

CHAPTER FORTY-SEVEN

ABRAHAM PIERSOL
of Chester County, Pennsylvania

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

SECTION 1.

ABRAHAM PIERSOL, son of John Piersol, Chapter 45, Section 35; resided in Chester County, Pennsylvania, near Bangor Episcopal Church. He married ——. Children:—

1. Liday Piersol, married January 19, 1786, Jason Cloud.
2. Phyllis Piersol, baptized May 27, 1792.
3. William Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 2.
4. Benjamin Pearsall, born 1752. See Z, this Section.

Abraham Piersol subscribed to the building fund of the new Bangor P. E. Church in 1765; he had purchased a pew in the old church in 1754.

Z. BENJAMIN PEARSALL born 1752; resided in Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, Pennsylvania, and in Ohio Township, Monroe County, Ohio; married Catherine —, born 1765. Children:—*1. Nancy Pearsall, born circa 1800.
*2. John Pearsall, born circa 1804.

Benjamin Pearsall enlisted July or August, 1776, served in the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental line during the Revolutionary War, under Colonels Enos McCoy and Daniel Broadhead. He was in Captain Moses Carson's company. He enlisted in July or August, 1776, for three years. He was in the battles of Brandywine, Paoli, etc., and was discharged at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as an invalid soldier. He was granted a pension under the act of Congress, the original application for which was filed August 22, 1818, and is supported by the testimony of Thomas Sampson who was a fellow soldier and discharged at same time. Anthony Evins also supported the application (see original record U. S. pension office S-40251).

SECTION 2.

WILLIAM PIERSOL, son of Abraham Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 1; resided in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married March 5, 1781, Grace Cope, at the Bangor P. E. Church, Churchville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of John and Mary Cope. Children:—

1. John Piersol, born July 4, 1782; Chapter 47, Section 3.
2. Sarah Piersol, born February 24, 1785; married May 3, 1803, Richard Osburn, who died November 3, 1857. Children:—*1. William Osburn, born 1804. *2. John Osburn, born October 4, 1806. *3. Mary Osburn, born April 24, 1810. *4. Hiram Osburn, born May, 1814. *5. Elizabeth Osburn, born April 3, 1817. *6. James Osburn, born June 4, 1820.

3. Jeremiah Piersol, born March 4, 1787, Chapter 47, Section 5.
4. Samuel Piersol, born July 24, 1789, Chapter 47, Section 6.
5. Mary Piersol, born December 17, 1792; married Nicholas Beal. Children:—
 - *1. Jeremiah Beal, born July 17, 1811. *2. Hiram Beal, born July 3, 1813.
 - *3. Elizabeth Beal, born 1815. *4. Prudence Beal, born November 19, 1817.
 - *5. Sharpless Beal, born November 21, 1819. *6. William Beal, born September 10, 1821.
 - *7. Benjamin Beal, born 1825. *8. Rachel Beal, born 1827.
 - *9. Isaiah Beal, born October 5, 1832. *10. Mary Ann Beal, born 1834.
 - *11. Curtis Beal, born 1837.
6. Elizabeth Piersol, born December 7, 1794; married 3 mo. 18, 1818, Samuel Sharpless. He was born 2nd mo. 25, 1793; died 6 mo. 25, 1846. Children:—
 - *1. Elma Sharpless, born February 10, 1820; married April 22, 1841, William Johnston.
 - *2. Edith N. Sharpless, born 1 mo. 10, 1822; she married 5 mo. 31, 1843, J. Newton Craft.
 - *3. William P. Sharpless, born 3 mo. 9, 1834.
 - *4. Louisa Sharpless, born 5 mo. 1, 1826; died 8 mo. 20, 1846.
 - *5. Minerva Sharpless, born October 21, 1828; married 5 mo. 1859, John Cook of Williams County, Ohio.
 - *6. Jonathan Sharpless, born December 30, 1831; married 11 mo. 19, 1857, Maria Hazen, who was born 12 mo. 4, 1833.
7. William Piersol, born May 4, 1797, Chapter 47, Section 7.
8. James Piersol, born May 29, 1799, Chapter 47, Section 8.

It will always be a question why William Piersol should have settled in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. It was like going to Maryland or Virginia. [History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, page 667.] The natural place for him to have gone would have been Westmoreland or Allegheny County, a district settled largely by emigrants from the eastern and southern tier of Pennsylvania counties. To the mind of the writer it is an evidence of the continued acquaintanceship and close relationship of the several branches of this family. They were also and had for a long time been, closely allied with George Washington who had acquired large land holdings in Fayette County. The war for independence had not only developed Washington as a historical character but had the more strongly cemented the old friendships of his pre-war friends. It was therefore no accident that made William Piersol make this out of the way migration. But it was the result of the well formed plan by the family to locate in southwestern Pennsylvania.

SECTION 3.

JOHN PIERSOL, son of William Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 2; born July 4, 1782; resided in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Stark County, Ohio, Trumbull County, Ohio, Mercer County, Pennsylvania; married, August 30, 1804, Anne Morrison of Fayette County, Pennsylvania; born September 1, 1786; died September 15, 1854. Children:—

1. Joseph Morrison Piersol, born February 8, 1806; married Jane Osburn. See Y, this Section.
2. Grace Piersol, born Sept. 17, 1808; married April 17, 1834, Michael Courtney.
3. William Piersol, born September 26, 1810; died July 15, 1815.
4. Richard Osburn Piersol, born January 19, 1813; married Rebecca Chalfont.
5. Jane Piersol, born December 3, 1815; married William Lowry.

6. Samuel R. Piersol, born January 11, 1818, Chapter 47, Section 4.
7. Sarah R. Piersol, born November 27, 1819; married Jacob A. MacKenzie.
8. Mary Ann Piersol, born March 11, 1822; married John Beal.
9. Elizabeth Piersol, born April 9, 1824; married John S. Allen.
10. William G. Piersol, born June 11, 1826; married Angeline Flick.
11. Edith Piersol, born September 20, 1828; married John MacKenzie.
12. Nancy Louisa Piersol, born November 1, 1830.

SECTION 4.

SAMUEL R. PIERSOL, son of John Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 3; born January 11, 1818; resided at Rock Island County, Illinois; married Eliza Jane Thompson. Children:—

1. Joseph M. Piersol, born July 18, 1843. See Z, this Section.
2. Cornelius T. Piersol, born October 28, 1845; married ——. Children:—
*1. John Piersol. *2. Neil Piersol.
3. Mary Ann Piersol, born September 8, 1848; married Samuel Maynes. Child:—*1. Elizabeth Maynes; married —— Simpson.
4. Elma Piersol, born June 7, 1852; married Frank McCartney. Children:—
*1. William McCartney. *2. Charles McCartney. *3. Martin McCartney.
*4. Maud McCartney; married Hellar. *5. Clarence McCartney. *6. Herbert McCartney. *7. Emma McCartney. *8. Alta McCartney, married Shickley. *9. Delbert McCartney, died young.
5. John Piersol, born August 10, 1858; married Mattie Finister. Children:—
*1. Charles Piersol, died 1918. *2. Ray Piersol. *3. Letta Piersol, married Wellman. *4. Ida Piersol. *5. Pearl Piersol. *6. Cora Piersol.
6. Edward Piersol, resided at Oxford, Colorado; married ——, no children.
- Z. JOSEPH M. PIERSOL, born July 18, 1843; resided in Nebraska; married Sarah Elizabeth Wilson. Children:—
1. Minnie Piersol; married Owen Wright. Children:—*1. Eunice Wright, married James. *2. Helen Wright, married Berg.
2. Lucy Piersol; married James Miller. Children:—*1. Earl Miller. *2. Morrison Miller. *3. Alvin Miller. *4. Blanche Miller. *5. Marie Miller. *6. Bertha Miller. *7. Darrell Miller.
3. Esther Piersol; married Charles Lyon. Child:—*1. Frederick Lyon.
4. May Piersol; married Archibald Houchin. Children:—*1. Gertrude Houchin, married Gifford. *2. Marion Houchin. *3. Ruth Houchin. *4. Pauline Houchin.
5. Lewis Piersol; married Ella J. Miller. Children:—*1. Roy Piersol, married 1917, Louise Elizabeth Domeier. *2. Harry Piersol. *3. Harold Piersol. *4. Donald Piersol. *5. Eva Piersol. *6. Edith Piersol. *7. Hazel Piersol.

SECTION 5.

JEREMIAH PIERSOL, son of William Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 2; born March 4, 1787; died November 29, 1870; resided at Menallen Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married Mary Beal. In his diary George Washington records that on October 20, 1770, when he was in Fayette County,

Pennsylvania, viewing the lands he had there acquired, he together with Dr. Craik, Captain Crawford, William Harrison, Robert Beal and others, with some Indians, proceeded down the Ohio in a large canoe.

Children:—

1. Elizabeth Piersol, born 1811; married 1854, James McGlaughlin.
2. Samuel Piersol, born 1813; married Marie Radcliff.
3. Isaac Piersol, born 1815.
4. Jeremiah Piersol, born July 19, 1825; married Nancy Malvina Frasher. See Y, this Section.
5. Benjamin Piersol, born 1819.
6. Sarah Piersol, born 1821, married Henry Frasher.
7. Ann Piersol, born 1824; married Jacob Grant.
8. William Piersol, born 1826; married Catherine McKay.
9. Levi Piersol, born 1828.
10. Uriah Piersol, born 1830; married Dettie Swayne. See Z, this Section.
11. Mary Piersol, born 1833.
12. Grace Piersol, born 1834; married John Moxley.

SECTION 6.

SAMUEL PIERSOL, son of William Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 2; born July 24, 1789; died January 26, 1876; resided at Fayette Co., Pa.; married November 11, 1819, Sarah Smith, daughter of Micajah and Esther Smith of Redstone, Fayette Co., Pa.; born July 2, 1801; died May 10, 1882. Children:—

1. Lewis Piersol, born August 20, 1820; married November 25, 1859, Rhoda Blair. See Y, this Section.
2. Mary A. Piersol, born October 14, 1825; died July 4, 1857.
3. James Brady Piersol, born December 29, 1832; married October 2, 1856, Mary Diana Wolf. See Z, this Section.
4. Ewing Piersol, born July 19, 1842; died January 3, 1848.

SECTION 7.

WILLIAM PIERSOL, son of William Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 2; born May 4, 1797; died January, 1861; buried in the Friends Center Meeting; resided at Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and Guernsey County, Ohio; married July 9, 1826, Edith N. Sharpless, daughter of Jonathan and Edith Sharpless of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. After her husband's death she removed to Indianapolis, Mahaska County, Iowa. Children:—

1. Jesse J. Piersol, born May 12, 1827; married January 6, 1851, Martha Collett. See Z, this Section.
2. Jonathan S. Piersol, born December 12, 1828; died May 14, 1833.
3. Jeremiah Piersol, born November 24, 1830; died April 29, 1833.
4. Edith S. Piersol, born August 21, 1833; died February 2, 1865; married Jonathan M. Waggener.
5. William Sharpless Piersol, born June 6, 1835; died May 7, 1908; married first, 3rd mo. 25, 1858, Anna M. Denny; married second, August, 1899, Alice Garrett.

6. Eli C. Piersol, born April 4, 1837; married April 22, 1865, Margaret Brown, born August 11, 1844.
7. Elizabeth J. Piersol, born August 21, 1839; died May 19, 1877; married October 9, 1862, John Shaw.
8. Jasper C. Piersol, born May 22, 1841; died November 9, 1859.
9. Grace Cope Piersol, born March 14, 1846; married October 9, 1862, William Gaddis, born August 6, 1840.
10. Sarah Mary Piersol, born January 4, 1852; died young.

SECTION 8.

JAMES PIERSOL, son of William Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 2; born May 29, 1799; resided at Fayette County, Pennsylvania and Guernsey Township, Ohio; married June 29, 1823, Elizabeth Gue, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gue of Perry Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; born October 2, 1806. The census of Virginia for 1684 gives the name of John Gue as living in Amherst County, which means that the family came from the east of the Blue Ridge in Virginia on the waters of the James River. Children:—

1. John Piersol, born June 10, 1825. Chapter 47, Section 9.
2. Mary Jane Piersol, born December 2, 1827; married October 18, 1847, Patrick Watson.
3. James Allison Piersol, born February 5, 1830; married December 28, 1854, Lydia Ann Arnold. See Y, this Section.
4. Sarah Piersol, born February 6, 1832.
5. Joseph Piersol, born July 4, 1834; married Rebecca Leightly.
6. Emaline Piersol, born February 2, 1837; married Freeman Cooper.
7. Edith S. Piersol, born March 17, 1839; married Benjamin Hazen.
8. Nancy B. Piersol, born March 6, 1842; died 1876; unmarried.
9. Jacob Lindley Piersol, born November 25, 1851; married Elizabeth Blair. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 9.

JOHN PIERSOL, son of James Piersol, Chapter 47, Section 8; born June 10, 1825; resided at Guernsey County, Ohio; married first, February 28, 1850, Martha Watson, daughter of Thomas Watson and Mary, his wife, of Perry Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. She was born October 15, 1829; died 1864; married second, Sabina Kerr of Franklin Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Children of first marriage:—

1. Nancy J. Piersol, born February 11, 1851.
2. Albert Piersol, born February 16, 1854; married Margaret Homell. See Y, this Section.
3. Mary Louise Piersol, born August 10, 1856; married Robert Cooper.
Children of second marriage:—
4. Norman C. Piersol, married Martha A. Martin. See Z, this Section.
5. Grace C. Piersol.
6. Annie H. Piersol.