poor, alike, even the blacks, surrounded Squire Pearsall's bier—and a very few of them all were worthy to touch the hem of his garment or to loose the latchet of his shoe. Some very good men with a mistaken idea of life sighed: What a failure, not appreciating the songs he had sung at their festivals and funerals, the fetching stories he had told and the Gospel of Good Cheer his life had always been to the living and dying.

When I consider the musicalness of my grandfather and of my father and my own misfortune in that direction it is not so difficult for me to think that there may be some kind of a crest for me which I don't want, anyhow. I say my own misfortune because I've been everlastingly bothered with music interruptions when I've been saying I won't be musical, I won't learn a note and then I can't teach music and wear a shawl and long hair. However, I've never let my hair get very short for the matter of that. But while I don't know one note from another I've had the nerve to sing in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and make money for it. I've sung from Maine to California and from the Canadian border to the Mexican border.

Shall I tell you about the time I sang in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City? Well, I'll put my time against yours, since I'm just rambling at best. I was a delegate to the Convention of the International League of Press Clubs in San Francisco in the winter of 1893. En route we were royally entertained by every big city our long train passed through. Dear Kate Field and Mrs. Frank Leslie and Elita Proctor Otis and Belva Lockwood were of the party and so was Marshall P. Wilder, there being a train of eight cars of newspaper people.

At Salt Lake City we were the guests of the city. As a part of our entertainment a sacred concert was given in the tabernacle, a feature of which was oratorio singing by a choral union consisting of 350 gentiles and 350 Mormons. The work of these 700 singers was thrilling; for what better acoustics were offered in the known world than the acoustics of the old Mormon tabernacle, with its famous pin-dropping test.

Of course, the alleged highbrows from the East had to contribute that evening; and, before I knew what was going on I stood in front of the great pipe organ, at one time the world's greatest organ, and was told to sing, facing 12,000 people. What, inquired the longhaired organist; as I felt called on to quit or say something, I managed to say: The Palms. What key? I didn't know for the life of me. This key, I said, stepping to the organ and fingering the place I knew by heart, but couldn't name. That organist's introduction was an inspiration. I stepped aboard at the proper place and we were off. First it was the organ and then it was me; and then it was the organ again plumb to the finish. I'd only got fairly started when I pulled out my nux vomica; the organist saw me and pulled out his aurora borealis; with that I dragged on my eucalyptus tremolo. Not to be outdone in politeness the organist brought out his buranto how-come-you-so. By

that time the palms were beginning to sprout in every seat and at the conclusion of the first verse the palms came together in a way that told me I had scored and that the cunning thing was for me to retire while the going was good.

The organist wouldn't have it so, nor the audience either, so back I went, grabbed a chest full of various sounds which I organized and liberated into some sort of shape that made out the concluding verse, in the course of which, however, the organ came to a dead pause and left me to sing unaccompanied or to stop. As I finished the phrase the organ came in on the last word with everything wide open and my voice riding the air an octave above a level that I'd ever undertaken. It was a dramatic climax to an eventful musical career.

In a recent letter Leigh M. Pearsall writes:—My father travelled many hundreds of miles in his camp wagon and with his team of Texas horses, having in the rear of the wagon a full size bed and also a little organ which he used throughout his journeys to entertain himself and also the people at whose places he would stop to camp from time to time. He drove up through the New England states into Canada and went as far south as North Carolina. One of his many exciting experiences included being held up by moonshiners in West Virginia. They assumed he was a revenue officer and refused to allow him to camp on the rocky mountain road where he had pulled up and ordered him to leave the mountains—they hastened him down a precipitous road with rifle balls so placed as to hasten his gallop and yet they, being undoubtedly expert marksmen, gave him to understand that so long as he kept moving they would not take his life. His organ broke loose and thrashed around in the wagon, as did his bed, his wheels were dished and were it not for the fact that he had made companions of his horses so they were reasonably easily gotten under control at the foot of the mountain he would undoubtedly have been killed.

He was a most interesting character, a great traveler, a man of exceptional literary talent and was possessed of a most wonderful voice which earned him many thousands of dollars during his young and middle life. As an elocutionist on the platform he was conceded to be a dean of them all. I could cite hundreds of instances, all going to prove him to be a most versatile man. He had enemies but they were of the type which caused Teddy Roosevelt to state, I love him for the enemies he has made. As a newspaper publisher he attacked graft, political chicanery and back room politics without compromise. His close friends were legion. I recall as a young man our leaving his office in Wall Street for the ferry to catch a certain train, having ample time to make the boat, but we were exactly one and a half hours late in arriving at the ferry because of the many stops he was called upon to make by friends he met on the way. He neither smoked nor drank and, while a bitter enemy once his hat was in the ring, he was true blue with all his friends, more particularly those in distress, his motto being that of the Salvation Army, a man may be down but never out. His quiet contributions to improvident friends reached into the thousands of dollars as we have since learned through going over his check books. He never took notes, believing these friends would repay him if ever it came within their power. The last twelve years of his life were spent in the Canadian waterways during the summer and in Melrose, Florida, during the winter. At the latter place he had a most remarkable home

which he called the Latchstring, where his doors were never locked and his home was headquarters for the whole country side. His death was a great loss to all in Westfield, N. J., his home town, to his hundreds of Wall Street friends and his little Florida town has never been anything like the same since he passed on.

SECTION 17.

CORNWELL (Cornell) PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 10; died February 15, 1866, aged 65 years, 11 months, 9 days; buried in the old Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Church, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; married Rachel ——. She died July 7, 1868, aged 72 years, 1 month, 29 days. Children:—

1. Lewis Pearsall, died December 10, 1898. Chapter 42, Section 18.
2. William Pearsall, died April 17, 1871; married Mary Adeline Bedell.
3. Nancy C. Pearsall, married Mulford T. Rayner.
4. Jane Pearsall, married Samuel Smith Doxsey.
5. Townsend Pearsall, died October 28, 1836.

SECTION 18.

LEWIS PEARSALL, son of Cornell Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 17; died December 10, 1898, aged 77 years, 11 months, 11 days; buried with his wife in old Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard; resided at East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married at the old Sand Hole M. P. Church, October 22, 1843, Caroline Terry of Hicks Neck, Long Island, New York. Children:—

1. Seaman T. Pearsall, born 1848; married Melisa A. Fowler. See Y, this Section.
2. Townsend Pearsall, born September, 1857; married Gertrude Grover. See Z, this Section.
3. Armenia Pearsall, born January 4, 1859; married, November 21, 1888, Walter Golder.
4. Lewis Edward Pearsall, born January 4, 1861; died October 16, 1902.
5. Jane Ann Pearsall, died November 2, 1907; married Lewis Abrams.
6. Mary Emma Pearsall, died March 1, 1895.
7. Adeline Pearsall, died March 21, 1860.
8. Hattie Pearsall, born December 24, 1869.
9. Cornell Pearsall, born July 20, 1850; died December 6, 1851.
10. Cornell Pearsall, born January 25, 1853; died February 12, 1853.

SECTION 19.

OLIVER DENTON PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 10; born October 14, 1805; died June 18, 1870; buried with his wife in old Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Far Rockaway, and Pearsall Corners, L. I., N. Y.; married September 4, 1828, at the Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, Martha Flower, who was born January 1, 1808; baptised at same place June 8, 1865; died July 24, 1894. Children:—

1. Gideon Pearsall, born January 23, 1830; married Elizabeth A——. See Z, this Section.

2. Henry Selie Pearsall, died December 14, 1870; married Sarah Elizabeth —.
3. Alfred Pearsall.
4. Alexander Pearsall, married first, October 31, 1852, Ann Eliza Brush. He married second, June 11, 1857, Mary Jane Pearsall, daughter of Nathaniel Pearsall and his wife Lydia Shaw. See Chapter 40, Section 12.
5. Lewis Pearsall.
6. Oliver Pearsall, born January 14, 1838; married Alice Dredger.
7. Frances Pearsall, married February 6, 1861, Lewis A. Jessup.
8. Luria Ann Pearsall, born 1836; married Calvin Abrams.
9. Hulda Pearsall, married Adam Peters.
10. Adaline C. Pearsall, married — Wood.

SECTION 20.

TREDWALL PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 10; died May 30, 1883, aged 66 years, 3 months and 4 days; buried with his wife in the old Sand Hole M. P. Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Pearsalls Corners, L. I., N. Y.; married Sarah Langdon, at the Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. She was born 1818; died January 8, 1869. Children:—

1. Jarvis Uriah Pearsall, born April 4, 1835; married December 25, 1859, Mary Adeline Abrams, who was born March 8, 1835. Children:—*1. Seldron Pearsall, born May 26, 1862; married Mary Lavinia Brower. *2. Sylvester Pearsall, born February 23, 1863. *3. Julia Pearsall, born April 1, 1866; unmarried.
2. Julia Ann Pearsall, born 1839; died January 28, 1862.

SECTION 21.

HOLLETT PEARSALL, son of Uriah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 10; born October 19, 1797; died June 21, 1845; buried with his wife in the Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Near Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married Martha —, who died 1864, in the 56th year of her age. Children:—

1. Oliver Pearsall, born 1818; married first, Esther Ann Aulberson; second, Lucinda Johnson. See Y, this Section.
2. David Pearsall.
3. Nathaniel Pearsall, died before 1864; unmarried.
4. Peter Pearsall, married Sarah Ann —. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 22.

HENRY PEARSALL, son of Hezekiah Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 2; married —. Children:—

1. James Pearsall; married Hannah Baisley.
2. Charles Pearsall, married Catharine Bedell.
3. Ann Pearsall; married first, Samuel Brower; second, Stephen Carman.
4. Clarissa Pearsall, married Thomas Langdon.
5. Elizabeth Pearsall, married Adam Pearsall. Chapter 33, Section 2.
6. Jemima Pearsall, married William Bedell.