

CHAPTER FORTY-THREE

JAMES AND HENRY PEARSALL

of Rockville Center, Rockaway, Long Island, New York

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SECTION 1.

JAMES PEARSALL, son of Henry Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 1; married November 27, 1752, Sarah Pearsall at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Rockville Center, L. I., N. Y. Children:—

1. Joseph Pearsall. Chapter 43, Section 2.
2. James Pearsall. Chapter 43, Section 8.
3. Henry Pearsall. Chapter 43, Section 9.
4. Daniel Pearsall. Chapter 43, Section 11.

SECTION 2.

JOSEPH PEARSALL, son of James Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 1; born 1750; occupied the old mansion at Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.; married at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., June 4, 1776, Sarah Verity. Children:—

1. Richard Pearsall, born October 5, 1782. Chapter 43, Section 3.
2. Isaac Pearsall, died July 26, 1832. Chapter 43, Section 4.
3. James Pearsall, died January 5, 1857. Chapter 43, Section 7.
4. Ruth Pearsall, married February 24, 1804, Thomas Smith.
5. Mary Pearsall, married March 20, 1804, David Durlon, Jr.
6. Martha Pearsall, resided at Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married April 3, 1805, Thomas Mott of New York.
7. Hannah Pearsall, married December 31, 1803, Joseph Watts.

SECTION 3.

RICHARD PEARSALL, son of Joseph Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 2; born October 5, 1782; died April 5, 1851; buried with his wife in old Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Church, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Near Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., December 26, 1812, Hannah Wortman of South Jamaica, who was born July 5, 1792; died October 27, 1867. Children:—

1. Robert D. Pearsall, died February 17, 1867; married Elizabeth Langdon. See Y, this Section.
2. John Pearsall, married Mary ——. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 4.

ISAAC PEARSALL, son of Joseph Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 2; died July 26, 1832; resided in New York City; married January 2, 1813, Nancy Durland. Children:—

1. Durland Pearsall, married Eliza Ann Boyer. See Y, this Section.
2. James Pearsall, born February 29, 1816. Chapter 43, Section 5.
3. William Pearsall, born March 4, 1819. Chapter 43, Section 6.
4. Isaac Pearsall, married Catharine M. Lange. See Z, this Section.
5. Sarah Ann Pearsall, married — Brown.

SECTION 5.

JAMES PEARSALL, son of Isaac Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 4; born February 29, 1816; died September 1, 1886; buried in Union Cemetery, Brooklyn, L. I., N. Y.; resided in New York City; married first, at Rose Hill or 27th Street M. E. Church, New York City, July 15, 1835, Susan Gooderson. She was born February 10, 1820. James Pearsall married second, December 19, 1847, Charlotte Jacobus who was born in Bloomfield, N. J., October 22, 1828; died in New York City, May 10, 1858. James Pearsall married third, in New York City, Mary Rodgers who died February 16, 1890, aged 68 years. Children of first marriage:—

1. James R. Pearsall, born August 11, 1838; married Cornelia Hardenburg.
2. Elizabeth Pearsall, born October 9, 1842; married Edward Florence.
3. Mathias W. Pearsall, born September 18, 1840; married Elizabeth Carlton. See Y, this Section.

Children of second marriage:—

4. John Pearsall, born March 24, 1849; married Louisa Duryea. See Z, this Section.
5. Susan Pearsall, born August 1, 1850; died July 12, 1877; married William Florence.
6. Maurice Pearsall, born February 25, 1855; died March 30, 1907; unmarried.
7. Emeline Pearsall, born September 10, 1852; married Jeremiah K. Dalton.
8. Charles Pearsall, born May 11, 1857.

Children of third marriage:—

9. Ellen (Helen Mitchell) Pearsall, born Oct. 19, 1863; married Edward Kelly.
10. Mary Pearsall, born November 13, 1866.
11. Jane Pearsall, born March 24, 1868.

SECTION 6.

WILLIAM PEARSALL, son of Isaac Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 4; born March 4, 1819; died March 21, 1894; resided in New York City; married October 4, 1844, Marian M. Jagger, who was born 1826. Children:—

1. Emily Ann Pearsall, born July 4, 1845; married George W. Benson.
2. Latham Durland Pearsall, born June 17, 1847. See Y, this Division.
3. William Henry Pearsall, born August 23, 1849; married Susan Jane Jeffrey. See Z, this Section.
4. Sarah Hanford Pearsall, born July 10, 1851; died November 21, 1857.
5. Alonzo Pearsall, born March 6, 1854; married Malvina Jennings.
6. Lillie Jagger Pearsall, born February 19, 1864; married Charles W. Graham.
7. George Washington Pearsall, born February 17, 1866; married Gertrude Benson.

Y. LATHAM DURLAND PEARSALL, born June 17, 1847; resided in Brooklyn, L. I., N. Y.; married, December 7, 1869, Eleanor Francenia Zabriskie, daughter of Thomas Zabriskie and his wife, Louise Cleveland. She was born May 7, 1850. She is descended from Albert Sobieski, son of a brother of James Sobieski, and cousin of King John III. of Poland, who like his nephew, was a famous soldier; he was born in Zolkiew, Poland (or Enghsburg, Prussia), in 1638. He was given a liberal education, being sent by his father to Amsterdam, Holland, with the hope that he would take up the ministry as a profession. He directed his studies to that end for a time, but the preparation proved distasteful; so he abandoned theology; and subsequently was pressed into the Prussian army. To fight for the old enemy of Poland was far more distasteful, and he determined to seek his fortune in the New World and join his friends who had gone from the Upper Palatinate to New York, and made homes in New Amsterdam and New Jersey. He took passage in the Dutch ship D'Vos (the Fox), Captain Jacob Janz Huys, at Amsterdam, Holland, August 31, 1662, and landed in New York, where he lived for ten or more years without settling in any one place or engaging in any settled business. We find him in Bergen about the time of his marriage, which is registered in the books of the Dutch Reformed Church of Bergen, December 17, 1676, and the marriage certificate recorded as issued January 8, 1677. He married Matilda, daughter of Yoost Van der Linde. Upon his marriage he took title to a tract of land which he purchased of the Hackensack and Tappan Indians. He helped to organize the Church on the Green at Old Hackensack, in 1696, and was the leading member and supporter of that church for over twenty-five years. He was also the first justice of the peace of upper Bergen County. He died in Hackensack, September 11, 1711.

Children:—

1. James Zabriskie Pearsall, born November 6, 1870; died February, 1909.
2. William Pearsall, born 1872; died same year.
3. Latham Durland Pearsall, born February 8, 1873; died December 12, 1912.

Latham Durland Pearsall, Jr., was a student of the early history of the family. For years he read everything he could find concerning the doings of the family in England, Normandy and Scandinavia. At the same time he gathered an accurate pedigree of his own branch of the family. Up to the time of his death he had gathered a large mass in disconnected notes, mostly references to the book and page of the works he had read. He was the only member of the American family of whom we have yet learned who had a fair comprehension of our early family history. He had started to write a book of the Pearsall history and genealogy, and his parents kindly lent us his voluminous notes.

SECTION 7.

JAMES PEARSALL, son of Joseph Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 2; died January 5, 1857; resided at Near Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married at St. George's Church, March 5, 1803, Elockley Bedell. Children:—

1. Gideon Pearsall, married Emily Jackson. See Z, this Section.
2. Sarah Ann Pearsall, married John J. Roach.

SECTION 8.

JAMES PEARSALL, son of James Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 1; born circa 1755; buried in old cemetery outside of Bath, N. Y.; resided at Stillwater, Saratoga Co. and Bath, Steuben County, N. Y.; married Mary ——. Children:—

1. Mary Pearsall, married —Montgomery.
2. Sarah Pearsall, born June 10, 1782. See X, this Section.
3. Jane Pearsall, married William Arber.
4. Nancy Pearsall, married Thomas Metcalfe.
5. Charlotte Pearsall, married John Hanks.
6. Ruth Pearsall, married —Searles.
7. John Pearsall, married Permelia ——. See Y, this Section.
8. Abelard Pearsall. See Z, this Section.
9. James Harvey Pearsall.

James Pearsall was connected with the Congregational Church at Stillwater. This church had been organized in 1752 at New Canaan, Connecticut; on the 20th of Oct. 1761, Robert Campbell was ordained and installed as their pastor. On the 21st of April, 1762, the following record appears upon their minutes. April A. D. 1762, at a fast appointed to know their duty in respect to the church moving to Stillwater, it was fully ascertained that the church should remove from Canaan to Stillwater and in pursuance of their agreement the greater part of the members removed to Stillwater. They carefully took down their old building and removed it together with the foundation stones to the new location in Saratoga County, N. Y. Here it stands to this day, and is known as the Yellow Meeting House.

In 1798, Robert Campbell, Junior, became the pastor of this church. In 1801 there was a church quarrel which resulted in the church withdrawing from Rev. Robert Campbell for contempt and neglect of the church, this followed a scathing letter from the reverend gentleman which epistle did not please his congregation. Thereupon Robert Campbell, his brother Solomon and Solomon's son Archie, emigrated to Painted Post in Steuben County. They did not organize a new church, but many of the Stillwater Church people followed them until the land records of Steuben County duplicate every family name that appears on the records of the Stillwater Church. James Pearsall followed with the rest and settled near Bath, the county seat. James Pearsall did not remove until 1803.

SECTION 9.

HENRY PEARSALL, son of James Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 1; resided at Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.; married December 23, 1776, Hannah Bunch of Oyster Bay, L. I., N. Y. Children:—

1. Elizabeth Pearsall, baptised August 9, 1782.
2. George B. Pearsall, baptised August 9, 1782; married Nancy Pettit. See X, this Section.
3. Thomas Pearsall, baptised August 23, 1787.
4. Henry Bunch Pearsall, married Mary ——. See Y, this Section.
5. Mary Pearsall, married —Abrams. Child:—*1. Townsend Abrams.
6. Morris Pearsall, married Naomi Langdon. See Z, this Section.
7. Catharine Pearsall, married Elijah Abrams.

SECTION 10.

ALFRED PEARSALL, son of Morris Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 9, No. 6; born 1813; died May 4, 1885, aged 72 years, 6 months, 25 days; buried with his wife in Cedarhurst, L. I., N. Y. Methodist Churchyard; married Amanda M. Joslin, who died January 13, 1907, aged 89 years, 6 months, 4 days. Children:—

1. Robert H. Pearsall, born March 16, 1837; married Henrietta Mott. See Z, this Section.
2. Charlotte Pearsall.
3. Mary Pearsall, born 1838; died 1913.
4. Emma Pearsall, married — Mott.
5. Julia Pearsall, married March 26, 1865, James Kimball.
6. Matilda Pearsall, married — Weston.
7. Anna Augusta Pearsall, married June 21, 1876, James Hicks.
8. Charles L. Pearsall.
9. Lucy Pearsall, married November 27, 1864, John Henry Shaw.
10. Morris Pearsall.

SECTION 11.

DANIEL PEARSALL, son of James Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 1; resided at South Hempstead; married at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., September 13, 1785, Letitia De Mott. Children:—

1. Daniel Pearsall; married Margaret —. Child:—*1. E. Catharine Pearsall, born March 18, 1827.
2. Clara Pearsall; married July 3, 1810, Thomas Langdon.
3. Permelia Pearsall, married June 14, 1825, Bedell Verity.
4. Nelly Pearsall, married Henry Watts.

SECTION 12.

HENRY PEARSALL, son of Henry Pearsall, Chapter 42, Section 1, resided at Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.; married at St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., January 20, 1750, Hannah Smith. Children:—

1. William Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 13.
2. John Pearsall. Chapter 43, Section 14.

SECTION 13.

WILLIAM PEARSALL, son of Henry Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 12; born 1751; died May 20, 1804, aged 53 years; recorded in the Success Death Records; resided at Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married first, at St. George's Church, Hempstead, September 3, 1775, Hannah Langdon, who died April 20, 1795, aged 37 years, 6 weeks. William Pearsall married second, Lavinia Toffey, who died October 19, 1828, according to the Success Death Records and Onderdonk's Notes. The gravestone however says died July 11, 1828. Children of first marriage:—

1. Mary Elizabeth Persall, married John Woolley.
2. James Pearsall, died before 1808; unmarried.
3. John Pearsall, died before 1808; unmarried.
4. Catharine Pearsall, born July 2, 1793; married Charles Rapelye.

SECTION 14.

JOHN PEARSALL, son of Henry Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 12; died January 10, 1806; resided at Near Rockaway, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.; married at St. George's Church, Hempstead, February 1, 1784, Ann Dorlon. Children:—

1. Henry Pearsall, born November 9, 1784. Chapter 43, Section 15.
2. Mary Pearsall, married July 7, 1804, David Davidson.

SECTION 15.

HENRY PEARSALL, son of John Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 14; born November 9, 1784; died (May) June 2, 1849; buried in old Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Near Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; married June 12, 1803, Ann Davison, who was born August 9, 1780; died July 29, 1864. She was baptised August 10, 1796, at St. George's Church, Hempstead. Children:—

1. Robert Pearsall, born March 23, 1804.
2. Nancy Pearsall, born March 27, 1806.
3. Harry Pearsall, born February 29, 1808; died young.
4. Carman Pearsall, born July 24, 1809; died young.
5. Henry Pearsall, born February 16, 1811; married Maria Carman. See Y, this Section.
6. David Pearsall, born July 20, 1813; married Phebe Ann Mott. See Z, this Section.
7. Alexander Pearsall, born 1815. Chapter 43, Section 16.
8. Phebe Ann Pearsall, born May 28, 1826; married William P. Baylis.

SECTION 16.

ALEXANDER PEARSALL, son of Henry Pearsall, Chapter 43, Section 15; born 1815; died June 20, 1897; buried in old Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Churchyard, near Pearsalls, now Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; resided at Pearsalls, L. I., N. Y.; married first, at M. E. Church, Hempstead, January 1, 1838, Hannah Abrams, who died May 7, 1847. He married second, at the old Sand Hole Methodist Protestant Church near Pearsalls, September 22, 1850, Susan Davison, née Brower, who died June 20, 1878, aged 62 years. Alexander Pearsall married third, Mary E. Burtis. Children of first marriage:—

1. Ann Mary Pearsall, born September 23, 1838; married Wright Higbie.
2. Townsend Pearsall, born November 28, 1839; married Alice Ann Abrams. See X, this Section.
3. Alexine Pearsall, born January 8, 1841; married George H. Dorlon.
4. Davison Pearsall, born June 18, 1845; married Emma Adelia Crossman. See Y, this Section.
5. Hannah Pearsall, born March 14, 1847; married Charles S. H. De Mott. Children of second marriage:—
6. Jane Augusta Pearsall; married Seldon Richards.
7. Walter Pearsall.
8. Henry Pearsall, married Harriet Emma Cornell. See Z, this Section.
9. Dayton Pearsall, resided at Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.