

CHAPTER FIFTY-ONE

BENJAMIN PEARSALL
of Allegheny and Washington Counties, Pennsylvania.

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

SECTION 1.

BENJAMIN PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pierceall, Chapter 49, Section 1; resided in that portion of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, taken from Washington County. Married ——. Children:—

1. Peter Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 2.
2. Jacob Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 5.
3. Benjamin Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 8.

Benjamin Pearsall lived in Washington County, Pennsylvania, near Wells Fort which was built on the land of Alexander Wells at a place called Mayfield, on the waters of Cross Creek, near the junction of North and South Forks, in Cross Creek Township. Besides being a refuge for the families of the settlement it was also a defense for the mill which stood a few rods west of it which was one of the earliest mills built in that part of the county, Mr. Wells having settled there in 1773. In April and May, 1782, the inhabitants in the vicinity of Wells Mill petitioned General William Irvine, Commander of the Western Department at Fort Pitt, to send a few men to help garrison this fort and defend the mill as there were eight or ten forts or block houses and posts dependent on the mill for their supplies of flour. They wrote—Sir: The dangerous situation that our frontiers at present seem to be in obliges us your humble petitioners to beg for your assistance at such a difficult time as it now is. Our case is such as follows: namely: We the inhabitants near Mr. Alexander Wells mill are very unhandy to any other mill and daily open to the rage of a savage and merciless enemy, notwithstanding the great care that hath already been taken for our safety by placing guards on the river. The inhabitants that live near enough the mill to fort there look upon themselves not of sufficient force to guard the mill and carry on any labor to support their families. They will therefore, undoubtedly break off unless your excellency will please to grant them a few men to guard the mill. Unless this is done we must also break ground as the mill is not only our main support in regard to bread for our families but likewise in furnishing us with flour for every expedition that we are called to go upon. Their going off will expose us to another front side open. Therefore, we your humble petitioners pray that if it is in your power to help us at such a difficult time you will not be negligent in doing as much as possible. This petition was signed by Samuel Teter, Henry Nelson, James Scott, Phillip Doddridge, Charles Stuart, John Comley, Walter Hill, Benjamin Pearsall, Morris West, Thomas Shannon, John Marical, Michael Howe, Sr., John Carpenter, James Newell, William McClimans

and Aaron Sackett. [Pioneer Forts of Pennsylvania, by T. L. Montgomery, page 421].

Benjamin Pearsall survived the dangers of the Revolutionary War and his name appears in the Census of 1790, as living in that part of Allegheny County which was taken from Washington County with three sons under sixteen years of age.

J. E. Peirsol of Tulsa, Oklahoma, writing under the date of August 31, 1917, says, My Father told me that my Great-Grandfather was killed by the Indians at old Fort Duquesne, the present site of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is more than probable that this tradition was meant to refer to the great-great-grandfather of the writer. It is, however, also within the range of possibility that it may have been his grandfather, as in the letter of Captain Denny, written from Pittsburgh, June 1, 1792, to John Harmer in Philadelphia, he says: We have alarms here hourly. The savages begin to show themselves. The settlements north of the old Pennsylvania road are all abandoned and the people fled across the Monongahela. The militia is entirely well employed. A strong guard mounts every evening from which there are constant patrols all night, besides they are frequently out on a scout, for one, two, three days at a stretch. This condition continued for quite a long time and it might very well be that during this period of Indian depredations Benjamin Peirsol may have lost his life at the hands of the Indians. [Denny's Journal, page 462.]

CHAPTER 2.

PETER PEIRSOL, son of Benjamin Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 1; resided in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and Holmes County, Ohio; married Sarah Lutton, widow of Hines and daughter of Robert Lutton, and near neighbor of Benjamin Peirsol in Allegheny County. Children:—

1. Joel Peirsol, born May 22, 1804; Chapter 51, Section 3.
2. Elizabeth Peirsol, born January 29, 1803; Chapter 51, Section 4.
3. Prudence Peirsol, married Harrison Rigdon. Child:—*1. Peter Peirsol Rigdon; married ——. Children:—1. John Rigdon. 2. Emma Rigdon, married Earl.
4. Nancy Peirsol, married Stephen Adkins. Child:—*1. Hannah Adkins.
5. Sally Peirsol, married Asa Munn. Child:—*1. Sampson Munn.
6. Ann Peirsol, married Jefferson Luke. Children:—*1. David Luke. *2. B. F. Luke. *3. John P. Luke. *4. Jane M. Luke, married Wheeler. *5. Charles Luke.
7. Sampson Peirsol; married ——. Bell. Child:—*1. Jasper Peirsol, died 1877.
8. John H. Peirsol, born 1821; died February 17, 1856, married Ann Fraser. Children:—*1. Ann Peirsol, married Clinton Ufford. *2. Margaret Peirsol, married Conn Durrell.
9. Hannah Peirsol, married Hilman Otis.
10. Mary Peirsol, married John Russel.
11. Peter Peirsol; married, 1853, Martha Guernsey. Children:—*1. Willard G. Peirsol. *2. James Madison Peirsol.

The Land Records of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, disclose:—Deed Book E, page 226, deed dated December 10, 1817, wherein Peter Peirsol and Sarah, his wife, formerly Sarah Lutton of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, convey to Samuel White land on the Big Beaver bounded by John Fulton and Benjamin Chew, of the city of Philadelphia. The Land Records of Holmes County, Ohio, disclose:—Deed Book 4, page 469, deed dated September 14, 1836, wherein Peter Peirsol and Sarah his wife, convey to John Simpson of Columbiana County, Ohio, land in the county of Holmes, bounded by J. B. Kock, and John Piersol. Deed Book 1, page 380, deed dated December 28, 1836, wherein Charles Rigdon and Amy, his wife, of the county of Holmes, convey to Peter Peirsol, of same, lands located in the Virginia military district.

SECTION 3.

JOEL PEIRSOL, son of Peter Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 2; born May 22, 1804; died March 23, 1876; resided in Holmes County, Ohio, and Lee Township, Fulton County, Illinois; married July 1, 1828, Catherine Emry, who died 1852. Children:—

1. Sarah Peirsol, born April 8, 1829; married Luther Curtis.
2. Luther Curtis Peirsol, died unmarried.
3. Nancy Peirsol, born September 19, 1830; married James Bennett. Child:—
*1. May Bennett, who married Charles Learned.
4. Mary Peirsol, born January 2, 1832; married November 12, 1851, Walter Giles. Child:—*1. James E. Giles.
5. Peter A. Peirsol, born November 9, 1833; died 1910; married first, 1867, Mary Hurlbert, who died 1876; married second, Mary E. Allison.
6. Catherine E. Peirsol, born September 23, 1835; married 1855, John Cunningham.
7. Jacob A. Peirsol, born March 14, 1838; married 1862, Susan Elizabeth Clark.
8. Joel E. Peirsol, born 1843; married Ella Clark. Children:—*1. Joel Peirsol, resided at Tulsa, Oklahoma. *2. Ethel Peirsol, married Umholtz.
9. John C. Peirsol, born May 16, 1846; married Lue H. Loomis. Child:—
*1. Robert C. Peirsol, born March 12, 1873; married Jennie L. Yancey.
10. Tamar Peirsol, born 1844; died 1851.
11. Twins, Caroline and another, died a few weeks after birth.
12. Martha E. Peirsol, born 1848; died aged 16 years.
13. Ann Peirsol, born 1851; died aged 2 years.

SECTION 4.

ELIZABETH PEIRSOL, daughter of Peter Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 2; born January 29, 1803; died November 1, 1852; resided in Holmes County, Ohio; married December 16, 1823, Julius Pomerene, son of Julius Pomerene and his wife Magdalene Heller of Lancaster County, Pa.; he was born February 9, 1792; died October 11, 1863. Children:—*1. Henry Pomerene, born January 19, 1825. *2. Joel Pomerene, born September 7, 1826. *3. Annie

Pomerene, born February 17, 1828. *4. Elizabeth Pomerene, born October 13, 1829. *5. Peter Peirsol Pomerene, born September 18, 1832. *6. Julius C. Pomerene, born June 27, 1835.

SECTION 5.

JACOB PEIRSOL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 51, Section 1; resided in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and southern central Ohio; married —. Children:—

1. Peter Pearsol, Chapter 51, Section 6.
2. J. Smith Piersall, Chapter 51, Section 7.

SECTION 6.

PETER PEARSOL, son of Jacob Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 5; born 1800; died 1888; resided at West Elizabeth, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; married Sarah Donaldson, born 1802, died 1881. Children:—

1. John Pearsol, born 1825; married —. Child:—*1. Sarah Pearsol, married Goff.
2. David Pearsol, born July 27, 1827; died August 11, 1879; married 1849, Lucinda Howard; born 1828, died December 12, 1902. Children:—*1. George Washington Pearsol, born 1850; died 1850. *2. John O. Pearsol, born May 10, 1852. *3. Austin B. Pearsol, died June 18, 1864. *4. Mary M. Pearsol, born February 8, 1856. *5. Charles F. Pearsol, born March 9, 1858. *6. Wesley H. Pearsol, born 1861. *7. Elizabeth J. Pearsol.
3. Elizabeth Pearsol, born 1829.
4. Frank or Francis B. Pearsol; married Samantha —.
5. Holecraft Pearsol; died October 15, 1898; married Rachel —. Children:—*1. Elizabeth Pearsol; married Drennen. *2. Annie P. Pearsol, married Austin.

SECTION 7.

JAMES SMITH PIERSALL, son of Jacob Peirsol, Chapter 51, Section 5; born at Marietta, Ohio; came to Mount Kisco, Westchester County, New York, when he was ten years old; died March 27, 1890; his gravestone is in Oakwood Cemetery, in Mount Kisco, Westchester County, New York; resided at Bedford, Westchester County, New York; married first, Esther Anne, who died August 11, 1867, aged 49 years, 4 months and 10 days; married second, Sarah, widow of Vandever; she died November 1, 1887, aged 72 years. Children of the first marriage:—

1. Agnes Almira Piersall, born October 13, 1838.
2. Mary Elizabeth Piersall, born February 9, 1840.
3. George W. Piersall, born February 12, 1842; died August 18, 1858.
4. William Henry Piersall, born March 21, 1843. See X, this Section.
5. John Wesley Piersall, born March 19, 1844. See Y, this Section.
6. Esther Ann Piersall, born February 17, 1847; married Benjamin G. Sutton.
7. James Smith Piersall, born March 28, 1849.
8. Charles Elbert Piersall, born January 17, 1851; married Adelia Brundage. See Z, this Section.

9. Ethelwidge Pearsall, born January 9, 1854; married June 11, 1871, Theodore Curtis Wright; born November 16, 1848; son of Nathaniel C. Wright and his wife Sarah Jones of Chappaqua, New York. Children:—*1. Nathaniel Curtis Wright, born March 7, 1872. *2. Isaac Edward Wright, born December 26, 1874; married 1899, Ida Johnson. Children:—1. Walter Edward Wright, born June 16, 1900. 2. Robert Wright, born April 28, 1906. 3. Edward Wright, born November 4, 1908. 4. Maud May Wright, born June 29, 1910. *3. Maud May Wright, born May 12, 1877; married Bradley. *4. Charles Elbert Wright, born July 10, 1886.
10. Sidney Piersall, born January 9, 1854; resides Patterson, N. Y.
11. Emma Piersall, born August 16, 1857.
12. George Washington Franklin Piersall, born January 13, 1859; went to California.
13. Flora Piersall, born August 26, 1862; resided at Chappaqua, and Brooklyn, New York; married Charles Bouton. Children:—*1. Emma Bouton, married Ferguson. *2. Maud Bouton, married De Forest Tompkins. *3. Florence Bouton. *4. Esther Ann Bouton, married Sutton. *5. Elizabeth Bouton.

There were no children of the second marriage.

- X. WILLIAM HENRY PIERSALL, born March 21, 1843; resided at Mount Kisco, Westchester County, New York; married first, March 19, 1865, Abigail Castle, who died January 13, 1897; married second ——. Children of the first marriage:—
1. Florence Piersall, died October 1, 1867, age 6 months and 19 days.
 2. Clarence Piersall, born July 5, 1868.
 3. Napoleon Bonaparte Piersall.
 4. Garfield Arthur Piersall.
 5. John Wesley Piersall.
 6. Leonard Raymond Piersall.
 7. Wallace Piersall.
- Y. JOHN WESLEY PIERSALL, born March 19, 1844; died April 15, 1914; married Mary E. Llewelyn, she died October 17, 1897. Children:—
1. Uel Piersall, born June 25, 1869; married Catherine Elizabeth Brown.
 2. Nettie Letitia Piersall, born May 12, 1871; married July 3, 1905, H. Arthur Crabbe.
- Z. CHARLES ELBERT PIERSALL, born January 17, 1851; died July 29, 1887; resided at New Castle, Westchester County, New York; married Adelia Brundage, daughter of Joseph L. Brundage and his wife Mary Barnes of North Castle, who was born May 31, 1854, and died 1907. Children:—
1. Edward Piersall, born November 11, 1871; died November 27, 1871.
 2. George Franklin Piersall, born August 13, 1873; married Hattie Robbins.
 3. Charles Piersall, born July 3, 1874; died July 28, 1887.
 4. Edith May Piersall, born April 17, 1876.
 5. Charles Smith Piersall, born February 4, 1883.

SECTION 8.

BENJAMIN PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 51, Section 1; resided in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; married first, Isabella Mills; married second ——. Children:—

1. Benjamin Pearsall, born September 15, 1815, Chapter 51, Section 9.
2. Andrew Pearsall, born April 2, 1825, Chapter 51, Section 10.
3. Jacob Pearsall, married Elizabeth Crossit.
4. Mary Jane Pearsall, married William Holmes.
5. ——— daughter married Barme.
6. Phebe Jane Piersall, died January 26, 1873; married March 9, 1845, John Asahel Tyler of Shartonsville, Ohio; born May 21, 1821; died August 24, 1871. Children:—*1. George Durant Tyler, born March 9, 1847. *2. William Asahel Tyler, born September 12, 1848. *3. Adeline Tyler, born January 21, 1850, died an infant. *4. Mary Ellen Tyler, born February 10, 1853; married first, February 21, 1877, William Muhs; married second, December 14, 1885, George Muhs; no children. *5. Amelia Eveline Tyler, born August 3, 1855. *6. Charles Edwin Tyler, born October 2, 1861. *7. Harry Franklin Tyler, born June 23, 1864. [See page 1168.]
7. Job Pearsall, married Sarah Ogg; they resided in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Child:—*1. Sarah Pearsall, died in 1884; married 1848, Isaac McCamic, born 1828. Children:—1. Mary Ann McCamic, married William McCamic. 2. Frances McCamic, married William Morris. 3. Nathan Stanton McCamic, married January, 1874, Frances P. Dowden, daughter of Thomas B. Dowden and his wife Elizabeth Drummond of Cadiz, Ohio. Children:—1. Charles McCamic, born December 4, 1878, married April 9, 1902, Anna Smith. 2. George McCamic, born December 29, 1876, married July, 1902, Minnie Welden. 3. Frances McCamic, born July 7, 1879. 4. Harry E. McCamic, born May 21, 1886, married November, 1916, Gladys Conawy. 5. Louis H. McCamic, born June 24, 1888, married October, 1914, Cynthia Wood. 6. Sarah McCamic, born April 14, 1890, unmarried. 7. Jay T. McCamic, born July 1, 1894. 8. Joseph Earl McCamic, born January 20, 1881, died October 19, 1882. 9. Jessie McCamic, born December 27, 1883, died October 21, 1895. 4. Edward McCamic, married Barbara Shney, who is deceased. 5. Isaac McCamic, died. 6. Charles McCamic, died. They resided Barnesville, Ohio, and Wellsburg, West Virginia.

SECTION 9.

BENJAMIN PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 51, Section 8; born September 15, 1815; died February 11, 1871; resided at Canal Winchester, Ohio; married first, Mary; married second, Sarah Leathers; born September 26, 1822; died October 13, 1905. Child of the first marriage:—

1. Lucinda Pearsall, born March 26, 1841.
Children of the second marriage:—
2. Charles C. Pearsall, born June 24, 1843; died young.
3. John A. Pearsall, born March 22, 1844; died young.

4. Mary Melissa Pearsall, born November 23, 1848; died October 8, 1911; married August 31, 1865, John Shaffer, born June 20, 1839; died August 22, 1888. Children:—*1. Henry Shaffer, born September 6, 1886. *2. William Shaffer, born November 20, 1883; died unmarried. *3. John Shaffer, born November 20, 1866; died February 11, 1869. *4. Benjamin Shaffer, born April 7, 1873. *5. Margaret Shaffer, born August 6, 1868; died May, 1878; married William Smith; resided at Tulsa, Oklahoma. *6. Amanda Shaffer, born December 25, 1875; married February 28, 1893, Frank B. Tarbert, born September 6, 1850. *7. Ellen Shaffer, born March 4, 1881; married Robert Taylor, born May, 1872. *8. Catherine Shaffer, born February 14, 1878; married December 22, 1913, Owen Kramer, born February 27, 1883.
5. Frances A. Pearsall, born January, 1854.
6. Jeremiah A. Pearsall, born September 23, 1857; died June 25, 1885.
7. William Edward Pearsall, born June 6, 1861; married Elizabeth Barbara Morton. See Z, this Section.

SECTION 10.

ANDREW PEARSALL, son of Benjamin Pearsall, Chapter 51, Section 8; born April 2, 1825; died August 26, 1895; resided at Lancaster, Ohio; married first, Lydia Spitler, who died 1863; married second, May 17, 1864, Harriet J. Dunlap; died August 26, 1895, age 70 years. Children of the first marriage:—

1. Clara Pearsall, born 1857; married January 8, 1879, John D. Kerr.
2. Laura Pearsall, born 1849; died age 12 years.
3. Ibba Jane Pearsall, married September 22, 1880, David A. Jackson.
4. Minnie Bell Pearsall, born 1863, married Albert McClellan.
5. Albert Clinton Pearsall, born August 23, 1849; resided at Tiffin, Ohio; married Charlotte Lucinda Burnett. Child:—*1. John Edward Pearsall, born October 1, 1883; married Enid Marjorie Williams, February 11, 1911. Children of second marriage:—
6. Cora Bell Pearsall, born March 11, 1869; married Frank Snyder.
7. Myrtle Louise Pearsall, born August 19, 1871; married December 11, 1899, Joseph Porter.
8. Daniel Wilson Pearsall, born May 20, 1874.
9. Myra Elzina Pearsall, born March 27, 1882; married July 1, 1906, Frank Dilsover.
10. Maud Essie Pearsall, born November 30, 1883; married ——— Morgan.
11. Mary Ella Pearsall, born September 26, 1885; married July 3, 1907, Loring Murphy.
12. Fayette Clyde Pearsall, born July 18, 1887.