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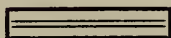
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## FAMILY HISTORY AND RECORD

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## PREFACE

The Parsons family in England was one of great antiquity and merit long before their splendid exploits brought the grant of arms and title to Sir Richard Parsons, Earl of Rosse.

The Leopard Faced Arms and Halbert Headed Crest of Parsons are not unknown to history for they stand for splendid honor and true aristocracy.

In early Colonial days two Parsons brothers came to America from England, one settled in Massachusetts near Boston, and the other in Virginia. The name of Thomas, William, James and John Parsons appear in the history of the first settlers of Jamestown, Virginia, 1621, also in the War Records of 1776. As traced down in history I find Thomas Parsons and sons were among the first settlers of Hampshire County, Virginia in 1700. The dates of births marriages and deaths cannot be given for all of the Churches and County Records were destroyed during the Civil War.

It has been an arduous task piecing the fragments of data together gathered from various records. I have written over six hundred letters to those connected with the Parsons family. Some have been prompt to reply and give the desired information while others were not interested in their ancestors and did not seem to wish their names enrolled with one of America's most prolific families.

I have tried to avoid errors, and any that may be found in this book are not within the knowledge of the Author. Many of my biographical sketches are written from memory. Had I personally known these people perhaps I could have interwoven the stories differently and made them more interesting to my readers. As it is they may lack completeness, but I hope a more competent author may take up any broken threads and carry the good work forward, for there will not be any less material to work upon as there seems to be no danger of Race Suicide in the Parsons family, judging from the names now recorded. The Parsons are and have always been a public spirited race and I am one who can speak with great pride of my ancestors and with great love for the dear old state where so many generations of the Parsons Family have been bred and born.

In my beloved southland the sunbeams shine the brightest  
The honeysuckle and laurels kiss the dew,  
While among them the birds sing sweetly,  
And the gloomy days are few.

Oft amid the glorious woods I've wandered,  
Amid the shadows dark and deep;  
Of waving pine and oak tree.  
Where their silent vigil keep.

Virginia thou rich and rarest of all the states.  
In my fancies brightest page,  
Virginia, the best and fairest,  
The Home of Presidents, Seer and Sage.



AS A MARK OF ESTEEM FOR  
NOBILITY OF CHARACTER IN THE TRODDEN PATHS OF  
LIFE AND FOR THE COURAGE  
THAT MADE THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF  
WESTERN VIRGINIA POSSIBLE,

THE AUTHOR

DEDICATES THIS BOOK TO THOMAS PARSONS, Sr.,  
THOMAS PARSONS, Jr., AND CAPTAIN  
JAMES PARSONS OF HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA.







**JAMES PARSONS**

Son of Thomas Parsons, The Second.



# PARSONS'

## Family History and Record

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(By William Henry Parsons, of San Bernardino, Cal.)

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In England, in the year 1400, lived one John Parr who had twelve sons born to him, and as these sons grew to manhood, they became known as Parr's sons. This name spelled Parrssons, until the begining of the last century when some of the middle letters were dropped, leaving the name as it is today.

Among the notable of our early ancestors were Catherine Parr prominent in English history, also one John Parsons who served two terms as Lord Mayor of London.

In early Colonial days in this country, two brothers by the name of Parsons, and descendants of the original John Parr, came to America, one settling in Virginia and the other in New England near Boston. We trace my branch of the family to the New England brother; a town near there is named Parsonsville.

Now, I have our old family Bible before me and I can give you the rest of the story accurately:

The Rev. James Parsons, my grand-father, was born in New York state, June 20th, 1791, and died May 1st, 1854. He married Anna Briggs, August 20th, 1821 and of this union were born four sons and four daughters. The youngest son, my father, Thomas M. Parsons, was born November 15, 1834. Thomas M. Parsons married Lydia Ann Antrim, September 1, 1859. To this union were born two sons and three daughters, the eldest daughter, Mrs. Alice Ellen Parsons Barrows and myself, William Henry Parsons, being

the only ones living. I was born December 26, 1889, and married Mildred May Bishop, December 25, 1889. Our only child, Alfred Bishop Parsons, was born March 15, 1902.

The Rev. James Parsons lived and raised his family in New York and Pennsylvania. Elmira, New York and Canton, Pennsylvania, being the scenes of my father's childhood. At the age of 24 he moved to Lacon, Illinois, where he met and married my mother. From there, about the time the Civil War began, he moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where I first saw the light of day.

From there he moved to this place in 1874, where we have lived ever since. My father died May 28, 1897, and my mother in 1894.

As far as I know none of my branch of the family have done great deeds or become very wealthy, but they have all lived in comfort with a fairly moderate amount of this world's goods, and have, without exception, been upright and respected in the community in which they lived.

My father, Thomas M. Parsons, early in life took the profession of Civil Engineering. He served the City of Cedar Rapids one term as city engineer, and filled the same office one term in this place; also served two terms of four years each as County Surveyor of this County, and at the time of his death was U. S. Dept. Mineral Surveyor for the State of California.

I am doing a general contracting business in painting and decorating. My residence is 666—Sixth St., San Bernardino, Cal.

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## ANCESTRAL REGISTRY.

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(Compiled by Sylvester G. Parsons, Jr., April 30, 1859.)

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The first one of my ancestors of whom I can find an authentic account is:

"Benjamin Parsons," who came from England in 1635, and settled at Springfield, Mass. Of his children I have been able to learn but little. His grandson

"Ebenezer Parsons," was deacon of the church at Springfield, and had a numerous family, of whom I can name five sons: Jonathan, Moses, Solomon, David and Nathan.

"Jonathan" was born at West Springfield, Mass., November 30, 1705. Graduated at Yale College, 1729; settled in the ministry at Newburyport, Mass., and died July 19, 1776. He was a man of pre-eminent talent and a very celebrated preacher of the "New Light," or "Revival Class." He was a warm personal friend of Whitefield, at whose house Whitefield died in 1770. He had thirteen children, one of whom

"Samuel Holden Parsons," who was born in 1737; graduated at Harvard College, 1756; settled as a lawyer at Middleton, Conn.; became a Major-General in the Revolution, and was afterwards appointed by Washington, Governor of the North West Territory, and was drowned in the Ohio river near Pittsburg.

"Moses Parsons" was born June 20, 1716; graduated at Harvard, 1736; settled at Byfield, Mass. Was a distinguished minister and died December 14, 1783. One of his sons was the celebrated Chief Justice.

"Theophilus Parsons, L.L.D.," who graduated at Harvard, 1769; settled at Newburyport, Mass., as a lawyer; removed to Boston in 1800, and died 1813. He was a giant in intellect and

legal learning, and cousin to my grandfather. His children and descendants belong to the Massachusetts and Boston Aristocracy. His son

"Theophilus," is now at the head of the law department of Harvard, and author of "Parsons on Contracts," and other law books of great excellence. The late "Simon Greenleaf," author of a leading work on Evidence, sprung from "Moses Parsons," on his mother's side.

"David Parsons" settled in the ministry at Amherse, Mass., and was a popular preacher for forty years, when his son "David" was settled as Colleague with him, and continued in the ministry there over forty years, and died in 1823. One of his daughters married the Rev. Mr. Washburn, his successor; another, Mr. Williams of Salem. A son, Henry, resides now at New Orleans.

"Nathan Parsons" (my father's grandfather) settled in Belcher town as a land holder, and died about 1807 or 1808. He was a very tall and straight man, with black hair; wore a three cornered cocked hat; knee breeches; long stockings and silver buckles, and walked with a long cane. His sons were: Medad, Eldad, Nathan and Oliver, my grandfather.

"Medad" went early to Oswego; afterwards settled in Canada between Hamilton and Toronto. He left a numerous progeny, one of whom is still living there, and is a distinguished agriculturist.

"Eldad" settled in Belchertown, Mass., as a land holder and merchant, and died about 1825, having been Legislator and Magistrate many years. His son "Gould" (from whom I take my middle name) has been a merchant all his days. Is now living at Troy, N. Y., aged 76 years, and has a daughter who is a missionary in India. "Hazo," another son, married and settled in Western Virginia; afterwards moved to Illinois, where his descendants are numerous. "Rock," another son, settled in Huntsville, Ala., as physician. He died early, leaving a widow and one son.

"Nathan" settled in Bangor, Me. He was an Adjutant General in the Revolution and a man of distinction. He visited my grandfather "Oliver" in a coach and six, and was very liberal in the bestowal of gifts. His widow is now living at Bangor, aged 92, and draws her husband's pension of \$20 per month. He had three wives, and his descendants are scattered all over the country. One of them, "Budd Parsons" has been a sea captain for more than 50 years.

"Oliver Parsons," my grandfather, was born March 14, 1767. He settled as a land holder in Granby, Mass., and died in 1805, from an accidental injury received while passing some men who were blasting rocks. He married a daughter of Jesse Lanphear, who was a tall man with sandy hair, and a devoted Methodist, and who had four wives, and left children enough to settle a continent. One of them, Dr. Abel Lanphear, died at Cincinnati. Another, Benjamin Lanphear, went to Lexington, Kentucky, and there leaving a widow and about a dozen children. My grandmother (Phoebe Lanphear) had light hair, and was a smart resolute woman.

My Grandfather, "Oliver Parsons," left three sons: Oliver, now living at Milwaukee, Wis.; Horatio Adams, now living near Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Sylvester Gould, my father, who resides at Kaufman, Texas.

"Oliver Parsons" was born at Granby, Mass., July 29, 1795. Died at Milwaukee, Wis., December 6, 1864. Married at Lewiston, Niagara County, N. Y., November 3, 1819, to Martha Childs, and has five children; Wm. Gould, merchant at Racine, Wis., Julia A., Edwin B., Oliver Morris and Mary Emma Parsons.

"Horatio A. Parsons was born at \_\_\_\_\_ and married twice. His first wife was Harriet Shepard, by whom he had two children; Horatio Douglass, now living in Wisconsin and Gertrude Layton, in Texas. His second wife was Miss Hammond, born in England, by whom he had five children, viz: Francis William; Ethelbert; Rock; Kirk and Arthur.

"Sylvester Gould Parsons." was born at Northampton, Mass., October 9, 1799. Came south when about seventeen years old, and married Mary Hill, September 2nd, in the Parish of St. Helena, La. He is thick set about five feet and eight inches high; has fair skin; olive eyes; and hair inclining to sandy. He has been merchant. Probate judge, physician and planter; is a shrewd business man, but possessed of too much benevolence and liberality to accumulate property rapidly. He is a R. A. Mason and member of the Presbyterian church. In politics has generally voted with the Whig party. He had twelve children, viz: Oliver James, Sylvester Gould, Louisa Matilda, Mary Ann, Horation Adams, David Hill, Nathaniel C., Rachel Melinda, William Gaston, John Dorrance, Harriet Shepherd, and Sarah Catharine.

"Oliver J." was born in the Parish of St. Landry, La., April 5th, 1821, educated at Georgetown College, Ky. Was a minister in the Baptist Church, and died of consumption on the Anite river,

about 14 miles from Baton Rouge, La., in May 1846.

"Sylvester Gould" was born at Baton Rouge, La., December 16th, 1822, was educated at Cumberland College, Ky., studied law in the office of Alfred Hennen, Esq., at New Orleans, and admitted to the Bar on the 17th of March, 1845. Removed to Bastrop, La., same year, where he still resides, practicing law and planting. Was married on the 16th of February, 1854, to Miss Mary Whitstone (born and raised near Montgomery, Ala., and second daughter of Dr. John A. Whitstone).

"Louisa Matilda," born at Baton Rouge, November 19, 1824. Educated at Pine Grove Seminary, St. Tammany Parish, La. Now the wife of John Marshall Kinchen, has a houseful of children and resides at Warsaw Prairie, Texas.

"Mary Ann," also born at Baton Rouge, October 3, 1826, and now the wife of Joseph Ethan Allen, of Texas.

"Horation Adams," was born at Springfield, La., May 31, 1829, and graduated in the Medical Department of the University of La. in 1856. Was accidentally killed same year, at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans.

"David Hill," born at Springfield, La., January 25, 1831. Is a planter, now residing on the Bois D'Ac, or East Fork of the Trinity River, Texas.

"Nathaniel C.," born also at Springfield, La., January 25, 1833, and now a planter residing near Bastrop, La.

"Rachel Melinda," died in childhood.

"William Gaston," born at the "Parsons' Place," near Springfield, La., July 17, 1837. Now a distinguished preacher of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Texas.

"John Dorrance," born at the same place, November 6, 1839; now a student of medicine at New Orleans.

"Harriet Shepard," born October 19, 1841. Married J. Monroe Noble, and resides at Kemp, Texas.

"Sarah Catherine," born at Arcadia, La., December 3, 1844. Educated at Kaufman Seminary, Texas, and quite an adept in music.

You will perceive that the foregoing compilation was made in 1859. The information and biographical notices were obtained



principally from "Uncle Horatio," and I have no doubt are substantially correct. These I have condensed. According to Uncle Horatio's estimate in 1859, there were in the United States and Canada, about 74,000 descendants of Benjamin Parsons, male and female. Within the last fifty years several new families of the name of "Parsons," have come over here from England, but I have not been able to trace their genealogy. One of them from Missouri, figured in the late war as a Major General, and was killed subsequently, I believe in Mexico. Another held the position of Governor of Alabama, after the close of the war, and is a lawyer of some note.

"William Henry Parsons" late of Waco, Texas, descended from Nathan Parsons, of Bangor, Me. He was a Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army, and a very gallant officer. He visited me several times during the war. After its close, he ventilated his patriotism in Brazil and other foreign countries, and finally located in the City of New York as a merchant.

July 28, 1868.

Sylvester G. Parsons.

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## THE JACKSON COUNTY BRANCH—FROM WASHINGTON TO TAFT.

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(By Dr. T. I. C. Parsons.)

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Tradition says that William Parsons, who left Prussia on account of religious persecution, first came to the Netherlands, and later to the eastern shore of Maryland, about the year 1725, where he afterwards married and reared two sons, Charles and Thomas, the first mentioned being the one from whom our family is descended, and was born in the year 1729. The brothers became separated and Charles came to Buchannon Fort.

Charles married twice. His first wife was a Miss Chesunt, by whom he reared six children, three sons and three daughters: Wil-

liam, John, George, Mary (Pickens), Betsy (Smith) and Peggy (Bibee). By his second marriage were born three sons, Charles and Elias, and two daughters, Patsy (Castro,), Nancy (Castro), Sallie Cunningham, and Polly (Carney).

William, Captain in War of 1812, was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, July 24, 1769, and with his father removed to the South Branch of the Potomac. where he married Miss Susan Fink, in 1786. One son, Henry, the father of Charles Parsons, who recently died at Given, was born in Buchannon Fort. His father then moved to Warth Bottom, where John F., Martha and Hannah were born. He then moved, about the year 1801, to the bottom on which Ripley now stands, did the first clearing here, living on the bank of Mill Creek, just west of the house in which Mrs. Lester now resides. Here his wife and small child died, and were buried in the northwest corner of the old cemetery—the first persons buried there. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth Walker, of Walker's Creek, Harrison county, Virginia. He then moved to Sycamore and later to Frozen Camp, at which place he died, October 10, 1839. Captain William Parsons' children were Henry, John F., Martha, Hannah, Susan, Charles, William, Mary, Travis, Ann, Jerusha, Elizabeth, George Walker, Caroline, Janette and LaFayette.

Captain William's brother John married a Miss Greathouse, from which union the Stone Lick family of Parsons are descended.

His brother George, married a Miss Sleith, to whom were born George, who married a Woodruff; Ruth, married Abraham Sayre; Betsie, married a George Board; Sallie, married Edward Green; Charles, married an Allen; Amanda, married Charles Boyd; Jane, married Rev. Perry Louthier.

His brother Charles, married Miss Wolfe. His brother Elias first married Dollie Mayhew and then the Widow Graham, who after his death married Elijah Staats at Evans.

Starting from the Herald office to Charleston, by the most direct route are Parsons and part Parsons as follows: Okey Ellison, Mrs. Battrell, Andrew Parsons, Mrs. T. J. Sayre, Mrs. W. E. Staats, Mrs. J. C. Ellison, F. M. Downs, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Waybright, F. A. Castro, Virgil Castro, Mrs. Dennie Hicman, D. C. Shamblen, D. M. Shamblen, the Greenes and Mrs. R. P. Shinn, including, of course, children of the persons named, and we've missed the village of Fairplain and haven't reached Kenna, whose postmaster is Rev. A. B. Parsons. The name of Fred Garney should have been mentioned above as the fifth and Col. T. W. Parsons as the sixth, from the starting point—George C. Shatto the first.

## THE PARSONS.

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Parsons, prominent patriots in the American fight for freedom, doubtless did not sign the Declaration of Independence for the reasons of lack of love of country or loss of courage, but because the fates had willed that they should serve the cause in other capacities than as members of the celebrated Continental Congress. They were friends of George Washington, and in the supreme struggle of the seventies strongly supplemented "the father of his country" to the fateful finish. The fast friendship of the families continues under current conditions and one of the flourishing farmers of the fertile South Branch of the Potomac in Hampshire County, this State, is a Washington descendant of the family of the first President, while an adjoining or nearby neighbor is a prosperous Parsons of revolutionary stock. From this point many of the Parsons name went west to found fruitful families and happy homes, fell forests, create churches, establish schools and societies, construct colleges, and woo wealth and wisdom. The citizenship of the country from that county to California, shows the splendid success stamping them as forming a family of blood, brain and brawn.

They are no less prominent in the section east of Hampshire and are especially distinguished in the legal profession. The three volumes of "Parsons on Contracts," found in nearly every law library had reached the seventh edition as early as 1883, and "Parson's Laws of Business," is also a standard authority throughout the union. Hon. John E. Parsons, of New York, is today probably the highest salaried lawyer in America, and claims credit as attorney of the sugar manufacturers for the organization of the first trust in the United States.

In Jackson County they and their kin probably outnumber even the Castro and connections—they are in the professions and trades, on farms and in business circles, while officially one presides as circuit judge, another, county surveyor, the county assessor is a member of the family by marriage, the deputy sheriff is the son of a Parsons before her marriage, and so on, including boards of

education and president of the local board of health, Dr. T. I. C. Parsons, to whom the study of history in which he excels, was always a pleasure, who began some year ago the collection of material for a family history.

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## PARSONS PARAGRAPHS.

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### The Re-union.

The seventh annual re-union of the Parsons family was held at Mt. Moriah, August 5, 1911, with about two hundred descendants of the original Parsons family and twenty-five friends present.

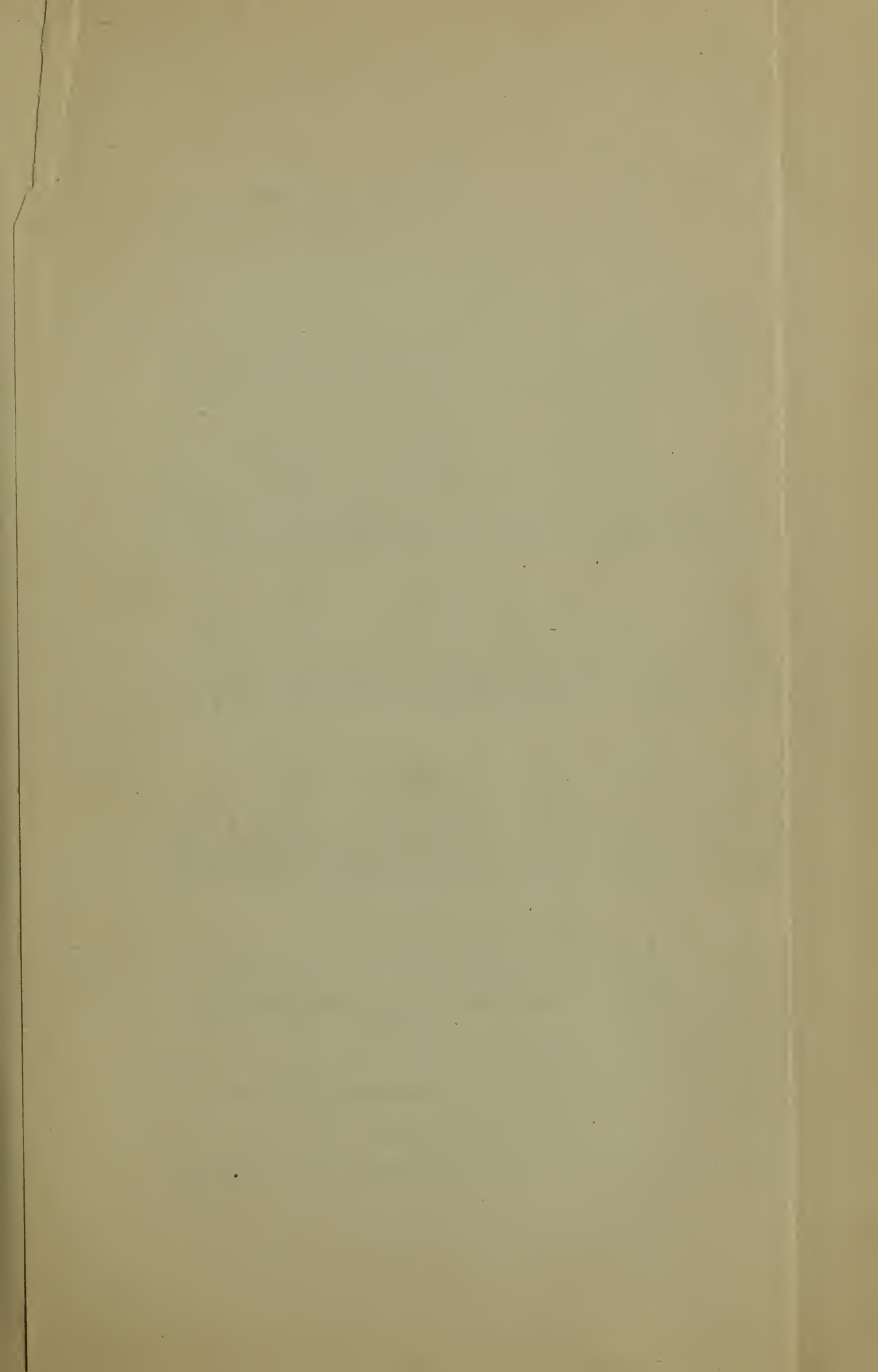
The program was carried out as follows:

Opening Song.....Blest Be the Tie  
 Scripture Lesson.....May Parsons  
 Prayer .....D. E. Kessel  
 Song .....Nearer My God To Thee  
 Address of Welcome.....L. M. Parsons—President

An interesting Talk by Uncle Henry Parsons.

Music.

The social hour was spent in eating a good dinner and in conversation.







## AFTERNOON SESSION.

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Music.

Judge W. A. Parsons gave us a brief history of the Parsons family as Northmen, as Englishmen, as Americans and as West Virginians.

Solo ..... Elah Parsons  
 Short Talks ..... J. M. Kessel, W. W. O'Brien and E. L. Stone  
 Business Meeting.

All went home feeling that they had attended the biggest and best family re-union of their lives.

One who was present.

The reader has probably guessed already that this week's honoring of the Parsons family was suggested by a reunion which began six years ago on the occasion of Mrs. Phoëba Parsons attaining seventy-five years. It was initiated by Mesdames J. M. Kessel, Mary King Parsons and Louisa Kessel, who invited descendants of the late A. F. Parsons to meet at a re-union at Mt. Moriah church, where rested Mr. Parsons in his last sleep, on Saturday, August 10, his widow's birthday. The following year the invitation was extended to the descendants of William Parsons, and the five meetings following have been re-unions of the family in general.

A Ripley lady old enough to know, and herself of a distinguished family, says there are more fine looking people among the Parsons than any other name she has ever known. And there are many people who confirm her verdict.

In conclusion, may they, their ancestors and their descendants live long, enjoy happiness resulting from health, clear conscience, enviable environments, peace and plenty—and the prosperity coming as the reward of intelligent industry, far-sighted financiering and pure purpose.



THOMAS PARSONS.

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Thomas Parsons was the son of William Parsons, his father settled on the eastern shore of Maryland, 1725. He was of English descent and it is absolutely certain this William Parsons is a descendant of the Parsons brothers who came from England to America 1635. It requires some arbitrary chronology to arrange the scraps of history gathered from various sources and traditions that have come down from generation to generation.

The records of Hampshire County show the following facts: A deed dated September 8, 1761, shows that Thomas Parsons was the executor of the will of Daniel Richardson, and as such conveyed to Henry Vanmeter a tract of land on Mill Creek in what was then Hampshire County, but is now Hardy County, West Virginia.

A deed from Phillip Brice, dated August 6, 1768, conveys to Thomas Parsons, 400 acres of land on Cabin Lick Run, in what is now Hampshire County. A deed from Luke Collins, dated March 13, 1770, conveys to Thomas Parsons lot number 16, on the South Branch River (this lot is one mile south-west of the town of Romney). The Western Turnpike crosses the river through it.

The record of Hampshire County indicate that Thomas Parsons had other large valuable tracts of land in what is now Hardy and Grant counties, W. Va., and he lived prior to 1761 in what is now Grant County.

This Thomas Parsons died between the 27th of May, 1771, and the 10th of March, 1772.

The will of Thomas Parsons dated the 27th day of May 1771, and recorded March 10, 1772. He devises to his sons Isaac and Baldwin, the land near Romney, bought of Luke Collins, and directs that Nathaniel Kuxandall, John Foreman and William Foreman shall divide it between the two, said Baldwin not being 21 years of age.

Then he gives one hundred pounds in money to Elizabeth Heinsman, widow of Dr. Heinsman, then he directs a tract of land of 200 acres on Mill Creek, another tract on Michael Sees Run (they were in what is now Hardy and Grant Counties) another tract on Lear Coat Creek (is now Hampshire County) to be sold, and the proceeds of such sale, to be divided between his sons Thomas, James Isaac and Baldwin, and his daughter Prudence and Arness. He also directs his personal property, including negroes, to be sold and the proceeds of such sale, and of all moneys, bonds, notes and accounts to be divided between his said children. He then devises to his sons-in-law William Welten and Robert Cunningham, 290 acres of land on North Mill Creek, adjoining the upper tract, now in Pendleton County.

The signature to his will indicates that at its date (May 27, 1771) he must have been a very old man, as it is written in very large tremulous letters.

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### FAMILY RECORD OF THOMAS PARSONS, SR.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Thomas Parsons		Parthenia Bayldwin	
Parthenia Boydwin Parsons			
Children.			
Thomas Parsons		Mary Rennick Miss Thomas Ailsia Miles Elizabeth	
James Parsons		Rebecca Simps	
Isaac Parsons	Jan. 27, 1752	Mary E. Gregg	Apr. 25, 1771
Arnes Parsons		William Welton	
Prudence Parsons		Robert Cunningham	

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### THOMAS PARSONS JR. I.

Thomas Parsons, son of Thomas Parsons Sr., was of English descent and came with his father to Hampshire County Virginia.

He and his brother, Captain James, were the first explorers of Randolph County, Western Virginia, where they pre-empted the Horse Shoe lands in 1770. His adopted son had been captured by the Indians and carried to Ohio, where he was a prisoner several years. They allowed him to cross the Ohio river on a hunting exposition and he made his escape, he traveled east as he knew the South Branch lay in that direction and he came to Cheat river, where the town of Parsons is now located, here he noticed the fine bottom lands suited for farming and covered with walnut and cherry timber. He soon found he was not on a tributary of the Potomac, when he had traveled down to where St. George is located he saw the river turn due north. He retraced his steps to the mouth of the Horse Shoe Run and crossed the mountain to the east. With his tomahawk he blazed the large trees across the mountain from Lead Mine country to the South Branch. On reaching home he told his adopted father of the magnificent lands to the west. The young man contracted consumption from exposure with the Indians and died before Thomas and James Parsons could visit the newly discovered country. But they made their way over the mountain by this blazed trail and took possession of these lands.

At that time there was not any particular war between the Indians and white people, but the Indians were always on the lookout to kill any one they could. The Parsons brothers rode fine horses and made good time when they were visiting their lands, their path was over the Backbone and Alleghany mountains near Fairfax Stone. In order that they might successfully elude the Indians they put the shoes on their horses toes behind. On one occasion, Thomas Parsons Jr. I. made the trip alone from Moorfield.

When he arrived at the mouth of Horse Shoe Run and started to enter the house there he noticed the wet moccasin track on the door step. He re-mounted his horse, crossed the river into the Horse Shoe and made his way to the fort near where St. George is now, where he remained about ten days. On starting home as he crossed the river at the mouth of Horse Shoe Run an Indian hidden in the weeds near by hooted like an owl, but he knew its meaning and pushed ahead. The Indians followed him some miles gobbling like a turkey and using every means to trap him, but he put spurs to his horse and did not stop until reaching his home that night, a distance of some seventy miles.

Thomas lived on his plantation in what is now Hardy County, until he passed away. His remains lie in the family lot on his plantation and is marked by a stone.

The following will shows the division of his estate between his children:

THOMAS PARSONS' WILL.

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In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Parsons, of the County of Hardy and State of West Virginia, being in perfect health and sound memory, thanks be to God for his mercy, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do first recommend my soul unto God that gave it, and as far as my body I recommend it to the earth, from whence it came, to be buried in a christian-like decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Imprimis 1st, I give and bequeath unto William Parsons, my first born son, one plantation lying on Cheat River, which is the whole of his share.

Item 2nd—I give unto Isaac Parsons, my second son, one plantation on the mouth of Horse Shoe Run, which is the whole of his share.

Item 3rd—I give unto George Parsons, my third son, one plantation, adjoining his brother James Parsons' plantation on Cheat River, which is the whole of his share.

Item 4th—I give unto James Parsons, my fourth son, one plantation on Cheat River known by the name of Sims Bottom, lying on both sides of the river, which is the whole of his share.

Item 5th—I give unto my seven eldest daughters, Hester, Margaret, Annas, Catherine, Rebecca, Hulda and Susannah, eleven hundred and sixteen acres to be equally divided amongst them, the land lying on the Middle Fork of the Big SteeXe Creek, in Monongalia County.

Item 6th—I give unto Miles Parsons, my fifth son, the full half of my plantation whereon I now live, his part to be taken off

of the lower end, likewise one negro fellow named David, and the full half of a tract of land, 470 acres lying on the head of Maxwell's Run, 235 acres.

Item 7th—I give unto Thomas Parsons, my sixth son, the upper half of my plantation whereon I now live, likewise one negro fellow named Sampson, and the full half of a tract of land lying on the head of Maxwell's Run containing 470 acres.....235 acres, but in case of the above said Miles Parsons, Thomas Parsons or either of them should die without an heir the above land and negroes to fall to the other four brothers, but if only the one should die, the land and the negroes to fall to the survivor of the two.

My houses and lot in the town of Norefield and the remainder of my negroes to be sold when my youngest daughter, Elizabeth, shall arrive at the age of sixteen, the houses and lot to be rented until said time and the money arising therefrom to discharge my youngest daughter's portion as they shall become of age, Sarah, Hannah, Jane, Mary, Pamela, Prudence and Elizabeth Parsons, which must be learned to read and write.

Item 8th—I give unto my beloved wife, Alsia Parsons, her bedstead and furniture and her third of my plantation I now live on, and her third of all my movables to hold the whole in her possession as long as she remains my widow, the remainder of my movables to be sold to discharge my debts and funeral expenses, my two youngest sons to be taught to read and write and cipher as far as the Golden Rule of Three.

I do make, constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Alsia Parsons, Adam Fisher and my beloved son, William Parsons, my sole executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, (1800).

Signed, sealed, published, declared and pronounced by the said Thomas Parsons as his last will and testament in his presence of us, Martin Leonard, Samuel White, Robert Porter, X (his mark).

At a Court held for Hardy County on the 12th day of December, 1804. This last will and testament, by Thomas Parsons, deceased, was proved by the oaths of Samuel White and Robert Porter, two of the witnesses thereunto, and is ordered to be recorded, and thereupon Adam Fisher and William Parsons, the executors therein named in open Court relinquished their right of executorship to

the said will; whereupon on the motion of Alsia Parsons, the executrix named in the said will certified, is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form, she having taken the oath of an executrix and together with James Miles her security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. Teste.

A true copy:

Ed Williams, Ct. Comr.

Attest: C. B. Weltan, Clerk, County Court, Hardy County.

(Book No. 1, page 292.)

**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Thomas Parsons, Jr.		Mary Rennick Miss Taylor Alsia Miles	1804
<b>Children.</b>			
William Parsons	Sept. 25, 1760	Catherine Stoker April 5, 1785	Sept. 10, 1829
Isaac Parsons		Mary Mace	
George Parsons		Nancy Scott	
James Parsons		Nancy Rust July 3, 1796	
Hester Parsons			
Margaret Parsons		Samuel Skidmore	
Annis Parsons			
Catherine Parsons		John Goffe	
Rebecca Parsons		George Rogers	
Hulda Parsons			
Susannah Parsons			
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
Daughter		Miss Taylor	
<b>Thlrd Marriage.</b>			
Thomas Parsons		Alsia Miles	
Alsia Miles			
<b>Children.</b>			
Sarah Parsons		Jacob Long	
Hannah Parsons			
Jane Parsons		William Henkle	
Mary Parsons		John Hanse	
Pamella Parsons		Ebenezer Welton	
Prudence Parsons		John Stump	
Elizabeth Parsons		William Brink	
Thomas Parsons		Pheobe Ward	
Miles Parsons		Jemima Harness	

## WILLIAM PARSONS.

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William Parsons, first son of Thomas and Mary Rennick Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. He enlisted in the Revolutionary Army on the 6th day of February, 1777, in the 3rd Regiment, Light Dragoons, Continental troops; he was commissioned Lieutenant Nov. 1, 1777; then commissioned Captain, after the battle of Eutaw, South Carolina, by order of the War Department, and served under this commission for the balance of the war.

In recognition of his services he was allotted three hundred acres of land and six hundred dollars.

When he returned from the army, he was married and settled on the upper portion of his fathers plantation, later he moved with his wife and five children to Randolph County, Virginia, upon the land pre-empted by his father, Thomas Parsons Jr. At this time there was only a trail across the Alleghany Mountains to Fairfax Stone down Horse Shoe Run to where he expected to locate. Imagine what an undertaking it must have been to reach this land in the wilderness with all their household goods in a two-wheeled cart. The women and children were on horseback with babies in their laps. He built a log cabin and made a comfortable home for his family. Later he built a brick house, perhaps the first brick house in the County at that time. In those days it was considered a mansion, and today it stands as one of the old landmarks.

He was a firm believer in education and together with his three brothers he employed a private tutor and gave his children a practical education. He was appointed County Judge and every one who came under his jurisdiction were satisfied with the verdict. He would often bring the disputing parties together, and settle the matter out of court.

He and all of his family were Episcopalians, but in the absence of his denomination at his new home, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and was one of the most prominent members of

the Bethel Church, and he was one of the first to donate toward the building of the first church.

He was noted for his generosity and his hospitality, the early circuit rider was sure of a hearty welcome whenever he made his way to this home. He gave two orphan children a home and a father's care until they arrived at years of maturity.

His faithful wife lived many years after he passed away and the negroes cared for her tenderly. She died at the home of her daughter, near Beverly, Virginia, loved and respected by all who knew her.

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#### WILLIAM PARSONS' WILL.

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In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, January 11th, I, William Parsons of Randolph County, and State of Virginia, in the presence of Almighty God and in my proper senses, do hereby make my last will and testament, after bequeathing my body to the dust and my soul to God that gave it, I bequeath my property in the following manner, namely: to Job Parsons, my eldest son, I bequeath this tract of land he now lives on; to Solomon, my second son, I bequeath my home place, that is the tract of land I now live on, except one-third of said place which I bequeath to Catherine Parsons, my wife, so long as she lives, to be surveyed off the lower end so as to embrace the house.

To my daughters Elizabeth Taggart, Mary Taggart, Hannah Parsons, Nancy Daniels, Anis Milly and Malinda Parsons I bequeath one thousand dollars each with what I have paid and I may pay against my death to each, to be taken out of said sums, and the balance to be paid after my death. To my three eldest daughters above named I also bequeath a bed and reasonable clothing for said beds apiece, the rest of the household estate to be divided equally amongst the six daughters above named, except my desk I bequeath to Malinda at the appraisement as a part of her thousand, said bequeath not to take place until after the death of my wife. As to the rest of my movable property, I bequeath it in the following manner to be appraised by three disinterested appraisers to be given to my six



daughters, (except the wagon Solomon is to have at the appraisal if he desires it) above named as a part of the thousand dollars I have bequeathed them; provided, nevertheless, if my daughters refuse to take the said property at the appraisal, then the property shall be put up for sale and any of my children may bid it off, and the property of said sale may be applied to paying said daughters their bequeath; provided, nevertheless, that said moveable property shall amount to more than the thousand dollars bequeathed to each of my six daughters, the said remaining property shall be divided equally amongst said six daughters above named.

N. B. I reserve one horse and three cows out of my movable property for Catherine my wife during her lifetime, and then to be disposed of at her death as above directed.

I further direct my administrators to prepare said property and appoint the time for division as soon as convenient.

6th—I bequeath the Island place or tract of land lying a little below my home place to Solomon Parsons, my second son. I also bequeath him a small tract of land against his place on the west side of Shavers Fork, or on the lower end of the place he now lives on.

7th—I further direct that Job Parsons and Solomon Parsons, my sons be appointed as administrators.

8th—I further bequeath my blacks, Titus to live with Catherine my wife and Solomon my son as long as he lives, and that he may be supported, as he is old. Buck, a negro man, and Emily, a negro woman, to live and labor for Catherine Parsons my wife as long as she lives, and at her death if Job and Solomon Parsons, my administrators, think they have not by their labor paid for what I gave for them they are to hire them out until they have paid for what I gave for them. If said Buck and Emily should have children they are to go free with them, and the profits of said hire to be equally divided and paid over to my six daughters above named, over and above the thousand dollars I bequeathed to each of them, and if after said Buck and Emily have paid for their price I paid, they and their children are to go free. I further direct that Solomon, my son, keep them and pay the hire if they have to be hired, and if he does not want to do so to hire them in the family if possible.

N. B. Nevertheless, if there should be on hand at my decease a stock of drove cattle, they are to be fattened and sold to the best advantage by the executors. I further bequeath that Solomon and Job Parsons shall have, or my administrators, one year from the

time of entering as administrators to commence the payment bequeathed to my daughters, they shall then pay \$500.00 per year until all be paid. In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal this 17th day of January, 1828.

William Parsons, (SEAL.)

Isaac Reynolds, Idonigah Ward, William R. Parsons, Witnesses

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William Parsons	Sept. 25, 1760	Catherine Stoker	Sept. 10, 1829.
Catherine Stoker	April 3, 1761	April 5, 1785	
<b>Children.</b>			
Elizabeth Parsons	Feb. 12, 1787	James Taggert	Feb. 17, 1835
Mary Parsons	Dec. 17, 1788	John Taggert	
Hannah Parsons	Mar. 12, 1791	Soloman Parsons	Jan. 29, 1784
Job Parsons	June 11, 1793	Jemima Ward and	Dec. 18, 1883
		Salar Losh	
Soloman Parsons	June 29, 1795	Mary Ward	Mar. 7, 1833
Nancy Parsons	June 30, 1797	Jacob Daniels	July 9, 1869
Annis Parsons	July 16, 1799	David Miles	
Isaac Parsons	Aug. 26, 1801		April 16, 1821
Mallindy Parsons	April 27, 1806	George Ball	

ELIZABETH PARSONS TAGGART.  

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Elizabeth Parsons, eldest daughter of William and Catherine Stoker Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. She received her education from the first schools established by the four Parsons brothers on Cheat River. After her marriage to James Taggart they moved to a home given her by her father, now known as the "Blackman Farm."

The soil of this land was of the finest quality; a large body of it was covered with oak, walnut and sugar maple trees. In the springtime, the blooming of the grove of sugar trees afforded a picture of rare beauty. The silver gray tinged with yellow and white gave the landscape a soft finish. The sap from the sugar trees was boiled in large iron kettles and made into sugar. During the sugar making season the young folks would have parties and pass evenings of much sweetness.

On this beautiful spot there was a large two-story log house which was furnished with hickory chairs, walnut tables and every other home-made furniture. The linens, quilts and coverlets were made by her own hands. She was what would be called in these days a "hustler." She made all her children's clothes from flax and wool which she had spun and woven herself, and often sewed half the night to make the garments. Through her skill and energy and ambition, prosperity smiled upon her home. She labored bravely and faithfully for the uplift of her children.

The orchard of "Blackman Farm" was the best in the country: the garden a bower of roses, pinks and sweet Williams. How well I remember sitting 'neath the apple tree eating the delicious apples. Though the trees were covered with moss, and the old fashioned log house was inhabited by bats and owls it did not prevent me from weaving romantic stories of the family who had dwelt there long years ago.

Elizabeth Parsons Taggart was a member of the M. E. Church from her youth, and was a devout worshiper of God. She

was a leader in the singing, a teacher in the Sunday School, and often leader in the prayer meeting. The Church was dear to her in all its services. Her lovable nature won for her many friends, and those who visited her when the end drew near could never forget her beautiful faith and clear vision of the Eternal as she was passing through the Gate and heard with new understanding the great words "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son." She has many descendants in West Virginia and the Middle West.

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### FAMILY RECORD OF ELIZABETH PARSONS TAGGART.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Taggart			
Elizabeth Parsons Taggart	Feb. 14, 1787	James Taggart <del>1805</del>	Feb. 17, 1835
Children.			
Hesikia C. Taggart	1806		
William P. Taggart	1808		
Mary Taggart	1810	William Armstrong	
Alonzo B. Taggart	1812		1812
Annis Taggart	1813		1814
Malindy Haggart	1815		
Edith Taggart	1817	David Parsons	1833
Soloman P. Taggart		Mary Ellen Chenoweth	
James Taggart		Serena McCrum	
Hannah Taggart	April 20, 1823	Alpheus Chenoweth	
Amanda Taggart			
John Taggart			

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 EDITH TAGGART DANIELS.
 

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Edith Taggart, daughter of James and Elizabeth Parsons Taggart, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She married David Parsons and to them was born a daughter, Lucinda. Three months after the birth of the little one the father was accidentally killed. Five years later she married Earl Daniels. Lucinda's record appears in the record of James Parsons.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Earl Daniels		1839	
Edith Taggart Parsons	1817	Earl Daniels	1863
Children.			
James P. Daniels	Oct. 13, 1840	Emma O. C. Hanger Nov. 2, 1865	
Amby Daniels	Oct. 23, 1842		July, 1870
Jedson B. Daniels		B. L. Butcher	
Anna Rebecca Daniels			
Summers M. Daniels			

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 JAMES P. DANIELS.
 

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James P. Daniels, first son of Earl and Edith Taggart Daniels, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, he was brought up on a farm near Beverly. When the civil war was declared he enlisted in the Confederate army under General Imboden's command, he was in all the hard fought battles of Gettysburg, Winchester, Lynchburg, New Market, Fredricksburg, Harpers Ferry and Fort Royal.

After Lee's surrender he returned to his home and resumed work on his farm. He sold his possessions in West Virginia, and moved to Augusta County, Virginia, but he concluded to go west. He arrived in Gongales, California, October, 1875, but he now resides in San Francisco.

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 FAMILY RECORD OF JAMES P. DANIELS.
 

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## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James P. Daniels	Oct. 13, 1840	Emma O. C. Hanger	Nov. 2, 1865
E. O. C. Hanger Daniels	July 27, 1849		
Children.			
Mary M. Daniels	Jan. 27, 1867	George Harris	
Arthur H. Daniels	Mar. 4, 1869	Bessie Walton	
Lillian B. Daniels	June 9, 1872	Frank J. Alexander	
Macy K. Daniels	Nov. 18, 1873	Dr. Clyde W. Usher	
Oscar T. Daniels	No. 15, 1875	Blanch Maine	
Walter Daniels	Mar. 29, 1878	Anna Gundwall	
Naoma Daniels	Nov. 9, 1885	Clare Auger	Aug. 20, 1911
George Harris			
M. M. Daniels Harris			
Children.			
Mervyn Earl Harris	April 4, 1893		

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 FAMILY RECORD OF ARTHUR H. DANIELS, SON OF  
 JAMES P. AND E. O. C. HANGER DANIELS.
 

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## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Arthur H. Daniels			
Bessie Walton Daniels			
Children.			
Laurance Daniels			
Naoma Daniels			
Walter Daniels			
Jaunita Daniels			

## SOLOMON TAGGART.

Solomon P. Taggart, third son of James and Elizabeth Parsons Taggart was born on the "Blackman Farm" Randolph County, Virginia. After his marriage he moved to Ohio and his family are scattered throughout the middle west.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Soloman P. Taggart		Mary Ellen Chenoweth, 1839	
Mary Ellen Chenoweth Children.			
Louise C. Taggart		Thomas B. Philp Sept. 19, 1861	
		John Smith Sept. 23, 1869	
Lomon Taggart	Oct. 24, 1843	Rebecca H. Pickering Aug. 28, 1866	
Elizabeth Taggart	1844		
Columbus C. Taggart	1846		
William P. Taggart	1848		Died
Nancy Annis Taggart	1850		Died
Celiet Amelia Taggart	1852		Died
James Edwin Taggart	1855		
Thomas B. Philp		Sept. 19, 1861	May 12, 1863
Louise C. Taggart Children.		Thomas B. Philp	
Alonzo T. Philp	Oct. 23, 1863		July 2, 1891
John Smith		Sept. 23, 1869	April 6, 1906
Louise Taggart Philp Children.		John Smith	
John L. Thurmond		Jan. 12, 1893	
Arlettie D. Smith Children.		John L. Thurmond	
Laura Thurmond	Oct. 30, 1893		Sept. 10, 1908
Louisa Marie Thurmond	Mar. 1, 1896		
Vivian Opal Thurmond	Aug. 15, 1898		April 27, 1900
Alonzo Clarence Thurmond	Sept. 19, 1902		
Lomon J. Taggare	Oct. 24, 1843	Rebecca A. Pickering	
Rebecca H. Pickering	Mar. 13, 1844	Aug. 28, 1866	

**Children.**

Arthur S. Taggart	June 3, 1867	E. V. Swallows April 27, 1891
Grace A. E. Taggart	Aug. 30, 1873	S. H. Aue Aug. 20, 1890
Mary L. M. Taggart	Mar. 17, 1869	S. A. Russell May, 1883
Edna A. Taggart	Oct. 19, 1879	Charles Crothers May 3, 1900
S. A. Russell		May, 1883
Mary L. Taggart	Mar. 17, 1869	S. A. Russell

**Children.**

Rose Russell		
Gertrude Russell		
S. H. Aue		Aug. 20, 1890
Grace A. E. Taggart	Aug. 30, 1873	S. H. Aue

**Children.**

Violet Aue		
Shirley Aue		
Raymond Aue		
Warren Aue		
Charles Crothers		May 3, 1900
Edna A. Taggart		Charles Crothers

**Children.**

Ernest F. Crothers	
Lucinda Haden Crothers	



## HANNAH CATHERINE TAGGART CHENOWETH.

Hannah C. Taggart, daughter of James and Elizabeth Parsons Taggart, was born on the homestead (now known as the Blackman farm.) Here she grew to womanhood enjoying all the comforts of life. She was a beautiful girl and very much admired for her sweet loving disposition and was a great favorite with the social set. She was bereft of her mother at a tender age; how sad and lonely was the home, but she looked to Christ through her blinding tears for guidance and put all her trust in Him.

After her marriage, she lived near Beverly until the first son was born in the year of 1852, she migrated to Hancock County, Illinois, later to Iowa, finally settling in Warsaw, Illinois, where the husband enlisted in the U. S. army, 1861. He was in many engagements in Missouri and other sections of the country. He was mustered out of service when disabled and died soon after.

She was the mother of seven children, four have passed away. All her life was spent in the service of the Master; she was a great church worker and died in the full triumphs of faith. Her remains sleep in the family lot, in Walker township.

## FAMILY RECORD OF HANNAH C. TAGGART CHENOWETH.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Alpheus Ward Chenoweth	1819	A. W. Chenoweth	Oct. 31, 1865
Hannah C. Chenoweth	April 20, 1823	Oct. 21, 1840	April, 1887.
Children.			
M. T. Chenoweth	Oct. 3, 1842	Mary Isabella Rankin	1871
Sarah Elizabeth Chenoweth	Feb. 22, 1850	Alfred Lomax	1870
Virginia Catherine Chenoweth	June 2, 1853	J. J. Rigg, M. D.	Oct. 31, 1872



HANNAH C. TAGGART CHENOWETH

Daughter of Elizabeth Parsons Taggart



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M. T. CHENOWETH.

M. T. Chenoweth, first son of Alpheus and Hannah C. Taggart Chenoweth, was born near Beverly in Randolph County, Virginia.

His education began at St. Mary's Academy and was continued at Bloomfield, Iowa and Warsaw, Illinois.

In the spring of 1864, he enlisted in the 28th Illinois Volunteers, company E, and was in the service until October, 1865. He was in active duty in the southern part of the Mississippi river, and was present at the capture of Mobile. At the close of the war he returned to Warsaw, and made his home with his widowed mother until his marriage.

The death of his nine year old daughter has been one of his greatest sorrow—she was the pride of his life. His wife was the daughter of James and Sarah L. Rankin, born in Adams County, Illinois, she passed away May 8, 1911, after a long illness.

He is doing a Mercantile business in Hickory Ridge and has been postmaster eighteen years of that place. He is a man that is highly respected. By energy and his shrewd business tact he has accumulated wealth and can retire from business at any time.

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Family Record of M. T. Chenoweth.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
M. T. Chenoweth	Oct. 3, 1842	Mary Isabella Rankin	
		1871	
Mary Isabella Rankin-Children.	1844		May 11, 1911
Claudia Chenoweth			

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SARAH ELIZABETH CHENOWETH LOMAX.

Daughter of Alpheus and Hannah E. Chenoweth was born in Clarksburg, Va., and migrated to the west with her parents in 1852. Now resides in Chicago.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Alfred Lomax		1870	
Sarah E. Chenoweth	Feb. 22, 1850	Alfred Lomax	
<b>Children.</b>			
Sophie May Lomax	Oct. 7, 1871	William A. McCoy	
Vivian D. Lomax	May 28, 1873	William O. Dawson	
C. William Lomax	July 14, 1875		Aug. 31, 1875
Anna C. Lomax	Feb. 28, 1877	Leo L. Dale	Jan. 21, 1904
Hortense L. Lomax	June 27, 1879		Nov. 27, 1897
Alpha L. Lomax	Oct. 27, 1883	John Kinsman	

**Grandchildren.**

William A. McCoy			
Sophie May Lomax	Oct. 7, 1871		

**Children.**

C. Alpha McCoy			
William Kenneth McCoy			
William O. Dawson			
Vivian D. Lomax	May 28, 1873	William O. Dawson	

**Children.**

Hortense Dawson			
Alberta Dawson			
Leota Dawson			
Leo L. Dale			
Anna C. Lomax	Feb. 28, 1877	Leo L. Dale	

**Children.**

Kleone Dale			
Thomas Dale			



DR. VIRGINIA C. RIGG

Daughter of Hannah Taggart Chenoweth



## VIRGINIA CATHERINE CHENOWETH RIGG, M. D.

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Virgrnia C. Chenoweth, daughter of Alpheus and Hannah C. Taggart Chenoweth, was born in Bloomfield, Iowa, and when quite young her parents moved to Breckenridge, Illinois. Later they moved to Warsaw, Illinois, where she graduated from college. She received her medical degree of M. D. from the medical college of Keokuk, Iowa, and has taken a post graduate course at a medical school in New York.

She is now practicing her chosen profession at Springfield, Illinois. In company with her son and family she made a tour of Europe, Canada, British Columbia and the United States, visiting all points of interest. She and her son have made two trips to California and have chosen Oregon for their future home, when they retire from business, they have bought land under cultivation which brings in an income and they are very much pleased with the investment.

She attended the Parsons reunion, August 1908, and was delighted to meet so many relatives and see the place where her dear mother was born.

## FAMILY RECORD OF V. C. CHENOWETH RIGG, M. D.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John J. Rigg, D. D.		John J. Rigg, M. D.	Oct. 31, 1872
Virginia C. Rigg, M. D.	June 2, 1853		
Children.			
James Royston Rigg	Aug. 25, 1873	Mary G. Shultz	Mar. 12, 1895
Anna Hortense Rigg	June 21, 1876	Charles W. Nickey	Dec. 28, 1907
Emily Grace Rigg			Oct., 1881



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## JAMES ROYLSTON RIGG.

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Son of John J. and Virginia C. Chenoweth Rigg, was born in Warsaw, Illinois, he was educated in Warsaw, completing his medical college course in Keokuk, Iowa, and New York.

He is an eye and ear specialist and has been very successful in his business. His intention is to retire soon and make his home in Medford, Oregon.

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## FAMILY RECORD OF JAMES R. RIGG, M. D.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James R. Rigg			
Mary G. Shultz Rigg		Mary G. Shultz	Mar. 12, 1895
<b>Children.</b>			
Emily Grace Rigg	Dec. 26, 1895		
Adelaide E. Rigg	Oct. 26, 1899		

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### MARY PARSONS TAGGART.

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Mary Parsons, second daughter of William and Catherine Stoker Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, and was a small girl when her parents migrated to western Virginia. She was educated in the first school established in that vicinity. She was taught to spin, weave and sew when very young, as this was considered a great accomplishment in those days. The eldest daughters were kept busy sewing for the younger ones.

Her father objected to her engagement to John Taggart, but the young folks made arrangements to meet at a place where a minister was staying over night, and be married. Mary arrived first and had to wait for her lover. In after years of wedded life her husband would laughingly remind her of the fact that she had been so anxious to marry him that she reached the trysting place first, to which she would reply that for doing so was that she had the best horse. The elopers were forgiven by the bride's parents, and a tract of land given to them lying along Cheat river, now known as the "Blackman Farm."

The house they built on the land was not a palatial residence, but sufficiently costly and tasty to satisfy any modern ambition. It disclosed an air of neatness, home life and contentment that constitute true happiness; for all joys of life lie in three words, "health, peace and competence." I have no record of how many years of perfect happiness was enjoyed in this home. Twelve fine healthy children were born of this union and reared on this prosperous farm.

Two daughters were married and pushed out their bark upon the sea of action; the sons were entering upon the domain of manhood and desired to meet the vicissitudes and varying changes so common to the career of all. The parents decided to move to Buford, Highland County, Ohio.

This proud father and devoted mother showed an interest seen only in families where the marriage vow is based upon a foundation

of infinite love. This family was noted for their generosity, hospitality and integrity; the light of truth and honesty was about them.

In 1851, John Taggart and his family moved from Buford, Ohio, to Tazewell County, Illinois. Very few of the members of Mary Parsons Taggart's descendants are living at the present time.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Taggart	Feb. 29, 1788	John Taggart 1809	Sept. 7, 1859
Mary Parsons	Dec. 17, 1788		Feb. 9, 1852
<b>Children.</b>			
Catherine S. Taggart	Apr. 7, 1810	Solomon Channel Aug. 15, 1833	Sept. 21, 1845
Julia Anne Taggart	Apr. 7, 1810	George Slagle Feb. 21, 1833	
Lorenzo D. Taggart	June 19, 1811		1820
Solomon P. Taggart	Oct. 23, 1812		
Martha Taggart	1814	Frederick C. Baumann mann, May 7, 1840	1842
Nancy R. Taggart	May 11, 1819	William Moberly Dec. 9, 1840	Feb. 9, 1843
William P. Taggart	Jan. 15, 1822		
Annie Taggart	Dec. 18, 1823	Builderback	
Mary E. Taggart	Nov 19, 1825	Henry Hensley Oct. 9, 184—	
David C. Taggart	Dec. 25, 1827		
Harriet R. Taggart	Jan. 1, 1830		
James A. Taggart	July 29, 1833		

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 MARTHA TAGGART BAUMANN.
 

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Martha Taggart, daughter of John and Mary Parsons Taggart, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, and migrated to Buford, Ohio, with her parents. She married Frederick Christian Baumann, whose ancestors were of Baden-Baden, Germany. Two years after her marriage she died leaving a son who was reared by his grandfather, John Taggart.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Frederick C. Baumann	1809	Frederick C. Baumann mann, 1840	1852
Martha Taggart Baumann			
Children.			
John V. W. Bawmann	Feb. 22, 1841	Ellen Porter, 1864	July 16, 1867

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 JOHN VALENTINE WASHINGTON BAUMANN.
 

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John V. W. Baumann, first son of Frederick C. and Martha Taggart Baumann, was born in Buford, Highland County, Ohio and migrated to Tazewell County, Illinois, with his grand parents, when ten years of age. He was a graduate of the Wesleyan college, and was the pastor of the M. E. church at the time of his death at Mattoon, Illinois. His wife was a graduate of Conover Seminary, at Bloomington. Her ability as a student was such that she was made one of the teachers of the seminary.

Mrs. Bauman was a member of the M. E. church for many years, she was president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and president of the Ladies' Aid Society for many years. She was the daughter of James Porter, and a native of Pennsylvania.

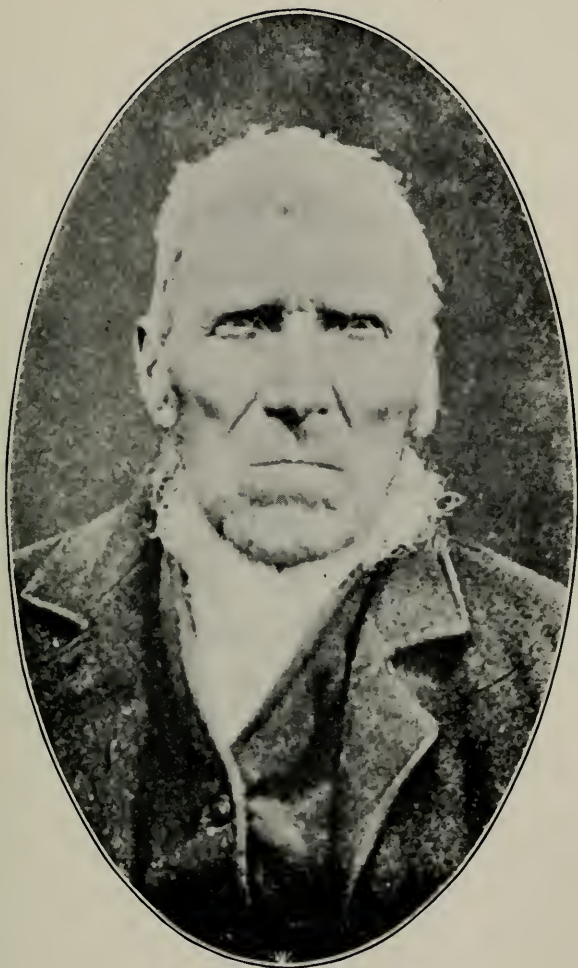
## JOB PARSONS, SR.

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Eldest son of William and Catherine Stoker Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. He was a man of fine physique and possessed a powerful constitution, and was capable of enduring almost anything. He was six feet four inches in height and weighed 250 pounds. When he was in his nineteenth year, he enlisted in the army of the war of 1812, and did duty at Fort Maiggs and Norfolk, Virginia. While he was at Norfolk he was taken sick with camp fever and his aunt, Mary Parsons Hanse, had him carried to her home and she nursed him to health. He returned to his regiment and continued in the service until the war closed. After his return home he married Jemima Ward, and moved on his plantation and engaged in farming and stock raising; his herds of cattle, sheep and horses were of the best.

He was a great lover of hunting and always kept a pack of hounds. It was his delight to hear them cross the distant mountains, deeply baying on the trail of a deer; such sport was indulged in by the people along Cheat river.

When the civil war began, Job Parsons was a warm sympathizer of the South, and expressed his sentiments by casting his vote for secession. In October, 1861, the report came to him in the evening that the Unionists were coming to take the property of the Southern sympathizers. The following morning he arose early and caught his best horses and hurried off to a place in the woods above the "Yellow Rocks." Scarcely had he reached the place of concealment when the soldiers came down the road with a field glass, searching every nook and corner of his premises. They spied the horses and made a dash for them; they met him coming down the path with his old rifle—he was looking for a safe place to conceal it. As the "blue coats" confronted him, he threw his rifle to his shoulder and called "halt," "Ground arms" and they obeyed his command. Enjoying their surprise for a moment, he said, "now, I suppose I am your prisoner." They disarmed him, taking all his horses with them, carried him a prisoner to Rowelsburg, to the headquarters of General Kelley. He poured vials of wrath upon the head of the commanding



**JOB PARSONS, SR.**

Son of William Parsons



officer when he was taken to his quarters, telling him he fought in the war of 1812 to make America a free land, and now freedom was denied him. The General was so confused and ashamed that he would not answer but gave him his liberty and horses, and he returned home, and was not molested again except by the "Dry Fork Home Guards," better known at the "Swamp Dragoons," a name given to them by Parsons. The rifle, his old friend of 1812, could never be found, though a diligent search was made for it by his grandson, J. H. Glascock.

He spent the most of his life on the plantation land pre-empted by his grandfather. He dispensed true Southern hospitality to his friends and all who came to his home. His last days were spent with his daughter, Emma Parsons, near St. George, West Virginia.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Job Parsons	June 11, 1793	Jemima Ward	Dec. 18, 1883
Jemima Ward	1795	May 25, 1815	Feb. 4, 1835
Children.			
Mary Parsons	Feb. 20, 1816	Robert S. Parsons	Sept. 20, 1834
Emily Parsons	Oct. 14, 1817	Abraham Parsons	Sept. 8, 1898
		Feb. 12, 1834	
Jacob W. Parsons	Aug. 8, 1819	Jemima Parsons	July 14, 1896
Catherine Parsons	May 19, 1821	J. G. Johnson	Aug. 5, 1893
Pheobe Ann Parsons	Feb. 8, 1823	Spenser Glasscock	Nov. 2, 1905
		Oct. 12, 1839	
Soloman Parsons	Feb. 14, 1824	Mary Smith	Sept. 12, 1850
		Sept. 18, 1846	
Hannah Parsons	Mar. 10, 1828	James Poling	May 18, 1906
		Nov. 9, 1848	
Susannah Parsons	Apr. 13, 1830	John Polling	
		Nov. 9, 1848	
Adinijah Parsons	Apr. 14, 1832		Apr. 4, 1838
Infant daughter	Feb. 2, 1835		May 10, 1835
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Job Parsons	June 11, 1793	Sarah Losh	Dec. 18, 1883
Sarah Losh	Apr. 4, 1810	Sept. 15, 1836	Sept. 22, 1902
Children.			
Jemima Parsons	July 8, 1837	John Fansler	
		May 26, 1861	
Jennette Parsons	Oct. 20, 1839	William Hansford	Mar. 10, 1881
Rebecca Annis Parson	Jan. 25, 1841	T. B. Rummel	
		1860	
Lavina Parsons	Oct. 24, 1844	Arnold Bonifield	
		Sampson Fansler	Jan. 16, 1876
		Oct. 12, 1863	
Elmira V. Parsons	Apr. 13, 1847	James Hull	
Emma Parsons	July 16, 1850	Soloman J. Parsons	
Job. W. Parsons	Mar. 30, 1853	Mary E. Parsons	Aug. 11, 1883
Paul H. Parsons	Oct. 7, 1859		Oct. 14, 1864



Mary Parsons, eldest daughter of Job and Jemina Parsons died at the birth of her first child, Lemuel, who went to Iowa with his father, died soon after reaching manhood.

Emily Parsons' record is found with that of Abraham Parsons.

## JACOB WARD PARSONS.

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Jacob Ward Parsons, first son of Job Parsons, Sr., was born in Randolph County, Virginia. At an early age he showed the ability to become a good agriculturist, and in his nineteenth year he assumed charge of his father's plantation.

After his marriage he bought an acreage on the mountain and began life on his own account. His capital consisted principally of good health, energy and fine business qualities. The land was fertile and he soon converted it into a grazing farm and stocked it with the best cattle and sheep. He was one that believed in the old saying, "If you want to be absolutely sure that a thing is done properly do it yourself." He applied all of his physical strength to improve the home and add comfort and happiness to those depending on him, and perhaps there never was a time in his life that he enjoyed more contentment and peace of mind than in this log house surrounded by his young children.

When the children attained the age when they must be educated, he moved down on Cheat river near the schools and gave them every advantage of an education. He was elected high Sheriff of Tucker County in 1863, on the Republican ticket, and held many minor offices while the Republicans were in power.

His ambition reached beyond being a servant for the people; he was desirous of owning more land. He made a trip to Iowa with the intention of locating there, but West Virginia, with her ten thousand hills had an infatuation for him. He sold all his lands in Tucker county, and moved to Grant county, West Virginia, October, 1867, and purchased large acreage near where his ancestors had located in 1700. He engaged in the buying and selling of live stock. After his health failed, he retired from business. He was well known for his hospitality; no one in need was ever turned away from his door. He was a steadfast member of the M. E. church and gave liberally toward the support of the cause of Christianity.

During his protracted illness, he was never known to murmur a word of complaint. His last days were spent with his daughter

in Davis, West Virginia. His remains were laid in the Bethel churchyard, and now he and his faithful wife, who has joined the majority, rest beside each other until the dawn of the Perfect Day.

Jemima Parsons, second daughter of Solomon Parsons, was born on the plantation in the old brick house which is still standing. She married Jacob W. Parsons and they moved into a region where it was almost an unbroken wilderness. A log house was their dwelling place. At that time the woods were filled with wild animals and their cries were familiar sounds of the night around their clearing.

She spun, wove and made all her children's clothing, and through all her toil she enjoyed perfect health and happiness. In after years she could look back to those days with joy and pleasure, for sorrow had not entered the home.

She was a sweet voiced mother with eyes in whose clear depths the love light shone; her hands, worn with toil, gently guided the footsteps of her children over rough places and smoothed their pillow in sickness, ever reaching out to them in yearning tenderness. Blessed is the memory of such a mother. It will float to her children like the beautiful perfume of some wooded blossoms. Years may fill great drifts between her and them, but they will not hide from their sight the glory of her unselfish love.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jacob Ward Parsons	Aug. 8, 1819	Jemima Parsons Dec. 21, 1843	July 14, 1896
Jemima Parsons Children.	Dec. —, 1824		May 16, 1910
Columbus Parsons	Apr. 1, 1845		May 16, 1845
Mary Melvina Parsons	Apr. 3, 1846		Feb. 23, 1866
Laverna Anne Parsons	Oct. 16, 1848	Cornelius Parsons Mar. 17, 1865	Sept. 13, 1870
Minerva C. Parsons	Feb. 7, 1851	James E. Russell Oct. 30, 1872	
Caroline E. Parsons	Apr. 30, —	George Parks, 1872 Aaron W. Murphy Oct. 22, 1885	
Perry W. Parsons	Nov. 9, 1855		
Truman C. Parsons	Mar. 13, 1858	Virginia C. Hyre Nov. 17, 1885	July 24, 1897
Ida Parsons	Dec. 25, 1861	William M. Rady Sept. 14, 1887	
Zady Parsons	Apr. 24, 1865	Concer Wolford	
Blakney Parsons	Jan. 3, 1868		Sept. 13, 1899
Cora Parsons	Sept. 13, 1870	Richard Groves	

Laverna Anne Parsons' Family Record will be found in Cornelius Parsons' record.

## MINERVA C. PARSONS RUSSELL.

Minerva Catherine Parsons, third daughter of Jacob W. and Jemima Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. After she completed the public school course she entered the Normal school at Fairmont, West Virginia, from which she graduated and was a successful teacher, until her marriage. Her children were all born in Roney, West Virginia, after which she moved to Elkins, West Virginia, where her husband passed away. She has proved herself to be a woman of ability and a faithful mother by educating her family, that they might be able to fill prominent positions. She resides in Fairmont, West Virginia.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Edwin Russell	Nov. —, 1845	James E. Russell Oct. 30, 1872	Nov. 28, 1898
Minerva C. Parsons Russell	Feb. 7, 1851		
Children.			
Frederick S. Russell	Aug. 7, 1873		July 25, 1874
Mary Warden Russell	June 24, 1875		
Alice Ward Russell	June 24, 1875	Joseph E. Hodgson	
William Parsons Rus- sell	Feb. 1, 1877	Clara Peterslle	
Edwin Allen Russell	Mar. 25, 1878	Marie Page Mason	
Annie Alexander Rus- sell	June 6, 1880		
Robert Daily Russell	Feb. 17, 1882		
Jacob Ward Russell	Jan. 2, 1887		
Katherine Houstan Rus- sell	Nov. 23, 1891		
Helen Hack Russell	Nov. 5, 1893		
Joseph E. Hodgson			
Alice W. Russell Hodg- son			
Children.			
Margaret Ellis Hodgson	Nov. 7, 1902		
Katherine Parsons Hodg- son	May 25, 1904		

William Parsons Russell  
Clara Peterslie Russell

Clara Peterslie

**Children,**

Annie Katherine Rus-  
sell

May 12, 1903

Alice Virginia Russell June —, 1907

Edwin Allen Russell

Marie Page Mason

Marie Page Mason Rus-  
sell

**Children,**

Page Mason Russell

Dead

Charlott Mason Russell Mar. 31, 1907

Susan Thornton Russell May 27, 1910

## CAROLINE ELIZABETH PARSONS.

Caroline E. Parsons was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She was quite a young lady when her parents moved to Grant County, West Virginia, where she was married and for a few years was supremely happy in her cosy home, but the cruel finger of sorrow was laid upon her; she was left to battle alone with four children. She being a full fledged Parsons, with a strain of Ward and Stocker stock she did not lose energy but journeyed down the turbulent stream of life and has been permitted to view the bright light of victory.

She and her second husband migrated to Fremont, Nebraska, 1880, and located. They have all home comforts and take great pleasure in entertaining their friends.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George W. Parks		George W. Parks 1873	1880
Caroline E. Parsons Parks	Apr. 30, 1853		
<b>Children.</b>			
Gertrude Parks	1874	J. C. Acton, 1896	Mar. 31, 1911
Angelica F. Parks	1875	A. E. McKensie	
Jacob Ward Parks	1878	Edna Engstrom	
James E. Parks	1878		1904
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
		Aaron Murphy	Oct. 22, 1885
Aaron Murphy Caroline E. Parks Murphy			
<b>Children.</b>			
Triplets—			
Leandis S. Murphy	1892		
Leroy W. Murphy	1892		1893
Leona P. Murphy	1892		

### JAMES E. PARKS.

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James E. Parks, son of George W. and Caroline Parks, was born in Grant County, West Virginia, and was educated in Freemont, Nebraska, and went to Rock Island, Illinois, and engaged in business. He was taken ill with congestion of the lungs and passed away before his friends could reach him. His sister, Mrs. J. C. Acton, arrived in the city from Freemont and accompanied his remains home to his grief stricken mother and friends. He was a member of the Fraternal Tribunes.

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### PERRY WARD PARSONS.

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Perry Ward Parsons, second son of Jacob W. and Jemina Parsons was born in Randolph County, Virginia. In 1869 his parents moved to Grant County, West Virginia, where he was educated in the public schools. After his marriage he migrated to Washington and all trace of him has been lost.

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 TRUMAN CLARK PARSONS.
 

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Truman C. Parsons, third son of Jacob W. and Jemina Parsons was born in Tucker County, Virginia. He grew to manhood on his father's farm in Grant County, West Virginia. After his marriage he moved to Missouri. He and his wife were stricken with fever and passed away within a few days of each other and left a family of four children. The youngest was adopted by a family whose name was Jacobs, the three eldest have been reared by relatives in West Virginia.

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 Family Record.
 

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	Born.	Married.	Died.
Truman C. Parsons	Mar. 13, 1858	Virginia C. Hyre Nov. 17, 1885	July 27, 1897
Virginia C. Parsons			July —, 1897
Children.			
John Marvin Parsons	May 12, 1887		
Mary Virginia Parsons	Aug. 20, 1889		
Jemima Edith Parsons	Feb. 2, 1892		
Carrie Elizabeth Parsons	Aug. 23, 1894		
Truman Clark Parsons	Mar. 19, 1897		July 27, 1897



### IDA PARSONS RADY.

Ida Parsons, fifth daughter of Jacob W. and Jemina Ward Parsons was born in Tucker County, West Virginia. She received her education from the public schools. She grew to womanhood on her father's farm in Grant County, West Virginia. After her marriage she moved to Davis, West Virginia. Her father's last days were spent with her. She now resides in Morgantown, West Virginia.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William M. Rady	William M. Rady		
Ida Parsons Rady	Dec. 25, 1861	Sept. 14, 1887	
Children.			
Carl William Rady	Mar. 13, 1897		

### ZADA PARSONS WELFORD.

Zada Parsons, sixth daughter of Jacob W. and Jemina Parsons was born in Tucker County, West Virginia. After her marriage she moved to Davis and built up a very pleasant home in that place. She has moved to Morgantown, West Virginia, to educate her children in the State University.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Concer Wolford		Concer Wolford	
Zady Parsons Wolford	Apr. 24, 1865		
Children.			
Paul Parsons Wolford	May 25, 1896		
Grace Ward Wolford	June 9, 1898		

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### BLAKENEY PARSONS.

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Blakeney Parsons, fourth son of Jacob W. Parsons, was born in Grant County, West Virginia. He was given the advantage of a college education. He entered the profession of law and soon gained prominence in his practice in Grant and other counties throughout the state. He battled for the right and won a reputation as a lawyer of ability. He was counsel in many important cases. His business was increasing and he would have become distinguished and stood in high favor with the bar, but typhoid fever carried him away from the bosom of his family, and the great future of a brilliant man was cut short by the Reaper. He left a young wife and son to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and father. God's vision is ever clear; His way is right.

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### CORA PARSONS GROVES.

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Cora Parsons, seventh daughter of Jacob Ward Parsons, was born in Grant County, in a beautiful large dwelling surrounded by a large grove of trees, at which place she grew to womanhood and enjoyed all the happiness of a country life on a farm. She received the advantage of a good public school education.

Her wedding occurred from the homestead, and was one of the most brilliant events socially of the season.

She has reared and educated the daughter of her brother, having no children of her own. She tenderly nursed her aged mother in her last days, giving her all the comforts which was possible. She resides in Harmon, West Virginia.

## CATHERINE PARSONS JOHNSON.

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Catherine Parsons, third daughter of Job Parsons, Sr., was born on the plantation. At the age of fourteen she was left motherless, with the care of her young sisters and brothers and the household. It was a great responsibility for one of her years, but never could a mother have lavished upon them more affection and attention, always counting it a pleasure to do all in her power for their comfort.

After her marriage she went to live at Johnson's Mills, Barbour County, Virginia, where she raised her family. Her genial, kind nature won for her many friends. She was liberal to a fault and was ever ready to assist any one who was unfortunate or in need. She was a woman of wonderful courage. During the civil war they were annoyed by bands of soldiers who went around the country pilfering and taking away anything that suited their fancy. On one occasion she found one of these petty thieves in her house. She searched his pockets for the plunder he had gathered and then said to him: "Now you march out of here on double quick time." He obeyed the order. She often guarded her meat house with an axe under her arm to prevent them from taking all her winter store of provisions. She was a true daughter of Revolutionary stock.

For many years she was ardently attached to the church, and during her long, protracted illness, about her bed-side rested a spirit of faith and peace that made Heaven a reality. This strength and beauty of character is given to those who trust in the Lord.

On this side death ; but when they cross the tide ;  
Over the waves the spirit hands may reach,  
She will greet them with the olden smile ;  
And speak to them in the old tender speech.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John G. Johnson	June 2, 1817	John G. Johnson Aug. —, 1840	Feb. 2, 1901
Catherine Parsons	1821		Aug. 5, 1893

## Children.

Richard M. Johnson	May 9, 1841	Nancy Gainer	
Anne Eliza Johnson	Apr. 16, 1842	Jacob V. Wilmoth	Feb. 20, 1906
James Johnson	Feb. 2, 1843	Unmarried	Dec. 21, 1861
Lucinda E. Johnson	June 8, 1844	Hiram Smith	May 17, 1881
Elizabeth J. Johnson	Jan. 31, 1846		May 21, 1882
William W. Johnson	June 3, 1847	Alice Ward	
Levi Johnson	Oct. 14, 1849	Helen Poling	
A. Rebecca Johnson	Oct. 14, 1848	James B. Elliott	May 20, 1882
Robert F. Johnson	Apr. 23, 1852	Josephine Poling	
Caroline Johnson	Oct. 18, 1857	Arthur J. Hudkins	Apr. 3, 1893
Emily F. Johnson	May 2, 1859	George B. Skidmore	Apr. 18, 1904
Jacob V. Wilmoth			
Anne Eliza Johnson			
Wilmoth			

## Children.

John Gordon Wilmoth	Aug. 4, 1872
Emily Wilmoth	Nov. 6, 1878

## RICHARD JOHNSON.

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Richard Johnson, son of J. G. and Catherine Parsons Johnson, was born at Johnson's Mills, Barbour County, Virginia. After his marriage he farmed for a number of years; Is now engaged in the livery business in Parsons, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Richard M. Johnson	May 9, 1841	Nancy Gainor	
Nancy Gainor	Nov. 14, 1843	Feb. 9, 1859	
Children.			
Oravilla D. Johnson	Feb. 27, 1867		Sept. 16, 1887
Orlanda Johnson	Mar. 24, 1870	Dora B. Harris	
James Johnson	Mar. 13, 1872	Arminda Powel	
Worth Johnson	Apr. 27, 1874	Cora May	
Troy Johnson	Nov. 27, 1876		
John G. Johnson	July 26, 1884		Nov. 14, 1906
Raymond Johnson	May 15, 1887		

### Family Record of Orlanda Johnson.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Orlanda Johnson	Mar. 24, 1870	Dora B. Harris	
Dora B. Harris		Sept. 16, 1891	
Children.			
Sherman E. Johnson	Dec. 15, 1893		
Icie Flora Johnson	July 26, 1896		

### Family Record of James Johnson.

James Johnson	Mar. 13, 1872	Arminda Powel	
Children.			
Hazel Johnson	Dec. 21, 1901		
Francis Richard Johnson	Dec. 7, 1903		
Rufus Judson Johnson	Dec. 9, 1905		
Wanita Lillian Johnson	Nov. 19, 1908		

### Family Record of Worth Johnson.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Worth Johnson	Apr. 27, 1874	Cora May	
Cora May Johnson		Dec. 9, 1900	
Children.			
Geraldine Johnson	May 6, 1902		
Opal Johnson	June 4, 1905		

## WILLIAM WORTH JOHNSON.

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William W. Johnson, third son of John G. and Catherine Parsons Johnson, was born at Johnson's Mills, in Barbour County, Virginia.

After his marriage he continued to live at the Mills and do business. In 1886 he migrated to Idaho and engaged in farming. In 1890 he purchased a mill and an electric plant in Juliatte, Idaho, which he is still operating.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William W. Johnson	June 3, 1847	Alice Ward Oct. 7, 1875.	

#### Children.

Terril W. Johnson  
Mary Myrtle Johnson  
Amanda Catherine Johnson

## LEVI JOHNSON.

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Levi Johnson, fourth son of John G. and Catherine Parsons Johnson, was born at Johnson's Mills, in Barbour County, Virginia. There was great joy in the household when he arrived on the stage of life, nature overdid herself and sent a little girl to keep him company. They grew to years of maturity on the farm and were inseparable companions. He now resides at the old homestead of Levi Johnson, Sr.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Levi Johnson	Oct. 14, 1849	Helen A. Poling	

Children.

Bernice Catherine Johnson	Apr. 20, 1874		
Herman Gordon Johnson	Oct. 22, 1875		
Otlet Esmond Johnson	Sept. 28, 1877		
John Johnson	July 28, 1882	July 28, 1882	
Emily Johnson	July 28, 1882	Aug. 5, 1882	
Lloyd Salathiel Johnson	Mar. 18, 1885		
Stuart Levi Johnson	July 11, 1888		
Helen Angeline Johnson	Mar. 17, 1890		

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**Family Record of Ann Rebecca Johnson Elliott.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James B. Elliott			
Ann Rebecca Johnson	Oct. 14, 1849	James B. Elliott	May 20, 1882
Children.			
Frank Marvin Elliott	Mar. 3, 1875		June 7, 1876
Ottice Elliott	Apr. 18, 1877		
Charles Murriel Elliott	June 17, 1878		
Marcine Johnson Elliott	May 20, 1882		
Ann Rebecca Elliott	May 20, 1882		June 28, 1882

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**Family Record of Robert F. Johnson.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Robert F. Johnson	Apr. 23, 1852	Josephine A. Poling	
Josephine A. Poling			
Children.			
Glenn G. Johnson	Jan. 22, 1879		
Clyde E. Johnson	Jan. 27, 1882		
Freddie B. Johnson	May 26, 1893		
Pearl Johnson	Feb. 24, 1896		

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**Family Record of Caroline Johnson Hudkins.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Arthur Hudkins			
Caroline Johnson	Oct. 18, 1857	Arthur J. Hudkins	Apr. 3, 1893
Children.			
Arley A. Hudkins	Apr. 6, 1883		
Sallie D. Hudkins	July 10, 1888		Jan. 29, 1892
Rissie D. Hudkins	Dec. 7, 1893		June 2, 1894

## PHEBE ANN PARSONS GLASCOCK.

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Phebe Ann Parsons, fourth daughter of Job Parsons, Sr., was born on the plantation. At the age of twelve years she had the misfortune to lose her mother and the care of the younger children was left to her. She was of a kind disposition, and was never more happy than when she was bestowing upon them her motherly love.

In her seventeenth year she married Spencer Glascock, and they walked the ways of life's pathway together sixty-six years. Her education was limited, but she possessed a keen sense of humor and often indulged in witticism. She was a good reader of human nature and when once she formed her opinion of the character of a person, it was seldom necessary for her to change it.

The welfare of her family was one of her life studies; she gave them many a pleasant surprise, and was never known to forget a birthday, always bestowing upon them a beautiful present. No one who enjoyed the hospitality of her home could doubt that she entertained in a royal manner and with a free will.

In the home where sickness and death had come, she made her way, and not only extended her sympathy, but offered her prayers and ministered to them in material things, often bringing relief with the labor of her own hands. In eternity we believe many will rise up and call her blessed.

She united with the M. E. church quite young, and to the end of her long and eventful life, she was a faithful, consistent Christian. She was seldom absent from the church or prayer meeting when it was possible for her to be present, and rarely ever failed to take part, testifying in the class-meeting to the edification of all who heard her. For many years she never failed to read a portion of God's word daily, and when she was too feeble to read, she had others read the Bible to her. In her departure, the church lost a faithful and valued member, her husband a faithful and loving wife, her children, their best earthly friend, who lavished upon them her love, unstinted and unfeigned; but they would not call her back again, though they miss her so much in the home.



"One by one the Father gathers  
 Choicest flowers rich and rare,  
 And transplants them in his garden;  
 They will bloom forever there.  
 One by one the Lord will call us  
 When our labor here is done,  
 And then, as we cross the river,  
 We will meet her, one by one."

Family Record of Phebe Anne Parsons Glascock.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Spencer Glascock	Apr. 15, 1815	Spencer Glascock Oct. 12, 1839	July 23, 1911
Phebe Anne Parsons Glascock	Feb. 8, 1823		Nov. 2, 1905
Children.			
Job Harrison Glascock	Dec. 24, 1840	Virginia Christlip Oct. 20, 1864	
Judson Glascock	Dec. 4, 1841		Oct. 29, 1843
William M. Glascock	July 19, 1843		
Solomon Parsons Glas- cock	June 10, 1845		Oct. 20, 1847
Chapin Glascock	Apr. 16, 1847	Mary Oneal Jan. 6, 1867	Nov. 18, 1874
Isaphine J. Glascock	Sept 12, 1850	Lloyd Barron Oct. 24, 1867	
James L. Glascock	Dec. 23, 1852	Anna Woodrow Pugs- ley, Oct. 13, 1886	
Arthur B. Glascock	Jan. 5, 1859	Anna Leonora Rouse	

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## SPENCER GLASCOCK.

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Spencer Glascock was born on a farm in Barbour County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) the son of William and Alsa Glascock. He was sheriff of Barbour County during the civil war; he was honored by his fellow citizens at different times by being elected to civil offices. The preservation of his physical forces and his intellectual faculties, was a marvel to all who knew him, and all the more because his life from early youth to his advanced years, was one of toil and hardship. He was a staunch Republican and a very patriotic man. In the days of the civil war it cost something to be true to the old flag, but he never swerved in his devotion to the Government. He was confined to his bed seven months before the end came, and never could a father have lavished upon him more loving attention and care than he was given by his daughter and granddaughter with whom he made his home for many years. He united with the M. E. church at the age of fifteen and remained a faithful member of the same until his departure from this life.

To one and all that inquired about his condition of soul, and prospect of Heaven, he would joyously reply: "I have been ready for many years and I am only waiting for the Father's good time to send for me to come home." Happily will it be for all if they can look upon the end with such composure.

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## JOB HARRISON GLASCOCK.

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Job H. Glascock, first son of Spencer and Phebe A. Parsons Glascock was born on a farm in Barbour County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He was educated in a private school. He was deputy sheriff of Barbour County under his father, four years, and was also clerk of the same county for six years; he was secretary of the board of directors of the Grafton and Greenbriar Railway

Co., for four years, resigning this position when he moved to Kansas, where he is engaged in the mercantile business. He made a tour of California, 1902, and visited his many relatives and enjoyed the mild winter. He now resides in Hutchison, Kansas.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Job Harrison Glascock	July —, 1840	Virginia A. Christlip	
		Oct. 20, 1864	
Virginia A. Christlip Glascock			
Children.			
James Hartsell Glascock	Oct. 7, 1865		Aug. 10, 1874
Ida Belle Glascock		D. R. Wilson, M. D.	
Ralph Lee Glascock		Sadie Leonard	
Laura Virginia Glascock		O. L. Davis	
Guy C. Glascock		Mary Deverl	
Mary Viola Glascock		John H. Pargder	
Ada Grace Glascock		Carroll Floden	

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**WILLIAM MARION GLASCOCK.**

William M. Glascock, third son of Spencer and Phebe Anne Parsons Glascock, was born on a farm near Phillippi, West Virginia). At the age of nineteen, in 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 10th Regiment, West Virginia Volunteers and did service with the army of the Potomac, and was with Grant at Lee's sur- them was born two children, both of whom died in infancy. He resides in Junior, West Virginia.

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 CHAPIN GLASCOCK.
 

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Chapin Glascock, fifth son of Spencer and Phebe Anne Glascock, was born in Barbour County, Virginia. His career was cut short in life by the accidental discharge of a gun he had placed in his store to prevent robbery. He was well established in his business and had gained for himself a reputation and name of which his family may well feel proud. He was a public-spirited citizen respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Chapin Glascock	Apr. 16, 1847	Mary Oneal Jan. 6, 1870	Nov. 18, 1870
Mary Oneal Glascock			

## Children.

Annis Parsons Glascock	Nov. —, 1870	G. W. Bernar
Troy Glascock	Apr. 18, 1872	Stella Ringler
Emma I. Glascock	May 13, 1874	Albert S. Zinn

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 ISAPHINE J. GLASCOCK BARRON.
 

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Isaphine J. Glascock, daughter of Spencer and Phebe Anne Parsons Glascock, was born in Barbour County Virginia. She was educated by private tutorage; she was left to battle with the world when quite young; her bunsband was killed in a railroad wreck, but she was of a family who could adjust themselves to any circumstances, and devoted herself to the care of her children and her aged parents; her mother was an invalid for some time and she tenderly cared for her, until the end.

Her father was very feeble, for six years she was with him continually all the time; after he passed away she made a trip to Kansas to recuperate her health, which was very much impaired by close confinement. She had a delightful visit with her brother and family. She resides in Grafton, West Virginia.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Lloyd Barron		Lloyd Barron Oct. 24, 1867	
Isaphine J. Glascock Barron	Sept. 12, 1850		
<b>Children.</b>			
Myra Belle Barron	Mar. 1, 1870	N. Proudfoot	
Eva May Barron	June 30, 1876		Apr. 3, 1899
Annie E. Barron	Aug. 30, 1878	Walter H. Sinclair Dec. 20, 1900	
Walter H. Sinclair			
Annie E. Barron Sinclair			
<b>Children.</b>			
Robert Barron Sinclair	Oct. 4, 1901		

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**JAMES LUTHER GLASCOCK.**

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James Luther Glascock, sixth son of Spencer and Phebe Anne Parsons Glascock, was born in Barbour County, Virginia. After completing his course in the home school, he entered the Mt. Union College, Cornell University and the state university of West Virginia. He completed his theological course, at the Wesleyan University, of Deleware Ohio, in 1881, and entered the Cincinnati conference September 1881, and was a member of that conference ten years. In the fall of 1891 he entered the work of a Special Evangelist, and has held meetings from Maine to Oregon, and from Canada to Texas. He has preached to vast throngs in some of the largest churches and camp grounds in the United States. His residence is in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## ARTHUR B. GLASCOCK.

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Arthur B. Glascock, seventh son of Spencer and Phebe Anne Parsons Glascock, was born in Barbour County, Virginia. His early education was received from private tutelage and the public schools. He completed the course of the Academy at Grafton, West Virginia, and taught in the public schools of Barbour County, after which he assisted his father in a general mercantile business at Grafton, West Virginia; later he was general manager of a large mercantile business at Phillippi, West Virginia.

In 1884 he entered a medical school and had the degree of Doctor of Medicine conferred upon him by the Faculty of the University of Maryland, April 17, 1888. He located at Grafton for the practice of his profession, but moved to the eastern shore of Maryland and is a successful physician in the town of St. Michael, Talbot County, Maryland.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James L. Glascock	Dec. 23, 1852	Anna Woodrow Pugsley Oct. 13, 1886	
Anna W. Pugsley Glascock			
<b>Children.</b>			
Ruth P. Glascock	Aug. 29, 1887		
James A. Glascock	Sept. 30, 1889		

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### Family Record of Arthur B. Glascock.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Arthur B. Glascock	Jan. 5, 1859	Anna Leonora Rouse Nov. 14, 1888	
Anna L. Rouse Glascock			
<b>Children.</b>			
Nellie Rebecca Glascock	Oct. 21, 1889		
Marie May Glascock	Feb. 13, 1893		
James Batelle Glascock	Aug. 21, 1896		
Arthur B. Glascock	Aug. 7, 1899		
Robert Rouse Glascock	Aug. 11, 1907		

## SOLOMON PARSONS.

Solomon Parsons, son of Job and Jemima Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. When eighteen years of age he migrated to Ohio where he married, later moving to Illinois. He was a victim of the gold fever and formed a party to go to California. On the journey via the Isthmus of Panama, he was taken sick and died two days after reaching California. He was buried where the city hall of San Francisco now stands. His two Grandsons, Perry and Walter Parsons, enlisted in a South Dakota regiment and did service in the Phillipines during the Spanish war.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Solomon Parsons	Feb. 14, 1824	Mary Smith Nov. 18, 1846	Sept. 12, 1850
<b>Children.</b>			
Oliver Parsons	Oct. 17, 1847	Hannah E. Pettijohn Oct. 26, 1870	
Warren Parsons	Sept. 12, 1849	Delilah Parsons	
Oliver Parsons	Oct. 17, 1847	Hannah Pettijohn Oct. 26, 1870	
<b>Children.</b>			
James P. Parsons	July 22, 1871		
Daisy Lillian Parsons	Jan. 2, 1873	John C. Rennie	
Walter Monroe Parsons	May 22, 1874		1900
Lydia Gertrude Parsons	Apr. 18, 1876	William Pittenger Dec. 25, 1897	
Rollo Oliver Parsons	Oct. 17, 1879		
William Earl Parsons	May 3, 1881		
Fred Clinton Parsons	Mar. 2, 1887		Aug. 14, 1887
John C. Rennie			
Daisy Lillian Parsons	Jan. 2, 1873	John C. Rennie Nov. 30, 1895	
<b>Children.</b>			
Hazel Rennie	Mar. 14, 1897		
Wallace Rennie	Jan. 9, 1899		
William Pittenger			
Lydia Gertrude Parsons	Apr. 18, 1876	William Pittenger Dec. 25, 1897	
<b>Children.</b>			
James Edward Pittenger	Oct. 1, 1898		

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**Family Record of Warren Parsons, Second Son of Soloman Parsons.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Warren Parsons	Sept. 12, 1849	Delilah Parsons Jan. 25, 1875	
Delilah Parsons Children.	July 13, 1852		May 7, 1905
Welbec Parsons	May 28, 1876		
Harry Parsons	Dec. 29, 1877		
Mabel Parsons	Feb. 4, 1880		
Ethel Parsons	July 26, 1882	Dickson Parsons June 25, 1910	
Effe Parsons	July 1, 1885		
Waldo Parsons	Jan. 14, 1890		
Leslie Parsons	July 31, 1893		

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### HANNAH PARSONS POLING.

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Hannah Parsons, first daughter of Job and Jemima Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, and was reared on the plantation. At an early age she was taught to sew, spin and weave. She was of a romantic disposition and her agreeable social qualities made her one of the most brilliant figures of that period. She was left a widow two years after her marriage with two children. She fought every inch of her way through life and knew what a good fight through life meant.

After her second marriage, they moved to Warren County, Iowa, and lived on a farm for several years, then to Abington, Illinois, in 1866. She returned to Virginia to visit her many friends and aged father soon after they moved to Galesburg, Illinois, and engaged in keeping the New York Exchange Hotel, and was successful. After selling out, they moved to Aurora, Illinois, and bought an acreage near town where she passed a peaceful life.

She spent the winter of 1886, in California, with her many friends and enjoyed the beautiful flowers and climate. She was a member of the M. E. church three score years and the church was very dear to her with all its services. She was a woman of noble character and tender impulses and was loved by all who knew her. She retired at night in her usual health; the following morning the



aged husband found the angels had taken her home. She had passed beyond the mists that blind us here into a new and larger life.

**Family Record of Hannah Parsons.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Salathiel Poling		Salathiel Poling Nov. 9, 1848	
Hannah Parsons Poling	Mar. 10, 1828	James Poling	May 19, 1906
<b>Children.</b>			
Emily Josephine Poling	Aug. 4, 1849	George Booten George Goodrode	Oct. —, 1905
Angelica Poling	Aug. 4, 1849	John Morrison	May 7, 1907
George Booten			
Emily Josephine Poling	Aug. —, 1849	George Booten	
<b>Children.</b>			
James Booten			
G. Goorode			
Emily J. Poling Booten	Aug. —, 1849	G. Goodrode	
<b>Children.</b>			
Aletha Goodrode			
Crete Goodrode			
J. Morrison			
Angelica Poling	Aug. —, 1849	J. Morrison	May 7, 1907
<b>Children.</b>			
Cora Morrison			
Josephine P. Morrison		J. H. Lumbard	

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## SUSAN PARSONS POLING.

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Susan Parsons, fifth daughter of Job and Jemima Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, and grew to womanhood on the plantation. She was a fine horsewoman and could ride or drive any horse among her father's band of thoroughbreds.

After her marriage she moved on a farm in Barbour County, where she lived until 1855, when they moved to Iowa, making the journey overland with teams, she driving the carriage all the way.

They purchased land in Warren Conuty, improved it and raised a fine crop the first year, and were very comfortably situated. Her husband was stricken with fever in the fall of 1859, and passed away, leaving her with five children. Soon after this sad misfortune, she moved to Indianola, that her children would have the advantage of a good education. She opened a dress-making parlor and in a short time she was doing a thriving business and prosperity smiled upon her for a season. She longed to see her old home again and in the Spring of 1864, she and her two youngest children made a trip to West Virginia to visit her many relatives. She had a very enjoyable visit and returned to her home and resumed business again. Soon after this her eldest son graduated from the college and was stricken with fever and passed away. He was a capable young man and could fill any responsible position and would have been a staff to lean upon, but her wonderful willpower carried her through this sorrow. This might have been termed a second widowhood.

In October, 1911, she made a trip to California from DesMoines, Iowa, alone, to spend the winter with relatives. A party was given her by Mrs. E. Kalar on her 82nd birthday, four generations being present. A younger sister was there whom she had not seen since 1864.

She returned to her home to attend the wedding of her great granddaughter in June, and she may live to see the fifth generation. She has lived a life of devotion to the service of God, and when her hands are folded for the last time and rest has finally settled on her

sweet, patient face, it will have the happy reflection of a life of goodness and no duty neglected.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Poling			Sept. 8, 1859
Susan Parsons Poling	Apr. 13, 1830	John Poling Nov. 9, 1847	
<b>Children.</b>			
Phebe Mandana Poling	Aug. 9, 1849	Albert J. Phillips	
Taswell Elliott	Oct. 13, 1850		Aug. 1, 1875
James Leason Poling	Feb. 25, 1853		
Katheryn Poling	July 15, 1855	O. G. Linaburg Jan., 1875	
Mary Josephine Poling	Apr. —, 1858	J. W. Starr, M. D.	

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PHEBE MANDANA POLING PHILLIPS.

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Phebe M. Poling, first daughter of John and Susan Parsons, was born in Barbour County Virginia (now West Virginia). She received her education in Iowa. She now resides in Pocahontas, Iowa.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Albert J. Phillips		A. J. Phillips	
P. Mandana Phillips	Aug. 9, 1849	Dec. —, 1865	
<b>Children.</b>			
Owen T. Phillips	Dec. 18, 1866	Nellie Terry Feb. 20, 1893	
Susan V. Phillips	Feb. 22, 1868	John Sherman	
Charles J. Pihlips	Aug. 11, 1869	Matilda A. Williams Dec. 26, 1892	
Claude C. Phillips	Feb. 3, 1874		
Walter S. Phillips	Oct. 24, 1884	Ruth Bullerton	
John Sherman			
Susan Phillips Sherman			
<b>Children.</b>			
Bonnie M. Sherman			
Henry Sherman			

## CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

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Charles J. Phillips, second son of A. J. and P. M. Poling Phillips, born in Iowa. All he possessed when he embarked upon the sea of life was good health and an abundance of will power and energy. He migrated to California and purchased land in Tulare County, where he has built a fine home, and enjoys life to the fullest extent and his friends received a warm welcome. He entertains them in royal manner.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Charles J. Phillips		Matilda A. Williams Dec. 26, 1892	
Matilda A. Phillips			
<b>Children.</b>			
Maude Ethel Phillips	Nov. 2, 1893		
Bulah M. Phillips	June 15, 1896		
Gladys Irene Phillips	Apr. 5, 1900		
Claude C. Phillips		Ruth Bullerton	
Ruth Bullerton Phillips			Dec. 30, 1902
<b>Children.</b>			
Albert J. Phillips			
Emma Margaret Phillips			
Evelyn Phillips			

## JAMES LEASON POLING.

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James Leason Poling, second son of John and Susan Parsons Poling was born in Barbour County Virginia, and was taken to Iowa 1853, by his parents; left without a father very young, he was among the busy workers early in life and with good management and hard work he is now enjoying the fruits of his labor on his farm which is stocked with the best thoroughbreds; he resides near Lacona, Iowa.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Leason Poling	Feb. 25, 1853	Elizabeth A. Sharpe	
Elizabeth A. Sharpe	Nov. 6, 1851		
<b>Children.</b>			
Walter E. Poling	Dec. 23, 1877	Bertha Millican	
Rex. B. Poling	Mar. 14, 1881	Julia Stockton	
Clifford L. Poling	Oct. 6, 1882	Bess Caffery	
Ina H. M. Poling	Mar. 12, 1884	Robert Wolcott	
Katie A. Poling	July 9, 1886	Rufus N. Murray	
Zeta M. Poling	Sept. 23, 1887		Aug. 21, 1890
Bertha B. Poling	June 19, 1889		
Paul R. Poling	Aug. 28, 1894		
Florence I. Poling	Sept. 12, 1896		
Walter E. Poling	Dec. 23, 1877	Bertha Millican	
Bertha Millican			
<b>Children.</b>			
Gerald L. Poling			
Allen O. Poling			
Alfred R. Poling			
Rex. B. Poling	Mar. 14, 1881	Julia Stockton	
Julia Stockton			
<b>Children.</b>			
Ida Hazel Poling			
Ilene Poling			
Delmas Poling			
Cecil Poling			
Tiny Poling			
Clifford L. Poling	Oct. 6, 1882	Bess Caffery	
Bess Caffery			

	Born.	Married.	Died.
<b>Children.</b>			
James L. Poling			
Calvin Poling			
Kenneth Poling			1910
Buster Poling			
Helen Poling			
Robert B. Wolcott			
Ina H. M. Poling	Mar. 12, 1884		
<b>Children.</b>			
Pearl B. Wolcott			
Rufus N. Murray			
Katie A. Poling	July 9, 1885	Rufus N. Murray Feb. 9, 1910	
<b>Children.</b>			
Alluvia Maxine Murray			
<b>Family Record of Katherine Poling Linaberry.</b>			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
O. G. Linaberry			
Katherine Poling		O. G. Linaberry Jan. 19, 1875	
<b>Children.</b>			
Ray Linaberry	Oct. 9, 1875		

JEMIMA E. PARSONS FANSLER.

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Jemima E. Parsons, daughter of Job Parsons, Sr., was born on the plantation in Virginia. All of her girlhood days were passed in absolute freedom in the country, and this kind of life produced for her a rosy freshness and perfect health. In those days it was not considered good taste to ever speak of maladies, and there was no need of beauty parlors. A girl succeeded in retaining her youth and beauty by healthy exercise.

She was an excellent needlewoman, and made all her own clothes. Her hat was always trimmed with a crisp new ribbon and beneath it a fresh rosy face of a girl that was sure of herself.

She spent two seasons in Washington, D. C., a guest of the Towers family, who gave many social functions to her honor. They were close friends of her family and were entertained on the plantation during the hunting season each year.

After her marriage she moved to Horse Shoe Run and has lived there on a farm fifty years. She visited her sons in Georgia in 1906 and attended the Parsons' reunion in 1908 and was in perfect health after her years of toil, bringing up six sons and two daughters. The sons are all farmers, except one who resides in Menlo, Georgia, who is engaged in the photographer business. There are twenty-nine grandchildren. The greatest part of her children reside in West Virginia.

She gave her widowed mother all the love and attention that was possible in her last days, and there was not one thought of self for any sacrifice made for this faithful, aged mother.

Her friends receive a warm welcome in her home and she has many true friends who brighten her way. She has been a member of the church ever since she was fifteen, and her happy face is an index to her character of a life of goodness and devotion to those who are near and dear to her.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John S. Fansler	Mar. 28, 1840		
Jemima E. Parsons	July 8, 1837	John S. Fansler May 26, 1861	

## Children.

Althea M. Fansler	Apr. 11, 1862	Oscar Sours	1892
Rufus Maxwell Fansler	Apr. 13, 1863	Mary A. Palmer	Feb. —, 1882
Wm. P. Fansler	Jan. 24, 1865		
Stephen F. Fansler	Dec. 4, 1866	Maude E. Newhart	Dec. 31, 1902
Clarence S. Fansler	Sept. 19, 1868	Sarah Lipscomb	1892
Sarah A. Fansler	Aug. 10, 1875	Parry A. Evans July 4, 1893	
Job Parsons Fansler	Dec. 24, 1876	Florence Bollard Oct. 15, 1898	
Ira L. Fansler	Oct. 15, 1879	Stella Wortring July, 1899	



## JANETTE PARSONS HANSFORD.

Janette Parsons Hansford, daughter of Job Parsons, Sr., was born on the plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. She was a girl the world would welcome in her rosy freshness and was charmingly attractive. She had the distinction peculiar to a well bred southern girl. She was quiet in manner. Her dress was remarkable for its simplicity. She was a good seamstress and very domestic and fulfilled her obligations as a wife and mother perfectly. She cultivated charm, good nature and usefulness. In her home she entertained pleasantly and her hospitality was flavored with a grace that was worth a great deal to her many friends.

She was a member of the church many years, and when death came, her trust was all in God, that he would guide her children through life. She was greatly missed in her home and by her loved ones, but they rejoiced in the hope of a happy reunion. Since then her husband and all her children, but two, have joined her in that land beyond the river.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William W. Hansford	June 29, 1824	William W. Hansford	Mar. 24, 1907
Jennette Parsons Hansford	Oct. 20, 1839	Dec. 23, 1863	Apr. 10, 1881

### Children.

Creed Hansford	Oct. 9, 1869	Laura Rush	Feb. 12, 1911
May Hansford	Nov. 22, 1871		Apr. 29, 1894
Ariel Virginia Hansford	Mar. 16, 1874		Mar. 18, 1876
Burner P. Hansford	Apr. 15, 1876		July 31, 1876
Lena Hansford	Aug. 1, 1877		Mar. 16, 1880
Arthur Hansford	Mar. 2, 1880		Mar. 22, 1881

## CREED HANSFORD.

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Creed Hansford, first son of William W. and Jennette Parsons Hansford, was born in Tucker County, West Virginia, and grew to manhood on the farm. His mountain home grew monotonous to him and he migrated to California and is engaged in business in Stockton, California.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Creed Hansford	Oct. 9, 1869	Laura Rush	
Laura Rush Hansford		Feb. 12, 1911	
Children.			
Laurence Darrell Hansford	Mar. 3, 1912		

## REBECCA PARSONS BONNIFIELD.

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Rebeccan Parsons, third daughter of Job Parsons, Sr., was born in Randolph County, Virginia, and grew to womanhood on the plantation, and belonged to a class of people who know not the meaning of the word fail, and whose determination brings to them the accomplishment of their purposes. She was always equal to any emergency.

On July 13, 1861, at 12 o'clock, the battle of Correck's Ford was in progress and Garnett's army was retreating. Every one was taking to the woods for safety. At this time she was passing through a great ordeal, when a woman goes "down into the valley of the shadow of death;" but she did not allow her hands to fall in her lap and shake as leaves are tossed in a hollow by the wind, and though the rain was falling in torrents, she and her sister rode

horseback to her aunt's mountain home four miles distant and a daughter was born soon after she arrived. She did not suffer any illness after the exciting event.

In October, 1861, a band of pillaging soldiers were camped in Abraham Parsons' mill yard and an Ohio Volunteer was going to ride away on the only horse left on the premises. Her sister called for her to break the soldier's grip from the rein of the bridle and with one blow he fell heels over head. When he arose his fury was beyond bounds but after the third round he sneaked away and decided walking was good. They led the horse away amidst the cheers of the soldiers, who declared the brave southern woman had won a fair victory.

During the war she and her sister plowed, sowed and gathered the crop and cared for the stock on the farm.

In 1867, she sailed from New York for California, arriving in San Francisco after a rough voyage. She has been successful and owns three hundred and twenty acres of fertile land in Fresno County, which is all under cultivation.

When she was in her 70th year, she walked a mile carrying a nail keg to secure a swarm of bees that was hanging on a bush. She was stung many times by the bees but they are now doing business in the keg.

She is fond of her home and its comforts, and takes great pleasure with her daughter and family and her numerous friends are always made welcome.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Thomas B. Rummell Rebecca Annis Parsons	Jan. 25, 1841	Thomas B. Rummell 1861	
<b>Children.</b>			
Garnett Rummel	July 13, 1861		Oct., 1864
Isalina Rummel	July 23, 1863	George Carlyle	
<b>Second Marriage</b>			
Arnold T. Bonnifield Rebecca A. Rummel		A. T. Bonnifield, 1867	
<b>Children.</b>			
Joseph E. Bonnifield	Jan. 18, 1868		Nov. 13, 1887
Lizzie Bonnifield	Oct. 6, 1870	Morris Vernon Oct. 6, 1889	
Emma Bonnifield	Dec. 23, 1874	William Patten Sept. 10, 1890	Sept. 13, 1891

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 ISALINA RUMMEL CARLYLE.
 

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Isalina Rummel, second daughter of Thomas B. and Rebecca A. Parsons Rummel, was born on the plantation of her grandfather in Tucker County, Virginia, and came to California with her mother 1867. She now resides at Lemoor, California.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George Carlyle			
Isaline Rummel Carlyle		George Carlyle, 1879	
<b>Children.</b>			
Westley Carlyle			
James Carlyle			
Maude Carlyle			

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 LIZZIE BONNIFIELD VERNON.
 

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Lizzie Bonnifield Vernon, daughter of Arnold T. and Rebecca Parsons Bonnifield, was born in Fresno County, California. After marriage, she and her husband went to Iowa and spent some time with relatives. They then returned to California and engaged in farming and now resides near Sanger, California.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Morris Vernon	Mar. 8, 1868		
Lizzie Bonnifield Vernon	Oct. 6, 1870	Morris Vernon	Oct 6, 1889
<b>Children.</b>			
Bonnie Parsons Vernon	July 20, 1890		Nov. 30, 1890
Gladys F. Vernon	Nov. 23, 1891		
Raymond G. Vernon	Feb. 4, 1894		
Leroy T. Vernon	May 18, 1896		
Morris G. Vernon	Jan. 26, 1898		
Earl V. Vernon	June 17, 1901		
Clinton B. Vernon	Sept. 23, 1905		
Charles O. Vernon	Oct. 7, 1908		

## EMMA BONNIFIELD

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Emma Bonnifield, second daughter of Arnold T. and Rebecca A. Parsons Bonnifield, was born in Fresno County, California, and died near Salinas, California.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William Patton			
Emma Bonnifield Patton	Dec. 23, 1874	William Patton Sept. 10, 1890	Sept. 13, 1897

### Children.

John Vernon Patton	June 23, 1891		
Frances Irene Patton	Feb. 25, 1893	F. Bubar, 1912	
Earl Melville Patton	July 3, 1896		

## LAVINA J. PARSONS FANSLER.

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Lavina J. Parsons, fourth daughter of Job and Sarah Losh Parsons, was born on the old Parsons plantation in Virginia, she possessed a contented disposition and was fond of her home, her greatest pleasure was to be with the family circle; during the war she put her hand to the plow and helped to till the soil; it would take some time to chronicle the many happenings and vicissitudes to which the family was heir to during those days, many with less courage and determination would have been discouraged but she had the true metal in her makeup and was a prize worth winning; after her marriage she moved into a locality that was very lonely, but devoted her time to making quilts and weaving carpet that her home might be comfortable. She succeeded in all her undertakings and won the respect of the entire community in which she lived.

A short time before her death she had moved into the new house she so much desired, but was not in good health and did not enjoy her cosy home; her friends were always welcome.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Sampson R. Fansler			Aug. 23, 1892
Lavina J. Fansler	Oct. 24, 1844	Sampson R Fansler Nov. 12, 1863	Jan. 6, 1876

**Children.**

Florence A. Fansler	Aug. 12, 1864	Frank Shultz	
Clara B. Fansler	Sept. 13, 1866	Wm. Knotts	
		July 26, 1880	
Nettle O. Fansler	Feb. 13, 1870		
Sarah C. Fansler	Mar. 20, 1874	E. C. Jennings	
		Mar. 7, 1894	

Frank Shultz  
Florence A. Shultz

**Children.**

Louis F. Shultz  
Daisy May Shultz  
William Knotts  
Clara B. Fansler

**Children.**

Albert L. Knotts	Nov. 22, 1883
Harvey W. Knotts	June 13, 1887

**Second Marriage.**

George E. Helmick	George E. Helmick July, 1892
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Clara B. Knotts

**Children.**

Myrtle O. Helmick	Sept. 16, 1894	
Ira C. Helmick	Apr. 24, 1897	
Delmas R. Helmick	Nov. 2, 1900	May 31, 1908
Hazel A. Helmick	Aug. 22, 1903	

## ELMIRA PARSONS HULL.

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Elmria Parsons Hull, fifth daughter of Job and Sarah Losh Parsons, was born on the home plantation in Randolph County, Virginia.

Here in this beautiful picturesque rural place where the sugar maple, beech and other woods are blended in a verdant wall of quiet freshness, the large old fashioned house with its wide open fire place in winter was piled full of logs, the blazing fire made it very comfortable on a winter night. From the bluff could be seen the valley below, the fields of corn and acres of small grain and grass extending back from the river on the bottom land.

She was one of the gang of female farmers on the plantation during the civil war and her ambition did not permit her to shirk. After her marriage she migrated to California and resides in San Jose. She is honored with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family record of Emma Parsons will be in Solomon Parsons' record.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Marrled.	Died.
James Hull			
Elmira V. Parsons Hull	Apr. 13, 1847	James Hull, 1867	
<b>Children.</b>			
Alberta Hull		George Dodson	
Josephine Hull			
Helen Hull		James Barnes	
Laura Hull		Charles Kimmick	
Truman Hull			
James Barnes			
Helen Hull Barnes			
<b>Children.</b>			
Robert Barnes			
Charles Kimmick			
Laura Hull Kimmick			
<b>Children.</b>			
Milton Kimmick			
Maxine Kimmick			

## JOB W. PARSONS JR., II.

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Job W. Parsons, first son of Job Parsons Sr., was born on the old home plantation, in Randolph County, Virginia. He inherited the great love of sport which is characteristic in the Parsons family; he was an enthusiastic fisherman and always kept a pack of hounds, for fox hunting and deer. He passed away early in life, leaving an aged father, mother and a wife with two children to battle with the world.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Job W. Parsons, Jr., 2d	Mar. 30, 1853	Mary E. Parsons	Aug. 11, 1883
Mary E. Parsons	Dec. 30, 1854		July 13, 1887
Children.			
William Parsons			
Ivy Parsons		R. J. Hawser	

## SOLOMON PARSONS.

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Solomon Parsons, second son of William Parsons, was born in Harely County, Virginia. He received his education from the first schools that were organized, after his father located in western Virginia. Personally he was six feet and his bearing was very dignified. It was not given to many persons to know him intimately; this was due to his quiet, retiring disposition.

He enlisted in the war in 1812, and did duty in the eastern part of the state. Soon after the close of the war he married and moved on land now in possession of Lemuel W. Parsons, his grandson.

He was progressive in business and always made it a rule to satisfy himself that an investment was safe before he paid over the ready cash. Those are the kind of men who reap the golden harvest,



and improve the morals and intelligence of the country by examples of honesty and industry. He was one who did not hang back in a good cause, and did to others as he wished others to do to him. Those are our great men.

His descendants can still be found in the Virginia hills and valleys. They are not all rich in the world's goods, but none of them are too poor to be honest. They have not all held offices; they have not all fought battles nor seen distant lands, but they are all upright citizens and have carried forward the work of their ancestors, and have kept the lands inherited by them from generation to generation until the present time.

Solomon Parsons was a member of the M. E. church, and a devout Christian, a good citizen and a devoted husband. He was in delicate health for several years, and gradually life gave way. His faithful wife reared the family of seven children and lived to a good old age and was honored, respected and loved by all the people who knew her. Both, father, mother and family are resting in the Bethel churchyard. "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His way.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Solomon Parsons	June 29, 1795	Mary Ward Sept. 3, 1817	Mar. 7, 1833
Mary Ward Parsons			Mar. 11, 1881
<b>Children.</b>			
William Parsons	Aug. 12, 1818	Hester Ward Sept. 21, 1837	Feb. 8, 1866
Job Parsons, Jr.	July 22, 1820	Jemima Ward Sept. 2, 1840 Eunice Jane Long July 22, 1870	Jan. 24, 1904
Elizabeth Parsons	Sept. 17, 1822	Peter Ward May 23, 1843	Jan. 19, 1895
Jemima Parsons	Dec. 3, 1824	Jacob W. Parsons Dec. 21, 1847	May 16, 1910
Ward Parsons	Feb. 25, 1827	Sarah Anne Parsons Oct. 14, 1847	1897
Catherine Parsons	Apr. 3, 1829	Jesse Parsons Sept. 30, 1847	Oct. 11, 1895
Mary Caroline Parsons	Aug. —, 1833	Holstbery Stalnaker	

## WILLIAM W. PARSONS.

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William W. Parsons, first son of Solomon and Mary Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. At the age of fifteen he was left fatherless, and the management of the farm was left to him. Fortunately, his great amount of energy and force of character made him equal to the burden.

From his earliest years he was an attentive and extensive reader. He was well posted on theology, and his general intelligence made him prominent in the M. E. church and the Sunday school work. He was an ordained minister when quite young, and the beautiful valley of Cheat river was the field of his life work. He engaged in evangelist work in the different churches in the surrounding country. He had a deep voice with a mystic power that awakened men to new duties and convictions essential to a higher life.

He built a large, commodious house on his homestead, which was located on a slope at the foot of Backbone Mountain, which rose up in grandeur, and afforded a scene of wildest beauty. Giant trees, overgrown with a tangle of wild grapevines, and the tall sugar maple trees, cast their flickering shadows across the green verdure; a stream of cool, clear water bubbled down from a spring, and broke in a soft murmur on the pebble bar, as it tumbled over the rocks down in the foaming pool; and the wild partridge beat his gong in the green woods.

The soil was fertile and produced good crops. An orchard that was planted, bore fine fruit of different varieties. In the meadows strawberries grew in abundance. In all the world there was not a more beautiful, peaceful place for one to rest after their labor. Here he and his faithful wife lived happily and reared their family. Prosperity was beginning to dawn upon them, when the wife was taken. He passed away a few years later, and they both sleep side by side on the homestead.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William W. Parsons	Aug. 12, 1818	Hester Ward Sept. 21, 1837	Feb. 8, 1866
Hester Ward Parsons	May 3, 1821		Dec. 26, 1861
Children.			
Solomon H. Parsons	Sept. 13, 1838	Hannah Parsons Mary Crouch	
Lucinda Parsons	Mar. 1, 1841	Emment Vanscoy	
Adanijah B. Parsons	July 6, 1843	Rachel Parsons Dec. 13, 1868	Oct. 21, 1909
Charles W. Parsons	Sept. 28, 1845	Sarah R. Miller	
Swazy E Parsons	Sept. 27, 1847	Mary E. Wilmoth 1871	June 22, 1875
Hannah Parsons	Dec. 21, 1850	Monroe Vanscoy	
Worthington Parsons	Dec. 29, 1852	Anna E. Wilmoth Sept. 1, 1874	
Mary E. Parsons	Dec. 30, 1854	Job W. Parsons	July 13, 1887
William C. Parsons	Dec. 21, 1857		
Tibitha Parsons	May 2, 1861	Daniel W. Ryan June 11, 1882	
Second Marriage.			
William W. Parsons		Agnes Skidmore Apr. 9, 1863	
Children.			
Elijah S. Parsons			
Hulda Parsons			

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SOLOMON H. PARSONS.

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Solomon H. Parsons, first son of Wililam W. and Hester Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. He grew to manhood on the homestead. Being a studious young man, he gained his education by attending the winter school and studying on rainy days—farmer boys did not have much time to get into mischief those days. He was an exemplary young man, and filled all the stations of life honorably and faithfully.

When the civil war was declared, he enlisted in Capt. William Hall's Company, U. S. A., but was not engaged in active duty. He married Hannah A. Parsons, daughter of James Parsons. She lived a very short time. His second wife was Mary Crouch of Huttonsville. To this union was born two children. He died of bronchitis near Huttonsville. His son grew to manhood and now resides in Oklahoma. The daughter married but is now dead, leaving children, who lived in the vicinity of Huttonsville, West Virginia.

## LUCINDA PARSONS VANSKOY.

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Lucinda Parsons, first daughter of William W. and Hester Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia (now Tucker County, West Virginia). She received her education from private schools and was taught the important lesson of housekeeping.

After her marriage she moved on a farm near New Interest. She was taken with a severe cold and passed away leaving her children at an age when they needed the guiding hand of a mother. She united with the church when a girl and was a devoted christian woman.

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### Family Record.

Born.	Married.	Died.
Emmet Vanscoy	Emmet Vanscoy	
Lucinda Parsons Vanscoy		
<b>Children.</b>		
Laura M. Vanscoy	Henry Isner, 1885	
Helen M. Vanscoy	Lloyd J. Hicks	
Bruce M. Vanscoy	Grace Pugh	
Henry Isner		
Laura M. Vanscoy Isner		
<b>Children.</b>		
Emmet J. Isner		
Claude W. Isner		
Lou Mattie Isner		
Lottie B. Isner		
Laona F. Isner		

## ADONIJAH B. PARSONS.

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Adonijah B. Parsons, second son of William W. and Hester Ward Parsons, was born in the old brick house built by his great-grandfather. His early life was spent on the farm. He received his education from private tutors, and for several years he engaged in teaching school, but during the time he was reading law. He was admitted to the bar at St. George, 1872. He was elected prosecuting attorney for one term. He was elected school commissioner and secretary of the Board of Education. In 1882 he was elected to represent Randolph and Tucker counties in the legislature. He filled all these offices with honor and ability. He was a prominent leader of the Democratic party.

A. B. Parsons was principally a land and criminal lawyer. In chancery practice his business was extensive. He studied the modes of presenting an argument in the most forcible manner, and in this there were few his equal. Scarcely a case came before the courts in which he was not counsel for one side or the other. His practice extended through the courts from the bench of Justice to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

He was very successful in his business, and would have amassed a fortune had he not failed in health. He was a great sufferer for many years, but bore it with wonderful patience. He died at his home in Parsons, W. Virginia, 1909.

## CHARLES W. PARSONS.

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Charles W. Parsons, third son of William W. Parsons and Hester Ward Parsons, was born on the homestead, and grew to manhood on the farm he now resides, in Parsons, West Virginia.

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### Family Record.

Charles W. Parsons	Sarah R. Miller, 1876
Sarah R. Miller Parsons	Apr. 15, 1912

#### Children.

Leland W. Parsons	Mary Evans
Hester A. Parsons	Ellsworth Repair
Calvin J. Parsons	Lora A. Miller
Ray F. Parsons	Abbie Harford
Ellsworth Repair.	
Hester Parsons Repair	

#### Children.

Hilda B. Repair  
 Velma Rachel Repair  
 Charles S. Repair  
 Calvin J. Parsons  
 Lora A. Miller Parsons

#### Children.

Evelyn G. Parsons  
 Ray F. Parsons  
 Abbie Harford Parsons

#### Children.

Mary Gould Parsons

## SWAZY E. PARSONS.

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Swazy E. Parsons, fourth son of William W. and Hester Ward Parsons, was born on the homestead, in Randolph County, Virginia. He received his education from the district school. After his marriage he lived on a part of the land which he inherited at the death of his father. He was taken ill with bronchitis and passed away, leaving a wife and two children to battle with the world. She migrated to California with her parents and was successful in rearing and educating her children. They are married and reside in Oakland, California.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Swazy E. Parsons	Sept. 27, 1847	Mary E. Wilmoth 1871 .....	June 22, 1875
Mary E. Wilmoth Parsons			

### Children.

Truman Parsons	Apr. 12, 1872	
Hester Parsons	July 22, 1873	George T. Sagehorn

Hannah Parsons, second daughter of W. W. Parsons, died after the birth of her second child. Her husband migrated to the West and nothing more is known of her family.

## WORTHINGTON PARSONS.

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Worthington Parsons, fifth son of William W. and Hester Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. He was brought up on the farm and taught industry. When he launched out on the sea of life and engaged in a business he was successful, the many useful lessons learned in his boyhood days was of value to him.

He migrated to California, 1876, where he thought there was better advantages to accumulate a share of worldly goods. When he arrived in the land of plenty, he engaged in farming and stock raising, and gave that his attention for over twenty years. By conservative business management he amassed a fortune to which he is still adding more of the "lubricating oil" of life. He deals in racing stock; he owned "Bertie Mack" one of the best trotters in California. He now resides in Salinas, California.

### Family Record.

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	Born.	Married.	Died.
Worthington Parsons	Dec. 9, 1852	Anna E. Wilmoth Sept. 1, 1884	
Anna E. Wilmoth	Jan. 12, 1857		
<b>Children.</b>			
Mary Dorcas Parsons	June 2, 1875	W. H. Rowling	Sept. 15, 1897
Alida M. Parsons	Feb. 25, 1877	Duncan F. McKinnon	Dec. 11, 1901
Nellie L. Parsons	July 26, 1879	Elmer McKinnon	Mar. 27, 1902
W. H. Rowling			
Mary D. Parsons Rowling			
<b>Children.</b>			
Maxine M. Rowling	Aug. 16, 1904		
Duncan McKinnon			
Alida M. Parsons McKinnon			
<b>Children.</b>			
Alice A. McKinnon	Oct. 13, 1904		

Mary E. Parsons' family record appears in Job W. Parsons' record.



## WILLIAM CARROLL PARSONS.

William Carroll Parsons, sixth son of William W. and Hester W. Parsons was born on the homestead; at an early age he lost his father and mother; an older brother gave him a home until he could "paddle his own canoe." He migrated to California and engaged in the draying business and has been successful; he now resides in Salinas, California.

## TIBITHA H. PARSONS RYAN.

Tibitha H. Parsons, fourth daughter of William W. and Hester Ward Parsons, was born in Tucker County, West Virginia; she now resides in Elkins, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Daniel W. Ryan	Apr. 3, 1858	D. W. Ryan	June 11, 1882
Tibatha H. Parsons Ryan	May 2, 1860		
<b>Children.</b>			
Sterling Ward Ryan	Dec. 24, 1885	Della M. Gainor	Jan. 25, 1908
Okey C. Ryan	Mar. 25, 1890		
Frederick Parsons Ryan	July 8, 1893		
Sterling Ward Ryan			
Della M. Gainor Ryan			
<b>Children.</b>			
Carl Parsons Ryan	Oct. 4, 1908		
Daniel Webster Ryan	Aug. 14, 1910		

## JOB PARSONS JR.

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Job Parsons, Jr., second son of Solomon and Mary Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. When quite young his father passed away; he and his brother managed the farm with the help of the old negro man; they went to the district school three months in the winter, where pupils sat on slabs flat side up, and learned their a-b-c's but getting no idea of the true foundation of an education.

He was a staunch Democrat and his sympathies was with the south, but by being quiet and not expressing his opinion, he was not molested during the civil war.

In his hatred of shams, hollowness and hypocrisy he sometimes said things that awakened criticism, but those who knew him best never doubted the sincerity of his motive; he was a very hospitable man and enjoyed the society of his friends. His last days were spent on his farm in the Holly Meadows, where he passed peacefully away, surrounded by his sons, daughters and loving wife.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Job Parsons, Jr.,	July 22, 1820	Jemima Ward Sept. 2, 1840	Jan. 24, 1904
Jemima Ward Parsons			Sept. 22, 1853
<b>Children.</b>			
Anne Eliza Parsons	July 22, 1841	Jedson Parsons Jan. 28, 1858	Apr. 27, 1874
Martha J. Parsons	Nov. 15, 1843		
Solomon A. Parsons	Oct. 14, 1849	Alice Fussel May 23, 1876	
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
Job Parsons, Jr.			
Eunice Jane Parsons	Nov. 18, 1841	Eunice Jane Long July 22, 1870	Dec. 5, 1912
<b>Children.</b>			
James W. Parsons	Oct. 11, 1872		

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Mary J. Parsons	Mar. 22, 1875	George M. Ellis Oct. 3, 1901	
Alice Parsons	Jan. 2, 1876	Charles D. Strum Dec. 30, 1906	
Job L. Parsons	June 16, 1877		May 10, 1885
Ward L. Parsons	May 27, 1879	Minnie Kinkead Dec. 26, 1906	
Perry C. Parsons	Oct. 16, 1882	Etta Bank Sept. 24, 1910	
Etta Irene Parsons	Oct. 15, 1888		

Anne Eliza Parsons' record is given in Jedson Parsons' record.

### SOLOMON A. PARSONS.

Solomon A. Parsons, first son of Job and Jemima Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. He migrated to California, 1869, and started life on a farm. He was noted for his steady habits and it wasn't many years until he was farming on his own land; he owns a fine stock ranch in the Salinas valley, it is stocked with the best cattle and horses in that section of country.

He is square and honorable in all of his dealings and has won many true friends.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Solomon A. Parsons	Oct. 14, 1849	Alice Fussel May 5, 1876	
Alice Fussel Parsons	July 29, 1856		
<b>Children.</b>			
Francis Parsons	May 14, 1879	Irene Peterson	
Arthur C. Parsons	Jan. 27, 1881		
Harvey F. Parsons	Feb. 28, 1883		
Francis Parsons			
Irene Peterson Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Alice Parsons	Aug. 14, 1904		

## JAMES W. PARSONS.

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First son of Job and Eunice Jane Long Parsons, was born near Parsons, West Virginia. He was educated in the public schools and has been a very great student. When the Spanish war was declared he enlisted in Company E, 3rd Regiment, U. S. Engineers, to serve under Col. D. D. Gillard. He was promoted to first sergeant soon after his enlistment .

He fulfilled his appointed time, and was mustered out of service with a clear record. He is now engaged in scientific farming and stock raising; his farm is well kept, and his friends receive a reception at his home in the Holly Meadows, West Virginia.

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## MARY PARSONS ELLIS.

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Mary Parsons Ellis, daughter of Job Parsons, Jr., was born in Tucker County, West Virginia, and resides in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George M. Ellis	Aug. 23, 1870		
Mary Parsons Ellis	Mar. 22, 1875	George M. Ellis Oct. 3, 1901	

### Children.

Joseph Ward Ellis	Aug. 3, 1902
George Wm. Ellis	Aug. 25, 1904
John Parsons	Nov. 3, 1906
Miles Andrew	Mar. 27, 1909

## ALICE PARSONS STURM.

Alice Parsons, second daughter of Job and Eunice Jane Long Parsons, was born in the Holly Meadows, she now resides in Parsons West Virginia.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Charles D. Sturm			
Alice Parsons Sturm	Jan. 2, 1876	Charles D. Sturm Dec. 30, 1906	
<b>Children.</b>			
Harry Ellis Sturm	July 25, 1910		

## WARD L. PARSONS.

Ward L. Parsons, third son of Job and Eunice J. Long Parsons, was born in the Holly Meadows; he was educated in the public schools; when very young he learned the carpenters trade and is now doing an extensive contracting business in Parsons, West Virginia, and adjoining towns; he is a man that is well respected by everyone in the community. He has built a large commodious house on the homestead in the Holly Meadows and entertains his friends in true southern style; his motto is "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may die."

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Ward L. Parsons	1879	Minnie Kinkade Dec. 26, 1906	
<b>Children.</b>			
James Walter Parsons			
Marjorie Virginia Parsons	Aug. 2, 1909		
Nellie Auzine Parsons	Apr. 9, 1912		

## PERRY C. PARSONS.

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Perry C. Parsons, fourth son of Job and Eunice J. Long Parsons, was born in the Holly Meadows. He worked on the farm and attended the public schools and improved every opportunity to meet the vicissitudes of life. After he arrived at the age of maturity, he started out for himself; he went to Mt. Hope, West Virginia, where he thought there was a better chance for business than in his native town.

He is now engaged in contracting and building, and is accumulating his share of this world's goods.

<b>Family Record.</b>			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Perry C. Parsons	Oct. 16, 1882	Etta Banks Sept. 24, 1910	
<b>Children.</b>			
Robert Early Parsons	Aug. 24, 1912		

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## ELIZABETH PARSONS WARD.

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Elizabeth Parsons Ward, daughter of Solomon Parsons was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She was not yet seventeen, when she married Peter H. Ward and though so young, was an expert spinner, weaver and knitter. In 1853 she lost her husband and two sons and was left to support three small children. Being a woman of great will power and great faith in God, was able to rear her children. She passed away in 1895.

<b>Family Record.</b>			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Peter Hull Ward	Nov. 23, 1915	May 23, 1839	June 29, 1853
Elizabeth Parsons	Sept. 17, 1822	Peter H. Ward	Jan. 19, 1895
<b>Children.</b>			
Matilda Ward	May 17, 1840		May 13, 1851
Anna Ward	June 23, 1842	Stephen L. Fansler April 8, 1869	
Levi Parsons Ward	Jan. 22, 1842		June 19, 1853
David Lee Ward	May 4, 1846		Aug. 5, 1853
Silvester Ward	Oct. 25, 1850		Dec. 28, 1851
Columbia C. Ward	Jan. 23, 1853		June 24, 1855

## ANNA WARD FANSLER.

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Anna Ward Fansler, daughter of Peter Hull and Elizabeth Parsons Ward, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She learned at an early age to assist her widowed mother both in the home and in weaving. In 1869 she married Steven L. Fansler and went to live on his farm, near Hendricks. Here she spent her life, a true wife and a devoted mother to her two boys. She passed away February 8, 1910.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Steven L. Fansler	July 29, 1845	April 8, 1869	
Anna Ward	Jan. 23, 1842	Stephen L. Fansler	Feb. 8, 1910

#### Children.

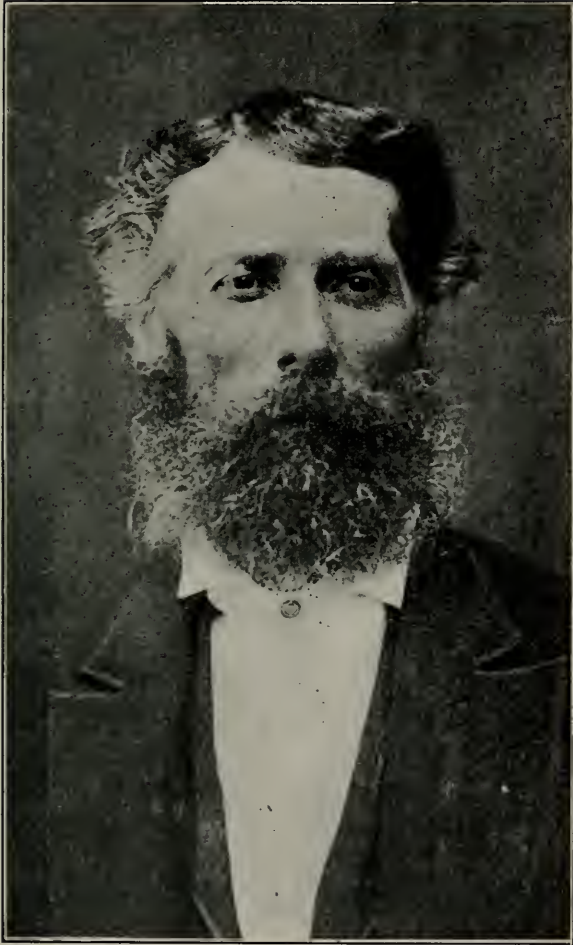
Albert G. Fansler	Aug. 2, 1871	Milly M. Propts	
		Aug. 16, 1900	
Arthur D. Fansler	Oct. 24, 1872	Lydia C. Swartz	
		Dec. 25, 1900	
Albert G. Fansler	Aug. 2, 1871	Milly M. Propts	
Milly M. Propts	Nov. 3, 1878	Aug. 16, 1900	

#### Children.

Homer F. Lansler	July 16, 1901		
Cecil Arthur Fansler	June 1, 1903		
Reginald Parsons Fansler	Feb. 4, 1908		
Arthur D. Fansler	Oct. 24, 1872	Lydia C. Swartz	
Lydia C. Swartz	June 14, 1878	Dec. 25, 1900	

#### Children.

Otis S. Fansler	May 1, 1902		
Hazel Anna Fansler	Dec. 23, 1905		
Ruth Elizabeth Fansler	Sept. 13, 1907		



WARD PARSONS

Son of Solomon Parsons





## WARD PARSONS

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Ward Parsons, third son of Solomon Parsons, was born on land pre-empted by his great-grandfather in 1770, now Parsons, West Virginia. He built the first house in the town. The old log house was destroyed by fire about the time the town was located. He was the founder of the town.

From early boyhood he was fond of hounds and during the fall and winter months he and his friends engaged in the sport of hunting. He was exuberantly happy when he listened to the baying of his hounds in the hills after a deer or fox, and he was generally present when the animal was captured.

In politics he was a Democrat, and his aim was to use his power to build up the party. During the campaign he worked with enthusiasm and his influence was great throughout the county. He was elected sheriff in 1876, and performed his official duties for the term of four years to the satisfaction of the people.

During the civil war he passed through many vicissitudes, which would make a volume if written up. In October, 1861, two straggling scouts who were passing along the public highway, made Garrett G. Long a prisoner and were taking him to headquarters. Parsons concluded to rescue his friend and he and two other men followed them and ordered the prisoner released. The scouts did not resist when they looked in the muzzle of the hunting rifles and saw the determined men behind them; but an enemy to southern sympathizers lost no time in reporting this disloyal act, and a force of men were sent from headquarters to wipe out those who were disloyal and destroy all of their property. Parsons was given the "tip" to gather up all his best stock and conceal them in the mountains; but soon the band of stock was discovered and driven out in the night to Grafton. Parsons and his friends were there on their arrival. They went to the headquarters of the commanding officer and stated the facts, and the officer believed in a high sense of justice and right; the horses were sent home and many more of the neighbors' horses with them. But the end was not yet in sight.

He was continually harrassed until the close of the war, but was generally successful.

He was liberal in the support of the church and all worthy undertakings for the advancement of the country. His hospitality was known among rich and poor, and to his friends a warm welcome was extended to come again.

When the town of Parsons was declared the county seat by the voice of the people, the St. George officials refused to deliver the records. Ward Parsons gathered those who endorsed his policy and went to St. George in the night. They gained entrance to the court house and returned with the "goods" and installed the new officials in the court house in Parsons, before sunrise. His followers were proud to inscribe their names on a banner carried by him; he always led them to victory.

His remains and those of his faithful wife are laid in Bethel cemetery. A beautiful monument has been erected by his son, but they had built a life monument which will stand through many generations.



SARAH ANN PARSONS  
Daughter of William R. Parsons



## SARAH ANN PARSONS.

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Sarah Ann Parsons, eldest daughter of William R. and Catherine Ward Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe. When five years of age she lost her mother, which was a great misfortune to one of her loving nature.

She was educated by private tutors, and in school she worked with enthusiasm to solve the problems; and in after life she worked in the same manner. Each morning she was ready for a new day, and she never ceased to influence for good the community where she lived.

She united with the church when she was quite young and was a teacher in the Sunday school for many years.

She was tenderly cared for by her children in her last days. She bore her sufferings with Christian grace. The tribute of her life and memory must and ever will be a message of love, for she has reached a happy heaven and is waiting "Where the shadows of life cannot come."

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Ward Parsons	1827	Sarah Ann Parsons	1897
Sarah Ann Parsons	June 27, 1828	Oct. 14, 1847	June 22, 1910
<b>Children.</b>			
Llyd Parsons	Aug. 18, 1848	Anna C. Hansford	
		Aug. 8, 1870	
William Worth Parsons	May 3, 1851		Aug. 1, 1853
Josia Parsons	Apr. 8, 1854		June 16, 1855
Catherine B. Parsons	Apr. 18, 1856	George Ryan Squires	
Mary Caroline Parsons	May 11, 1858	Wesley Pifer	
		Sept. 20, 1885	
Elizabeth Ward Parsons	Apr. 6, 1860	Samuel Wamsley	
		Nov. 25, 1876	
Elbridge Parsons	May 18, 1863		May 13, 1864
Lemuel W. Parsons	Nov. 11, 1865	Birdie Wamsley	
		Dec. 1, 1887	

## LLOYD PARSONS.

Lloyd Parsons, first son of Ward and Sarah Anne Parsons was born on a farm where Parsons is now located. He has lived all of his life on that land; he has a comfortable home and his friends receive the best when they visit him.

Family Record.			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Lloyd Parsons	Aug. 18, 1848	Anne Catherine Hansford Aug. 8, 1870	
Anne C. Hansford Children.			
Robert Lee Parsons		Bertie C. Johnson	Nov. 7, 1901
William Blaine Parsons			
Robert L. Parsons			
Bertie C. Johnson			
Children.			
Inez Parsons	May 16, 1903		
William B. Parsons	Mar. 19, 1905		
Sarah Anne Parsons			
Ruth Parsons	Aug. 3, 1909		

## MARY CAROLINE PARSONS PIFER.

Mary Caroline Parsons, second daughter of Ward and Sarah Anne Parsons, was born in Tucker County, Virginia. She was reared on the home farm land pre-empted by Thomas Parsons II. She now resides on the Job Parsons Sr., plantation, below the Holly Meadows, West Virginia.

Family Record.			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Westley Pifer	Feb. 3, 1861	John W. Pifer Sept. 20, 1885	
Mary C. Parsons Pifer	May 11, 1858		
Children.			
Sallie Anne Pifer	Dec. 6, 1889		Apr. 5, 1890
Merle Elliott Pifer	Oct. 10, 1889		
Roy Ellis Pifer	Aug. 13, 1892		
Atha Marie Pifer	June 20, 1896		

## ELIZABETH WARD PARSONS WAMSLEY.

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Elizabeth Ward Parsons was born in Tucker County, West Virginia. After her marriage to Samuel Wamsley she lived in the Horse Shoe for a number of years, then moved to Oklahoma where she still lives.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Samuel B. Wamsley	Jan. 28, 1840	Nov. 23, 1876	
Elizabeth Ward Parsons	Apr. 6, 1860	Samuel Wamsley	
<b>Children.</b>			
Cletus B. Wamsley	Oct. 4, 1877	Etta O'Donnell	
Stark Wamsley	Dec. 22, 1879		June 24, 1893
Ward Parsons Wamsley	Mar. 11, 1882	Effie Colwell	
Chester Wamsley	Oct. 10, 1885		June 7, 1893

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### Family Record of Cletus B. Wamsley.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Cletus B. Wamsley	Oct. 4, 1877	Etta O'Donnell	
Etta O'Donnell		1898	
<b>Children.</b>			
Edward S. Wamsley			
Marguerite Wamsley			
Herbert Wamsley			

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### Family Record of Ward Parsons Wamsley.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Ward Parsons Wamsley	Mar. 11, 1882	Effie Colwell	
Effie Colwell		1902	
<b>Children.</b>			
Beryl Elsie Wamsley			
Birdie Effie Wamsley			
Mary Elizabeth Wamsley			
Nellie Catherine Wamsley			



## LEMUEL WARDER PARSONS.

Lemuel W. Parsons, fifth son of Ward and Sarah Anne Parsons was born in Tucker County, West Virginia, on the land where Parsons is located. He is a farmer and stock raiser; his horses are all thoroughbreds and he ships them to Ohio, where he has ready sale and has been very successful in business. He is president of the First National Bank of Parsons. He is a staunch Democrat and takes an active part in all public affairs and wields considerable influence in elections. He is considered one of Tucker County's most public spirited citizen and is well and favorably known as a model host.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Lemuel W. Parsons	Nov. 11, 1865	Birdie M. Wamsley	Dec. 1, 1887
B. M. Wamsley Parsons	Sept. 29, 1869		
<b>Children.</b>			
Wirt Parsons	Nov. 20, 1888		
Ward Parsons	June 20, 1891		
Osburn Parsons	Sept. 2, 1893		Oct. 18, 1894
Martha C. Parsons	Aug. 27, 1895		
Burr Parsons	Nov. 15, 1901		
Sarah Elizabeth Parsons	Mar. 31, 1911		

## MARY CAROLINE PARSONS STALNAKER.

Mary C. Parsons, fourth daughter of Solomon and Mary Ward Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. After her marriage she moved to Barbour County on a farm. She lived a very peaceful life and was very much beloved by all who knew her. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church south.

She was a loyal woman to the south a short time before Lee's surrender; her husband was drafted in the U. S. A., but he hired a substitute and paid him seven hundred dollars. When the man arrived at Grafton, peace was declared and he was mustered out of service; she said her husband should not don a blue uniform for that amount.

Catherine Parsons' family record will appear in Jesse Parsons' record.

MARY CAROLINE PARSONS STALNAKER—DAUGHTER  
OF SOLOMON PARSONS.

Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Holtsberry Stalnaker			
Mary Caroline Parsons	Aug. 9, 1833	Holtsberry Stalnaker	
<b>Children.</b>			
Solomon Stalnaker			
Anna Eliza Stalnaker	Mar. 26, 1856	Jacob W. Baughman	
		Aug. 10, 1876	
Ward P. Stalnaker			
Leonora Stalnaker			
Mary Elizabeth Stalnaker			
Andrew V. Stalnaker			
Hess Stalnaker			
Rachel Stalnaker			
Jacob W. Baughman		Aug. 10, 1876	
Ann Eliza Stalnaker	Mar. 26, 1856	Jacob W. Baughman	
<b>Children.</b>			
Mary Estella Baughman	Sept. 6, 1877	Russell Bolyard	
		Sept. 7, 1903	
Marvin Baughman	Nov. 4, 1878	Maude Channel	
Claudius Baughman	Aug. 21, 1880	Sophia Hendrick	
Ernest L. Baughman	July 23, 1884	Anna Phillips	
Hattie C. Baughman	Nov. 22, 1888		June 2, 1890
Ada Beatrice Baughman	Dec. 25, 1892		
Ramon Stanley Baughman			
Russell Bolyard		Sept. 7, 1903	
Mary Estella Baughman	Sept. 6, 1877	Russell Bolyard	
<b>Children.</b>			
Virgil Bolyard			
Marvin Baughman	Nov. 4, 1878	Maude Channel	
Maude Channel			
<b>Children.</b>			
Yula Baughman			
Ellsworth Baughman			
Hazel Baughman			
Claude Baughman	Aug. 21, 1880	Sophia Hendrick	
Sophia Hendrick			
<b>Children.</b>			
Eston Lee Baughman			
Ernest Baughman	July 23, 1884	Anna Phillips	
Anna Phillips	Nov. 16, 1886		
<b>Children.</b>			
Gerald Baughman			

## NANCY RUST PARSONS DANIELS.

Nancy R. Parsons, fourth daughter of William and Catherine Stoker Parsons, was born on the old home plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. She was an extremely small baby when she was ushered into this world, a quart cup fitted her nicely, but she grew rapidly for Virginia plantations did not produce stunted women, especially in this family; when she was married she weighed almost two hundred pounds. She spent all her life on a farm and was a woman of great courage and ambition; her fair name untarnished by word or deed will long survive her departure from active scenes of life, and as a beacon to the stranded sailor, serve to future generations as a guide of rectitude while on their journey down the turbulent stream of life.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jacob Daniels	Mar. 22, 1797	Jacob Daniels June 21, 1821	July 26, 1895
Nancy R. Parsons Daniels	June 30, 1797		July 9, 1869
<b>Children.</b>			
Malinda Catherine Daniels	Apr. 18, 1822	George W. Stalnaker May 6, 1840	
Mary Ellen Daniels		George Buckey	1908
William Parsons Daniels		Ellen Stalnaker	
Welton Stoker Daniels		Mary Gum	
Squire B. Daniels		Rebecca Cooper	
Job Daniels		Martha Chenoweth	
Amanda M. E. Daniels		Creed Butcher	
Hannah Daniels		J. B. Higgins	

## MALINDA CATHERINE DANIELS STALNAKER.

Malinda C. Daniels, daughter of Jacob and Nancy R. Parsons Daniels, was born near Beverly, Randolph County, Virginia.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George W. Stalnaker	Sept. 5, 1818	George W. Stalnaker May 6, 1840	
M. C. Daniels Stalnaker Children.	Apr. 18, 1822		1903
Welton S. Stalnaker	June 1, 1841	Susan Pritt May 24, 1866	Dec. 13, 1879
Jacob P. Stalnaker	July 8, 1844	Mary Reed	
Nancy E. Stalnaker	Oct. 25, 1847	J. R. Phares Mar. 15, 1866	
Thomas J. Stalnaker	June 23, 1852	Mary Flint July 23, 1872	

## NANCY E. STALNAKER PHARES.

Nancy E. Stalnaker Phares, daughter of G. W. and Nancy E. Daniels Stalnaker, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She resides in Barbour County, West Virginia.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
J. R. Phares Nancy E. Stalnaker Phares Children.			
Phillip S. Phares	Oct. 7, 1866		
Malinda C. Phares	Dec. 13, 1867		
Elizabeth B. Phares	Oct. 25, 1869		
Anna Phares			

## THOMAS JEFFERSON STALNAKER.

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Thomas J. Stalnaker, third son of George W. and Malinda C. Daniels Stalnaker, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. He was engaged in the hotel business in Elkins for some years; he is a man who has proven his ability to cater to the public in a manner most satisfactory to his patrons. He has retired from public life on a competence and is now living in Elkins, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.		Died.
Thomas Jefferson Stalnaker		Mary Flint July 23, 1872		
Mary Flint Stalnaker				
<b>Children.</b>				
Cora Stalnaker	Oct. 14, 1873			May 10, 1890
Edward S. Stalnaker	June 31, 1875			Feb. 10, 1876
Belle S. Stalnaker	June 23, 1876	J. W. Dalton		
Robert B. Stalnaker	Dec. 13, 1877	Orro Collett		
Georgia Stalnaker	June 13, 1881	F. Caulkins		
Stella Stalnaker	Dec. 27, 1884	J. W. Poling		
Catherine Stalnaker	Aug. 27, 1887	J. W. McCune		
Pitt Stalnaker	Aug. 3, 1889			
Ila S. Stalnaker	Mar. 10, 1899	Joseph Burk		
William W. Stalnaker	June 19, 1894			

## AMANDA M. E. DANIELS BUTCHER.

Amanda M. E. Daniels, daughter of Jacob and Nancy R. Parsons Daniels, was born near Beverly, Virginia, where she grew to womanhood and married. She is now living on the farm where she was taken as a bride, more than fifty years ago, one mile from Beverly, West Virginia.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Creed Butcher		Creed W. Butcher	Jan. 30, 1895
Amanda M. E. Daniels Butcher	1836		

## Children.

Charles B. Butcher	Sept. 21, 1856
French W. Butcher	Oct. 11, 1857
Viola G. Butcher	June 14, 1859
Laura D. Butcher	Mar. 26, 1861
Robert E. Lee Butcher	July 7, 1863
Mary Nancy Butcher	Nov. 10, 1865
Hart Butcher	June 10, 1867
Margaret Crawford Butcher	Nov. 19, 1869
Daisy May Butcher	Nov. 18, 1872
Plummer Butcher	June 27, 1879

## ANNIS PARSONS MILES.

Annis Parsons, fifth daughter of William and Catherine Stoker Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia (now Tucker County, West Virginia) and grew to womanhood on the plantation; she attended the private schools and was an accomplished young lay of that day; while she was visiting relatives in Hardy County, she met her husband, it was a case of love at first sight, soon after her return home she was married and went to Preston County, near Kingwood, to build up a home, where she passed away some years later, leaving her small children and a devoted husband.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
David C. Miles		David C. Miles July 4, 1825	Feb. 5, 1861
Annis Parson Miles	July 16, 1799		Sept. 20, 1834
<b>Children.</b>			
William J. Miles	May 27, 1826		Aug. 10, 1827
Mary C. Miles	Oct. 10, 1827	Henry Startzman	Mar. 1, 1879
Infant daughter	July 24, 1829		July 24, 1829
Perry J. Miles	Jan. 3, 1831		July 4, 1833
Rebecca Annis Miles	Aug. 4, 1833		June 14, 1851
Henry Startzman	Oct. 23, 1824		Apr. 2, 1876
Mary C. Miles Startzman			Mar. 1, 1879
<b>Children.</b>			
Laura E. Startzman	Oct. 5, 1848	Winfield S. Martin May 21, 1877	
Virginia Annis Startzman	May 23, 1850		Dec. 29, 1902
Emma K. Startzman	July 23, 1855	Elijah Scott Johnson Jan. 2, 1884	

## Family Record of Laure E. Startzman Martin.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Winfield Scott Martin		Winfield Scott Martin May 31, 1877	
Laura E. Startzman Martin			
<b>Children.</b>			
Forrest S. Martin	Dec. 4, 1878		
Wilson Scott Martin	May —, 1880		
Carroll Winfield Martin	Mar. —, 1887		

Emma K. Startzman, daughter of Henry and Mary C. Miles Startzman, was born in Kingwood, Virginia, (now West Virginia) and received her education in the schools of that town. She now resides in Keyser, West Virginia.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Elijah Scott Johnson	May 5, 1852	E. S. Johnson Jan. 2, 1884	.
Emma K. Startzman	July 23, 1855		
<b>Children.</b>			
Henry Rees Johnson	Nov. 21, 1884		Nov. 22, 1884
Nellie Johnson	Mar. 30, 1886		
Infant son	Jan. 29, 1889		Jan. 29, 1889

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**MALINDA PARSONS BALL.**

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Malinda Parsons, sixth daughter of William and Caroline Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She attended the district school and was considered a very intellectual and handsome young lady. After her marriage she migrated to Missouri, where her husband died and left her with five small children. She returned to her native state and taught school and supported her children. Her life was devoted to them and through her good management, they always had a comfortable home. She was a faithful mother, giving them her pure, loving, joyful service, and when the end came her storm-swept life was made glorious for time and eternity, for the life broken and used for others.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George Ball			
Malindy Parsons Ball	Apr. 27, 1806	George Ball	
<b>Children.</b>			
William Parsons Ball			
Judson Ball			
Francis Marion Ball			
Virginia Ball			
John Marshall Ball	June 14, 1836	Daniel Buckey Christian Ward Mar. 13, 1860	



## JOHN MARSHALL BALL.

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John M. Ball, fourth son of George and Malindy Parsons Ball, was born in Missouri, and was reared on a farm near Beverly, W. Virginia. He has traveled extensively over the western country. He was engaged in stock raising in Kansas for many years. When his two daughters passed away he was inconsolable and he tired of the west and returned to his native state in order to forget his sorrow. He resides in Beverly, West Virginia.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Marshall Ball	June 14, 1836	Christina Ward Mar. 13, 1860	
<b>Children.</b>			
Hattie Ball	May 4, 1861		July 16, 1885
Margaret D. Ball	Sept. 24, 1865		Mar. 12, 1891

Hattie Ball, first daughter of John M. and Christina Ward Ball, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, and died at Colorado, Kansas. In childhood her parents moved to this place. She was a member of the M. E. Church, in which she lived faithfully until called from labor to reward. Her life was pure, and she was very much devoted to her parents and only sister. She was a great sufferer for two years and when shadows of death were falling, she addressed the members of her family with great tenderness. Her funeral sermon was preached from I Tim. 4:8, "For bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. H. R. Gouldin, assisted by Rev. Robinson, of Lincoln Center charge. Many friends followed her body to her place of rest.

## ISAAC PARSONS.

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Isaac Parsons, second son of Thomas Parsons, Jr., was born in Hardy County, Virginia. After his marriage to Mary Mace, also of Hardy County, they moved into the wilderness with little of this world's goods, but they possessed the greatest of fortunes—health, strength and honesty. At that time luxuries were unknown; they did not have roads over which to travel; they loaded their goods on two-wheeled carts or pack horses; they did not have any varieties of wares to move—a few pewter utensils, a kettle, skillet, and cast iron pots, a kit of carpenter tools, and home-spun clothes formed about all they carried with them, except the children, generally five or six. The small ones rode in baskets slung on behind the mother; she carried one in her lap. Bed clothes were stuffed around the youngsters to make the baskets balance; the large ones rode horse-back and drove the cattle.

At night a fire was kindled and the meal was made of fried bacon and corn bread, baked in the skillet and the camp was made under the thick pine trees. After a peaceful sleep, they arose at the dawn of day and made a breakfast of ham and venison, corn bread and milk; coffee was not on the bill of fare. They then loaded on their goods and started on their journey, rejoicing, singing, joking and making merry. The woods rang with their joyous laughter as they traveled over the rocky path into the wilderness. I have no record of how long they were on the road to their new home. After they arrived on the land, the men all joined together and built cabins of rough logs with clap-board roofs. Sticks and clay were used for chimney. The roof was held on by logs thrown across; hickory pins were used for nails. A crane was hung in the fireplace to hold the pots and kettles when swung over the huge log fire.

Isaac Parsons was thrifty in more ways than one; his family steadily increased, and he built a two-story log house with stone chimneys, and soon his family were enjoying every comfort. His wife and daughters were expert spinners and weavers. They wove spreads and linen and made patch work quilts to furnish the house, which was considered a mansion in that day.

During the first years religious meetings were held in private houses. The people all met on the Sabbath day, and the most gifted man conducted the meeting and all joined in the singing. They were faithful worshippers of God.

Isaac Parsons was one of the founders of the Bethel Church; he and all his family were devoted Christians. The remains of himself and devoted wife are interred in the Bethel churchyard. The log church has fallen to decay and the stone foundation is all that remains to mark the spot of the first church built in the county.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Isaac Parsons	1767	Mary Mace	Mar. 20, 1843
Mary Mace Parsons	1771		May 20, 1851

#### Children.

Mary Ann Parsons		George Bell	
Thomas Parsons		Elizabeth Brannum	1843
Drusilla Parsons		Joseph Collier	
Jonathan Parsons	Aug. 11, 1795	Mary Neville	Oct. 1, 1869
		Dec. 18, 1829	
Rebecca Parsons	1797	Unmarried	Jan. 5, 1880
George Parsons	Sept. 11, 1800	Unmarried	Mar. 27, 1885
Catherine Parsons		Townsend Bell	
Twins—			
Elizabeth Parsons	Nov. 1, 1805	Unmarried	Feb. 4, 1881
Jemima Parsons	Nov. 1, 1805	Joseph Neville	May 15, 1875
Christina Parsons		William Ball	
Twins—			
John H. Parsons		Elizabeth Goff	
William J. Parsons		Drusilla Brannum	
Nicholas M. Parsons	Apr. 12, 1812	Regania Teter	Nov. 26, 1897
		May 11, 1882	
Nancy Rust Parsons	May 20, 1815		1883

The family bible of Isaac Parsons was burned. I gathered the above records of deaths from the tombs in the cemetery.—Ed.

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#### MARY ANNE PARSONS BELL.

First daughter of Isaac and Mary Mace Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. After her marriage she moved to Kanawha County, Virginia, and at the present time nothing is known of her descendants.

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## THOMAS PARSONS.

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Thomas Parsons, first son of Isaac and Mary Mace Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Brannum, and settled on the lower end of his father's plantation. They had a large family. Robert S. Parsons married the eldest daughter, Antisa; Henry Sharp married Rebecca. After the death of Thomas Parsons' wife he moved to Iowa with all of his family. Amanda Parsons married Alfred Bonnett, and lived at Burmingham, Iowa. Thomas Parsons' descendants are scattered throughout the West.

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## ANNIS PARSONS BONNETT.

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Annis Parsons, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Brannum Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, on the plantation of her grandfather, Isaac Parsons, in 1837. Her father migrated to Iowa with all his family and settled at Birmingham, a small town. The mother had died in Virginia; she was the eldest daughter at home. After her marriage and the mother of five children, they migrated to Eugene, Oregon. She drove the span of mules, hitched to a carriage, all the trip over the plains. Her sixth child was born the night she arrived in Oregon.

She was a woman of great ambition; she and her husband amassed a fortune. They both lived to a good old age, and were highly respected. Many of their children still reside at Eugene, Oregon.

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### Family Record.

Born.	Married.	Died.
_____ Bonnet	_____ Bonnet	

\_\_\_\_\_ Bonnet  
Annis Parsons Bonnett  
Children.

A. T Bonnett  
Perlina Elmus Bonnett  
Marlon G. Bonnett  
Charles A. Bonnett  
Perry Newton Bonnett  
Emma C. Bonnett  
Cephas A. Bonnett  
Marcellus Parsons Bonnett  
Mary Elizabeth Bonnett

Robert P. Day

Norris J. Brown

## DRUSSILLA PARSONS COLLIER.

Drussilla Parsons, second daughter of Isaac and Mary Mace Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, and reared on the plantation of her father. She was a woman of ambition, and a great "hustler." After her marriage she moved to Taylor County, Virginia, and raised her family in that vicinity. She did much charitable work in the community where she lived.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Joseph Collier		Joseph Collier 1847	
Drusilla Parsons Collier			
<b>Children.</b>			
Perry Collier	_____, 1846		
Sarah Collier		_____ Bender	
Rebecca Collier			
George Collier			Feb. 2, 1884
James Collier			June 6, 1880
Joseph Collier			May 14, 1872
Drusilla			Aug. 3, 1883

### Family Record of Perry Collier, Son of Joseph and Drusilla Parsons Collier—Resides in Grafton, West Virginia.

Perry Collier  
Frances Collier

#### Children.

Minnie M. Collier  
Lena L. Collier  
Leroy Collier  
Arthur O. Collier  
Fred B. Collier

## JONATHAN PARSONS.

Jonathan Parsons, second son of Isaac and Mary Mace Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. He came to Western Virginia with his parents when a small boy. After his marriage he lived on the land inherited from his father until his family was all born. In 1857 he sold his farm to his brothers and moved to Preston County. He was a farmer throughout the active years of his life, deriving therefrom a comfortable livelihood. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a devoted Christian.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jonathan Parsons	Aug. 11, 1795	Mary A. Neville Dec. 18, 1829	Oct. 1, 1869
Mary A. Neville	July 4, 1802		Nov. 11, 1880
<b>Children.</b>			
Jemima C. Parsons	Jan. 4, 1830	Aaron Lenhart	May 5, 1902
Mary E. Parsons	Nov. 10, 1831	Spencer King	Jan. 23, 1903
Cassander Parsons	Aug. 15, 1833	Jacob Yager	
Lavina Parsons	Jan. 18, 1835	Phillip A. Michel	June —, 1908
Isaac M. Parsons	July 17, 1836	Jennie Tefft	
George W. Parsons	Nov. 15, 1838	Ellen L. Daddysman	
Adam H. Parsons	Jan. 15, 1846	Susan Browning	July 11, 1902
Jonathan M. Parsons	Dec. 10, 1842	Mary C. Long	
Clementa J. Parsons	June 30, 1846	Joseph Metheny	

**Family Record of Mary Elizabeth Parsons King.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Spencer King	Oct. 4, 1825	Dec. 8, 1853	Oct. 17, 1903
Mary Elizabeth Parsons	Nov. 10, 1831	Spencer King	Jan. 23, 1903
<b>Children.</b>			
James Harrison King	Sept. 8, 1854	Martha J. Ferrell	Mar. 31, 1897
Charles Parsons King	Feb. 25, 1856	Alice Thomas	Oct. 21, 1910
Frank M. King	Nov. 13, 1870	Lillian B. Dunlap	
James Harrison King	Sept. 8, 1854	Martha J. Ferrell	Mar. 31, 1897
Martha J. Ferrell		June 30, 1886	
<b>Children.</b>			
Marie King	Dec 25, 1889		
Charles Parsons King	Feb. 25, 1856	Alice Thomas	Oct. 21, 1910
Alice Thomas		Sept. 29, 1882	
<b>Children.</b>			
Alta L. King	Sept. 19, 1883	Howard H. Bursee	
Clyde Spencer King	Oct. 15, 1885		Jan. 9, 1892
Howard H. Bursee		Sept. 16, 1906	
Alta L. King	Sept. 19, 1883	Howard H. Bursee	
<b>Children.</b>			
Emile Thomas Bursee	June 27, 1907		
Robert Bursee	July 17, 1909		
Frank M. King	Nov. 13, 1870	Lillian B. Dunlap	
Lillian B. Dunlap		Dec. 24, 189—	
<b>Children.</b>			
Maude Darling	Mar. 6, 1904		

**LAVINA PARSONS.**

Lavina Parsons, third daughter of Jonathan and Mary Neville Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia.

	Family Record.	Born.	Married.	Died.
<b>Children.</b>				
Phillip B. Michael		Nov. 13, 1837	Nov. 19, 1863	
Lavina Parsons Michael		Jan. 18, 1835	Phillip B. Michael	May 18, 1908
<b>Children.</b>				
Mary E. Michael		Jan. 30, 1865	Dr. E. T. Martin June 28, 1893	June 6, 1894
Charles W. Michael		Sept. 23, 1866	Carrie Theuwer	
Lawrence S. Michael		Aug. 6, 1868	Kate Trimbath May 8, 1896	
Willie Michael		Mar. 13, 1871		April 4, 1871
Okey V. Michael		Nov. 10, 1873	Laura Jackson May 12, 1910	

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 ISAAC M. PARSONS.
 

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Isaac M. Parsons, son of Jonathan and Mary Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, in 1857. He went to Iowa, where he was apprenticed to a blacksmith, remaining there until May, 1862, when he crossed the plains with an ox team, arriving in Denver, Colorado, in June. He soon went to Central City in Gilpin County, where he remained in mining and livery business until 1909; then moved to Denver, where he now resides.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Isaac Parsons	July 17, 1836	Jennie Tefft	
Jennie Tefft		1870	

## Children.

Maude Eveline Parsons	May 30, 1875	Edwin Beaman C. B. Evans	
Mabel Clara Parsons	Nov. 3, 1877	R. Bruce Rutherford	
Earl Tefft Parsons	June 3, 1880		
Clifford Isaac Parsons	May 14, 1884	Helen Henderson	
Mina Gretchen Parsons	Oct. 31, 1889	J. William Furguson	
Clyde J. Parsons	July 27, 1891		

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 Family Record of Maude E. Parsons Beaman Evans.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Edwin Beaman			
Maude Eveline Parsons	May 30, 1875	Edwin Beaman	

## Children.

Robert Elroy Beaman	Dec. 24, 1897		
Crichton Beaman	July 3, 1890		
Maurice Edwin Beaman	Oct. 23, 1900		

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 Family Record of Mabel C. Parsons Rutherford.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
R. Bruce Rutherford		1896	
Mable Clara Parsons	Nov. 3, 1877	R. Bruce Rutherford	



**Children.**

Robert Elroy Rutherford	Oct. 4, 1896
Helen Elizabeth Rutherford	Jan. 22, 1898
Bruce Parsons Rutherford	April 21, 1900

**Family Record of Clifford Isaac Parsons.**

Clifford Isaac Parsons May 14, 1884 Helen Henderson

Helen Henderson

**Children.**

Virginia Emma Parsons Sept. —, 1908

George Neville Parsons May 14, 1910

**GEORGE W. PARSONS.**

George W. Parsons, second son of Jonathan and Mary Neville Parsons, was born on the plantation of Isaac Parsons, in Randolph County, Virginia. He made a trip to Iowa in 1857, to visit his sister, but he returned and located in West Virginia. When the civil war was declared he enlisted in the United States Army, and was appointed train master, which position he held until the close of the war. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Green Springs for several years. He is now in Keyser, West Virginia, in the real estate business. His investments have proved successful and he has a pleasant home and his friends are entertained in a royal manner. He is well known in fraternal circles, taking an active part therein and is a member of the R. A. M.

**Family Record of G. W. Parsons.**

George W. Parsons Nev. 15, 1838 Ellen L. Daddysman  
Apr. 24, 1872

Ellen L. Daddysman ———, 1845

**Children.**

George A. Parsons ———, 1874

Maurice H. Parsons ———, 1876

Ethel M. Parsons ———, 1877 Harry M. Wells

Don H. Parsons ———, 1879 Henrietta Hannis

William Parsons ———, 1885

Harry Wells

Ethel M. Parsons

**Children.**

Ruth Williard Wells ———, 1907

Helen Olevia Wells Oct. 9, 1911

## ADAM HYDER PARSONS.

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Adam H. Parsons, third son of Jonathan and Mary Neville Parsons, was born on the homestead in Randolph County, Virginia. After the civil war he engaged in the transfer business, in Tera Alta, West Virginia. He always kept in view the doctrine that to succeed he must do unto others as he would have them do unto him. Upon this he based his claim for a place in the list of respected business men.

### Family Record of A. H. Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Adam H. Parsons	Jan. 15, 1840	Mary Cuppet June 30, 1865	July 11, 1902
Mary Cuppett Parsons Children.			
Walter Parsons	Feb. 17, 1866	Sarah Freeland	Sept. 14, 1910
Second Marriage.			
Adam H. Parsons Susan Browning Par- sons		Susan Browning Sept. 22, 1868	
Children.			
Orlando Parsons	May 20, 1869	Margulta Zeller	
Claude Parsons	Dec. 20, 1875	Annie Adams	
Ernest Parsons	May 14, 1877	Ida Brown	
Harry Parsons	Oct. 8, 1882	Jennie Eckerman	

## WALTER PARSONS.

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Walter Parsons, son of Adam Hyder Parsons, was born in Preston County, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Walter Parsons	Feb. 17, 1866	Sarah Freeland	Sept. 14, 1910
Sarah Freeland Parsons Children.			
Catherine E. Parsons			

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Orlando H. Parsons	May 20, 1869	Marguite Zeller	
Margurite Parsons			

**Children.**

Harold Parsons  
 Louella Parsons  
 Charles Parsons  
 Susan Rossella Parsons  
 Ernest R. Parsons      May 14, 1877    Ida C. Brown  
 Ida C. Brown Parsons

**Children.**

Gerald E. Parsons  
 Don B. Parsons  
 Virginia Catherine Parsons

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## JONATHAN MARSHALL PARSONS.

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Jonathan M. Parsons, fourth son of Jonathan and Mary (Neville) Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia (now Tucker County). At twelve years of age he accompanied his parents to Preston County, where he received a practical education in the common schools. He followed as an occupation, and was also engaged as a clerk until 1862, when he entered the U. S. army. His term of service expired 1864. He re-enlisted in February, 1865, in Company K, 17th West Virginia Infantry and served until July 16, 1865, when he returned home and cared for his aged parents. After they passed away, he moved to Grafton and became manager of the Singer Manufacturing Company, continuing as such until 1888, when he purchased a furniture store in Grafton. He was successful in this enterprise. He is a member of the M. E. church and holds membership in Grafton Lodge, No. 98, I. O. O. F. He now resides in New York.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Johnathan M. Parsons	Dec. 10, 1842	Mary C. Long	
		Oct. 16, 1878	

Mary C. (Long) Parsons

**Children.**

William Floyd Parsons

## CLEMENTINA JANT PARSONS METHENEY.

Clementa J. Parsons was born in Randolph County Virginia,  
and now resides at Tera Alta, W. Va.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Joseph Metheney			
C. J. Parsons Metheney	June 30, 1846	Joseph Metheney Mar. 26, 1870	
<b>Children.</b>			
George A. Metheney	Jan. 15, 1871		Nov. 28, 1871
Clarence H. Metheney	June 12, 1873	Katherine Shunk	Aug. 9, 1910
Troy M. Metheney	May 19, 1877	Susan Trickett Sept., 1907	
Maude Metheney	Sept. 20, 1880		Sept. 28, 1881
Clyde P. Matheney	Feb. 25, 1882	Marguerite Miller Feb. 8, 1908	
Daisy L. Matheney	Jan. 9, 1885	Daniel L. Worthing June 11, 1907	
Russell R. Matheney	Dec. 12, 1887	Jessie Taylor	
Troy M. Matheney			
Susan Trickett Parsons			

### Children.

Herbert H. Matheney  
Regenia A. Matheney  
Clyde Parsons Matheney  
Marguerite Miller Matheney

### Children.

Mervin F. Matheney      Aug. 20, 1911  
Daniel M. Worthing  
Daisy L. Matheney Worthing

### Children.

Joseph William Worth-  
ing                      July 1, 1911  
Russell R. Matheney  
Jessie Taylor Matheney

### Children.

Willis C. Matheney  
Ruth E. Matheney

### REBECCA PARSONS.

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Rebecca Parsons, third daughter of Isaac Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. Her life was devoted to her family; she was an excellent nurse, and spent much of her time among the sick; she gave her aged parents great love and care in their old days; she passed all of her life on the farm, where her father located when he came to West Virginia. She died unmarried at the age of eighty-three.

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### GEORGE M. PARSONS.

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Geoge M. Parsons, son of Isaac Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. He was engaged in farming and stock raising; his herds of cattle were the best in the community; he owned sixteen hundred acres of land. He died unmarried, leaving his estate to nieces and nephews. His life was one of truth and honesty.

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### CATHERINE PARSONS.

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Catherine Parsons, fourth daughter of Isaac Parsons, married Townsend Bell; they moved to Kanauwhat County, Virginia, and nothing is known of her descendants.

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### ELIZABETH PARSONS.

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Elizabeth Parsons, fifth daughter of Isaac Parsons, was born on the plantation. She was very much beloved by every one who knew her. She was a sweet Christian character; her life was devoted in making those around her happy.

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### JEMIMA PARSONS.

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Jemima Parsons, sixth daughter of Isaac Parsons, was a twin to Elizabeth, they were devoted companions from childhood; they were never absent from the house of the Lord on the sabbath day, if it was possible to be there. Both sleep near each other in the Bethel cemetery.

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### CHRISTINA PARSONS.

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Christina Parsons, seventh daughter of Isaac Parsons, married William Ball, and nothing is known of her descendants.

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### JOHN H. AND WILLIAM J. PARSONS.

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John H. and William J. Parsons, twin brothers and sons of Isaac Parsons, were born on the plantation. After their marriage they moved to Kanawha County, Virginia. All trace of their descendants is lost.

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### NANCY RUST PARSONS.

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Nancy Rust Parsons, eighth daughter of Isaac and Mary Mace Parsons was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She grew to womanhood on the plantation and was an expert in the culinary art. The young folks were frequent visitors to this home and were always given a warm welcome. This family has all passed away many years ago.

## NICHOLAS M. PARSONS.

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Nicholas M. Parsons, son of Isaac Parsons, was born on the old plantation. He owned sixteen hundred acres of land and built a fine two-story house near the site of the loghouse, which was built in pioneer days. He inherited the love of fine stock, which is a characteristic of the Parsons family, his special attention being given to improving his herds, and his plantation produced fine specimens of cattle, horses and other domestic animals.

The most improved machinery was used in his fields and the appearance of thrift and industry was seen everywhere about his premises. The fruits of his orchard were of the best varieties.

He was a warm sympathizer of the south, and was very much annoyed during the civil war by guerrilla soldiers, and lost much property. He was assessed seven hundred dollars to make up Union men's losses. His sons inherited his lands at his death, but the most grand inheritance which he left his children was a name he had never dishonored.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Nicholas M. Parsons	April 12, 1812	Regania Teter	Nov. 26, 1897
Regania Teter		May 11, 1882	
<b>Children.</b>			
George J. Parsons	Sept. 23, 1883		Nov. 24, 1907
Harlie Belle Parsons	Dec. 16, 1885	A. W. Parsons	
		April 22, 1907	
Edgar H. Parsons	—, 1888		
Homer M. Parsons	May 8, 1890		
Mary Beatrice Parsons	Dec. 20, 1892		
Mary VanLiew			
Isaac Boyd Parsons	Dec. 20, 1893		

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 EDGAR HOWARD PARSONS, M. D.
 

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Elgar H. Parsons, M. D., was born in Randolph County, Virginia (now Tucker County, West Virginia). He received a practical education in the district schools. He commenced the study of medicine at his home in 1859, in the office of Dr. Solomon Parsons. Early in 1860 he resumed his studies in the office of Dr. A. Howard Scott, of Moorefield, and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, Virginia, in 1861.

He enlisted in the Confederate army as a member of the "Hardy Blues" which was ordered to Western Virginia, June 1, 1861, and attached to the 25th Virginia Regiment, a part of this regiment was captured at the battle of Rich Mountain. The remainder of the regiment, with General E. Johnson in command. In the spring of 1862, it was attached to the Division of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson and was under his command during that summer and fall, going into camp after the battle of Fredricksburg, Virginia.

The Confederate army was scarce of surgeons; Dr. Scott suggested that he be assigned to work in the hospital.

In the spring of 1865; he was sent to Raleigh, N. C., and with General Joseph E. Johnson's command surrendered.

He began the practice of his profession January, 1866, and since that time has practiced in Piedmont, West Virginia, and adjacent towns.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Edgar Howard Parsons, M. D.	_____	1838 Lizzie Bradly Thrall	
Lizzie B. Thrall Parsons		_____, 1881	

## Children.

Francis Allen Parsons  
 Marie Louise Parsons  
 N. ary VanLlew Parsons

W. D. Campbell

Apr. 24, 1907

Walter Thrall Parsons  
 Edgar Howard Parsons



## CHARLES L. PARSONS.

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Charles L. Parsons was born on the plantation of his grandfather, Isaac Parsons. He inherited a part of the land at the death of his uncle, George Parsons; this land has been in the possession of this family since 1770. He is a farmer and stock raiser. In his younger days he was an ardent hunter, having killed with Solomon J. Parsons' assistance in one season, thirty-one deer. He has a comfortable home and enjoys the society of his friends.

### Family Record of C. L. Parsons.

	Born.	Married.		Died.
Charles L. Parsons	————,	1841	Sadie Jenkins	
Sadie Jenkins Parsons				

#### Children.

Boyd M. Parsons  
 Bertie B. Parsons  
 Delton Parsons

## EDWIN PARSONS, M. D.

Edwin Parsons was born in Randolph County, Virginia. He attended the private school at an early age and was a very studious young man; at the age of twenty he went to the medical department of the University of New York and graduated with high honors. He returned to his native state and located in Meadowville, where he built up a practice enjoyed by few physicians. As a man he had the respect of everyone and as a physician the people had implicit confidence in his ability and knowledge of the profession.

He was firm in what he believed to be right; his record was without a stain and his success but a just reward for his ability, industry and zeal in his chosen profession. He passed peacefully away in Meadowville, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
Edwin Parsons, M. D. Dama Kittle Parsons		Dama Kittle	—————, 1885

#### Children.

May Parsons Ida Parsons Morgan Parsons Eva Parsons Arthur Parsons Enfolia Parsons Leroy V. Halsberry Enfolia Parsons Holsberry	Willa McCoy      Leroy V. Halsberry Sept. 10, 1893
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#### Children.

John Edwin Holsberry Sept. 7, 1895  
Mary Morgan Holsberry April 29, 1910

GEORGE PARSONS.  
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George Parsons, third son of Thomas Parsons, Jr., was born in Hardy County, Virginia, and grew to manhood on the plantation. He was taught industry, which is the most important to one form in business and the man who succeeds in business is the one who retires before 10 o'clock and rises early in the morning. He must have been a man of pluck, energy and determination when he moved with his family to western Virginia and settled on Cheat river on land known as the "Job Farm." This country was unknown to civilized man until 1762. When he located there all the land from the mouth of Horse Shoe Run to Holly Meadows was in the possession of the four Parsons brothers. They formed a little detached world, purely their own, and all difficulties and obstacles were forced to yield before them in whatever direction they turned their hands.

The soil was very fertile. Much of it was covered with hickory, walnut, chestnut, oak and sugar maple. The broad acres were converted into cornfields and meadows and their herds of live stock roamed through the vast forests at will.

They all lived in log cabins, but they later built comfortable log houses and were prosperous. The first Parsons laid in the Bethel cemetery was a little son of George Parsons that was killed by a falling branch from a tree where he had gone to shelter from a storm.

In the spring of 1815, he sold his plantation to his brother William, and with his wife and thirteen children journeyed westward, all the cousins who could ride horseback, accompanying them as far as the Ohio river. They were so attached to each other that the parting was pathetic. Many of them never met again.

He settled in Montgomery County, Ohio, purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land in the Miami Valley, seven miles from Dayton and engaged in the stock business, raising cattle, buying and selling. Work was his pleasure and he was seldom off his horse

from dawn until the shades of night. He was a shrewd business man and he accumulated wealth.

As a citizen he had a clean moral standing. He attained a place of dignity and held it by righteous living and his kindness to all mankind.

His first wife was Nancy Scott. Eight daughters and seven sons were born to them. She died when the youngest daughter was two years of age. Two daughters and three sons died unmarried; the others settled in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois. The names of the three last wives are not given. There were no children by them. The fourth wife survived him. He retired from business at the age of 75 years. His years were full. He died in his 93rd year.

Home, No. 65 Kenton street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Walnut Hills, Ohio, August 10, 1894.

(By Elizabeth Parsons Howell—Written in her eighty-sixth year.)

I, Elizabeth Parsons Howell, daughter of George and Nancy Scott Parsons, was born on the bank of Cheat river, Virginia, November 21, 1810, and migrated to Ohio with my parents in 1815. At the present writing, I am the only one of my father's family in Ohio. I have two sisters, Nancy E. Shepard of Chicago, and Margaret McDonald, of Oregon.

Formerly I have been in the habit of visiting the Ohio home of my youth every year, but it has been several years since I was there. I have a desire to go once more if I am spared, but we cannot tell about these things at my age. I always desired to go to Virginia and see the place where I was born. Six years ago I went and had a lovely four weeks' visit, and met a great many of my friends, among them persons of three generations. I was on the first mountain I ever remembered seeing and in the house where I was born. It had gone out of the possession of my kindred. A Presbyterian minister had purchased the property.

My husband and I had it all planned to go to Virginia to meet our many religious friends who had frequently visited us in this city. We had, we thought, it all arranged in 1874, but the good Lord had it arranged otherwise. My husband died in that year. I still felt a desire to go but there was always something to hinder me, and my visit was deferred until six years ago. I spent four weeks pleasantly in Philadelphia, New York and Brooklyn and was well all the time.

I went as much to fulfill my husband's desire as my own. I attended all the yearly meetings, came home well and was always glad I made the visit. I will now give a short history of my married life:

I married Joshpa Howell, May, 1833, and three months after we were married we moved to Wayne County, Indiana, to a small village named Haggerstown, sixteen miles from Richmond and seven miles from Cambridge City. We were one of the seven newly married couples that started the village. Wm. Baker and wife kept a hotel; David Platts kept a cabinet-maker shop; Henry Harris kept a blacksmith shop; David Weaver, a wagon maker's shop and Jackson Hawkins a nice little store. My husband kept a tailor shop and I a milliner store on a small scale. Thos J. Buchanan was our physician. We all got along nicely, none of us had anything but what we got by our own work and we appreciated it all the more.

In one year there were twenty houses in the village. When we where there three months, we bought lots, and Enos, Boyd & Luce, our carpenter, built us a nice five-room two story house, when we had been there seven months, we were in our nicely furnished house. In about one year, M. E. Reeves came and started a large store. He bought and sold grain. Gillispie & Davis, of Dayton, Ohio, built a large mill, and everything went on lively. It was a fine, healthy fruit and grain country. We had four children born to us, one died in infancy. Martha, Harvey, and Thomas. The schools were very good and we got along nicely. The town grew to be quite large. We sold our first house and built a seven room house on two lots in the central part of town. We built to stay. We improved and had every convenience—a nice orchard, grape arbor, bee house, etc.

I have never been situated as comfortably since, and lived so happily. My husband's health failed, and he could not stand the confinement of his shop. Our doctor said he would have to engage in some business where he could be on his feet, but we both felt that we could not leave our nice home, where we had so many comforts and staid old friends, but duty seemed to say, seek another place, and so the city of Cincinnati was the only place we thought he could find business. We had to sacrifice quite a sum and many comforts in selling our home. We made a sale, selling most of our household goods and moved to Cincinnati, March 28, 1848. It was like a funeral to us to leave all our friends, but it seemed the best.

My husband got a situation soon at Mack Brothers, where he stayed seven years, and regained his health. Then he was offered more money and he took a position with A. & J. Trounstines, where he got \$100.00 per month. Our daughter married Lorenzo Brown,

1853, and moved to the country. My husband was always desirous to own a farm, as our sons wanted to work on a farm. He bought a farm ten miles from the city, near Mt. Pleasant, and with my two sons I went on the farm, my husband staying in the city and coming home every week. We got along very nicely and did well, raised good crops and planted fruit of various kinds. We had the farm stocked with the best cows and horses. We lived there thirteen years, but it was our lot to have another break-up. In 1861, my two sons and son-in-law enlisted and went to the war, and I could do no more. I made a sale, and sold all our cows, horses, wagons and all the farming implements and moved to the city. I took my daughter and her child home and kept them during the war. Her children were all dead but that one. There were three years of anxiety—we did not know what day or week would bring to us, but that was not all. They did not all come home—we lost our baby son, Thomas. He was killed in battle at Atlanta. That was a very sore trial to us, but my trials have been more since. In 1874, I buried my husband and in 1876, buried my son-in-law, Lorenzo Brown. My daughter lived a widow for five years and then married Dr. James R. Whittemore in 1880, and on January 22, 1892, he died. On December 27, 1893, she followed him. All these many trials I have passed through and yet I am kept here while many others are gone that might be of much more use than I.

Eleven years ago I sold my home at 237 West 9th street, between John and Central avenue, and came to my present home, Walnut Hills, where I have had very good health, and am still wading along through life and have great reason to be thankful that I am still able to take care of my house in a plain manner.

I have been a member of the Mill Creek Baptist church for thirty years. My husband was deacon there twenty-five years, but we are all at Spring Grove now. I have one son left, one grand-son, Howell Brown, who has a wife and three children, great-grand-children, Eliza Brown, Lorenzo Brown and Mattie Whittemore Brown.

Mrs. Howell died in 1902. She was 92 years of age. Her son, Harvey Howell, of Cincinnati, was kind enough to send the article written by Mrs. Howell. He resides in Cincinnati and is 75 years of age. The grand-son, Howell Brown, resides in Kentucky.

The "Job Farm" was purchased by Newton Swisher, who married Mary S. Parsons, and was in his possession when Mrs. Howell visited Virginia. The house where she was born was burned in 1823, and was rebuilt by Job Parsons, S., on the same

foundation. The property was purchased in 1909 by Westley Pifer, who married C. Parsons, and is still in possession of the "kindred." The farm has been kept up and many of the old apple trees are bearing fruit; perhaps they were planted by George Parsons more than one hundred years ago.

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### HOWELL L. BROWN.

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Howell L. Brown, son of Lorenzo and Martha Howell Brown, was born on a farm in Springfield township, near Cincinnati, Ohio. He received his education in the public schools. He is a typesetter in a printing office in Dayton, Kentucky.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Howell Lorenzo Brown	1859	Josephine Steuver	
Josephine Brown			Apr. —, 1904
<b>Children.</b>			
Elizabeth Brown	Dec. 6, 1885	Rodman Jones	
Lorenzo Brown	Sept. 18, 1887		Aug. —, 1903
Martha Brown	Oct. 10, 1891	Elmer Hunt	
Joel Brown	June 11, 1896		



MARGARET PARSONS ULM

Daughter of George Parsons





## MARGARET PARSONS ULM.

Margaret Parsons, daughter of George and Nancy Scott Parsons, was born in Miami valley near Dayton, Ohio. She was the fifteenth child born to George Parsons. Her mother died when she was quite young and the eldest sister was a mother to her.

After her marriage she migrated to Missouri and lived there until May 1864. She and her family crossed the plains with an Ox team with an emigrant train arriving in Marion County, Oregon, the 25th day of September. Her husband passed away in the same month, and she was alone in a strange land with a family, but she had made many friends on her way to Oregon and they were very kind and assisted her in getting settled in a cosy home where she remained until May, 1870, when she moved to Forest Grove and engaged in farming and stock raising. She was a woman of great intelligence and a good financier. Her second husband was Davis McDonald; her third, Miller, a Mexican war veteran. After his death, she drew a pension. She and her son spent the winter of 1899 in California. She was then in her 81st year, and had all her faculties perfectly, she enjoying telling of her pioneer life in the west. Her last days were spent with her son at her home in Dilley, Oregon.

## Family Record of Margaret Parsons Ulm.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Hatton Ulm	Feb. 23, 1817	Hatton Ulm Feb. 23, 1836	Sept. 28, 1864
Margaret Parsons Ulm	Oct. 14, 1818	David McDonald Miller, 1870	Feb. 25, 1901
<b>Children.</b>			
Marriette Ulm	Mar. 19, 1838	William Randolph	
Daniel Ulm	July 28, 1839		Sept. 13, 1839
David W. Ulm	Sept. 18, 1841	Margaret Level	Dec. 15, 1899
James Francis Ulm	July 1, 1843	Ellen Creiger	Feb. 21, 1907
Joshua Hatton Ulm	Nov. 8, 1849		
Powers S. Ulm	Sept. 25, 1851	Louisa J. Johnson	
Eugene H. Ulm	June 14, 1853	Jane Gentry	Mar. 17, 1895
Wm. Parsons Ulm	Nov. 6, 1859	Jane Reed	
Thos. Shepard Ulm	April 14, 1862		Mar. 28, 1863

## POWERS S. ULM.

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Powers S. Ulm, fifth son of Hatton and Margaret Parsons Ulm, was born in Missouri and migrated to Oregon with his parents when a small boy. After he grew to manhood, he engaged in farming and stock raising. He was a dutiful son to his aged mother and cared for her in her last years until she passed away. He has retired from business and is enjoying the fruits of his labor under his own vine and fig tree in San Jose, California.

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### Family Record of Powers S Ulm.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Powers S. Ulm	Sept. 25, 1851	Louisa J. Johnson	
Louisa J. Ulm		July 19, 1877	
<b>Children.</b>			
Powers B. Ulm	Jan. 24, 1879	Emma Blake Nov., 1900	
Eva Cloid Ulm	Jan. 22, 1881	Chas. Russell Nov. 2, 1899	
Edward E. Ulm	Aug. 10, 1884		
Harold G. Ulm	July 4, 1894		
Helen Dorris Ulm	Nov. 1, 1902		
Charles Russell			
Eva Cloid Russell			
<b>Children.</b>			
Helen Beryl Russell	Nov 15, 1909		

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 WILLIAM PARSONS ULM.
 

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William Parsons Ulm, seventh son of Hatton and Margaret Parsons Ulm, was born in Missouri. He was a small boy when he rode a mule across the plains to Oregon. He was left fatherless at a tender age and has battled with the world successfully. He now resides in Portland, Oregon.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William P. Ulm	Nov. 6, 1859	Jane Reed	
Jane Reed Ulm	Aug. 1, 1866	Nov. 16, 1882 Della M. Stewart	July 3, 1895
		Dec. 9, 1908	

## Children.

Claude H. Ulm	Aug. 17, 1884
Harvey F. Ulm	Feb. 17, 1887
Iva May Ulm	May 17, 1889
William Lester Ulm	May 18, 1895

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 IVA ULM CARRIGAN.
 

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Iva Ulm Carrigan, daughter of William P. Ulm, was born in Oregon, and now resides in Kern, California.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Carl W. Carrigan	Nov. 27, 1883	Carl W. Carrigan	
Iva Ulm Carrigan	May 27, 1889	Dec. 27, 1905	July —, 1912
<b>Children.</b>			
Clifford W. Carrigan	July 17, 1906		
Rena Mayme Carrigan	Jan. 20, 1909		
Helen Jennette Carrigan	Aug. 20, 1910		

## JAMES PARSONS.

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James Parsons, fourth son of Thomas Parsons, Jr. I., was born seven miles from Moorfield, Virginia, on a plantation which was bounded on one side by the South Branch of the Potomac, a clear stream that moved silently and slowly in the summer. The shores are shaded by sycamore, walnut and pawpaw trees. This land has been in the Parsons family before the revolution and is exceedingly fertile. It produces vegetation in the greatest abundance.

In the summer the fields of corn and meadows of new mown hay present a beautiful appearance to the extreme. The hills seem to roll away in undulation from the valley, and beyond the Alleghany mountains loom up as if trying to gaze on the beauties of the surrounding country.

Here James Parsons grew to manhood and received a practical education from private schools. He chose farming as his occupation. His father had pre-empted a large tract of land in the western part of the state, and after his marriage a new field of adventure was open to him on this land.

The Indians had not molested the settlers since 1781. I have no knowledge of how many there were in the party when Parsons migrated to West Virginia in the spring of 1800. They traveled down Luney's Creek from the South Branch, through Greenland Gap, a deep cut in the mountain. The massive yellow rocks rise up on each side, a steep ascent which leads to the summit of the mountain. Here the spectator's eyes dwell with wonder at the view of the surrounding country; the river shimmers with its bright water in the glow of the sunlight, far down below—a greater scene of wildness, grandeur and sublimity is not easily found.

The beaten path leads on through this unbroken forest of chestnut groves, hickory, oak and sugar maple trees. Along the way clear cool water bubbled down from springs; a gourd hangs on a broken twig, that thirsty traveler might drink from these tinkling springs.

After about four days' journey they arrived to take possession of the cabin that had been built some time before. At this time all the agricultural lands from the Holly Meadows to St. George was in possession of the Parsons family.

Here, on this place, he burned bricks which were used for a foundation and chimneys for the two-story hewed log house which is still intact on this homestead.

The negro woman who saw "Sims" shot by the Indians was purchased by him and spent all her life on the plantation. She was the mother of fifteen children.

James Parsons was a jolly good fellow, and enjoyed a joke. He would tear a leaky roof from a neighbor's cabin some dark night and gather his friends the following day and put on a new roof. He possessed good business qualities and assisted his children when they were in need. He purchased a tract of land in the Horse Shoe from Isaac Parsons, son of Captain James. This land he gave to his eldest son, William R. Parsons; the home plantation to Andrew B., and another tract to Thomas S., and to Abraham, he gave a tract of land where East Parsons is now located.

He lived to see his children all settled in homes of their own. He was generally known as "Uncle Jim," and his wife as "Aunt Nancy." She was an expert spinner. She spun the wrap of her wedding dress. It was so fine she drew it through a thimble. At eighty years of age she could do fine needle work without glasses. She was a very intellectual woman and was born in Lowdon County, Virginia.

Here, on this plantation, they lived and flourished and the pleasures of life were sweet to them. They saw nine sons bring home their brides and the daughters and two granddaughters went away happy brides.

The youngest son, Thomas S., was given a grand reception. It was the custom in those days to race for the bottle. The man with the fleetest horse would get the bottle with a white ribbon tied to it and it was presented to the bride. The bottle with the blue ribbon was presented to the groom and then the whole bridal party drank their health and prosperity.

Only the chimney of the negro cabin marks the spot where they sang melodious songs, and all the busy scenes of gaiety which have taken place are gone. No more are there loud yells in response to the dinner bell. With the swift revolving of years, the greatness

and pride and glory of two generations have passed away; and it is a solemn lecture on the shortness of our earthly existence that it reminds us that the sun that shines so brightly on the graves of our ancestors will shine with equal brightness on ours, and in a few more years the third and fourth generation will sink into silence, but the Parsons name will go on until the earth and all its work shall be burned up, for they are a prolific race.

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Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Parsons	Oct. 17, 1772	Nancy Rust July 3, 1796	Aug. 21, 1859
<b>Children.</b>			
William R. Parsons	May 31, 1798	Catherine Ward 1824. Mary Crouch Elizabeth James	Dec. 18, 1881
Elizabeth Parsons	Feb. 25, 1800	David Hank, 1826	Apr. 18, 1847
George Parsons	Sept. 14, 1802	Susan Harper Oct. 28, 1828	Nov. 8, 1855
David Parsons	Oct. 10, 1804	Edith Taggert, 1833	Oct. 25, 1834
John R. Parsons	Dec. 22, 1806	Diana Parsons Dec. 11, 1827	Nov. 28, 1882
Twins—			
Robert S. Parsons	Aug. 17, 1809	Mary Parsons Jan., 1834	1872
Abraham Parsons	Aug. 17, 1809	Antisan Parsons Apr., 1836 Emily Parsons Feb. 12, 1834	Aug. 19, 1884
Sarah Parsons	Apr. 15, 1813	Johnson Talbott Aug., 1836	June 24, 1881
James R. Parsons	Oct. 9, 1814	Mahala Mason, 1838	Aug., 1887
Andrew B. Parsons	Sept. 22, 1816	Phebe Ann Howe Sept. 5, 1844	Apr. 25, 1894
Thomas S. Parsons	Dec. 4, 1818	Elizabeth Currence	Dec. 25, 1873

## WILL OF JAMES PARSONS.

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In the name of God Amen! I, James Parsons, Sr., of the County of Tucker in the state of Virginia, being old and infirm in body, but of sound and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament:

1.—I require of my executors, heretofore named, after the payment of my personal expenses, to pay all my just debts.

2.—I will and bequeath to my granddaughter, Lucinda Long, in addition to what I paid her father in his lifetime, the sum of seven hundred and ninety dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate.

3.—I will and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Talbott, in addition to what I have heretofore given her, the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate

4.—I will and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter, Elizabeth Hank, in addition to what I have heretofore given her, the sum of seven hundred and thirty-five dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate.

5.—I will and bequeath to my son, John R. Parsons, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, the sum of three hundred and eighty dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate.

6.—I will and bequeath to my son, Robert S. Parsons, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, the sum of sixty-five dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate.

7.—I will and bequeath to my son, James R. Parsons, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, the sum of twenty hundred dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate. I also give him my interest in the tract of land I purchased of Woodruff and adjoining his home.

8.—I will and bequeath to my son, Abraham Parsons, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, the sum of two thousand dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate. I also give him onehalf of the tract of one hundred and forty acres of land on Otter Fork.



9.—I will and bequeath to my son, Thomas S. Parsons, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, the sum of two thousand dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate. I also give him one-half of a tract of 400 acres of land on the west side of Cheat river on Branon Run.

10.—I will and bequeath to my son, Andrew B. Parsons, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, a tract of sixty-eight acres of land on Simm's Bottom. Also one-half of a tract of 400 acres on the west side of Cheat river on Branon's Run; also one-half of a tract of 140 acres of land on Otter Fork.

11.—After the payment of the above mentioned sums, should there remain anything over of my personal estate, then it is my will and desire that all my children shall share alike in the residue.

12.—I hereby appoint my sons, William R. Parsons and Andrew B. Parsons, my executors of this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand this 19th day of June, in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

James Parsons.

Signed and acknowledged by the testator in the presence of the subscribers who were all present at the same time, and as subscribing witness we subscribed the said will in the presence of the testator, and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Jesse Parsons,  
Ward Parsons,  
Samuel Crane.

Virginia, Tucker County Court, September term, 1859. The last will and testament of James Parsons, S., deceased, was this day presented in Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. Arnold Bonnifield, Clerk.

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## WILLIAM R. PARSONS.

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William Rust Parsons, first son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. When he was two years of age his parents migrated to western Virginia. His boyhood days were spent on the plantation. He received his education from the private schools and was a man of sound scholarship and noted for his devotion to books. He could hold a conversation with the best on the general topics of the day. He had a keen knowledge of men and seemed to have learned the value of self-control. When a person did him an injury, he guarded his words and said as little as possible. He kept his dignity and ignored them, which was a greater reprimand than strong language. By his gracious, kindly manner, he made a fine impression which won great respect from everyone.

In politics he was a Democrat, but few knew his opinion of the candidate of the opposite party. He was elected to several offices and performed his official duties with honor and was always first to extend his assistance for development and improvement for the public good. He was always willing to help a man when he was unfortunate. His idea was that a man who was tempted and did not fall achieved no greater victory than the man who fell and rose again.

During the civil war he was a heavy loser. His assessment by Kellok was \$800.00. The order read: You are hereby notified that upon an assessment, you are assessed \$800.00 to make good the losses of Union men. If you fail to pay in three days, your property will all be confiscated, your house burned and yourself shot.

By order of Brigadier General Millroy; Captain Kellok, Commanding 123rd Ohio.

He informed the officer that it was impossible for him to pay the amount, he "could only die but once." This tyrannous proceeding raised a storm of indignation and Jos. A. Faris was sent to St. George to stop the assessment, but not until many citizens had

paid over large sums. Had this work gone on it would have been hard to tell what would have been the outcome.

After emancipation was declared, W. R. Parsons called his slaves together and offered them the same home that they had always enjoyed, but they were anxious to see some of "de world" and they all packed up and left their "happy home" for some other country.

Captain James Parsons, son of Isaac, inherited the Horse Shoe land and sold it to James Parsons, who made a gift deed to his son William, who built the house which is now on it. There is no spot on Cheat river so beautiful. In the fall when the sunshine shows full upon the high colors of the landscape, as it stretches over the Horse Shoe bottom and Cheat river winding along in the distance, it is most picturesque.

The different crossings of Cheat river have been given various names; Job's Ford, at the Holly Meadows, got its name from Job Parsons, who lived on the north bank below this ford. The river sweeps around the base of the mountain, then turns toward the east to Neveill's Ford. From Sim's Bottom, the river flows around the Horse Shoe, a distance of six miles. The Horse Shoe is named from the resemblance to the Shoe of a horse from cork to cork and is one mile across.

William R. Parsons owned a large tract of land in what is known as the "Sugar Lands." This land was covered with black maple sugar trees and other valuable timber. He used this land for grazing purposes for cattle, horses and mules. He retired from business and lived a quiet life some years before he passed away. He did not fear death, but welcomed it with the great heartiness of his nature.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William R. Parsons	May 31, 1798	Catherine Ward 1824	Dec. 23, 1881
Catherine Ward Parsons	July —, 1804		Apr. —, 1833
<b>Children.</b>			
Jesse Parsons	Sept. 11, 1825	Catherine Parsons . Sept. 30, 1847	Apr. 15, 1876



**WILLIAM R. PARSONS**

Son of James Parsons



	Born.	Married.	Died.
Sarah Anne Parsons	June 27, 1828	Ward Parsons Oct. 14, 1847	June 22, 1910
Elizabeth Parsons	Sept. 4, 1830		Mar. —, 1834
Catherine Parsons	Aur. —, 1833	Harrison Stalnaker	Nov. —, 1912
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
William Parsons		Mary Crouch	
Mary Crouch			
<b>Children.</b>			
Nelson Parsons	1836		1862
Rebecca Parsons	Mar. 22, 1837	Hiram Smith	1895
Rachael Parsons	May 2, 1838	Adanijah B. Parsons Dec. 13, 1868	
John Parsons	1840	Unmarried	
Joseph Parsons	1842	Margaret J. Long 1872	
Elbridge Parsons	1844	Unmarried	Oct. 3, 1863
David Parsons	1846	Unmarried	Feb. —, 1869
Mary Jane Parsons	Mar. 26, 1848	David S. Manier Jan. 1, 1867	Sept. 15, 1893

## JESSE PARSONS.

Jesse Parsons, first son of William R. and Catherine Ward Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe in Randolph County, Virginia. He was reared on the farm and attended the district school in the winter and made good progress for he was a faithful student. He was the first sheriff of Tucker County, having been elected twice in one year. At that time he was a conspicuous figure in politics and was a lifelong loyal and ardent Democrat. He was taken prisoner during the war by Lambert's "Swamp Dragons" and carried to Wheeling, but the authorities could not find he had taken up arms against the Government, he was released and sent home and was not molested again during the war. He was plain in manner, a good citizen and one never puffed up by the honors conferred upon him.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jesse Parsons	Sept. 11, 1825	Catherine Parsons Sept. 30, 1847	Apr. 16, 1896
Catherine Parsons	Apr. 3, 1829		Oct. 11, 1895
<b>Children.</b>			
Cornelia Anne Parsons	Sept. 5, 1848		June 23, 1855
William Lehman Parsons	Apr. 30, 1850	Frede Carlson Nov. 2, 1898	
Lee Parsons	May 15, 1852		Dec. 30, 1855
Worth Parsons	Feb. 12, 1856		Apr. 3, 1856
Mary Samantha Parsons	Feb. 15, 1857	Newton Swisher	1908
Anne Eliza Parsons	Aug. 7, 1860	Jacob S. Lambert July 3, 1900	
Creed Parsons	Dec. 17, 1863	.	Sept. 23, 1865
George Tingle Parsons	Oct. 13, 1865		
Melvin Parsons	July 2, 1867		

## WILLIAM LOHMAN PARSONS.

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William L. Parsons, first son of Jesse and Catherine Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. He migrated to California, 1873; his capital consisted of a strong constitution, and industry; he has done some kind of manual work every day throughout his life and has followed the pursuits of stock raising and farming. He resides on his ranch seven miles from Chualar, California.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William L. Parsons	Apr. 30, 1850	Freda Carlson Nov. 2, 1898	
Freda Carlson Parsons	Jan. 11, 1869		
Children.			
Mary Ellen Parsons	Apr. 12, 1900		
George William Parsons	Jan. 20, 1902		
Merle Malitda Parsons	June 7, 1904		
Alfred Rust Parsons	May 15, 1911		

## MARY SAMANTHA PARSONS SWISHER.

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Mary Samantha Parsons, daughter of Jesse Parsons, was born in Tucker County, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Newton Swisher			
Mary Samantha Parsons	Feb. 15, 1857	Newton Swisher	1908
Children.			
Minnie Belle Swisher	Aug. 13, 1876	Gordon Taylor Aug. 25, 1901	
Clyde Swisher			
Glenn Swisher			



## MINNIE BELLE SWISHER TAYLOR.

Minnie Belle Swisher, daughter of Newton and Mary S. Parsons Swisher, was born in Tucker County, West Virginia. She now resides near Parsons.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Gordon W. Taylor		Aug. 25, 1901	
Minnie Belle Swisher	Aug. 13, 1876	Gordon W. Taylor	
Children.			
Ethel Grace Taylor	Oct. 12, 1902		
Earle Taylor	Apr. 8, 1904		
Mary Elizabeth Taylor	Aug. 24, 1905		
Gordon Everett Taylor	Feb. 2, 1908		

## CATHERINE PARSONS STALNAKER.

Catherine Parsons, third daughter of William R. and Catherine Ward Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, Randolph County, Virginia. Her mother passed away when she was five days old; her grandmother and aunt cared for her.

After her marriage she moved to Barbour County and lived on a farm all her life. Her husband was Lieutenant in the Confederate army; during the four years of his absence she and the eldest son plowed, sowed and reaped a crop that was sufficient for their living. She was an estimable woman and very much beloved by all who knew her.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Harrison Stalnaker		Harrison Stalnaker	1909
Catherine Parsons Stalnaker			Oct. 18, 1912
Children.			
George W. Stalnaker		Linn Shaffer	
Imboden Stalnaker		Belle Mouse	
Lloyd Stalnaker		Unmarried	

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## NELSON PARSONS.

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Nelson Parsons, first son of William R. and Mary Crouch Parsons was born in the Horse Shoe. He was possessed of a noble disposition and fine business qualities. In May 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate cause and was in the first skirmish fought in West Virginia. His brave commanding officer, Lieut. McChesny, was killed and many of the little squad was wounded.

When his company went to Reckridge, he said farewell to his loved one forever. He died with camp fever, 1862. His country lost a brave noble man, his father a loving son. Each year his grave is decorated with flowers with thousands of other brave men who gave their life for the "Lost Cause."

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## REBECCA PARSONS.

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Rebecca Parsons, first daughter of William R. and Mary Crouch Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe. After the death of her mother she lived a life of devotion to her brothers and sisters. She was an expert seamstress and managed the household affairs with ability, determination and good judgment.

Late in life she married Hiram Smith, of Barbour County West Virginia. She died at Montrose, West Virginia, 1896; no children.

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## RACHAEL PARSONS.

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Rachel Parsons, second daughter of William R. and Mary Crouch Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, in Randolph County, Virginia. All her girlhood days was spent on the plantation, her mentality was above the average. She is endowed with a loveable disposition and the faculty of making and keeping her friends.

She spent the winter of 1882, in Wheeling, West Virginia with her husband; he was the representative of Randolph and Tucker Counties for that session of the legislature. She is a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, also an active member of the ladies' aid society; she is living a peaceful life in her comfortable home, in Parsons, West Virginia.

## JOSEPH PARSONS.

Joseph Parsons, third son of William R. and Mary Crouch Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe and has spent all his life on the old home place, one of the most beautiful in all West Virginia. He is a farmer and stock raiser; his herds are among the best in the county. He is a congenial man and keeps open house for all his friends. At the entrance of his house you feel welcome and that you may eat, drink (coffee) and be merry. for his family understands the art of entertaining in a royal manner.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Joseph Parsons		Margaret J. Long	
Margaret J. Long	May 1, 1845		
<b>Children.</b>			
William R. Parsons	Jan 24, 1874	Ethel Jenkins	Aug. 22, 1900
Florence Mae Parsons	Dec. 11, 1875	Alexander Poe	
Minnie Parsons	Jan. 4, 1878		
Bascom Baker Parsons	May 14, 1882	Rose Lee Williams	
Truman C. Parsons	Feb. 14, 1885		Oct. 17, 1895
Dell Parsons	Jan. 16, 1888		
Alexander Poe			
Florence M. Parsons		Alexander Poe	
Poe		May 30, 1893	

### Children.

Milton Poe  
 Alexander Poe, Jr.  
 Donald Carlton Poe

## DAVID PARSONS.

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David Parsons, fifth son of William R. and Mary Crouch Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe. When he grew to manhood he was possessed with a spirit of unrest, he had heard glowing accounts of how speedily fortunes were acquired on the golden shores of California. In the spring of 1867 he embarked for California. He settled in Salinas valley and engaged in farming and had his career not been cut short, he would have succeeded. His genial disposition won for him many friends, but fate was against him; he contracted a severe cold which proved fatal. and died in San Jose, February, 1870.

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## MARY JANE PARSONS MINEAR

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Mary Jane Parsons, third daughter of William R. and Mary Crouch Parsons was born in the Horse Shoe in Randolph County, Virginia. After her marriage she settled on the Minear farm near St. George and enjoyed life to the fullest extent until her health failed; she and her husband made a trip to California and spent the winter to seek health, but alas! the fell destroyer had become too deeply seated in her, the mild climate did not benefit her. She returned to her family and passed away in a few months.

The careful training of her children and her influence on those who were her associations stands today as a great monument to her sweet memory.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
David S. Minear	Dec. 21, 1840		Feb. —, 1911
Mary J. Parsons	Mar. 26, 1848	David Minear Jan. 1, 1867	Sept. 15, 1893

Children.	Born.	Married.	Died.
Creed W. Minear	Oct. 11, 1868	Elizabeth R. Stiff	
Joseph P. Minear	Feb. 1, 1870	Anne Tilden Minear	
John W. Minear	Dec. 22, 1875	Mary Harper	
C. Bruce Minear	Dec. 30, 1875		
Mary Catherine Minear	Dec. 1, 1880		
William S. Minear	Aug. 1, 1885		

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**Family Record of Creed W. Minear.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Creed Minear			
Elizabeth Stiff Minear			
<b>Children.</b>			
Mary Catherine Louise Minear	July 5, 1904		
Creed Wilbur Minear	June 4, 1906		
Kenneth Ward Minear	Aug. 13, 1908		

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**Family Record of John Minear.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John W. Minear			
Mary Harper Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Elizabeth Minear	Oct. 22, 1909		

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**Family Record of William Stanford Minear.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William S. Minear			
Soloma Auvil Minear			
<b>Children.</b>			
Chesley Minear	Feb. 19, 1907		
Carl Bruce Minear			

## ELIZABETH PARSONS HANK.

“The old log house stands in silence grand—  
 A monument to home life sweet.  
 With untold tales of by-gone days,  
 Of pleasant paths or thorny ways;  
 A land mark, only, in time's hand,  
 When never more its owner shall greet.”

Elizabeth Parsons, fifth daughter of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia. She was an infant when her parents moved to Western Virginia. She attended the district school and finished her educational course at Morgantown Academy. She was a type of a very handsome woman, dark lustrous eyes with soft sunny hair. Among the “darkies” on the plantation Miss “Betties” word was good, for they all loved her for her sweet Christian character. After her marriage she lived in Monroe County, Virginia. Her children filled her life with constant care; she looked after them from the cradle, she gave them religious instructions and they were devoted to her. She migrated to Ohio 1836 and some years later was taken from her family. Her children lost a loving mother and the community lost a noble woman. We know the world was better for her having lived in it. The old log house where she was reared is still intact.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
David Hank	Mar. 5, 1788		May 4, 1854
Elizabeth Parsons Hank	Mar. 25, 1800	David Hank, 1826	Apr. 18, 1847
Children.			
George Hank	July 20, 1827	Olive Weed Oct. 11, 1855	May —, 1864
Nancy Hank	Dec. 14, 1828		May 22, 1843
James W. Hank	July 16, 1830	Martha E. Watts Oct. 7, 1856	Sept. 29, 1898
Jehu B. Hank	Jan. 22, 1832		
John Parsons Hank	Jan. 22, 1832	Clara C. Irwin Oct. 7, 1836	
Caleb R. Hank	Mar. 13, 1836	America Brown Jan. 1, 1871	
Susanna Hank	Mar. 4, 1838		Nov. 5, 1843
Sarah E. Hank	Nov. 14, 1842		

## GEORGE HANK

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George Hank, first son of David and Elizabeth Parsons Hank, was born on the plantation of his grandfather James Parsons, in Randolph County, Virginia. He received the most of his education in Ohio. He was in his twentieth year when he lost his mother, at the age to realize what a dreadful loss he had sustained, for a child can never have any one who can take the place of a loving mother. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted in the U. S. army and went south with his company. He was taken prisoner and confined in the Andersonville prison, where he died May, 1864, leaving a wife and five sons to mourn the loss of a kind husband and a loving father. After the close of the war she moved to Missouri and settled on unimproved prairie land and through her industry and that of her sons they were able to live comfortable; in all ways she was a most estimable woman and loved by all who knew her.

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<b>Family Record.</b>		<b>Married.</b>	<b>Died.</b>
	<b>Born.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>May</b>
George Hank	July 20, 1827	Olive Weed ..Oct. 11, 1855	—, 1864
Olive Weed Parsons	Mar. 14, 1834		

### Children.

Monroe Hank  
 William Hank  
 Elmer Hank  
 George Hank  
 Leonidas Hank

## JAMES HANK.

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James Hank, second son of David and Elizabeth Parsons Hank, was born in Randolph County Virginia. He passed his early youth in Monroe County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Ohio; they traveled from the home of his mother in Randolph County (Now Tucker County, West Virginia), in road wagons. They settled in Gallia County, where he grew to manhood. He moved to Holden, Missouri, 1882, and remained there until 1892, when he moved to Kansas City. He was a generous and a social man, a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was never absent from the church when it was possible for him to be there. He was a man any one might feel proud to clasp in friendship.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.		Died.
James Hank	July 16, 1830	Martha E. Watts Oct. 7, 1856		Sept. 29, 1898
Martha E. Watts Hank				
Children.				
John Hank				
Margaret Hank				
David Hank				

## JOHN B. HANK.

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John B. Hank, third son of David and Elizabeth Parsons Hank, was born in Virginia. He was a small boy when his parents moved from Virginia to Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was educated in the public schools. He migrated to California, crossing the plains with an ox team. He staid in the Golden state ten years. A spirit of unrest took possession of him to see his old home in Ohio. By patient industry he had been successful and he located in Johnson County, Missouri; he bought land and built a fine house and for many years enjoyed entertaining his many friends, but age begun to creep on and he retired from active business and now resides in Holden, Missouri.



## JOHN PARSONS HANK.

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John P. Hank, fourth son of David and Elizabeth Parsons Hank, was born in Virginia. He was reared in the state of Ohio. When the civil war was declared, he was one of the first to take up arms in the defense of his country's rights; he volunteered in Company C, 41st Illinois Regiment. He did service under General McPherson, and was mustered out of service September, 1864. He is now living near Holden, Missouri.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John P. Hank	July 21, 1833	Clara C. Irwin Mar. 16, 1865	
Clara C. Irwin Parsons			Nov. —, 1868
<b>Children.</b>			
Milton I. Hank	Mar. 31, 1868	Etta Platter Dec. —, 1892 Helen Galoway	

## CALEB ROBERT HANK.

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Caleb R. Hank, fifth son of David and Elizabeth Parsons Hank, was born in Monroe County, Virginia. He was educated in the public schools in Ohio. When he reached the years of maturity he crossed the plains with his brother, driving an ox team. He worked in the mines for several years and his investments proved successful. He tired of a miner's life and returned to his home in Ohio in 1869; from there he visited West Virginia, the home of his mother, and spent two months with his relatives. He then decided to locate in Missouri; but he was better pleased with pioneer life; he pulled up stakes and went to Nevada, where he engaged in the stock business, was one of the largest cattle raisers in the state.

He is now near Thermopolis, Wyoming, stock raising. His horses are shipped to all parts of the world. He, with his wife and daughter, Edith, attended the Parsons reunion in West Virginia, 1911, and had a very pleasant trip. On their return home they visited his old home in Ohio, and spent a month with his brothers and sisters in Holden, Missouri.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Caleb R. Hank	Mar. 13, 1836	America Brown Jan. 8, 1871	
America Brown Hank	Dec. 4, 1847		
<b>Children.</b>			
Jessie D. Hank	May 6, 1872	Frank McMonoge Nov. 28, 1904	
Jennie S. Hank	Mar. 26, 1877		Mar. 21, 1912
Olive E. Hank	Sept. 12, 1879	Robert F. Fuller Oct. 23, 1912	
Fred C. Hank	Dec. 8, 1883		
Edith E. Hank	May 12, 1887		

## JENNIE S. HANK.

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Jennie S. Hank, second daughter of Caleb R. and America Brown Hank, was born in Idaho, but spent most of her girlhood days in Ogden, Utah; she went from there with her parents to Thermopolis, Wyoming, where she followed her chosen profession as teacher in the city schools for many years. She was overcome by nervous break down and resigned her position, thinking that a change would be beneficial. She went east; after her return she was able to be up and out of doors and all were in good spirits, believing that her full recovery was only a matter of time. But diabetes with complications was too great a strain on her weakened system and she passed away, surrounded by her loving parents, sisters and brothers.

No person in the community was held in higher esteem. The high standard of life to which she aspired and attained; her strong, upright womanhood, her studious habits and many excellent qualities of head and heart, her quiet and unostentatious, yet frank and friendly disposition, her unselfish devotion to duty and to those who were near and dear to her, marked her as a character whom all must honor. Her close devotion to her work and to study, to which she was ardently devoted, sapped her strength and left her a victim to the Great Conqueror.

“Weep not that her toil is over;  
Weep not that her race is run.  
God grant that we may rest as sweetly  
When, like hers, our work is done.”

### SARAH ELIZABETH HANK.

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Sarah E. Hank, third daughter of David and Elizabeth Parsons Hank, was born in Gallia County, Ohio. She was educated in the public schools, graduating when she was quite young. She was engaged in teaching for some years. When her brother returned from California, and located in Missouri, she made her home with him.

She visited California in 1881, and spent the summer with her relatives; she visited all places of interest, Pacific Grove, California's New Port, and San Francisco, the city of many nations. On her way home she spent some time at her brother's ranch in Nevada. Any one who has visited her in her home can truly say she entertains in the great Southern style, an art she inherited.

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### GEORGE PARSONS.

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George Parsons, second soon of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born on the old homestead in Randolph County, Virginia. The house stands on the hill overlooking the river bottom lands, in the garden bloomed the old fashioned flowers of every variety; the scenery made a picture which would delight the eye of an artist. Cheat River flowing over her rocky bed, the banks fringed to the water's edge on both sides of the river, with green foliage, the sloping hills clothed with verdure in summer, in autumn the leaves were every color of the rainbow.

Here George Parsons grew to manhood amid the busy scenes of life. At four o'clock in the morning the inmates of this household were astir, the spinning wheels were put in motion, the looms were turning out webs of cloth to be converted into clothing for the army of workers on the plantation. At noon the "black mamma," with her head bound around with a red bandana handkerchief, tooted the horn for dinner; the workers in the fields responded with

loud yells; they scented the corn beef, cabbage, sweet corn pone with fresh buttermilk, which was their delight. In the evening the "darkies" sang melodious songs with their friends from adjoining plantations.

After George Parsons' marriage he moved to Clover Run, on a tract of land covered with timber; he cleared the land and built a comfortable house, and was cosily situated. His children began to desire new fields; he concluded to move to Iowa and settle them around him. In October, 1853, he sold all his possessions in Virginia and moved to Jasper County, Iowa, and build up another home; but fate was against him; he was stricken with fever November 20th, 1855, and passed away, leaving his faithful wife to bear the burden of life alone. She was very devoted to her children.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George Parsons	Sept. 14, 1802	Susannah Harper Oct. 7, 1828	Nov. 20, 1855
Susannah Harper Parsons	Mar. 19, 1808		Apr. 11, 1895
<b>Children.</b>			
Almarine Parsons	Sept. 4, 1829	Edwin N. Hollen Jan. 11, 1853	Oct. 28, 1898
Emaline Parsons	Feb. 28, 1831	V. D. Gossley, M. D. June 12, 1855	
Marion Parsons	Feb. 28, 1832	Isabel Hutchinson	1863
Jerome H. Parsons	Apr. 5, 1834	Josephine Writesman Jan. 23, 1872	
Geraldine Parsons	July 27, 1836	James Mendenhall Nov. 22 1855	Oct. —, 1898
Timaranda Parsons	Jan. 1, 1841	D. Banks	Feb. 17, 1880
Hess David Parsons	Apr. 17, 1843	Mary Widell	
Susan Margaret Parsons	Dec. 2, 1846		Apr. 29, 1852
George W. Parsons	Feb. 12, 1849	Emma Failer, 1876	
Nancy Josephine Parsons	Dec. 19, 1851		Nov. 7, 1857
Newman Leonidas Parsons	Jan. 12, 1855	Sadie Scott May 6, 1880	July —, 1909

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### ALMARINE PARSONS HOLLEN.

Almarine Parsons, first daughter of George and Susannah Harper Parsons, was born on the banks of Clover Run, in Randolph County, Virginia. All of her youthful days were spent in this beautiful little valley, surrounded with all home comforts. She completed her education at Morgantown, Virginia (now West Virginia), and taught many terms of the home schools. Soon after her marriage to Edwin N. Hollen they migrated to Jasper County, Iowa, and settled on a farm, where they continued to live for many years.

She made several trips to her Virginia home, and enjoyed going over the place where she had spent her girlhood days. She cared for her mother in her declining years. She was a sweet Christian character and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than fifty years.

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### EMALINE PARSONS GOSSLEE.

Emaline Parsons, second daughter of George and Susannah Harper Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. All of her girlhood days were spent on the farm on Clover Run. Her education was completed at Morgantown, Virginia. She was a very popular young lady among her student friends. Many parties were given in her honor before she migrated to her Western home.

After her marriage to Dr. V. D. F. Gosslee, they moved to Nebraska, and neither lived but a short time. They had two children; one died soon after the parents, the other was reared by his grandmother Parsons. He died in 1898, unmarried.

## MARION PARSONS.

Marion Parsons, first son of George and Susannah Harper Parsons, was born on the farm in Clover Run Valley, Virginia. When in his eighteenth year, he started out in the world to make his fortune. He crossed the plains to California with a herd of sheep in company of his uncle, Ezekiel Harper. They arrived in the Golden State in the fall, having made a successful trip.

He engaged in the nursery business in Santa Cruz for some time. In 1856 he returned to his native state and spent the winter with relatives and friends. He visited his mother in Iowa before his return to California.

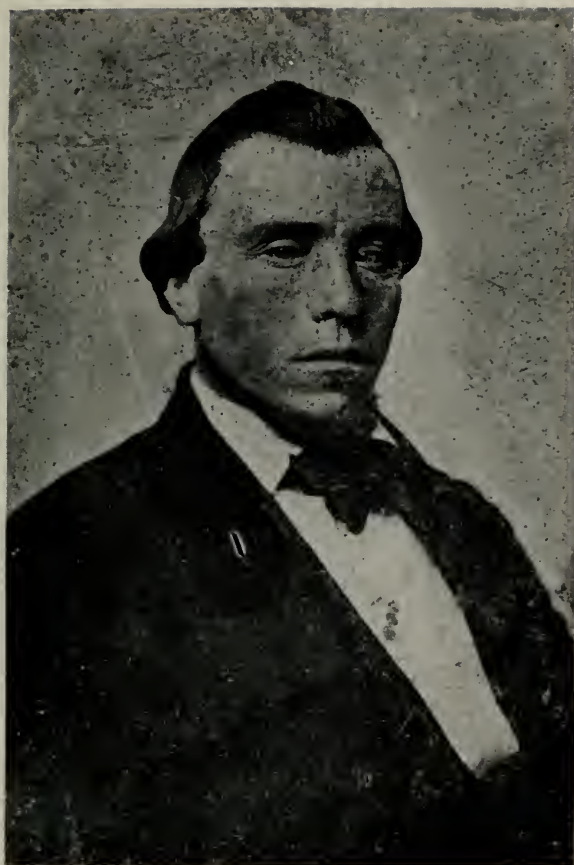
He was engaged in the lumber business in Lexington, California, when he was injured by lumber falling upon him. He passed away soon after the accident, leaving a wife and little daughter. His remains were laid to rest in Lexington, California.

Family Record.			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Marion Parsons	Feb. 28, 1832	Isabel Hutchison	1863
Isabel Hutchison Parsons Children.			
Manda J. Parsons	Sept. 30, 1861	Harvey Campbell	
Francis M. Parsons	June 3, 1863	A. Welch	
		Aug. 26, 1890	

## MANDA J. PARSONS CAMPBELL.

Manda J. Parsons, first daughter of Marion and Isabel Hutchison Parsons, was born in Lexington, California.

Family Record.			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Harvey Campbell			
Manda J. Parsons Campbell	Sept. 30, 1861	Harvey Campbell	
Children.			
Blanch R. Campbell	Apr. 27, 1883	A. C. McCully	
D. F. Campbell	Apr. 27, 1885		
Second Marriage.			
Charles A. Bennett			
Mandy J. Campbell Ben- nett		Charles A. Bennett	
Children.			
Charles A. Bennett	Nov. 23, 1906		
A. C. McCully			
Blanch R. Campbell			
Children.			
Alton C. McCully	Mar. 9, 1912		



MARION PARSONS

Son of George Parsons





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## FRANCIS MARION PARSONS.

Francis Marion Parsons, first son of Marion and Isabel Hutchison Parsons, was born in Lexington, California, after the death of his father.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Francis M. Parsons		Amanda Welch Aug. 24, 1890	
Amanda Welch Parsons Children.			
Alton Parsons	May 19, 1894		
Francis M. Parsons		Elizabeth McCain July 19, 1911	
Elizabeth McCain Parsons Children.			
Ella Parsons	June 20, 1912		

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## JEROME HARPER PARSONS.

Jerome H. Parsons, second son of George and Susannah Harper Parsons, was born on the banks of Clover Run, in Randolph County, Virginia. When he made his debut upon the stage of life, the proverbial silver spoon was not in his mouth, nor was there about his cradle any environments of splendor or luxury. He was laid in the little white bed by the "black mamma" and it was up to him to work out the problem of life, which he has bravely done.

Very early in life he was taught the valuable lesson of industry, which is essential to a man who has to carve out his own fortune. The outside world was a blank to him; he knew nothing of the commotion and the bustle in the cities, but the spirit of unrest was with him for adventure was a characteristic of the family; the little valley was too monotonous for him and he longed for the West.

In the fall of 1853 he and all of his father's family migrated to Iowa, but like "Sambo" after the Emancipation, he wanted to see more "ub de wurd," and he roamed around over Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. In the spring of 1857 he crossed the plains with an ox team in the company of emigrants, to California, arriving in Sacramento July 4th, with a capital of five cents. He soon obtained work in a blacksmith shop until he located his brother, Marion, and they engaged in the lumber business at Lexington.

In the fall of 1863 he went to Caribou, B. C., to his uncles, the Harper brothers, who were mining and supplying all that country with beef. He made trips to California and Oregon, buying the cattle and driving them overland to British Columbia.

In the spring of 1872, he settled on a stock ranch in Eastern Oregon and raised cattle and horses for the San Francisco market. He has a comfortable home and is enjoying the fruits of his labor with the ever returning consciousness that the hardships endured while seeking wealth are now filling his declining years with all the pleasures of life.

He spent the winters of 1911 and 1912 in California, where he met many of his boyhood friends. He attended the Parsons reunion at Golden Gate Park and enjoyed the occasion as much as the younger generation.

He is a staunch Democrat and his joy knew no bounds when Woodrow Wilson was elected.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jerome H. Parsons	Apr. 5, 1834	Josephine Writesman, Jan. 23, 1872	
Josephine Writesman Parsons	Oct. 23, 1843		Mar. 14, 1906
<b>Children.</b>			
Frances Parsons	Jan. 22, 1873	George Eddleman	
Stella Parsons	Feb. 1, 1875	William L. Wheeler May 10, 1903	
Guy Harper Parsons	Mar. 10, 1877		
Cleve W. Parsons	June 9, 1884		
William L. Wheeler	Aug. 13, 1861		
Stella Parsons Wheeler			
<b>Children.</b>			
Laurance Parsons Wheeler	Jan. 3, 1908		



**JEROME HARPER PARSONS**

Son of George Parsons



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 GERALDINE PARSONS MENDENHALL.
 

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Geraldine Parsons, third daughter of George and Susannah Harper Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia (now West Virginia). She was of an independent nature, but her courteous and graceful manner won for her many friends. She was an exceedingly pretty girl, and many hearts were made sad among her relatives and friends when she said farewell to them to make her home in Iowa.

After her marriage she moved to Montana. She was the mother of ten children, but I have been unable to trace any of her family. She died in 1906.

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 TIMARANDA PARSONS BANKS.
 

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Timaranda Parsons Banks, fourth daughter of George and Susannah H. Parsons, was born in Virginia, and migrated to Iowa with her parents in 1853. After her marriage she moved to Snicartie, Illinois, where she died in 1881, leaving a family of which nothing is known.

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 HESS D. PARSONS.
 

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Hess D. Parsons, third son of George and Susannah Parsons, was born in Virginia, in 1853. He migrated to Iowa with his parents. When a young man he bought a farm and engaged in stock raising. He still lives on this farm, which is near Newton, Iowa.

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	Family Record.		
	Born.	Married	Died.
Hess D. Parsons	Apr. 17, 1843	Mary Widell	
Mary Widell			
Children.			
Lulu Parsons	Apr. 7, 1870	Charles H. Jaspar Nov. 1, 1893	
Hattie Parsons	Feb. 26, 1884		1884
Peryle M. Parsons	Sept. 9, 1880		
Charles H. Jaspar			
Lulu Parsons	Apr. 7, 1870	Charles H. Caspar Nov. 1, 1893	
Children.			
Lucile Jaspar	Mar. 28, 1895		
Irene Jaspar	Apr. 7, 1898		
Hess Jaspar	Sept. 28, 1902		

## GEORGE W. PARSONS.

George W. Parsons, fourth son of George and Susannah Parsons, was born on the old homstead in Randolph County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Iowa in 1853, and was brought up on the farm. For many years he was dealing in stock, buying and selling in the Chicago market. He is now an inventor, and owns one of the largest foundrys in Newton, and is doing an extensive business. His invention for a self feeder to a threshing machine, is a grand success.

He attended the Parsons reunion in West Virginia, August, 1899, and made an address to those who assembled annually to honor their ancestors. He visited the Clover Run farm, but very little is left to mark the spot where gay throngs gathered to make merry many years ago. Only three of this family are living.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
George W. Parsons	Feb. 12, 1849	Emma Failer, 1876	
Emma Failer Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Gertrude Parsons	Jan. 12, 1879	Edward H. Geise Apr. 18, 1896	
Alice Parsons	Sept. 21, 1880	Ned S. Young June 30, 1906	
Stella Parsons	Mar. 6, 1881	Charles A. Kendall Oct. 15, 1901	
Ned S. Young			
Alice Parsons Young			
<b>Children.</b>			
Stella Maxine Young	Mar. 7, 1909		

## NEWMAN LEONIDAS PARSONS.

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Newman L. Parsons, fourth son of George and Susannah Harper Parsons, was born on the home farm in Malika township, Iowa, and lived all his life in Jasper County. He was an infant at the time of his father's death, and was reared on the farm; the loving mother devoted her life to the welfare of her children. He was a very energetic man and successful in business.

He was hauling hay, the doubletree broke, and it was supposed he lost his balance; he fell to the ground and was killed. He was a member of the M. E. church for many years. His home was an ideal happy one. The funeral was attended by the many friends; the casket was banked with many beautiful flowers, the tribute of those who held the one sleeping there in high esteem and who thus expressed their sympathy with the sorrowing family.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married		Died.
Newman L. Parsons	Jan. 12, 1855	Sadie Scott		July 20, 1909
Sadie Scott Parsons				

#### Children.

Jay Howard Parsons	Apr. 9, 1885			
Florence Parsons	Oct. 22, 1892			



## DAVID PARSONS.

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David Parsons, third son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born on the home plantation and all of his days were spent on the home place, but a few months. He was a man who grasped every opportunity to make himself a useful citizen. All of his time was improved in mechanical work; he had the ability to have become an inventor.

His career was cut short by an accident which occurred when he was felling a tree on what is known now as the Blackman farm. He was struck by a branch of the tree which proved fatal in a few hours. He had everything to live for, bright prospects for the future, a beautiful young wife, and baby girl. His descendants are numerous; all of them reside in West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
David Parsons	Oct. 10, 1804	Edith Taggart, 1833	1863
Edith Taggart Parsons	1817		
<b>Children.</b>			
Lucinda Parsons	Aug. 12, 1834	Jacob Hull Long	
		May 1, 1853	

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## LUCINDA PARSONS LONG.

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Lucinda Parsons, first daughter of David and Edith Taggart Parsons, was born near the home of her father on the plantation. The greater part of her girlhood days were spent with her grand parents. From their home she went to the Holly Meadows, a happy bride.

She is a remarkable woman, endowed with great ambition and possessed of an iron constitution. In her early married life she would take two children on horseback and go to mill with what was known as a grist, that was 120 pounds of wheat, have it ground

and return to her home and prepare the noon meal for the farm hands.

She is an expert spinner with wool or flax, and she has woven many yards of cloth, bed spreads and blankets. During the civil war she clothed her children from cloth woven by her hands.

She enjoys the company of young people, and attends all the Parsons reunions.

Merrily she sang, a lullaby song  
When she wove the many frocks;  
And rocked the cradle with a smile,  
While she knitted the little socks.

The great men of our nation  
Were reared by mothers of her kind.  
May God give us more of the same,  
That our country may not fall behind.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Jacob Hull Long	Dec. 22, 1827		
Lucinda Parsons Lond	Aug. 12, 1834	Jacob H. Long May 1, 1853	Mar. 19, 1908
<b>Children.</b>			
Virginia Long	Mar. 17, 1854	Salatial Calihan May 12, 1870	
David P. Long	Jan. 10, 1856	Ruth Hansford Apr. 27, 1878	June 23, 1901
Sarah D. Long	Jan. 6, 1859		Sept. 20, 1872
Albert J. Long	Apr. 8, 1860		
Thomas Jackson Long	Dec. 29, 1862	Delilah Wamsley Apr. 25, 1889	
Taswell E. Long	May 27, 1865	Mattie Wright Jan. 2, 1890	
Minnie A. Long	Aug. 7, 1867	Samuel Jackson	June 15, 1906
Grace Z. Long	Jan. 22, 1870	Charles South	
Emma Jane Long	Dec. 24, 1872	Jesse J. Flanigan July 18, 1899	
Maude Long	Sept. 10, 1875	L. V. Barnes Jan. 1, 1896	
Blanche Long	Mar. 27, 1879	J. E. Bond	
Lula Ethel Bond	Apr. 27, 1883	Okey Miller Oct. 17, 1901	

## VIRGINIA LONG.

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Virginia Long, daughter of Jacob H. and Lucinda Parsons Long, was born at the Holly Meadows, West Virginia, where she grew to womanhood, married and still resides.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Salathial M. Calihan	June 28, 1835		May 7, 1884
Virginia Long	Mar. 17, 1854	Salathial Calihan May 12, 1870	

#### Children.

Cora May Calihan	Feb. 19, 1871	Edgar C. Linger	
Otha C. Calihan	Apr. 17, 1873		
Stanford J. Calihan	Aug. 7, 1875		Jan. 13, 1894
E. M. Moss	July 30, 1860		Dec. 26, 1908
Virginia Long Calihan	Mar. 17, 1854	E. M. Moss Feb. 18, 1886	

#### Children.

Forest H. Moss	Feb. 25, 1896		
Edgar C. Linger	Feb. 23, 1865		
Cora May Calihan	Feb. 19, 1871	Edgar C. Linger Sept. 10, 1890	

#### Children.

Russell B. Linger	Mar. 16, 1892		
Edgar C Linger	May 17, 1904.		

### Family Record of David Parsons Long.

	Born.	Married	Died.
David P. Long	Jan. 10, 1856	Ruth Hansford Apr. 27, 1878	June 23, 1901

Ruth Hansford Long

#### Children.

Wilson Long  
Gertrude Long  
Catherine Long  
Donna Long

### Family Record of Thomas Jackson Long.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Thomas J. Long	Dec. 30, 1862	Delilah Wamsley Apr. 25, 1889	

	Born.	Married.	Died.
<b>Dellah Wamsley Long</b>			
Children.			
Pearl Long	Feb. 16, 1890		
Nellie Long	Aug. 14, 1891		
Madge Long	July 10, 1894		
Virginia Long	Mar. 20, 1899		
Thomas J. Long, Jr.	Mar. 29, 1905		

**Family Record of Taswell E. Long.**

	Born.	Married	Died.
Taswell E. Long	May 27, 1865	Mattie E. Wright Jan. 2, 1890	
M. A. Wright Long	Feb. 19, 1867		
Children.			
Albert W. Long	Jan. 3, 1892		
Burr Long	Feb. 26, 1894		Aug. 20, 1895
Beatrice G. Long	Aug. 11, 1896		
Mary E. Long	July 3, 1899		

**Family Record of Minnie Long Jackson.**

Samuel J. Jackson			
Minnie A. Long	Aug. 7, 1867	Samuel J. Jackson ..Nov. 24, 1887 .	June 15, 1896
Children.			
Mabel Jackson			
Earl Jackson			
Boyd Jackson			

**Family Record of Emma Jane Long Flanigan.**

	Born.	Married	Died.
Jesse J. Flanigan	Mar. 25, 1858		
Emma Jane Long	Dec. 24, 1872	Jesse J. Flanigan July 18, 1899	
Children.			
Russell L. Flanigan	May 15, 1900		
Pauline Lucinda Flanigan	Jan. 1, 1902		
Jessie Grace Flanigan	July 8, 1905		

**Family Record of Maude Long Barnes.**

L. V. Barnes	Feb. 6, 1871		
Maude Long	Sept. 10, 1875	L. V. Barnes Jan. 1, 1896	
Children.			
Charles H. Barnes	Nov. 22, 1900		

**Family Record of Lulu E. Long Miller.**

Okey M. Miller			
Lulu Ethel Long	Apr. 27, 1883	Okey M. Miller Oct. 17, 1901	
Children.			
Joseph Miller	Aug. 22, 1902		
Frank J. Miller	July 4, 1904		Apr. 7, 1905
Leland Stanley Miller	Mar. 4, 1908		

## JOHN R. PARSONS.

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John R. Parsons, fourth son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. After his marriage he built a log house in the Horse Shoe and lived there ten years.

In the spring of 1837 he and family and several other families made up a wagon train and migrated to Jefferson County, Iowa. He settled on a large tract of land and built a cabin. But later he built a brick house, which is still intact. He engaged in the stock business and was prosperous. Quite a village sprang up around him, called Parsonsville.

He was a Democrat in politics and held a number of public offices. When Buchanan Township was organized he was the first Justice of the Peace, an office he held for ten years. He was also a member of the jury at the first regular term of court held in the county.

When his children were married, he purchased land and settled them around him. He was a devoted father and a highly esteemed citizen. He was very hospitable; his home was open to rich and poor alike. He left an influence that will continue to bless the human race.

## DIANA PARSONS.

Diana Parsons, daughter of Dr. Solomon Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe. She married John R. Parsons, and together, in the state of Iowa, endured hardships of pioneer life, and enjoyed happiness and prosperity. She was fond of children. Though the mother of thirteen, she said "there was still room in her heart for more; she did not have too many."

She was well read on medicine, and for years was the only doctor in the community. She was very successful in maternity cases, which was her specialty.

She could tell many interesting stories of her pioneer days. The Indian village was not far from where she lived, and she and her husband called one afternoon to see their mode of living. The cook was boiling corn and a big turtle together. A pressing invitation was given them to take dinner, but they excused themselves and got away without insulting the red men.

She made many visits to Virginia to visit her many friends and her father and mother. A warm welcome was always given her by every one. She passed away very suddenly at the home of her son, while visiting him.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
John R. Parsons	Dec. 22, 1806	Diana Parsons Dec. 11, 1827	Nov. 27, 1882
Diana Parsons	June 21, 1811	Sept. 20, 1848	Aug. 28, 1876
<b>Children.</b>			
Jerome Harper Parsons	Oct. 5, 1828	Mary C. Lavelle	1875
Eugene S. Parsons	Sept. 30, 1830	Katherine Heaton	Dec. 13, 1898
Lucy Anne Parsons	Jan. 26, 1832	Jefferson Travis	
Caroline Parsons	Jan. 8, 1834		Sept. 8, 1836
Robert Elliott	Dec. 16, 1836	Catherine McCormick	
Baldwin Parsons	May 11, 1838	Mary Overhultzer 1858	Dec. 3, 1906
Solomon Parsons	Nov. 13, 1840	Hannah Rizer	Nov. —, 1900
George Parsons	July 20, 1842		Jan. —, 1842
William R. Parsons	Jan. 20, 1844		Jan. 20, 1844
Nancy Parsons	Apr. 8, 1846		Apr. 9, 1866
Rebecca Ellen Parsons	Feb. 17, 1847	A. B. Archibald Mar. 11, 1866	
Mary Jane Parsons	Dec. 22, 1848	C. O. Lindstrom Sept. 18, 1874	
John James Parsons	Apr. 27, 1851	Mary E. Smith	

## JEROME HARPER PARSONS.

Jerome H. Parsons, first son of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, Virginia, and accompanied his parents to Iowa, when a small boy. He grew to manhood on the homestead and after his marriage he continued to live on a farm. At the present time his descendants are nineteen grand children and thirty-one great grand children.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Jerome H. Parsons	Oct. 5, 1828	Mary C. Lavelle Sept. 20, 1848	1875

Mary C. Lavelle Parsons

### Children.

Julia Parsons	John Parsons
Diana Parsons	Hon. White
Louis Lavelle Parsons	Tade Tootacher
John Rust Parsons	Catherine Allendice
Rose Parsons	Perry Hickenbottom
William Parsons	

## EUGENE PARSONS.

Eugene Parsons, second son of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born in Virginia, and accompanied his father and mother to Iowa at the age of five years.

When he reached his 18th year, he journeyed across the plains with an emigrant train, driving an ox team. He settled near Redding, California. He did service for the government in the Indian war, at Cow Creek. He accumulated vast acres of land, and engaged in farming and live stock raising, and lived there until his death. His children lost a loving father, and the community a good citizen. His son still resides at Redding, California; his only daughter, at Henderson, California.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Eugene S. Parsons	Sept. 30, 1830	Catherine Heaton	Dec. 13, 1898
Catherine Heaton	1832	1860	May 26, 1896

#### Children.

Parilee Parsons	1862	Roley Austin	
Rebecca Parsons	Dec. 17, 1874	Fredericks Jackson	Dec. 1, 1885
Lelia Parsons	June 24, 1868	William Albright	Apr. 10, 1901
Eugene Parsons, Jr.	Mar. 23, 1870		May —, 1899
Charles L. Parsons	Mar. 21, 1872	Ida L. Jepson	

### Family Record of Paarilee Parsons Austin.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Roley Austin	1862		
Parilee Parsons	1862	Roley Austin, 1879	

#### Children.

Winnifred Austin	1880		
Walter Austin	1884		
Hazel Caylor			

### Family Record of Rebecca Parsons Jackson.

Frederick Jackson			Dec. 1, 1885
Rebecca Parsons	Dec. 17, 1874	Frederick Jackson	
		1883	

#### Children.

Stella May Jackson	1884		Apr. 27, 1885
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**Family Record of Charles L. Parsons.**

	Born.	Married	Died.
Charles L. Parsons	Mar. 21, 1872	Ida L. Jepson Aug. 6, 1893	
Ida L. Jepson Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Wayne Parsons	Sept. 10, 1895		
Phyllis Parsons	Oct. 15, 1897		
Margie Parsons	Apr. 9, 1904		
Margie Parsons	Apr. 9, 1904		
Laurence Parsons	Sept. 4, 1907		
Vernon Rust Parsons	Feb. 22, 1911		

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### LUCY ANN PARSONS.

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Lucy Ann Parsons, eldest daughter of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born in Virginia, but migrated to Iowa with her parents, at the age of four years. Here she spent the greater part of her life, moving to Plainfield, Kansas, a few years before her death.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Jefferson Travis			
Lucy Ann Parsons	Jan. 26, 1832	Jefferson Travis	
<b>Children.</b>			
Malvina Travis		Daniel Anthony	
John Rust Travis		Florence Starbuck	

## ROBERT ELLIOTT PARSONS.

Robert Elliott Parsons, third son of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born in Virginia. He was an infant when his parents migrated to Iowa. Here he grew to manhood, married and became a farmer. He has four children living, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married		Died.
Robert Elliott Parsons	Dec. 16, 1836	Catherine McCormick		
Catherine McCormick				

#### Children.

Eugene Parsons				
Nancy Jane Parsons		Samuel Helman		
John W. Parsons				
Jesse Parsons				
Harry Parsons				
Josephine Parsons				
Samuel P. Helman	Oct. 29, 1855			
Nancy Jane Rust Parsons	June 19, 1856	Samuel P. Helman		
		Sept. 28, 1881		

#### Children.

Nellie Myrtle Hellman	Sept. 13, 1882	Samuel Bledsoe		
Maude Grace Hellman	Oct. 22, 1883	Wesley G. Eddison		
Ethel Elsie Hellman	Apr. 22, 1835	Oscar Donweld		
		July 27, 1907		
Samuel Bledsoe				
Nellie Myrtle Hellman	Sept. 13, 1882	Samuel Bledsoe		
		1899		

#### Children.

Edward Mason Bledsoe	Oct. 22, 1900			
Ida May Bledsoe	Aug. 9, 1903			
Wesley G. Eddison				
Maude Grace Hellman	Oct. 22, 1883	Wesley G. Eddison		

#### Children.

Orrin M. Eddison	Jan. 1, 1905			
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## BALDWIN PARSONS.

Baldwin Parsons, fourth son of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born in Iowa, where he married and farmed for some years. He then migrated to California and settled in Napa, remaining there until his death.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Baldwin Parsons	May 11, 1838	Mary Overhultzer Apr. 27, 1858	Dec. 3, 1906
Mary Overhultzer	Sept. 2, 1840		May 4, 1899

## Children.

I. Edward Parsons	July 18, 1860		
J. Henry Parsons	Apr. 3, 1862		
George Blakemore Parsons	Oct. 28, 1864		
Mary Ellen Parsons	Dec. 3, 1868	H. H. Harrah Dec. 24, 1891	
Truman Elliott Parsons	Jan. 17, 1867		
James Parsons	May 23, 1871	Mary Harrah	
Silas Delmar Parsons	Apr. 4, 1874		
Harry Howard Harrah	Nov. 30, 1868		
Mary Ellen Parsons	Dec. 3, 1868	Harry H. Harrah Dec. 24, 1891	

## Children.

Edna Vera Harrah	Apr. —, 1895		
Bina Odessa Harrah	Oct. 22, 1896		
Leona Hazel Harrah	July 3, 1899		Oct. 11, 1907
Otto William Harrah	Oct. 8, 1901		

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**SOLOMON PARSONS.**

Solomon Parsons, fifth son of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born on the home farm in Iowa. After his marriage, he made a trip to Idaho and worked in the mines for several years. He moved to Montana later and died, leaving his family to mourn the loss of a loving father.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Solomon Parsons	Nov. 13, 1840	Hannah Rizer	Nov. —, 1900
Hannah Rizer Parsons			

**Children.**

Luey Anne Parsons  
 John M. Parsons  
 George Parsons  
 Sarah Jane Parsons  
 James Parsons  
 Lillian Parsons

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**REBECCA ELLEN PARSONS ARCHIBALD.**

Rebecca Ellen Parsons, daughter of John and Diana Parsons, was born in Iowa. She is the mother of seven children and resides in Oklahoma.

## MARY JANE PARSONS LINDSTROM.

Mary Jane Parsons, fifth daughter of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born on the farm in Jefferson County, Iowa. After her marriage she settled on a farm near Chariton, and continues to live and thrive there, having raised her family, and is surrounded with all the comforts of life.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
C. O. Lindstrom			
Mary Jane Parsons	Dec. 22, 1848	C. O. Lindstrom Sept. 18, 1874	

#### Children.

Birtant Bell Lindstrom		John T. Renney Jan. 7, 1804	
Samuel H. Lindstrom		Georganna Hopkins Aug. 22, 1904	
Eva Mabel Lindstrom		Otis L. Brown Mar. 4, 1906	
Bessie Ellen Lindstrom			
John J. Renney			
Birtana Bell Lindstrom		John J. Renney Jan. 7, 1904	

#### Children.

Edna May Renney			
Michel Lee Renney			
Samuel H. Lindstrom		Georganna Hopkins Aug. 22, 1904	
Georganna Hopkins			

#### Children.

Juanita Claire Lindstrom			
Mary Louise Lindstrom			
Otis L. Brown			
Eva Mabel Lindstrom		Otis L. Brown Mar. 4, 1906	

#### Children.

Violet Marian Brown

## JOHN JAMES PARSONS.

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John J. Parsons, eighth son of John R. and Diana Parsons, was born on the farm in Iowa. He was a farmer and stock raiser, buying and selling cattle in the Chicago markets. He cared for his father in his last days and was a dutiful son. He inherited the home farm at the death of his father. He sold his lands and moved to Kansas City. He spent one winter in California with his relatives, but returned to Kansas City to his son.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Parsons	Apr. 27, 1851	Mary E. Smith Aug., 1872	
Mary E Smith Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Sidney Orlando Parsons	May 31, 1874	Rose Harper	
Sidney O. Parsons			
Rose Harper Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Harvey Parsons			
Vera Parsons			

## ROBERT SLACK PARSONS.

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Robert S. Parsons, fifth son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born on the homestead in Randolph County, Virginia. Great joy was in the household when the news was spread that two sons had been born within three hours of each other. They grew to manhood together and were inseparable companions. They ate from the same dish, drank from the same cup, and married sisters. The whole countryside attended their wedding and to enjoy the festivities of the occasion. The following day they all betook themselves to the home of the groom and continued the frolic for several

days. He and his young bride began life together with good health and the best wishes of their friends.

One year of supreme happiness and the life of the young wife went out into the unknown future, leaving him an infant son. But time would never brush away the bloom of that sweet, blissful year of happiness; it would always cling to his heart.

Two years later he married the daughter of Thomas Parsons and migrated to Jefferson County, Iowa. He settled on a tract of land and engaged in farming and stock raising and by his obliging disposition he won the esteem of his fellow man. The son by the first wife grew to manhood and died in Colorado in 1867, unmarried. His descendants are eighty-four. Two sons and two daughters are all that are living of his fifteen children; they reside in Iowa.

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#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Robert S. Parsons	Aug. 17, 1809	Mary Ward Parsons Dec., 1833	1872
Mary W. Parsons	Mar. —, 1816		
<b>Children.</b>			
Lemuel Parsons	Sept. 17, 1834		
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
Robert S. Parsons		Antisa Parsons 1835	
Antisa Parsons	Mar. 11, 1813		Oct. —, 1857
<b>Children.</b>			
Jackson Parsons	Mar. 1, 1836		Dec. 1, 1905
Marshall Parsons	Aug. 16, 1837		
David Parsons	June 25, 1839	Margaret Riser	
Caroline Parsons	Nov. 18, 1840		
Sexton Parsons	May 18, 1842		
John R. Parsons	Mar. 30, 1845	Julia Parsons	
Elias Parsons	Jan. 8, 1847		
James Parsons	Oct. 17, 1849	Catherine Myres	
Sarah Jane Parsons	Nov. 3, 1850		
George Parsons	Mar. 17, 1852	Sarah Holms	
Ann Eliza Parsons	Nov. 9, 1856		

#### Third Marriage.

Robert S. Parsons  
Rachel Morgan Parsons

#### Children.

Joseph Parsons  
Robert M. Parsons  
Celia Anne Parsons



MR. AND MRS. ABRAHAM PARSONS

Son of James Parsons





## ABRAHAM PARSONS.

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Abraham Parsons, sixth son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born on the old homestead in Randolph County, Virginia. After he grew to manhood his father placed him in charge of the plantation, and managing of the negroes. He lived on the plantation ten years after his marriage; six children were born to this couple on the homestead.

In the spring of 1844 his father gave him a farm on the east side of Shaffers Fork, where Parsons is now located. He moved there and built a grist mill and a saw mill, which the flood carried away in 1857, and in 1859 he built the mill that is now there, but not on the present location. On this farm he raised fine herds of cattle, and his horses were among the best in the county. He was a great sportsman, very fond of hunting with hounds, and always kept eight or ten fine fox hounds. His home was open to all of his friends, and during the hunting season many sportsmen came from different parts of the state.

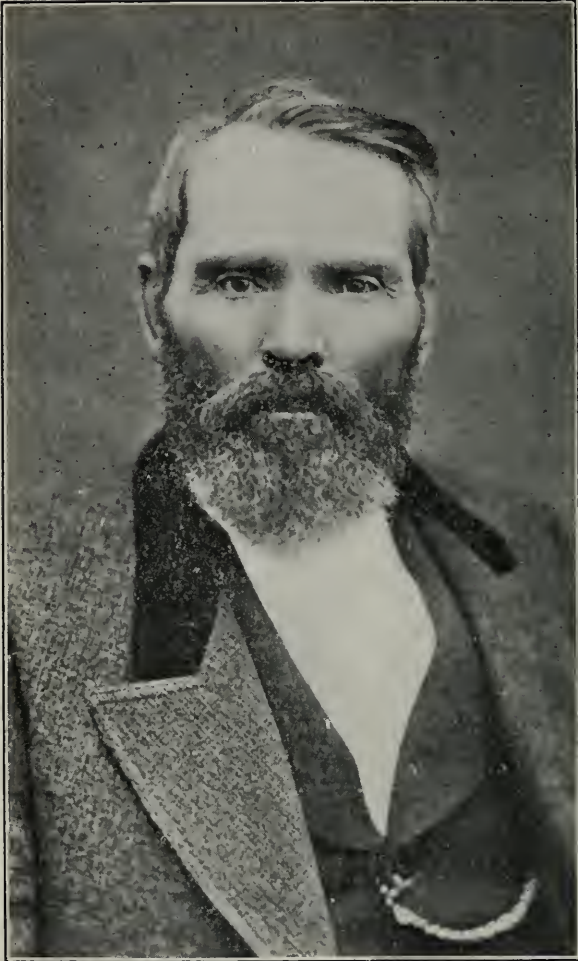
He was a Democrat and voted for secession in 1861. After war was declared he remained at home and attended to his business, Union neighbors soon reported him as not loyal to the government and a company of soldiers came and destroyed all they could of the mill and carried him to Beverly a prisoner, making him walk the thirty miles while they rode his horses. He was thrown in jail without bed or blankets, and the weather was cold and frosty. He paid a boy 25 cents to carry a note to his cousin, Mary E. Buckley; she came with a blanket and a heavy sheep skin, and a good warm supper. He lay there three weeks and he was carried to Camp Chase, Ohio, a place that was a rival to Andersonville (which has been spoken of so much in history). After three months his son got his release by a petition to the Governor, which had to be signed by all the loyal men. His wife did not recognize him when he returned, he was such a wreck from starvation; the sheepskin and blanket saved him from great suffering. His health was so impaired he was always a great sufferer after this; but his brave spirit was not broken. Some time after his riding horse was hitched to the fence at the old home plantation, and a member of the "Swamp

Dragons company" thought he would secure a good horse, so he leaped in the saddle and rode away. Parsons siezed an old rifle and fired at him; the man soon abandoned the horse and concluded walking was good. No one suffered more losses; he was continually harassed until the close of the war.

After living on his plantation for 28 years, he concluded to sell it and migrate to California to benefit his health. Eighteen of his family left West Virginia for the Golden State in November, 1872. He settled in Gonzales and engaged in farming and stock raising. He gathered a host of friends around him, because he was affable and true, generous to all, and was familiarly known as Grandpa Parsons. He celebrated his golden wedding February 12, 1884; all his children were present to enjoy the event, but three. His family had increased to sixty children, grand children and great grand children. He was the only member of his family of nine sons and two daughters that celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. Six months later he passed peacefully away. He had no regrets for the past and no fear for the future. The deeds of a good man are never forgotten. His remains lie in the Gonzales cemetery, and besides him his estimable wife, who walked through life with him. She was a sweet, Christian character, and was loved by all for her many deeds of kindness. Her hand was ever ready to help those in need; she was a devoted mother, and her name will not be forgotten for many generations.

	Family Record.		
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Abraham Parsons	Aug. 17, 1809	Emily Parsons Feb. 12, 1834	Aug. 19, 1884
Emily Parsons	Oct. 14, 1817		Sept. 8, 1898
Children.			
Washington Parsons	Nov. 28, 1834	Matilda Vaughn Long, No. 13, 1856	Feb. 16, 1912
Jedson Parsons	Mar. 30, 1836	Ann Eliza Parsons Nancy Moody	
Job W. Parsons	Mar. 13, 1838	Mary E. Smith Mary E. Ewin	
Harriet Parsons	Feb. 6, 1840	James E. Long	
Elizabeth Parsons	Nov. 16, 1842	John Kalar Oct. 24, 1875	
Mahala Parsons	Feb. 15, 1844	Laban P. Smith May 15, 1873	Nov. 28, 1895
James Parsons	Nov. 12, 1845	Parthena Parsons Sept. 11, 1872	
Jacob S. Parsons	Oct. 3, 1847	Florence Blinn Feb. 22, 1875	
Virginia Parsons	July 26, 1849	William L. Parsons Duncan McCabe	
Nancy R. Parsons	July 24, 1851		June 25, 1853
Phebe Ann Parsons	Jan. 11, 1857	George Boekenoogen May 27, 1875	



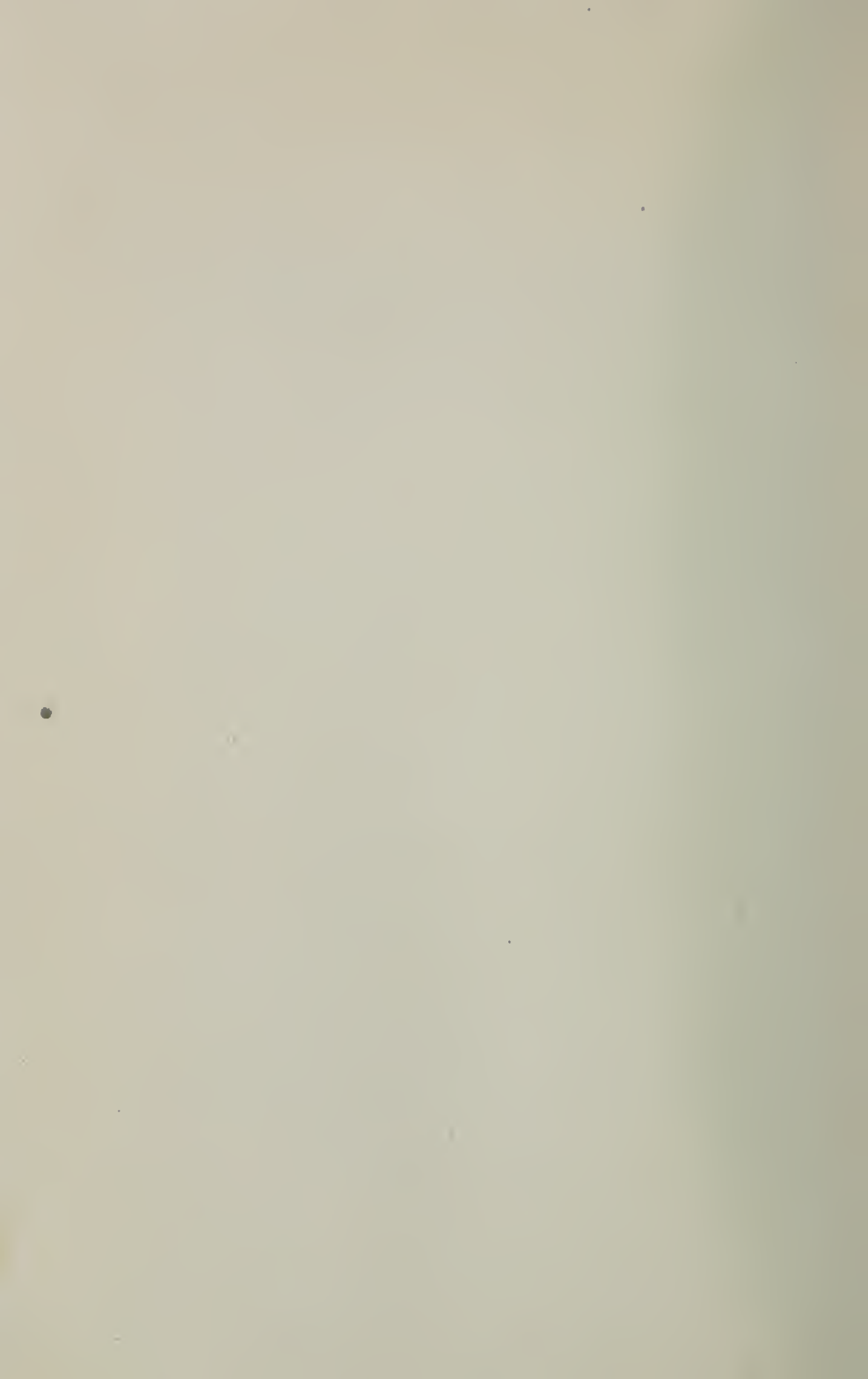


ABRAHAM PARSONS

Son of James Parsons



EMILY PARSONS  
Daughter of Job Parsons



## WASHINGTON PARSONS.

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Washington Parsons was born on the old Parsons plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. He was ten years of age when his parents moved to what is now East Parsons. After his marriage he moved on the farm where the battle of Corrick's Ford was fought July 13, 1861; with his wife and four children they fled over the mountains to Hadax Creek, while the shot and shell were whistling o'er their heads, a cannon ball cut a limb from a tree near by. His house was converted into a hospital, and all their household goods carried away. On his return a big negro was walking around wearing Parsons' wedding suit. He did not dare ask the darky to disrobe, as it would have been considered disloyal. They were fortunate to escape with a roof to cover their heads. Mrs. Parsons searched the camps near Beverly for her horse which had been stolen; on her return home some straggling soldiers killed her turkey hen and were carrying it away; she leaped the fence and captured the bird by a hard fought battle; one soldier said, "another battle won by a rebel."

He and family migrated to California with the Parsons clan in 1872, and he settled in Monterey County. He has killed more deer than any other Parsons. He has a bee ranch and in 1907 he sold twenty-one hundred pounds of honey.

November 13, 1906, he celebrated his Golden Wedding; all of his children were present and sixteen grand children. He is the only one of five brothers who has celebrated this happy event. He was the recipient of many costly presents, and two hundred dollars in gold coin. His friends all enjoyed the occasion immensely; one hundred and fifty people "broke bread" with them and wished them many returns of the day. Both are hale and hearty and may celebrate their diamond wedding.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Washington Paarsons	Nov. 28, 1834	Matilda Vaughn Long Nov. 13, 1856	Feb. 16, 1912



	Born.	Married.	Died.
Matilda Vaughn Long	Feb. —, 1834		Oct. 23, 1911
<b>Children.</b>			
Nancy Parsons	Aug. 4, 1857		Jan. 10, 1876
Emeline Parsons	Dec. 24, 1858	James Hutchison	
Wellington H. Parsons	June 24, 1860	Amelia Wintermyre Viola May Long	
Alice B. Parsons	Apr. 19, 1862		Jan. 6, 1876
Martha M. Parsons	Feb. 18, 1864		Sept. 10, 1870
Dell Parsons	Nov. 20, 1866	Fred Schneider	
Jarred Wilbur Parsons	Oct. 12, 1868		Feb. 2, 1876
Abraham M. Parsons	Sept. 9, 1871		Jan. 30, 1876
Ella May Parsons	Sept. 6, 1872	Thomas Gillott	
Grace Parsons	Mar. 20, 1875	Charles Schafer	

**Family Record of Emeline Parsons Hutchison.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Hutchison			
Emeline Parsons	Dec. 24, 1858	James Hutchison June, 1875	
<b>Children.</b>			
James Alexander Hutchison		Susan Ella Steel	
Maude Hutchison		Alvin Faul	
Ruby Hutchison			

**Family Record of Wellington Parsons.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Wellington Parsons	June 24, 1860	Viola May Long July 5, 1905	
Viola May Long			
<b>Children.</b>			
Ruth Malitda Parsons	May 15, 1906		
Harriet Lucile Paarsons	May 19, 1907		
Harry Wellington Parsons	Nov. 19, 1908		

**Family Record of Dell Paarson's Schneider.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Fred Schneider			
Dell Parsons	Nov. 20, 1866	Fred Schneider June, 1885	
<b>Children.</b>			
Clifford Schneider	Oct. 18, 1886	Annie Walford	1908
Myrtle Schneider	Dec. 18, 1888	George Sollars	
Clifford Schneider	Oct. 18, 1886	Annie Walford Oct. 3, 1907	1908
Annie Walford			
<b>Children.</b>			
Lois Irene Schneider	July 21, 1909		



MR. AND MRS. WASHINGTON PARSONS

Son of Abraham Parsons



	Born.	Married.	Died.
George Sollars			
Myrtle Schneider		George Sollars May 6, 1908	
<b>Children.</b>			
Myrtle Bernice Sollars	Dec. 22, 1909		

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**Family Record of Ella May Parsons Gillott.**

Thomas Gillott			
Ella May Parsons	Sept. 6, 1872	Thomas Gillott Dec. 24, 1896	
<b>Children.</b>			
Chester Gillott			
Ida V. Gillott			
Lloyd Gillott			
Joseph Gillott			Oct. 1, 1903
Georgiana Gillott			
Joseph Gillott	Feb. 6, 1910		
Martha Gillott	Dec. 22, 1912		

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**Family Record of Grace Parsons Schaefer.**

Charles A. Schaefer			
Grace Parsons	Mar. 20, 1875	Charles A. Schaefer ..Jan 25, 1898	
<b>Children.</b>			
Clifton Schaefer	Oct. 30, 1898		Nov. 14, 1899
Harold Schaefer	Oct. 10, 1901		

## JEDSON PARSONS.

Jedson Parsons, second son of Abraham and Emily Parsons, was born on the old Parsons plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. When in his ninth year, his parents moved to land where East Parsons is now a town. From a small boy he was fond of hounds and hunting. In the winter he would roam the woods in search of game in preference to attending school. As a man he is a hurculean in strength, and would throw a stone with such force it would kill an animal. He was crossing the river, a deer came in sight, he gathered some stones and killed it the first blow.

After his marriage he migrated to California, via the Isthmus of Panama. The sea voyage was more than he had imagined; he was a terribly sea sick man during all of the trip. When he arrived in San Francisco, February 10, 1860, he was a shadow, but he was not discouraged; he went to Sonoma County and secured work for a short time. His cousin, Marion Parsons, wrote for him to travel down to Lexington in the Santa Cruz mountains and engage in logging. Some years later he moved to Monterey County and engaged in farming and stock raising. He now resides in Salinas, California.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jedson Parsons	Mar. 30, 1836	Anna Eliza Parsons Jan. 28, 1858	
Ann Eliza Parsons			Apr. 27, 1874
<b>Children.</b>			
Chatham T. Parsons	Jan. 31, 1859		
Robert E. Lee Parsons	Oct. 22, 1863	Alice Metz Feb. 25, 1890	
Charles Wilbur Parsons	Nov. 3, 1865	Hattie Gibson Oct. 5, 1892	
Creed Hart Parsons	Aug. 5, 1868		
Allen Henry Parsons	Apr. 2, 1870		
Solomon Page Parsons	Dec. 18, 1871	Valentine Crely Dec., 1903	
Jedson Parsons	Mar. 30, 1836	Nancy Moody June, 1876	

Nancy Moody

Children.

Mattie Estelle Parsons Sept. 20, 1877 George W. Gates  
June 11, 1895

Jedson R. Parsons Sept. 13, 1879

Robert E. Lee Parsons Oct. 22, 1863 Alice Metz  
Feb. 25, 1890

Alice Metz

Children.

Harry Lee Parsons

Edna Parsons

Charles Wilbur Parsons Nov. 3, 1865 Hattie Gibson  
Oct. 5, 1892

Hattie Gibson

Children.

Clarence Parsons

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## MATTIE ESTELLE PARSONS GATES.

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Mattie E. Parsons, daughter of Jedson and Nancy Moody Parsons, was born near Salinas. She now resides in Burlingame, California.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George W. Gates			
Mattie E. Parsons Gates		George W. Gates June 11, 1896	
Children.			
George Clifton Gates	July —, 1896		
Robert Woodland Gates	Sept. 24, 1901		
Stanley Ward Gates	July 28, 1909		

## JOB WARD PARSONS.

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Job W. Parsons, third son of Abraham and Emily Parsons, was born on the James Parsons plantation, in Randolph County, Virginia. He received his education from private schools, and was taught industry at an early age. He launched out on the sea of life for himself March 14, 1859, accepting a position in the wholesale and retail paper store of Edward Towers, in Washington, D. C.; remained there until October; returned home via Harper's Ferry, on the morning of the capture of John Brown, by Col. R. E. Lee, who made short work of the negro uprising. Brown was in prison in front of the Block House.

He hunted deer with hounds during the winter season and captured fifty-two before February. He and his brother Jedson, decided to migrate to California; they sailed from New York to Espinwall, crossed the Isthmus to Panama, thence to San Francisco. He remained in California until December, 1860, when he returned to Virginia to act as deputy sheriff, his father having been elected high sheriff at the previous election.

The war clouds were gathering thick and fast; South Carolina had seceded; an election was held to determine if Virginia would follow. He was appointed in St. George township to announce each voter's name at the polls and how he voted. It was soon known who was in favor of secession. The war was on and the county officers elected at the previous election were not allowed to perform their duty. Another election was held in June. Those in favor of the Union were installed.

He remained at home until November, 1862, when he was forced to take sides or go to prison. He was taken prisoner at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, and he was entertaining the officer with a hunting story; as they were riding through a piece of woods, he leaped from his horse and disappeared in the darkness. He soon decided to cast his lot with the South and went to aid her with all his heart.

He enlisted in A Company, Eighteenth Virginia Cavalry, Captain William H. Taylor in command. He was appointed second

Sergeant and General John D. Imboden detailed him as his principal scout. He traveled over all the roads from Harper's Ferry in the Valley, to Bonsack's Depot, south of Lynchburg, Roanoke and Clifton forge.

Company A was considered the best in the regiment, and when the General called on Company A to do any work that required courage, they never disappointed him. They were in the following battles: Gettysburg, Williamsport, Maryland, New Hope, or Piedmont Virginia (General W. E. Jones was killed in this battle), Lynchburg, a battle the 19th of September at Winchester (fought from daylight until dark), Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, New Market. Captain W. H. Taylor was killed in the battle of Winchester. He was one of Randolph County's brave and noble sons.

The men of Company A sent a petition to the General to appoint Parsons Captain of A Company over three Lieutenants, so he was appointed commanding officer according to their will.

In February, 1865, they were in camp in Highland County, and were ordered to report at Lynchburg; when they got within four miles of Lexington, they were told that Lee had surrendered. This was a great disappointment to those brave men; they had played a part in the "lost cause," and the final end was so different from what was expected, they could not realize it was true.

Captain Parsons returned to his home and engaged in farming and stock raising; he bought a stock farm on the rich mountains and dealt in cattle. He closed out in the fall of 1898 and went to California to attend a family reunion. In March, 1899, he and his brother sailed from San Francisco to Valdez, Alaska, in search of gold. From Copper River they went overland with sleds to Dawson, thence to Nome. In the spring he returned to California and spent the winter. In March, 1901, he and his sister and nephew sailed from Seattle to Valdez, Alaska. He spent the summer in Copper River country; in September he returned to his home. He now resides in Kingwood West Virginia, and is surrounded with his grandchildren, which are the pride of his life. His last days may be his happiest.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Job Ward Parsons	Mar. 13, 1838	Mary Elizabeth Smith Jan. 1, 1867	
Mary Elizabeth Smith	Aug. 17, 1845		May 8, 1870
Laura Bell Parsons	Nov. 16, 1867		Sept. 11, 1875



	Born.	Married.	Died.
Edmond Carville Parsons	Feb. 15, 1870		Sept. 20, 1870
Job Ward Parsons	Mar. 13, 1838	Mary Jane Ewin June 11, 1872	
Mary Jane Ewin Children.	Aug. 31, 1840		
Stella Maude Parsons	Apr. 23, 1873	Jefferson Slidell Brown, Oct. 15, 1902	
William Ewin Parsons	June 4, 1875	Lillie Hollman Cut- chin, Nov. 24, 1909	
Job Walter Parsons	Dec. 7, 1877		Aug. 8, 1877
Frances Anne Parsons	Mar. 20, 1879		
Dickson Ward Parsons	Aug. 21, 1881	Ethel V. Parsons June 25, 1910	
Jefferson Slidell Brown	Nov. 28, 1861		
Stella Maude Parsons	Apr. 23, 1873	J. Slidell Brown Oct. 15, 1902	
Children.			
Garrett Fairfax Brown	Sept. 21, 1903		
Hazel Ewing Brown	June 25, 1905		
Keith Parsons Brown	Jan. 19, 1907		
Leland Dickson Brown	Mar. 10, 1909		
Linden Bohn Brown	June 2, 1911		

William Ewin Parsons, first son of Job W. and Mary J. Ewin Parsons, was born at Rich Mountain, West Virginia, and now resides in Roanoke, Virginia.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William E. Parsons	June 4, 1875	Lillie Hleman Cutchin Nov. 24, 1909	
Lillie H. Cutchin Parsons Children.			
Ewin Cutchin Parsons	Oct. 2, 1911		

Dickson Ward Parsons, third son of Job W. and Mary J. Ewin Parsons, was born at Rich Mountain, Randolph County, West Virginia. He is a teacher in the Montgomery University, West Virginia.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Dickson Ward Parsons	Aug. 21, 1881	Ethel V. Parsons June 25, 1910	
Ethel V. Parsons Children.	July 26, 1882		
Norman Welbee Par- sons	May 24, 1911		
Harold Parsons	Dec. 20, 1912		

## HARRIET PARSONS LONG.

Harriet Parsons, first daughter of Abraham and Emily Parsons, was born on the old Parsons plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. She was four years of age when her parents moved to what is now East Parsons. She could do all kinds of domestic work when she was twelve years of age, spin, weave, knit and sew. After her marriage she would saddle her horse and take her grist of two bushels to the mill, grind the grain and return home and prepare the dinner for the farm hands at noon. It has been said she could shear a sheep and spin the wool the same day, for the truth of this I do not vouch, as I have not seen her perform the wonderful feat. She made two trips to California and was in that state when the country was shaken up with the "quake," but she did not rise from her bed and rush in the street as the most of them did; she was not alarmed; but she traveled to West Virginia soon afterward so she would be out of reach of the next "shake up."

She is now cosily situated on the farm in Holly Meadows, and enjoys life immensely. She is always ready to assist in sickness, and is a good nurse, which is better than medicine in many cases. In her home she entertains royally, and those who enjoy her hospitality can say she knows how to entertain. Welcome to all is her motto.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James E. Long	Aug. 8, 1838		
Harriet Parsons	Feb. 6, 1840	James E. Long May 26, 1861	
<b>Children.</b>			
Mortinett Long	Apr. 15, 1864	Carroll W. Long	
Jedson P. Long	Aug. 25, 1864		Apr. 15, 1866
J. French Long	Aug. 25, 1867	Genevieve Hillery	
Abraham Long	Dec. 3, 1870	Maude Parsons	Oct. 30, 1900
Viola May Long	June 24, 1877	Wellington Parsons	

## MORTINETTE LONG.

Mortinette Long, daughter of James E. and Harriet Parsons Long, was born at the Holly Meadows, West Virginia. She still resides there, and since her marriage to Carroll William Long, has lived on farm land that has been in the Long family over a hundred years.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Carroll William Long	Dec. 13, 1859		
Mortinett Long	Apr. 15, 1862	Carroll W. Long June 11, 1882	

### Children.

Stella Long	Oct. 3, 1884		Oct. 3, 1884
Duncan Long	Nov. 8, 1885		May 8, 1887
Viola May Long	Aug. 31, 1888		
James C. Long	Feb. 5, 1891		
Paul A. Long	Sept. 11, 1902		

## J. FRENCH LONG.

J. French Long, son of James E. and Harriet Parsons Long, was born at the Holly Meadows, West Virginia, where he grew to manhood and married. He now resides in Parsons, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
J. French Long	Aug. 25, 1867	Genevieve Hillery Apr. 5, 1891	
Genevieve Hillery	Sept. 14, 1870		

### Children.

Fred J. Long	Jan. 20, 1894		
Nellie Harriet Long	Sept. 14, 1897		

## ELIZABETH PARSONS KALAR.

Elizabeth Parsons, daughter of Abraham and Emily Parsons, was born on the old Parsons plantation in Randolph County, Virginia, and was two years of age when her parents moved to the farm on which East Parsons now stands. She could sew when she was seven years old, and soon become an expert at spinning and weaving.

Four years after her marriage to John Kalar they migrated to California, and settled on a ranch in Monterey County, where they lived for some time, finally moving to Salinas, where they still reside. She is very fond of traveling, having made a trip to Honolulu, Crossed the continent five times, and made a trip to Idaho, via Portland, Oregon.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Kalar Elizabeth Parsons	Nov. 16, 1842	John Kalar Oct. 24, 1865 ..	
<b>Children.</b>			
James D. Kalar	Aug. 14, 1866	Clara Lauck July 21, 1904	
<b>Children.</b>			
Georgia Elizabeth Kalar	Apr. 17, 1907		
Mary Kathryn Kalar	Sept. 1, 1908		

## MAHALA PARSONS SMITH.

Mahala Parsons, third daughter of Abraham and Emily Parsons, was born on the plantation of her grandfather, James Parsons. Her parents moved to what is now East Parsons, West Virginia, April, 1844. She was endowed with great ambition. When she was ten years of age she could sew, knit and patch quilts, as well as a grown young lady. She could not be surpassed in the culinary art and could do all household duties and appear neatly before any company.

She migrated to California with her parents November, 1872. After her marriage she lived all her life in Gonzales, where she was loved and respected by every one for her noble traits of character.

She was a great sufferer for many years before she passed away. She was received in the M. E. church South, when quite young, and was a follower of the beautiful light beyond. Any little kindness extended to her by others was appreciated in a frank and hearty manner.

Her remains sleep beside her three sons in the Gonzales cemetery.

<b>Family Record.</b>			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Laban P. Smith			
Mahala Parsons	Feb. 15, 1844	Laban P. Smith May 15, 1873	Nov. 28, 1895
<b>Children.</b>			
Larkin Smith	Jan. 23, 1875		July —, 1905
George B. Smith	Mar. —, 1877		June 24, 1881
Sue Ella Smith	Feb. —, 1879	George Wilson	
Mary Emily Smith	June 25, 1881	John Pihl	
Laban P. Smith	Sept. —, 1884		Aug. 11, 1906
George Wilson			
Sue Ella Smith	Feb. —, 1879	George Wilson Aug. 8, 1900	
<b>Children.</b>			
Georgia Agnes Wilson	Nov. 11, 1902		
Emily Roberta Wilson	May 12, 1909		
John Pihl			
Mary Emily Smith	June 25, 1881	John Pihl Apr. 5, 1905	
<b>Children.</b>			
Hazel Marjorie Pihl	Feb. 25, 1907		
John Pendleton Pihl	Feb. 28, 1909		

## JAMES PARSONS.

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James Parsons was born on the farm on which East Parsons now stands. He was a mere boy when the civil war begun, yet he managed the farm work. In October, '61, as he was riding across the mill race, he was fired upon by union soldiers. He put spurs to his horse to escape and save his animal, but in this he was mistaken for the next day someone piloted the soldiers to Back Bone Mountain, where he and some of the neighbors had hidden their horses, and all were taken.

He is a great traveler, having lived in Texas, and made a number of trips to Alaska, where he was engaged in Mining in Nome, Dawson, and in the Fairbanks Country. He, with his brother, Job, made a daring trip across Alaska over unexplored territory where no white man had ever put foot before. They had many hair-breadth escapes, yet reached Dawson in safety. He has been married twice, but has no children.

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## JACOB STARTZMAN PARSONS.

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Jacob Startzman Parsons was born on the farm that is now East Parsons. He migrated to California when he was 22 years of age, and engaged in farming and stock raising, and at one time had the best herds of cattle and horses in the country. He is considered a very good farmer, and did not farm less than five hundred to two thousand acres. He now resides in Salinas, California.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jacob S. Parsons	Oct. 3, 1847	Florence C. Blinn Feb. 22, 1875	
<b>Children.</b>			
Job. Ward Parsons	Feb. 15, 1876		Feb. 15, 1876
Ethel Isabel Parsons	Apr. 24, 1877		Feb. 17, 1884
Edith Mabel Parsons	Apr. 21, 1878	Henry A. Hill	
Alice Amanda Parsons	Jan. 4, 1880	George W. Reinhart	
James Louis Parsons	July 28, 1881		

	Born.	Married	Died.
Abraham Robert Parsons	Jan. 20, 1883	Mary Fletcher	
Emily Maude Parsons	Dec. 14, 1883	Oscar Lewis	
Jacob Henry Parsons	Apr. 5, 1885		
Roy Edward Parsons	Dec. 13, 1887		
Hazel Florence Parsons	May 8, 1888		
Myrtle Harriet Parsons	July 28, 1890		
Bertram Rust Parsons	June 12, 1892		
Elmer Ray Parsons	Apr. 12, 1896		
Ralph Blinn Parsons	Feb. 12, 1898		
George Reinhart			
Alice Amanda Parsons	Jan. 4, 1880	George Reinhart 1902	
Children.			
Pearl Alma Reinhart	May 27, 1903		
Roy Edward Reinhart	July 13, 1904		
Abraham Robert Parsons	Jan. 20, 1883	Mary Fletcher Mar. 11 1906	
Mary Fletcher			
Children.			
Ruby Parsons	Oct. 29, 1906		
Robert F. Parsons	May 22, 1909		
Oscar Lewis			
Emily Maude Parsons	Dec. 14, 1883	Oscar Lewis	
Children.			
Ethel Geraldine Lewis	Sept. 7, 1904		
Elena Virginia Lewis	Sept. 7, 1905		
Sidney Lewis	Sept. 7, 1906		

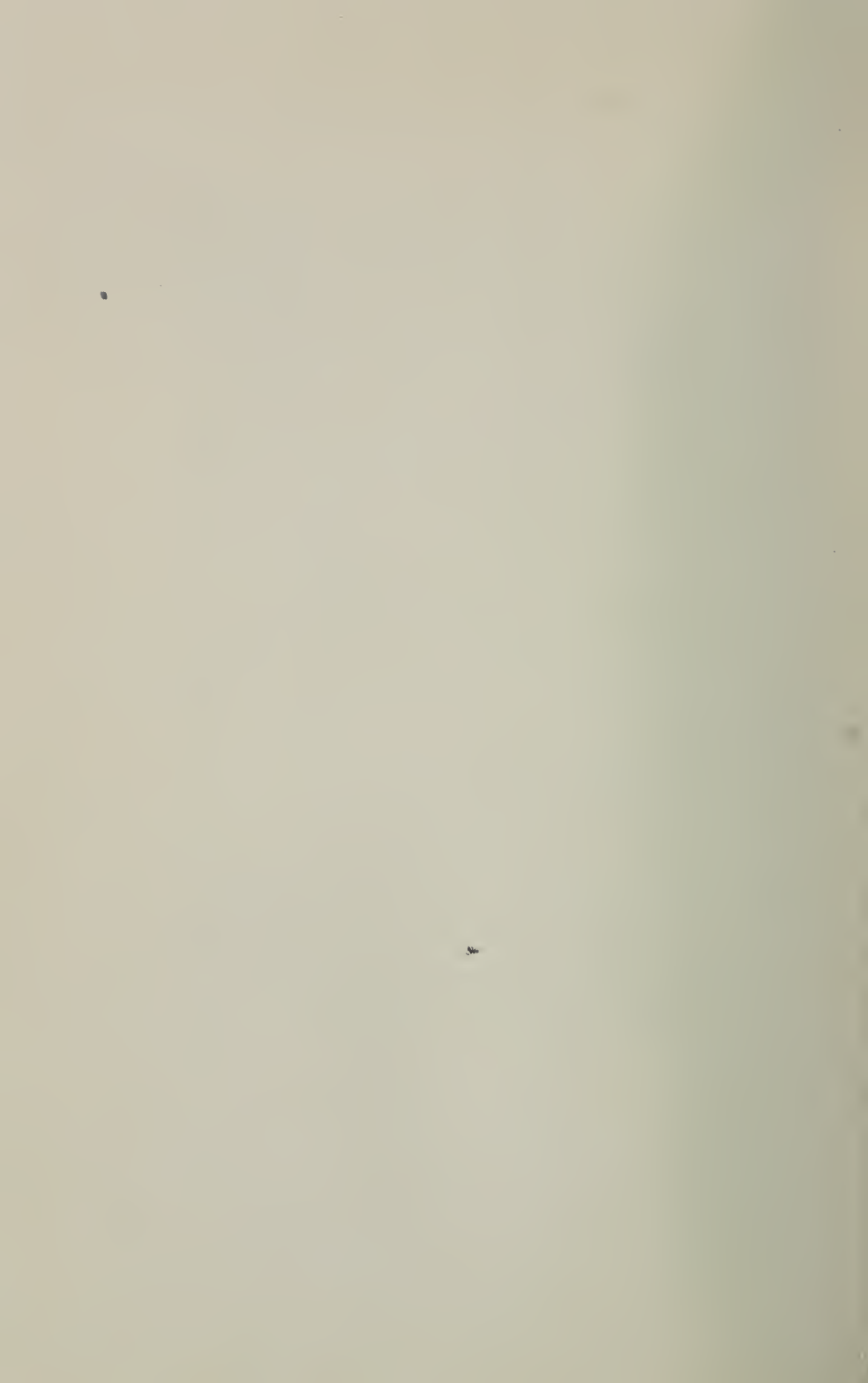
Family Record of Virginia Parsons McCabe.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William L. Parsons			
Virginia Parsons	July 26, 1849	William L. Parsons June 14, 1870	
Children.			
James Abraham Parsons	Mar. 9, 1871	Margaret Sprang July 23, 1903	
Leland Stanford Parsons	Feb. 5, 1873		
Duncan McCabe	May 21, 1849		Mar. 12, 1905
Virginia Parsons	July 26, 1849	Duncan McCabe Mar. 10, 1877	
Children.			
Anna Elizabeth McCabe	Oct. 30, 1879	Leslie E. Burks Oct. 30, 1900	
Leslie E. Burks	Dec. 28, 1875		
Anna Elizabeth McCabe	Oct. 30, 1879	Leslie E. Burks Oct. 30, 1900	
Children.			
Eleanor Virginia Burks	June 20, 1903		



VIRGINIA PARSONS MACCABE  
Daughter of Abraham Parsons





*Son of Mrs. Mace  
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### JAMES ABRAHAM PARSONS.

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James Abraham Parsons, son of Wm. L. and Virginia Parsons, was born in Parsons, West Virginia. He was a grandson of Miles Parsons on his father's side and a great grandson of James Parsons on his mother's side.

He received his education from the public schools of California and the University of the Pacific at San Jose, California.

He enlisted in Company M, 8th California Volunteers, on July 9, 1898. This company, which was mustered in within forty minutes, was composed of one hundred and twenty men, and within twelve hours were ready for duty at Camp Barrett, where they were drilled and subsequently ordered to post duty at Alcatraz Island. His company was mustered out of service Jan. 23, 1899. He enlisted in the United States navy Oct. 18, 1899, and sailed for the Philippine Islands, where he did duty on six different battleships. He was on the battleship Oregon when she made her illfated trip to China and ran on a reef. He was engaged in the "Boxer Rebellion" and was present at the "Advance of the allied nations." He returned to San Francisco, California, October, 1902, when he was transferred to the Hancock, which was then a training ship. In December, 1902, he sailed from San Francisco, via Cape Horn, arriving in New York February 22, 1903. He was subsequently transferred to the U. S. ship Indianapolis, when at League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, where he served until his enlistment expired, Oct. 8, 1903. Returning to the Pacific coast, with his bride, whom he had married in Philadelphia, who was Miss Margaret G. Sprang, he sailed for Alaska in the employ of the government as an engineer, Returning to Oakland, California in March, 1905, where he now resides.

## PHEBE ANN PARSONS BOEKENOOGEN.

Phebe Ann Parsons was born on the farm on which East Parsons is built. She went to California in 1872, with her parents. Three years after her arrival in California she married George Boekenoogen, and they moved to a ranch near Gonzales, later going to their present home, a beautiful ranch in the foot hills east of Gonzales, where one obtains a most beautiful panoramic view of the Salinas Valley.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George Boekenoogen	Aug. 27, 1845		
Phebe Ann Parsons	Jan. 19, 1857	George Boekenoogen May 27, 1875	

#### Children.

Thomas Edward Boekenoogen	May 28, 1876	Emily I. Rochat	
John Abraham Boekenoogen	May 31, 1883	Edith Patton	
Eva Virginia Boekenoogen	Aug. 1, 1891		
Thomas Edward Boekenoogen	Aug. 28, 1876	Emily Rochat May 28, 1907	

Emily Rochat

#### Children.

Isabel Rochat Boekenoogen	Sept. 1, 1908		
Earnest R. Boekenoogen	Dec. 23, 1909		
John Abraham Boekenoogen	May 31, 1883	Edith Patton Oct. 19, 1910	

Edith Patton

#### Children.

Edith Virginia Boekenoogen	Aug. 25, 1912		
George Fiese			
Eva Virginia Boekenoogen		George Fiese Oct., 1911	

#### Children.

George Malcom Fiese	Oct. 4, 1912		
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## SARAH PARSONS TALBOTT.

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Sarah Parsons, second daughter of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born in Randolph County, Virginia. She was a modest and unassuming girl and was very much admired for her womanly qualities. Though reared in a luxurious home, she was an expert seamstress, and could cut, fit and make an outfit of men's clothing; she also possessed extraordinary business qualities.

After her marriage she lived two miles below St. George, on a farm, and all of her children were born there.

During the civil war she was a brave and fearless woman. They lived on the main road from St. George to Rowlsburg, and after the skirmish above Hannahville, she went to the battle field and claimed the body of the brave Lieutenant McChesney, who fell in the battle, June 29, 1861, and with the assistance of the Home Guards, the body was taken to the Hon. Wm. Ewins' place and interred in his private burial grounds. Half the country side assembled to pay tribute to the brave young man, the first to lay down his life for the cause he deemed the right.

She had many relatives in the Confederate army and she did not know when she might be called upon to stand by the grave of some of her own loved ones.

In April, 1865, she sold her farm and migrated to Illinois with all of her family. Being a woman of good, sound business judgment and foresight, she saw through the misty future the coming glories of the products of the banner corn state. In those days land could be had for a nominal price and today her sons are the most prominent land owners in that country and their investments have proved successful beyond their most sanguine expectations.

In September, 1880, she made the journey to California to visit her son and brothers, stopping on her way to visit a brother in Iowa. She enjoyed meeting her friends, but the change of climate was not a benefit to her and she was taken with pneumonia and died at her brother's home in Gonzales. Her remains rest in Salinas

cemetery. She was a devoted Christian, a member of the M. E. church two score years, a loving mother in whose face the light of truth and honesty brightly shone.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Johnson Talbott			Feb. 25, 1866
Sarah Parsons Talbott	Apr. 15, 1813	Johnson Talbott Aug. 1836	June 24, 1861

**Children.**

Annejoretta Talbott	Sept. 18, 1839	George Hessler	
Abraham Parsons Talbott	Sept. 18, 1839	Mary L. Bird Ellen Crites	
Nancy A. Talbott	Nov. 19, 1840	Chas. W. Valinetine	Apr. 3, 1887
James A. Talbott	Oct. 16, 1844	Ruth A. Lefever	
John W. Talbott	June 20, 1847	Amanda E. Baker	
George Thomas Talbott	June 23, 1850	Marcia Potts	
Francis Robert Talbott	Nov. 12, 1851	Frances DeHarrn	Apr. 4, 1894
David Paul Talbott	Aug. 25, 1854	Belle Ellis	
Emily Alice Talbott	Mar. 20, 1858		Oct. 25, 1865

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**ABRAHAM P. TALBOTT.**

Abraham P. Talbott, son of B. Johnson Talbott and Sarah Parsons Talbott, was born near St. George, Virginia. Being the oldest boy he was soon put to work on the farm and became an expert with scythe and hoe, and especially adept with the husking peg, thereby gaining much popularity at husking bees where he was always fortunate in getting the red ear of corn, thus having the privilege of kissing the prettiest girl.

In 1865 he moved to Illinois with his parents, but visited Virginia a number of times before his marriage to an Illinois lassie. He went to farming and today has a fine farm near Potomac, Illinois. Should any one desire the rest cure I advise a trip to his farm for he is an adept at story telling and the products of his farm would make one long to lead the simple life.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Abraham P. Talbott	June 7, 1839	Mary L. Bird Sept. 4, 1873	
Mary L. Bird		Ellen Crites Aug. 31, 1891	Aug. 27, 1886

## Children.

Hattie May Talbott	Sept. 25, 1874	Elmer G. Judy June 21, 1899	
Minnie Alta Talbott	Feb. 26, 1876	Charles M. Stone May 12, 1897	
Sarah Eunice Talbott	Aug. 31, 1878	Ora A. Knight Dec. 24, 1897	
Benjamin Alfred Talbot	Mar. 12, 1880	Anna Hartwell Tyler June 4, 1906	

## Grandchildren.

Elmer Grant Judy	Jan. 26, 1867	Hattie M. Talbott June 21, 1899	
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Hattie M. Talbott	Sept. 25, 1874		
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## Children.

Viola Elizabeth July	May 11, 1901		
Leland Stanford Judy	Apr. 25, 1906		
Charles M. Stone	Sept. 9, 1875	Minnie A. Talbott May 12, 1897	
Minnie A. Talbott	Feb. 26, 1876		

## Children.

Harry Francis Stone	Apr. 17, 1898		
Elnora Bernice Talbott	Aug. 2, 1904		
Ora. A. Knight	Dec. 12, 1876	Sarah E. Talbott Dec. 24, 1899	
Sarah E. Talbott	Aug. 31, 1878		

## Children.

Ernest Robert E. Knight	Aug. 20, 1901		
James Alfred Knight	July 18, 1903		
Frances Eunice Knight	Jan. 7, 1905		
Ellen Louise Knight	Jan. 27, 1908		

## ANN JORETTAH TALBOTT HESSLER.

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Ann Joretta Talbott, eldest daughter of Johnson and Sarah Parsons Talbott, was born near St. George, Virginia. After her marriage she went with her husband to Ohio, where they lived for four years, then migrated to Danville, Illinois, where she still resides.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George A. Hessler			Mar. 12, 1908
Ann Joretta Talbott	Sept. 18, 1838	George A. Hessler Jan. 1, 1860	
<b>Children.</b>			
Laura Bell Hessler	Dec. 18, 1860	E. C. Kenney Dec. 25, 1888	
Leonidas Hessler	Nov. 13, 1862		Sept. 6, 1890
Ackerson Hessler	Apr. 17, 1870		
Lloyd Hessler	Sept. 11, 1873		

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### Family Record of Laura Bell Hessler Kenney.

E. C. Kenney			
Laura Bell Hessler	Dec. 18, 1860	E. C. Kenney Dec. 25, 1888	
<b>Children.</b>			
Victor Kenney	Aug. 14, 1889		
Luvilla Kenney	Oct. 14, 1891		
Gordon Kenney			

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### Family Record of Ackerson Hessler.

Ackerson Hessler	Apr. 17, 1870
<b>Children.</b>	
Emmet Hessler	
George Hessler	
John Hessler	
Albert Hessler	

## NANCY TALBOTT VALENTINE.

Nancy Talbott, second daughter of Johnson and Sarah Parsons Talbott, was born on a farm two miles below St. George, in Cheat river valley, Virginia. She attended the district school in the winter and assisted her mother in spinning and weaving, in the summer she was a very busy girl; the sewing was all done by hand in those days, it was often said of her that she did not waste her time in idleness.

She made a visit to relatives in Ohio and met her lover, whom she married the following year, they migrated to Indiana and settled on a farm. She was a woman of ability and could manage the farm while her husband was traveling in California for his health. She and her husband attended the Centennial in Philadelphia and visited relatives in Ohio. She made several trips to Illinois to visit her mother, save this she was always at home with her family. Mrs. Valentine was a member of the M. E. church for many years and was one of the most lovable of women. She was generous of her own strength and energy in behalf of others of her own household and in her circle of acquaintances, many enjoyed her friendship and was grieved to hear of her death.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Charles W. Valentine Nancy Talbott Valentine	Nov. 19, 1840	Charles Westley Valentine, 1865	June —, 1911 Apr. 23, 1887
<b>Children.</b>			
Luella C. Valentine	Oct. 11, 1867	C. M. Hadix Dec. 5, 1895	
Alfretta Valentine	Oct. 18, 1869	M. E. Harter June 24, 1892	
Cora R. Valentine	Sept. 5, 1871	E. B. Foulk Aug. 25, 1896	Apr. 4, 1909
Charles R. Valentine	Sept. 21, 1875	Carrie Hutton Dec. 26, 1896	
Virginia E. Valentine	Apr. 18, 1877		
Eva G. Valentine	July 18, 1879	William H. Stewart July 19, 1903	
Thomas T. Valentine	Feb. 18, 1882	Sadie VanDusen	



## CHARLES RALPH VALENTINE.

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Charles R. Valentine, first son of Charles W. and Nancy A. Talbott Valentine, was born on a farm near Warsaw, Indiana. He was educated in the public schools; for some years he was engaged in the manufacture of cigars but his health failed and he traveled to California to recuperate; after some months in the Golden State, he engaged in business in Oxnard, California, but from the following lines composed by him, his heart wanders back to his boyhood home of his native state:

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## SPRING BACK YONDER.

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How cheerful once again is the balmy breeze of spring!  
 Bringing joy and gladness to every living thing,  
 As the bright sunshine melts away the ice and snow,  
 Causing tiny riverlets to trickle where the pussy-willows grow.  
 There the froggies holler and the sweet, sweet song of birds,  
 Could there be sweeter music than this ever heard,  
 No church chimes in comparison, nor fluttering angel wings,  
 There is no sweeter melodies. when once again its spring.

On the high bending branches the tempting apple blossoms grow,  
 Beckoning sweet fragrance to fond children below,  
 Fairly blooming they hurry on to school, with the bells last ring,  
 Offering nature's sweetest greetings there, that once again it's spring

With rosy cheeks the girls from school skip the rope in glee,  
 Now and then a barefoot boy with marbles, it seems real good to see,  
 Thrilling sounds from yonder lot, "play ball" delighted game they  
 sling,

Such reminders the sun need not shine, to realize once again it's  
spring.

Life's journey is not all brightness, the world may look sad and  
blue,

"Tis said every cloud is silver lined, if we remain but staunch and  
true,

Whenever trouble seems the greatest and sorrows to us cling,  
Think then of brighter thoughts that once again it's spring.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Charles R. Valentine	Sept. 21, 1875	Carrle Hutton Dec. 26, 1896	
Carrle Hutton Valentine			
<b>Children.</b>			
Charles Edwin Valentine			
Frank Valentine			

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**THOMAS T. VALENTINE.**

Thomas T. Valentine, second son of Charles W. and Nancy A. Talbott Valentine, was born on the farm near Warsaw, Indiana. His mother died when he was five years of age, his eldest sisters readed him; he resides at Mishwalk, Indiana.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Thomas T. Valentine	Feb. 18, 1882	Sadie VanDusen	
Sadie VanDusen			
<b>Children.</b>			
William Westley Valentine			
Leland Talbott Valentine			
Virginia Valentine			

## JAMES ANDREW TALBOTT.

James Andrew Talbott, was born near St. George, Virginia and moved to Illinois with his parents in 1865. Here, when old enough, commenced farming on rented land and by dint of hard work and success in corn raising was able to buy a farm which he has added to until today he has a large farm near Gifford, Illinois.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James A. Talbott	Oct. 16, 1844	Ruth A. Lefever	
<b>Children.</b>			
Charles B. Talbott	Jan. 11, 1878	Laura B. Smith	
Lucy A. Talbott	Aug. 23, 1874	Emanuel E. Rowe	
Francis W. Talbott	Mar. 25, 1884		
Earl P. Talbot	July 25, 1887	Bertha E. Harper	
Charles B. Talbott	Jan. 11, 1878		
Laura B. Smith			
<b>Children.</b>			
Asher J. Talbott	Sept. 5, 1902		
Hattie D. Talbott	June 7, 1904		
Emanuel E. Rowe			
Lucy A. Talbott	Aug. 23, 1874		
<b>Children.</b>			
James Rowe	Dec. 11, 1899		
Francis W. Talbott	Mar. 25, 1884		
Ollie M. Shallenberger			
<b>Children.</b>			
Ethel B. Talbott	Oct. 16, 1902		
Grace A. Talbott	Feb. 25, 1904		
Walter J. Talbott	Apr. 5, 1908		
Ray L. Talbott	Apr. 5, 1908		

## JOHN WILLIAM TALBOTT.

John William Talbott, son of Johnson and Sarah Parsons Talbott, was born near St. George, Virginia. When he accompanied his parents, when they moved to Illinois where he remained until he reached manhood, when he went to Nebraska and pre-empted a government claim but after an unsuccessful year piled his goods and chattels into a two horse wagon and returned to Illinois. Here he started anew and one needs but to visit him at his fine farm near Potomac, Illinois, to judge how successful he has been.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John W. Talbott	June 20, 1847	Amanda E. Baker Sep. 17, 1879	
<b>Children.</b>			
Ida B. Talbott	July 31, 1882	Elmer D. Vaness Sep. 27, 1901	
Ella Pearl Talbott	Dec. 7, 1884	Oliver Perry Linville Aug. 6, 1905	
Claude John Talbott	July 4, 1887		
Grace May Talbott	Feb. 15, 1889	Chauncy D. Going Dec. 25, 1908	
Carl D. Talbott	Apr. 10, 1893		
Fay Lena Talbott	Dec. 22, 1896		
Elmer D. Vaness	Born.	Married.	Died.
Ida Belle Talbott			
<b>Children.</b>			
John Vaness	Sept. 10, 1902		
Fontella M. Vaness	Oct. 30, 1904		

## GEORGE THOMAS TALBOTT.

George Thomas Talbott, fourth son of B. Johnson and Sarah Parsons Talbott, was born near St. George, Virginia and when fifteen years of age migrated with his parents to Illinois. He began life on a farm in his adopted state. After his marriage he went to Kansas and engaged in farming and stock raising. He has been highly successful, both in business and home life, as he has a family of twelve boys and girls. He resides near Hepler, Kansas.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George Thomas Talbott	June 23, 1850	Marcie J. Potts Jan. 31, 1875	
Marcia J. Potts	Dec. 15, 1858		
<b>Children.</b>			
Claude Talbott	Feb. 5, 1876		
Bertha Amina Talbott	Aug. 25, 1877	Henry C. Bales Dec. 26, 1900	
Fred Talbott	Sep. 5, 1870	Nora Pierce Dec. 25, 1901	
Lena Fay Talbott	Apr. 12, 1881	K. McBeath Dec. 24, 1903	
May Talbott	Mar. 19, 1883	Fred Coad Jun. 23, 1903	
Chester Guy Talbott	Jan. 5, 1885		
Clarissa Pearl Talbott	Feb. 2, 1887	Otto Kirkpatrick July 30, 1906	
Eva Edna Talbott	Jan. 3, 1889	Holly Chamebrs Oct. 10, 1903	
Ada Merle Talbott	Jan. 6, 1891	Douglas Hamonds Dec. 8, 1908	
Carl Talbott	Apr. 6, 1893		
Dorothy Marie Talbott	July 7, 1895		
Lloyd Earl Talbott	Mar. 5, 1898		
Lester Harold Talbott	Apr. 19, 1900		

**Bertha Anita Talbott, Daughter of Thomas Talbott.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Henry C. Bales		Dec. 26, 1900	
Children.			
Bertha Talbott	Aug. 25, 1877	Henry C. Bales	
Children.			
Eugene Bales	Jan. 24, 1901		
Mildred Bales	Dec. 4, 1902		
Ralph Bales	June 6, 1904		
Hugh Bales	Feb. 6, 1906		
Harold Bales	June 22, 1907		
Helen Bales	Sept. 30, 1909		

**Fred Talbott, Son of Thomas Talbott.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Fred Talbott		Nora Pierce	
		Dec. 25, 1901	
Nora Pierce			
Children.			
Claude Talbott	Feb. 25, 1905		
Inez Talbott	Oct. 25, 1907		

**Family Record of May Talbott Coad.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Fred Coad		Fred Coad	
May Talbott		June 20, 1903	
Children.			
Georgie May Coad	Mar. 13, 1904		
Ralph Coad	June 10, 1906		

**Clarissa Pearl, Daughter of Thomas Talbott.**

<b>Family Record.</b>			
	Born.	Married.	Died.
Otto Kirkpatrick		Otto Kirkpatrick	
Pearl Talbott		July 30, 1905	
Children.			
Gladys Kirkpatrick	Dec. 21, 1906		
Clara Kirkpatrick	Feb. 3, 1908		
Ruth Kirkpatrick	Mar. 6, 1909		

**Eva Edna Talbott, Daughter of Thomas Talbott.**

Holly Chambers		Holly Chambers	
Eva Edna Talbott		Sept. 10, 1908	
Children.			
Guy Vernon Chambers	Apr. 23, 1909		

**Family Record of Ada Merle Talbott Hamonds.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Douglas Hamonds		Douglas Mamonds.	
Ada Talbott	Jan. 6, 1891	Dec. 8, 1908	
Children.			
Geo. Thomas Hamonds	Jan. 25, 1910		

## FRANCIS ROBERT TALBOTT.

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Francis Robert Talbott, was born near St. George, Virginia, where he lived until the age of thirteen, when he migrated to Illinois with his parents. Here he remained on his father's farm until he married. Then he went to Kansas and engaged in farming and stock raising. He was highly successful. At the age of 31 he died suddenly, leaving a family of four children, who with the wife still reside in Helper, Kansas.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Francis R. Talbott	Nov. 12, 1852	Francis De Harnn	Apr. 4, 1894
Francis De Harnn	Mar. 23, 1859	Dec. 4, 1879	
<b>Children.</b>			
Mandeville Talbott	June 23, 1881	Matilda Neth June 14, 1905	
Emmerest Talbott	Aug. 21, 1883		
Florence Talbott	Mar. 18, 1887	John Harriman Feb. 21, 1904	
Edna Talbott	Sept. 5, 1888		
James Frances Talbott	Aug. 20, 1893		

### Mandeville Talbott Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Mandeville Talbott	June 23, 1881	Matilda Neth	
Matilda Neth		June 14, 1905	
<b>Children.</b>			
Eana Talbott	Oct. 12, 1906		
Marion Talbott	Oct. 17, 1907		

### Family Record of Florence Talbott Harriman.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Harriman			
Florence Talbott	Mar. 18, 1887	John Harriman Dec. 21, 1904	
<b>Children.</b>			
Earl Harriman	Feb. 22, 1908		May 13, 1909

## DAVID PAUL TALBOTT.

David P. Talbott, was born on the old Talbott homestead in Randolph County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Illinois and grew to manhood on the farm. At the age of twenty-one he left home to seek his fortune in California, where he worked as a farm hand until he had saved enough to engage in farming and stock raising.

He owns a fine stock range of twenty-seven hundred acres and also farms; six thousand acres of the Dumphy ranch; one year this land produced forty thousand bags of wheat and barley.

For some years he has been supervisor for his district; he filled the responsible position with entire satisfaction to his constituents, irrespective of their political faith. He has succeeded by his own personal merits.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
David P. Talbott	Aug. 25, 1854	Belle Ellis	Oct. 1, 1879
Belle Ellis Talbott	Aug. 27, 1860		
<b>Children.</b>			
Blanche Talbott	Oct. 17, 1880	George V. Barlow Oct. 17, 1900	1912
Maude Talbott	Feb. 15, 1882	Henry Lang	Apr. 4, 1907
Eugene Faw Talbott	Mar. 28, 1892		
Hazel Talbott	Feb. 20, 1894		
Henry Lang			
Maude Talbott Lang			
<b>Children.</b>			
Paul Andrew Lang	1909		



## JAMES R. PARSONS.

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James R. Parsons, seventh son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born on the old plantation. He received his education from private tutors. After he completed his trade of tanner, he engaged in business in the tannery which his father had erected on the plantation. All the leather he could manufacture was sold at home, for in those days everyone wore home made boots and shoes, and harness, saddles and bridles were in demand. He was doing a thriving business when the whole establishment burned.

He then bought four hundred and fifty acres of land on Shafer's Fork and engaged in stock raising. He was a hard worker and an early riser. At log rolling and house raisings, which were very common in those days, he was the life of the party because of his jovial disposition and great energy. He could accomplish a great deal more work with his gang of men than any one on the ground.

After the battle of Corricks Ford, July 13, 1861, he met a Georgia regiment, which had been cut off from the main army, wandering up the mountain side in the pouring rain. They were almost famished. He piloted them to Otter Fork, seven miles from the battle field and provided them with food, which they cooked over a camp-fire. The following day they crossed over the mountain path to Dry Fork and after many hardships reached Monterey, Virginia, before the main army, which had gone via Greenland Gap. The gratitude of these men toward him for saving them is beyond description. They carried him around to the commanding officer's quarters and introduced him as a hero. He remained with this regiment for some time as their guest. He could not return home, for he would be imprisoned for this humane act.

Parsons knew the woods too well to be captured; he passed through the lines to a railroad station and escaped to Iowa to the home of his brother and remained there until the close of the war.

He was a man of influence and held several offices of trust in the county. His last days were peacefully spent on the farm, where he was much loved and respected by the community.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James R. Parsons	Oct. 9, 1814	Mahala Mason 1838	Aug. 1887
<b>Mahala Mason Parsons Children.</b>			
Cornelius Parsons	June 21, 1839	Laverna A. Parsons Mar. 17, 1865	
Susannah Parsons	1840	Coleman Schoover Dec. 12, 1864	Dec. —, 1869
Marcilla Parsons		Sylvester Channel, 1867	Nov. —, 1910
Nancy Parsons	Dec. 28, 1843	Christopher Schoon- over, Dec. 29, 1864	
Luther Parsons		Rebecca Schoonover Sept. 6, 1868	
Joshua Parsons	Dec. 30, 1846	Lois Schoonover Oct. 6, 1867	May 30, 1912
Robert Parsons			
Thomas Parsons	1849	Hannah Channel	
Emily Parsons		Sylvanus Rennick	
Harriet Parsons		Hamilton Burke	

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**CORNELIUS PARSONS.**


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Cornelius Parsons, first son of James and Mahala Mason Parsons was born on the old Parsons' plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. From early boyhood he was a great student and pursued his studies so well that at the age of nineteen he took charge of a school which he taught for two terms. He attended the Morgantown schools for several terms. He entered upon his career as a teacher and has taught forty-five years. He has devoted his life to noble aims which characterises the true gentleman and is the possessor of a reputation unsullied.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Cornelius Parsons	June 21, 1839	Laverna Anne Par- sons, Mar. 17, 1865	
Laverna A. Parsons	Oct. 16, 1848		Sept. 13, 1870
<b>Children.</b>			
Grant D. Parsons	Dec. 7, 1865	Frances L. Deets Mar. 15, 1882	
Mead Parsons	Sept. 18, 1867		
Malvina Parsons	Mar. 26, 1869	J. H. Roby Sept., 1891	
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
Cornelius Parsons		Caroline Moore Oct. 20, 1871	

	Born.	Married.	Died.
<b>Children.</b>			
Thomas B. Parsons	Mar. 24, 1873		Dec. 29, 1873
James McGrew Parsons	Jan. 31, 1875	Susie Peaster Aug. 15, 1900	
Hilah Parsons	Feb. 12, 1876	Hattie Mason ..Dec. 24, 1904	
Cerulah Anne Parsons	Apr. 13, 1878	H. E. Burgess May 9, 1897	
Stella Parsons	Mar. 24, 1882	A. L. Feaster Oct. 25, 1903	
J. H. Roby			
Malvina Parsons Roby			
(Nine children.)			
James McGrew Parsons			
Susie Peaster Parsons			
(Two children.)			

### GRANT PARSONS.

Grant Parsons, first son of Cornelius and Laverna Ann Parsons was born in Tucker County, West Virginia and was reared on a farm in Grant County. After his marriage he migrated to Omaha, Nebraska and engaged in business, he is now with the Parsons Construction Company, general contractors, 601 Barker Block, Omaha, Nebraska.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Grant Parsons	Dec. 7, 1865	Frances L. Deets Feb. 12, 1889	
Frances L. Deets	Feb. 19, 1867		
<b>Children.</b>			
Alice Elizabeth Parsons	Aug. 2, 1890	Roy B. Tedrow Apr. 11, 1911	
Marion Laura Parsons	Apr. 28, 1892	William J. DeWinter Nov. 15, 1910	
Neal Deets Parsons	Mar. 16, 1894		
Marjorie Isabelle Parsons	Nov. 6, 1897		
Dorolly Mabel Parson	Feb. 8, 1900		
Roy Blaine Tedrow			
Alice Elizabeth Parsons Tedrow		Roy B. Tedrow Apr. 11, 1911	
<b>Children.</b>			
Virginia Kathleen Tedrow	Jan. 3, 1912		
William John DeWinter			
Marion Laura Parsons DeWinter		W. J. DeWinter Nov. 15, 1910	
<b>Children.</b>			
Frances Mary DeWinter	Aug. 10, 1911		



GRANT PARSONS  
Son of Cornelius Parsons



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 SUSANNAH PARSONS SCHOONOVER.
 

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Susannah Parsons Schoonover, eldest daughter of James R. and Mahala Parsons, was born on the plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. After her marriage she lived on a farm near Kerns, West Virginia; she died young, leaving four children, one an infant.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Coleman Schoonover			
Susannah Parsons	1840	Coleman Schoonover Dec. 12, 1864	—, 1869

## Children.

Carroll W. Schoonover	1865
Harriet Schoonover	1867
James Rust Schoonover	1869

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 Family Record of Marcilla Parsons Channel.

Sylvester Channel	
Marcilla Parsons	Sylvester Channel Nov. —, 1910

## Children.

Mahala Channel
Harriet Channel
Rachel Channel
Robert Channel
Ervine Channel
Thomas Channel

## NANCY R. PARSONS SCHOONOVER.

Nancy Rust Parsons was born on the plantation of her grandfather in Randolph County, Virginia. After her marriage to Christopher C. Schoonover, she moved to a nearby farm but later migrated to California and settled in Salinas, Monterey County. After the death of her husband she moved to San Francisco, where her children live.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.		Died.
Christopher Schoonover	Aug. 1, 1841			
Nancy Rust Parsons	Dec. 28, 1843	C. C. Schoonover Dec. 29, 1864		Jan. 17, 1893

#### Children.

Guy P. Schoonover	Dec. 10, 1865	Ethel Wisecarver		
Earl Benton Schoonover	May 8, 1867			Mar. 8, 1883
Mary Etta Schoonover	Dec. 19, 1872	Edward Sobranes		
Maude Harriet Schoonover	Jan. 21, 1881	George M. Gosser		
Dolly Schoonover	Apr. 26, 1882			
James R. Port Schoonover	Sept. 10, 1883	Victorine A. Constant		
Guy P. Schoonover	Dec. 10, 1865	Maude E. Wisecarver Sept. 17, 1890		

#### Children.

Earl Schoonover				
Viola Vivian Schoonover				
Thomas Schoonover				
Samuel Schoonover				
Edward Sobranes	Aug. 24, 1870			
Mary Etta Schoonover	Dec. 19, 1872	Edward Sobranes Jan. 2, 1895		

#### Children.

Waverly Edward Sobranes	July 12, 1897			
Thelma C. Sobranes	June 28, 1899			
Virginia Nancy Sobranes	Oct. 10, 1908			
William L. Gosser				
Maude Harriet Schoonover	Jan. 21, 1881	William L. Gosser Dec. 20, 1905		

#### Children.

George M. Gosser	Dec. 20, 1906			
Catherine Esther Gosser				
James R. Port Schoonover	Sept. 10, 1883	Victorine A. Constant Sept. 15, 1907		

Victorine A. Constant

#### Children.

Christopher P. Schoonover	July 18, 1909
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## LUTHER PARSONS.

Luther Parsons, son of James and Mahala Mason Parsons, was born on the old Parsons plantation in Randolph County, Virginia. He enlisted in the Eighteenth Virginia Cavalry in May, 1861, and served until the close of the war. He was in eighteen engagements in one summer. Was in the battle of Gettysburg and many other noted battles. It is said that he was a man absolutely without fear in battle. In 1868 he married Rebecca Schoonover, they had two children, one of which died. He resides near Beleainton, West Virginia.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Luther Parsons		Rebecca Schoonover Sept. 6, 1867	
Rebecca B. Schoonover			
Children.			
Wise C. Parsons			
James R. Parsons		Sabina Wiese	

## Family Record of Joshua Parsons.

Joshua Parsons	Dec. 30, 1846	Lois Schoonover	
		Oct. 6, 1867	
Lois Schoonover	July 24, 1847		
Children.			
Burl H. Parsons	Aug. 4, 1868		
Edgar D. Parsons	Apr. 28, 1870		Oct. 7, 1885
Page L. Parsons	Apr. 4, 1872		
Maude Rebecca Parsons	May 14, 1874	A. P. Long	
		Oct. 30, 1899	
Birdie E. Parsons	Aug. 27, 1876	Jefferson D. Wiese	
Jarred G. Parsons	Feb. 6, 1879	Adaline F. Phillips	
Ella May Parsons	Feb. 6, 1881	James B. Wilt	
Stella L. Parsons	May 10, 1883		July 10, 1883
Nancy Etta Parsons	Oct. 8, 1884		

## Family Record of Birdie E. Parsons Wiese.

Jefferson D. Wiese			
Birdie E. Parsons	Aug. 27, 1876	Jefferson D. Wiese	
		Aug. 25, 1892	
Children.			
Lela May Wiese	Sept. 6, 1905		
Leroy Curdy Wiese			
Lena Wiese			



## JARRED G. PARSONS.

Jarred G. Parsons, son of Joshua Parsons, enlisted in the U. S. army August 29, 1899, and sailed for the Philippine Island for duty. He was in Company E, 40th U. S. V. and did duty under Captain Charles C. Pullis; he was in nine engagements and in many skirmishes. He was discharged June 24, 1901, his papers, bearing the signature of the commanding officers, show that he was an honorable, faithful and brave soldier. He now resides in Parsons, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jarred G. Parsons	Feb. 6, 1879	Adeline F. Phillips	
Adeline Frances Phillips		Dec. 24, 1903	

#### Children.

Bertie Kathleen Parsons	Feb. 1, 1904
Charles Dewey Parsons	Nov. 10, 1905
Alby Earl Parsons	Oct. 29, 1907

### Family Record of Ella May Parsons Wilt.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James B. Wilt			
Ella May Parsons	Feb. 6, 1881	James B. Wilt	
		Nov. 30, 1902	

#### Children.

Wilson J. Wilt	Mar. 8, 1904
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### Family Record of Thomas Parsons.

Thomas Parsons	1849	Hannah Channel
		1874

Hannah Channel

#### Children.

Cornelius S. Parsons  
 Jaspar K. Parsons  
 Upton G. Parsons

### Family Record of Emily Parsons Rennick.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Sylvanus Rennick			
Emily Parsons		Sylvanus Rennick	

#### Children.

Martha Rennick  
 French Rennick  
 Lillian Rennick  
 Robert Rennick



ANDREW BURNS PARSONS

Son of James Parsons



ANDREW BURNS PARSONS.  

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Andrew B. Parsons, eighth son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born on the old plantation. He was a man of great ambition, and like all his ancestors, he made a business of agriculture and stockraising. He assumed the charge of his father's plantation and of the negroes, who had a great respect for "Massa Andy." He had the care of his aged parents until they passed away and his kindness and obedience to their every wish was remarkable. He and his faithful loving wife left nothing undone that did not add to their comfort in their declining years.

In 1864 he had the misfortune to lose his left arm in a threshing machine, but it did not lessen his energy and ability to work. He was a man who could not tolerate idleness, and he taught industry to his children, that it might pave a way for them in future years in the fields, where they went to seek their fortunes.

He was a Democrat, and during the civil war lost much property and was annoyed by petty thieves, a class who claimed to be Home Guards, but were better known as the "Swamp Dragons."

He was a liberal patronizer of popular education. Before public schools were organized his family received the benefit of the best instructors the country could afford.

He was widely known as a generous, whole-souled man, and all who came to his home were given the "glad hand" and a warm welcome.

In October, 1876, he sold his land estate, which he inherited from his father. This land had been in the possession of the Parsons' family for many generations. Twenty children of two generations were reared in the log house, built in 1800 and still intact. Forty-five children were born on this plantation, and thirty-five little pickaninnies were born in the cabins.

A. B. Parsons migrated to California with his family and settled in Monterey County. He engaged in farming and stock raising. He was taken ill at his daughter's home and lingered some time. He

had every care by the devoted members of his family until he passed away. He was the last member of James Parsons' family of nine sons and two daughters.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Andrew Burns Parsons	Sept. 22, 1816	Phoebe Ann Howe Sept. 5, 1844	Apr. 25, 1894
Phoebe Anne Howe	June 22, 1821		Aug. —, 1881
<b>Children.</b>			
Jesse A. Parsons	Aug. 2, 1845	Temperance Ow Nov. 23, 1881	Feb. 23, 1913
Jane Parsons	July 15, 1847	Allen H. Bonfield Jan. 13, 1875	
Abraham Parsons	Feb. 27, 1849		Dec. 7, 1888
James William Parsons	Apr. 15, 1851	May Wear, April, 1901	
Twin boy	Apr. 15, 1851		Apr. 15, 1851
Sarah E. Parsons	Aug. 30, 1853	Oscar Collins	
Nancy C. Parsons	Nov. 25, 1855	Pierce F. Hansford Jun 8, 1884	
Columbia O. Parsons	Sept. 7, 1857	Chas. E. Gordon Joseph VanNoy	
Laura B. Parsons	Apr. 17, 1860	Thomas Sullivan Walter Evans	
Robert Lee Parsons	Nov. 11, 1862	Effie Fortney Sept. 24, 1886	Aug. 15, 1910
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
Andrew Burns Parsons	Sept. 22, 1816	Annie W. Ware May 13, 1882	Apr. 25, 1894
Annie W. Ware			
<b>Children.</b>			
Emily Parsons	Aug. 3, 1883		Aug. 8, 1892
Lucinda M. Parsons	Nov. 6, 1884	Sinclair Miller	
Andrew C. Parsons	Dec. 8, 1885		
Etta Maude Parsons	July 30, 1888		

## JESSE A. PARSONS.

Jesse A. Parsons, eldest son of Andrew B. and Phebe A. Howe Parsons, was born on the plantation and grew to manhood in the same log house that was built by his grandfather. He inherited the fondness for hunting with a pack of hounds and engaged in the sport in the winter season.

When he concluded to leave the home nest in 1871 and go to Illinois, it was hard to leave the land that had so many pleasant associations and memories, and how many times since then has he not chafed for one long wild gallop over the hills of his native land, chasing after a fox.

He did not remain in Illinois very long until he traveled on to Kansas, where he pre-empted land, but the grasshoppers and drought were too much for a man with a small capital and he pulled up stakes in the spring of 1875 and moved on to California, where he has met with better success. He now resides in San Luis Obispo, and is surrounded with his children and grandchildren.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Jesse A. Parsons	Aug. 2, 1845	Temperance Ow Nov. 23, 1881	Feb. 23, 1913

Temperance Ow Parsons

#### Children.

Guy Parsons	Etta Harp, May, 1909
Francis Parsons	
Estelle Parsons	George Blevins July 1, 1909
Phebe Ann Parsons	
Nancy Rust Parsons	
Ruby Parsons	
John Parsons	
William R. Parsons	
George Blevins	
Stella Parsons Blevins	George Blevins July 1, 1909

#### Children.

Harold Blevins	Apr. —, 1901
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## JANE PARSONS BONNIFIELD.

Jane Parsons Bonnifield, daughter of Andrew B. and Phoebe Ann Parsons was born on the plantation of her grandfather in Randolph County, Virginia. After her graduation from the grammar schools she obtained a teacher's certificate and taught a number of terms. In 1875 she married Allen Henry Bonnifield and went to the Horse Shoe Run to live. Here they lived for many years. In 1906 she moved to Morgantown to give her children the advantages of the Morgantown school. In October, 1909, with her family, she moved to California and now reside on a farm near Chico.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Allen Henry Bonnifield	July 31, 1845		
Jane Parsons	July 15, 1847	Allen H. Bonnifield Jan. 15, 1875	
<b>Children.</b>			
Edna Frances Bonnifield	Dec. 25, 1875		Feb. 1, 1892
Bertie Minear Bonnifield	July 3, 1877		
Jenny Susan Bonnifield	Feb. 2, 1879	Emery Milton Jeffreys .. October 4, 1897	
Anna Dorcas Bonnifield	Sept. 12, 1880		
Luke Gregory Bonnifield	Aug. 17, 1882		
Mary Elizabeth Bonnifield	Nov. 27, 1884		
Nancy Catherine Bonnifield	May 14, 1886		
Lydia Esther Bonnifield	Apr. 8, 1888		
Laura Brown Bonnifield	Feb. 15, 1891		
Fannie Marie Bonnifield	Dec. 3, 1892		
Allen Henry Bonnifield	Mar. 29, 1896		
Emery Milton Jeffrey			
Jenny Susan Bonnifield	Feb. 2, 1879	Emery M. Jeffrey Oct. 4, 1897	
<b>Children.</b>			
Edna Frances Jeffrey	Aug. 2, 1898		
Melvina Ruth Jeffrey	Nov. 20, 1900		
Jane Parsons B. Jeffrey	Feb. 6, 1903		
Dickson Ward Jeffrey	1905		
Anna Laura Jeffrey	Mar. 11, 1907		

**Family Record of James William Parsons.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James William Parsons	Apr. 15, 1851	May Wear Apr. 15, 1900	
May Wear			
<b>Children.</b>			
Lou May Parsons	June 24, 1904		

**Family Record of Columbia O. Parsons.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Charles E. Gordon			
Columbia O. Parsons	Sept. 7, 1857	Charles E. Gordon Dec. 25, 1878	
<b>Children.</b>			
Edgar D. Gordon	Aug. 1, 1880		May 10, 1884
Oscar S. Gordon	Jan. 15, 1884		
Joseph D. VanNoy			
Columbia O. Parsons Gordon	Sept. 7, 1857	Joseph D. VanNoy Oct. 11, 1885	
<b>Children.</b>			
William Ralph VanNoy	Aug. 15, 1885		
Victor Lee VanNoy	Sept. 6, 1887		
Carrie Virginia VanNoy	Feb. 4, 1889		
Joseph D. VanNoy	Sept. 15, 1891		
Chester S. VanNoy	Aug. 22, 1893		

**Family Record of Laura Parsons Sullivan.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Thomas Sullivan			
Laura B. Parsons	Apr. 17, 1860	Thomas Sullivan Oct. 28, 1891	
<b>Children.</b>			
Thomas P. Sullivan			



## ROBERT LEE PARSONS.

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Robert Lee Parsons, fifth son of Andrew B. and Phebe A. Howe Parsons was born in Tucker County, West Virginia.

In 1876 he accompanied his parents to California and was quite young when she engaged in business near Paso Robles, California. He moved to Arizona and was engaged in the stock business at the time his death occurred in Negroles, Arizona, after an operation for appendicitis has been performed.

He crossed to the Celestial City  
Unto the Home gathered throng  
And has heard the Angel Choir,  
And the joyous burst of song.

When the Heavenly land began to unfold  
Raptured visions greeted thy sight,  
The joy supreme of life divine  
Amid the glories of God's Eternal Light.

Oh! the sweet content, the peaceful calm  
In that City centered in a lovely plain,  
Where there is no end of summer sunshine  
Ever blooming flowers amid fields of golden grain.

Sweet be thy sleep 'neath the starry sky  
Where thy form was laid to rest  
Our hearts are comforted with a balm,  
A soft whisper cometh "God knoweth best."

### Family Record of Robert Lee Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Robert Lee Parsons	Nov. 11, 1862	Effie Fartney	Aug. 15, 1910
Effie Fortney Parsons		Sept. 24, 1886	1890
Children			
Laura Parsons			

### Family Record of Lucinda Parsons Miller.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Sinclair Miller		Sinclair Miller	
Lucinda Parsons Miller	Nov. 6, 1884		
		June 22, 1905	
Children			
Helen Farris Miller	Aug. 17, 1906		
Paul Andrew Miller	May 10, 1906		

## THOMAS SLACK PARSONS.

Thomas Slack Parsons, ninth son of James and Nancy Rust Parsons, was born on the plantation in Randolph County, Virginia.

He was a natural mechanic; he built his house on the land given to him by his father and it is still in possession of his children. Many grand functions were given in his quaint old home in his day; nine sons were given an "Infare" as they termed it in those days, when they brought home their brides. When the wedding party was within a mile of the groom's home it was the custom for two men to run a race for the bottle. When he brought his bride home his brother Abraham entered the race for the bottle with a man of Taggarts Valley. They rushed over hill and dale through the Cheat river, all of the guests and "darkies" were out to witness this exciting race. Their enthusiasm was at high pitch when Parsons won and triumphantly carried the bottle decorated with a white ribbon, back to the party and presented it to the bride; it was passed to all the party and they drank to the health of the newly wedded pair. Thomas Parsons was a devoted father, he was never known to strike one of his children, yet their obedience to him was remarkable. He was never known to speak unkindly of any one. His life was peaceful and pleasant. When the end came he bore his illness without a murmur.

### Family Record of Thomas S. Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Thomas S. Parsons	Dec. 11, 1818	Elizabeth Currence 1852	Dec. 25, 1873
Elizabeth Currence Parsons			June 6, 1903
Children			
Signora Parsons	July 14, 1853		
John C. Parsons	Oct. 2, 1855		Oct. 14, 1873
Margara Parsons	Aug. 26, 1858	Florence E. Collett	Apr. 26, 1896
Isabel Parsons	Dec. 24, 1860	Bascom Baker, M.D.	Nov. —, 1908
Abraham C. Parsons	May 30, 1863		June 4, 1879
Rufus Parsons	Jan. 1, 1865		
Cyrus H. Parsons	Jan. 1, 1865	Ella Wamsley Ida May Mason	J
Irene Jane Parsons	Aug. 24, 1868		Mar. 29, 1907
Rebecca E. Parsons	Feb. 15, 1872		Oct. 5, 1906

### Family Record of Margary Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Margary Parsons	Aug. 25, 1858	Florence E. Collett	Apr. 26, 1896
Florence E. Collett			
Children			
Willis C. Parsons			
Norvel Parsons			
Dellan Parsons			
Evelyn Parsons			

## ISABEL PARSONS BAKER.

Isabel Parsons Baker, daughter of Thomas S. Parsons, was born in Tucker County, West Virginia. She received her education in the public schools and the State Normal of West Virginia and had taught several terms before her marriage to Dr. Baker in 1883. In 1907 her health began to fail and despite all efforts to keep her here she passed away the following year, leaving a husband and three children to mourn the loss of one who had been a beautiful Christian character.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Isabel Parsons		Bascom Baker, M. D. Nov. 1883	—, 1908
<b>Children</b>			
Kenneth Baker	June 17, 1885		
Loutie Baker	Feb. 10, 1887	George Rayburn May 6, 1908	
Arthur D. Baker	May 11, 1889		
Chester C. Baker	Dec. 16, 1895		Oct. 26, 1896

## Family Record of Cyrus H. Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Cyrus H. Parsons	Jan. 1, 1865	Ella Wamsley	
Ella Wamsley	May 5, 1866		
<b>Children</b>			
Lester Osborn Parsons	June 22, 1888		
Lotta B. Parsons	Feb. 6, 1890		Sept. 20, 1892
Aleatha Parsons	Dec. 19, 1892		Sept. —, 1908
Elizabeth Parsons	Oct. 10, 1894		
Lucy Parsons	Oct. 5, 1896		
Lawrence Parsons	Oct. 25, 1898		
Thomas Slack Parsons	Mar. 8, 1901		
Cyrus H. Parsons	Jan. 1, 1865	Ida May Mason	
Ida May Mason			
<b>Children</b>			
Vernilda Parsons	April 9, 1905		
Pauline Rebecca Parsons	July 10, 1906		

## MILES PARSONS.

Miles Parsons, sixth son of Thomas Parsons, Jr., was born seven miles from Moorfield, Virginia, on the home plantation and was educated in his native town. His business relation with the world began at an early age; he and his brother Thomas inherited the home plantation at the death of their father and much valuable lands in Pendleton County.

He purchased the interest in all the lands and stock when the brother migrated to Missouri.

He was extensively engaged in stock raising and was a noted lover of fine horses and always had a number of thoroughbreds in his stables. He was an excellent judge of horses and was often called to give his opinion on the merits of this noble animal, by his many friends of Western Virginia, who came to the South Branch to purchase fine stock. Though not a betting man he was always ready to back his judgment with coin on the results of a horse race.

He was a liberal subscriber to every project which was for the building up of the community, of which he was an active enterprising citizen. He was courteous and gentlemanly in his demeanor, generous and social and enjoyed the confidence and the esteem of his fellow man.

He died very suddenly while on his way to Moorefield on a warm summer day. His remains lie in the family plot on the plantation which is still in the possession of his descendants.

## Family Record of Miles Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Miles Parsons	Oct. 12, 1795	Jemima Harness	Jan. 31, 1822
Jemima Harness Parsons	1800		
<b>Children.</b>			
Catherine Parsons	Jan. 5, 1824	George Vance	
		1845	
Adam H. Parsons	Jan. 5, 1827	Miss Hinkle	Feb. 12, 1894
Mary J. Parsons	Oct. 28, 1833	Delius O. Maupin	
Elizabeth Parsons	Oct. 1, 1835	Herman Scott	
Eliza Parsons	May 15, 1840	John Daniels	
William L. Parsons	May 22, 1838	Virginia Parsons	
Davis M. Parsons	Oct. 25, 1842	Susan Daugherty	
George Vance			
Catherine Parsons Vance			
<b>Children</b>			
Jemima H. Vance	June 16, 1846		Aug. 10, 1851
Davis M. Vance	Nov. 22, 1847		

## ADAM HARNES PARSONS.

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Adam H. Parsons, first son of Miles and Jemima Harness Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, and was reared on the plantation of his father. When war was declared between the states he enlisted and was considered to be as brave a man as ever donned the grey; he was in the seven days' siege before Richmond and all the hard fought battles during the war, he endured all the hardships and was not sick or off duty a single day. He was an ardent lover of the "Lost Cause."

After the war closed he engaged in the stock business on his farm and his home was open to all his friends, a warm welcome was given to them.

His descendants reside in Hardy County, West Virginia.

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### Family Record of Adam Harness Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Adam Harness Parsons	Jan. 5, 1827	Clara Brake Dec. 24, 1857	Feb. 21, 1894

#### Children

Georganna Parsons	May 7, 1859		
Adam Harness Parsons	Jan. 5, 1827	Ann Ketterman	Feb. 21, 1894
Ann Ketterman			

#### Children

Adam Miles Parsons	Aug. 19, 1869		
Robert Lee Parsons	Feb. 13, 1868		
Laura Bell Parsons	May 25, 1871		
Charles Edwin Parsons	Nov. 2, 1873		
Rhoda Alice Parsons	July 24, 1875		
Minnie Robeerta Parsons	April 15, 1877		
Effie Parsons	Jan. 27, 1879		

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**Family Record of Mary Jane Parsons Maupin.**

	Born.	Married	Died.
D. O. Maupin			
Mary Jane Parsons	Oct. 28, 1833	D. O. Maupin	
Children			
Floyd Maupin			
Ollie Maupin		E. O. Harwood	
Blanche Maupin.		Chauncy Blackford	

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**Family Record of Elizabeth Parsons Scott.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Heman Scott		Heman Scott	
Elizabeth Parsons Scott			
Children			
Eliza Scott			
Thomas P. Scott			
Virginia Scott			
David Miles Scott			
John Daniels		John Daniels	
Elia Parsons Daniels			

**Children**

Jesse Daniels  
Hannah Elizabeth Daniels

The son died before his parents; the daughter married, and resides in Kansas.

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**WILLIAM LOHMAN PARSONS.**

William Lohman Parsons, second son of Miles and Jemina Harness Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Virginia.

He was educated in the schools of Moorefield and had completed his course when the war began; he was one of the first to enlist in the cause he deemed the right, and a braver man never shouldered a musket. He was in the battle of Cedar Rapids, Gettysburg and all the hard fought battles during the war and was not wounded or sick in all the four years of hardships.

## DAVID MILES PARSONS.

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David M. Parsons, third son of Miles and Hanna Harness Parsons, was born on the home plantation in Hardy County, Virginia.

He enlisted in the "Hardy Greys," and spent four years of his young life in the Confederate army, though only a mere boy he was always in the front ranks.

After peace was restored he engaged in publishing the Moorefield Advertiser for many years. He now resides near Staunton, Virginia.

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### Family Record of D. M. Parsons.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Davis M. Parsons	Oct. 25, 1842	Susan Daugherty	
Susan Daugherty Parsons			
Children			
Ernest Parsons			
William Parsons			

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Staunton, Va., August 10, 1908.

I will introduce myself as the oldest son of David Miles Parsons. I don't know much of the family. Your grandfather Thomas Parsons II, was a brother of Miles Parsons, my grandfather. Thomas Parsons I, built the first house in Mooresfield, now Moorefield, Hardy County. The house is standing and in good repair. Father wants to know of your aunts and uncles, their address if living and where they died, if dead, and would like to know which, if any, army they were in during the Civil War. Father, D. M. Parsons, was a member of McNeills' Rangers, southern army. Wm. S. Parsons, Co. F, 7th Virginia Cavalry. D. O. Maupin, Co. B, 62nd Virginia Infantry. Adam Parsons, Co. B, 11th Virginia Cavalry.

Wm. S., was wounded four times, now in Soldiers' Home, Richmond, Va. \*Adam, wounded once. \*D. O. Maupin wounded twice.

Will mark all of our dead with an asterisk (\*)

If I have missed anything that you want to know please write again and I will answer if I can.

We know nothing of Gin Parsons, of Missouri.

Would be glad to hear from you again.

Respectfully,

E. H. Parsons.

Children of Elizabeth Parsons Scott—\*Jemina, died when a child; Mary Eliza, married Moses Sherman; Thomas B., married Lulu Little of Georgia; \*Virginia, dead; \*David M., married \*Laura Wilson.

Address of Thomas B., is Lakeland, Fla.

Children of Adam and Ann Parsons—Married. Robert Lee, married \*Lottie Thorn, one son, John; Adam Miles married Mattie Crites, one daughter, Leona; Laura married Monroe Shobe, one living and two dead children; Rhoda Alice married \*John Wuse, two children living; Robuta married Wilbur Crites, two children living; Charles Edward, married Clara Judy; Effie, married Ashby Wuse, a brother of \*John Wuse.

\*Miles Parsons married \*Jemina Harness—Children: Elizabeth, married \*Homan Scott; \*Adam, first, \*Mary Hinkle, second, \*Brake, third, Ann Kettman; \*Catherine, married \*Geo. Vance, one child; \*Mary Jane, married \*D. O. Maupin; \*Eliza, married \*John Daniels; Wm. S., married Virginia Parsons of Tuckules, W. Va.; D. M., married M. S. Daugherty.

Wm. S. Parsons is in Soldiers' Home, Richmond, Va.

D. M. Parsons—R-1 Staunton, Va.

Children of John and Elza Daniels—\*Jessie, died young; Hannah Eliza, married Wardney Rodgers, now living in Nebraska. Their children—\*James, died young; Jessie, and Holmes, both living.

Children of \*D. O. and \*Jane Maupin—\*Jesse, dead; \*Wilbur, dead; Wm. Floyd, now in New Orleans, La.; \*Annie, dead; Ollie May, married E. Harwood, now postmaster Moorefield, one child. Master Maupin Harwood, living; Willie Blanche, married J. Y. Blackford, one child, Nannie, now dead.

Children of \*Adam Parsons—By second wife, Clara Brake, Georgiana; by third wife, \*Ann Ketterman. Their children: Robt. Lee; Adam Miles; Laura Bell; Rhoda Alice; Charles Edward; Roberta Virginia; Cora Effie.

Children of Wm. L. married Virginia Parsons; James Parsons, address unknown; Leland Stanford, in California.



D. Miles Persons married Mary Susan Daugherty, May 20, 1870. Children: Ernest Hamilton, born April 2, 1871; Wm. Miles, born February 4, 1874; Harry Harness, born December 30, 1876; David Roy, born November 2, 1882.

Harry married \*Adelaide Brannon of Winchester, Va., October 7, 1898, she died February 13, 1907. He again married on October —, 1907, Miss Edith May Sumption, of the same town.

Wm. M., married Mollie Trimble, August 13, 1903, no children.

Harry had four children by his first wife, two are now dead. By second wife, a boy now one week old.

Children of \*D. M. Laura Scott—Luria; Morris, now dead, accident; David Conway; Mary Catherine; Gelia; \*Pauline and \*Lillie, twins, now dead; Lewis David; Blanche.

Now living on the old original Parsons' farm, seven and one-half miles south of Moorefield.

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#### MARGARET PARSONS.

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Margaret Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married Samuel Skidmore and moved to Braxton County, Virginia; all trace of her has been lost.

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#### CATHERINE PARSONS.

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Catherine Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married John Goff, and moved to Preston County, Virginia, and her descendants are numerous.

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#### REBECCA PARSONS.

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Rebecca Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married George Rogers; nothing is known of her descendants.

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#### JANE PARSONS.

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Jane Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married William Hinkle, they moved to Missouri and she had children but nothing has been heard of them since the civil war.

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MARY PARSONS.

Mary Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married John Hanse and she lived in Norfolk, Virginia during the war of 1812.

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PAMELIA PARSONS.

Pamelia Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married Ebenezer Welton, and her descendants live in Hardy County, West Virginia.

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PRUDENCE PARSONS.

Prudence Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married John Stump and her descendants live in Grant County, West Virginia.

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SARAH PARSONS.

Sarah Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married Jacob Long; her descendants are scattered throughout the West.

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ELIZABETH PARSONS.

Elizabeth Parsons, daughter of Thomas Parsons II., married William Brink; they moved to Missouri.

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THOMAS PARSONS III.

Thomas Parsons, son of Thomas Parsons II., was born in Hardy County, Virginia. He married Prebe Ward, daughter of Jacob Ward of Randolph County, Virginia. He migrated to Missouri and settled in St. Charles County; he was the father of eight children; all of his descendants reside in Missouri and nothing is known of them at the present time; all of his children have passed away.

## CAPTAIN JAMES PARSONS.

Captain James Parsons, second son of Thomas Parsons, Sr., was born in Virginia. He enlisted in the Revolutionary war and arose to the rank of captain. He and his brother Thomas Parsons were the first explorers of Randolph County, Virginia. He pre-empted the Horse Shoe lands in 1770 and after he obtained his patents he bought other tracts of land. During the time Captain Parsons and brother were locating and surveying their lands the Indians were on the War Path and would kill every man they could for a horse or a gun, but both were so well posted on Indian tricks they were not led into the many decoys which the Indians would place in their way. They made many trips from Hardy County over the Alleghany mountains, while they were exploring and surveying the lands.

In March, 1774, Captain Parsons with his party made the journey from his home to the Horse Shoe lands traveling over the mountain trail with pack horses. Arriving at their destination they camped in the woods until the fort was built of logs with holes between that they might see the approach of the Indians and defend themselves by shooting through these holes. The door was of heavy wood and bars across the inside.

The men cleared the land for corn fields, while the women and children remained in the fort. When the alarm was given of Indians, the men all ran to the fort and barred the door. During the night one man stood guard while the inmates slept without fear. Wild geese, deer, bear and other animals furnished meat. The men would hunt in pairs. The fresh water streams furnished all kinds of fish.

Early in the fall the Indians were growing so bold that Captain Parsons and his party concluded to return to Hardy County. The fort and all the improvements were abandoned until the spring of 1775. The settlers returned, but I have no record that they were the same that were there before. Robert Cunningham and John Goff's names appear, both of their wives were Parsons. They resumed work on the lands but still lived in the fort. Bernard Sims, a herder for Captain Parsons lived in a cabin in what is still known as "Sim's bottom." A level piece of land over the river from the Horse Shoe. He had been placed there it seems because he had small-pox and had been isolated. A negro woman was nursing the family. She spied the Indians creeping to the cabin through the tall grass. Sims met them at the door, but was shot by the Indians.

They were going to scalp him but they ran away yelling, "small-pox." The family escaped their vengeance.

On a sunny day the men were hoeing corn, a turkey gobbled on the hill. Captain Parsons remarked, I will see what is the matter with that turkey. He crawled around up on the hill. An Indian was sitting behind a tree. He fired and the gobbler fell and was quieted. Captain Parsons tied a piece of hickory bark around his leg and dragged him down the hill. I have no record when the funeral took place. After this the settlers were not molested. I have no record when Solomon, Isaac and Jonathan Parsons, sons of Captain Parsons, moved to the Horse Shoe. Captain Parsons was married twice. His first wife's name was Elizabeth. Deeds signed by her Elizabeth Parsons, maiden name not known. He died in the year 1813. The following will was probated by his wife and son:

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### CAPTAIN JAMES PARSONS' WILL.

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In the name of God, Amen. I, Captain James Parsons, of Hardy County and state of Virginia, being advanced to considerable age, but of sound mind and memory do this day of July, in the year of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven, make and publish this my last will and testament in the following manner. I give and bequeath to my affectionate wife, Rebecca Parsons, my dwelling house and all out houses and the furniture with the conveniences thereunto belonging, and one-half of my home place with the negroes Sambo, Hannah and Sylvia for and during her natural life, and I direct my said wife to clothe, school and support her daughters by me until they marry, and Jonathan until he arrives at the age of twenty-one; only all this I give to my wife and at her death I do request that all the negroes and any property of any description may be disposed of and the proceeds divided equally amongst her children by me. I give and bequeath to my three sons Isaac, Solomon and Jonathan Parsons, (sons of my wife Rebecca) all my lands on the Cheat river, known by the name of the Horse Shoe bottom, agreeable to a division and boundaries already made by me and

known to them, and I give to my son Isaac, a negro boy named Ardon; to Solomon, I give a negro boy named Ise; and to Jonathan, a negro boy named Berry, all this I give to my said sons and theirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughters, Betsy, Amanda Molonica, and Rebecca Parsons, one thousand dollars each, to be paid to them out of my home place by my son James Parsons when they arrive at twenty-one years and to their heirs; and to Betsy, I give negroes Sally and Sambo, (son of Isaac); to Amanda Molonica, I gave negroes Vinney and Jerry; and to Rebecca I give negroes Helen and Tom; all this I bequeath to my three daughters and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son James Parsons, my home plantation subject to the above bequests, and should his mother die before his sisters marry or his brother Jonathan arrives at age, I do subject my said son to all the provisions made incumbent on his mother for their support, and I give my said son James, all out surveys and all property not willed or bequeathed and all debts due me, and subject him my said son to the payments of all my just debts and funeral expenses, and direct that all property undivided or willed, be disposed of for this purpose, and the surplus if any to be his, or a deficiency to be made good by him. I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Rebeccah and my son Isaac executrix and executor of my will and testament with full and complete power to make all necessary conveyances of property to be disposed of, and to do all things to effect this purpose in an ample manner. All this I confide to my wife and son, not doubting their endeavors in the execution. To this my last will and testament I set my hand and seal this 25th day of July and year above written, and exclude all my children of my former marriage from any participation, having already given them more than the present family possess, and I also exclude my daughter, Dinna Hider, and her husband Michael Hider, from any part, having given them six hundred and twenty pounds already.

Done in the presence of the witnesses and signed, sealed, published and declare by the testator as and for his last will and testament who at his request and in his presence and in presence of each other, subscribed our names, George Harness, Sam McMechin, James Machie.

At a court held for Hardy County, the 13th day of April, 1813. This last will and testament of James Parsons, deceased, was produced in Court by Rebecca Parsons and Isaac Parsons, the executrix and executor named therein, provided by the oaths of George Harness, Jr., Samuel McMechin and James Machie, the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said Rebecca Parsons and Isaac Parsons certificate is granted them for

obtaining a probate thereof in due form, they having taken the oath of an executor, and together with Jammes Machie and James Parsons, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs.

Teste. Ed. Williams, C.H.C.

A Copy, Teste. Ed Williams, C.H.C.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Parsons, Sr. Elizabeth Parsons		Elizabeth —————	1913
<b>Children.</b>			
James Parsons Diana Parsons		Michael Hyder	
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
James Parsons, Sr. Rebecca Simps		Rebecca Simps	
<b>Children.</b>			
Solomon Parsons	Oct. 13, 1793	Hannah Parsons Aug. 20, 1810	Nov. 15, 1875
Isaac Parsons Jonathan Parsons Amanda Parsons Elizabeth Parsons Moloica Parsons Rebecca Parsons		Nancy Neville William Green	

James Parsons lived in Hardy County; his descendants all migrated west.

Diana Parsons Hyder lived and raised her family at the Old Fields, below Moorefield, West Virginia. Her son Hampson Hyder, died unmarried. Her daughter, Clemintena, married James Miles and to them was born a son; he was a captain in the Confederate army and fell in battle.

*Ancestor of the  
Vanderwees*

SOLOMON PARSONS, M. D.  
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Solomon Parsons, son of Captain James Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, and was reared on the plantation and received his education from the select schools of Romney. He was a graduate from a medical college of New York and began his practice after he moved to the Horse Shoe, where he was successful in every particular.

All his energies were bent to the cause of carrying forward any social reform movement. When the slave question was agitated, he took a firm and active part and gave his negro emancipation, sending him to a free state with means that he might not suffer before he could find employment. His one great effort was the construction of good schools, that his children might have a good opportunity for an education. To him was due, perhaps more than to any other man, the building of the Ann Eliza church, which is still perfectly intact and the meetings are conducted there now by the M. E. denomination. He was a liberal subscriber to the good work, and encouraged each member to do the same. He was a member of the M. E. church for sixty years.

In politics he was a Whig, but became a staunch Republican after that party was inaugurated. Although he never desired an office, his vigorous efforts were for his candidate. His nature was impulsive and he could no more conceal an ill feeling than he could conceal smoke.

His family lived in luxurious comfort; his wife and daughters dressed fashionably; went about and were not denied any pleasure that suited his fancy. He retired from active business and moved to Terre Alto, West Virginia, 1863, where he died; the remains of he and his faithful wife lie in the Kingwood cemetery, West Virginia.

## HANNAH PARSONS.

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Hannah Parsons, third daughter of William and Catherine Stoker Parsons, and wife of Solomon Parsons, M. D., was born in Hardy County, Virginia. She was taken to western Virginia by her parents when quite young; by her modest appearance and beauty of character she won the respect and love of every one. The world to her was not evil, it was a beautiful place. She had the ability to bring out kindness in the most unlikely person. She was very fond of flowers and grew the most choice varieties in her garden. She gave two orphaned girls a mother's love and care and they were happily married from the home that had sheltered them so many years. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the M. E. church sixty years.

Death opens wide the gate to life immortal,  
 And those who die believing cross the portal,  
 Where the waves of anguish cease to roll,  
 And rest is given to the very soul.

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### Family Record of Solomon Parsons, D. D.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Solomon Parsons	Oct. 13, 1795	Hannah Parsons Aug. 20, 1810	Nov. 15, 1875
Hannah Parsons	Mar. 14, 1791		Jan. 29, 1874
Children			
Diana Parsons	June 21, 1811	John R. Parsons	Aug. 28, 1876
James William Parsons	Jan. 13, 1813	Catherine Neville May, 29, 1832 Anne E. Prentis May 17, 1859	
Rebecca A. A. Elliott	Feb. 4, 1815	William Elliott Feb. 4, 1815	Feb. 26, 1898

Diana Parsons' family record will be in the record of John R Parsons.



## JAMES WILLIAM PARSONS.

James W. Parsons, son of Dr. Solomon and Hannah Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe in Randolph County, Virginia. He was reared on the home plantation. He engaged in extensive stock raising; a large portion of his land was devoted to grain raising which yielded splendid crops every year. Politically he allied himself with the Republican party and was an influential, prominent member of the party.

He moved to Kingwood, West Virginia, 1860, and retired from business, dividing his lands with his children. He was a devoted member of the M. E. church. His remains were laid in the Kingwood cemetery; a handsome monument has been erected to him and his wife, by their granddaughter, whom they had reared.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James W. Parsons	Jan. 13, 1813	Catherine A. Neville May 29, 1832	
Catherine A. Neville Parsons		Ann Eliza Prentis May 17, 1859	Feb. 22, 1858
<b>Children.</b>			
Jane Rebecca Parsons		David Wheeler	—, —, 1864
Sansome E. Parsons		Adline Parsons	June 5, 1903
		—, —, 1864	
Mortimore Parsons			In Infancy
Hannah Agnes Parsons		Solomon H. Parsons	
Mary A. C. Parsons			
Helen Louise Parsons		Jacob Miller	
Anne Amelia Parsons	Lloyd Pifer		—, —, 1867
Solomon J. Parsons		Emma Parsons June 24, 1869	
Diana Elizabeth Parsons		John W. Shahan 25, 1870	

## JANE REBBECA PARSONS WHEELER.

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Jane Rebecca Parsons, first daughter of James W. and Catherine Neville Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, Virginia; the house stood on a bluff overlooking the Cheat river flowing serenely through the green fields, under perfect cultivation and like most Virginia homes it was celebrated from its earliest days for the most graceful and openhanded hospitality, it was the land of plain living, high thinking, the abode of simplicity and democracy.

Every one lived in a modest home and the measure of a man's success was not in his equipages or his dwelling, but in his manhood and decency of his soul.

In this Christian home surrounded by good influence, she grew to womanhood, her agreeable social qualities were very engaging, to her many friends, for she was one of the most attractive girls of that period. After her marriage—and children came to bless the home, she never failed to accompany them to church and Sunday school.

She passed away very suddenly after the birth of the eighth child, leaving the heart-broken husband in despair, the grandfather raised the little girl and she is now the wife of Dr. S. A. Pratt, of Kingwood, West Virginia. The other children are in different parts of West Virginia.

### Family Record of Jane Rebecca Parsons Wheeler

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	Born.	Married.	Died.
David Wheeler			
Jane Rebecca Wheeler	1833	David Wheeler Mar. 6, 1851	— — 1864
<b>Children.</b>			
Alice Wheeler		W. F. Fortney	
Claude Wheeler		Almira Watson	
Clarissa Wheeler		John D. Watson	
James William Wheeler			
Eugene Wheeler			
Lafayette Wheeler			
Willey Wheeler			
Jane Rebecca Wheeler		Cornelia Smally	
Samuel A. Pratt, M. D.		Samuel A. Pratt, M. D.	
Jone Rebecco Pratt		Samuel Pratt, M. D.	
		Aug. 13, 1884	
<b>Children.</b>			
Martha Eliza Pratt	Oct. 16, 1889		

## SANSOME E. PARSONS.

Sansome E. Parsons, second son of James W. Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, near the stockade of the old fort of Indian times. He was a great grandson of Captain James Parsons, William Parsons and General Neville, all Revolutionary War veterans. His mother's death occurred as he was growing into manhood. He was a devoted brother to his sisters.

S. E. Parsons was an influential man; he was president of the County Court four years and held other offices of trust. He owned four thousand acres of land and was engaged in the lumber business. He was injured in the logging camp, and soon after built a fine house in Parsons, West Virginia, where he resided until his death.

### Family Record of Sansome E. Parsons, Son of James W.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Sansome E. Parsons	1838	Adeline Parsons	June 5, 1903
Adeline Parsons		1864	Dec. —, 1910
Children.			
Etta Irene Parsons	Dec. 15, 1867		
Arthur W. Parsons	Aug. 3, 1866		
Edgar Joseph Parsons	June 3, 1869		
James Marcilus Parsons	Mar. 17, 1871	Bertie Newland	
Clayton N. Parsons	Apr. 18, 1873		Sept. 5, 1888

### Family Record of James M. Parsons, Son of Sansome E.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Marcium Parsons	Mar. 17, 1871	Bertie Newland	
Bertie Newland			
Children.			
Hilda Irene Parsons			

## HANNAH AGNES PARSONS.

Hannah Agnes Parsons, second daughter of James W. and Catherine Neville Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe. She was left with the care of the family after the death of her mother. She married S. A. Parsons, but lived only a short time. She was a very sweet Christian girl and much beloved by everyone.

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### HELEN LOUISE PARSONS.

Helen Louise Parsons, fourth daughter of J. W. and Catherine Neville Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, and grew to womanhood on the plantation. She made her home with her aged grandparents until they both passed away. She married Jacob Miller and migrated to the state of Washington, where she now resides. Her husband passed away a short time ago. She had no children.

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### ANNE AMELIA PARSONS.

Anne Amelia Parsons, fifth daughter of J. W. and Catherine Neville Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe. She had arrived at the age when a mind can think and reason, when she was left without the guiding hand of a mother. She knew that a certain gale would send her ship in the wrong course, so she adjusted her sails and put out for the port of right, remembering the influences given her by the loving mother, who left this world believing God would watch over her children. At the death of her eldest sister she felt it was her plain sense of duty to be a mother to the children; she made their home pleasant until the second mother appeared on the scene. She married Lloyd Pifer, and died one year later, leaving a little daughter three months old. She was very much beloved by all who knew her.

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### ANNE EUGENIA PIFER.

Anne Eugenia Pifer, daughter of Lloyd and Anne A Parsons Pifer, was born in St. George, West Virginia. When her mother became aware of the fact that she could not live to bring up her daughter, she requested Mrs. Elizabeth Bowman to give her precious child a home; she was a very dear friend of the family and she knew the kind, worthy people would rear her properly, and educate her. They cast their "bread upon the waters," but it has been re-

turned tenfold. She has been a true daughter; she cared for them until they passed away. She now resides in Parsons, West Virginia.

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**Family Record of Anne E. Pifer Hulings.**

	Born.	Married.		Died.
James Hulings				
Anne Eugenia Hulings		James Hulings		May 15, 1885
Anne Eugenia Hulings	Aug. 11, 1867			
Children.				
Hazel Elizabeth Hulings	Feb. 1, 1886			

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**SOLOMON J. PARSONS.**

Solomon J. Parsons, third son of James W. and Catherine Neville Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, the spot noted for great beauty in summer, but more beautiful in the fall, when the leaves are turning brown and are of all hues and colors which no artist can paint. He owns four hundred acres of land one mile from St. George. His farm is well improved and stocked with the best cattle and horses. He is considered one of the most famous hunters of all the Parsons. One season he killed 31 deer, and met with an accident which was marvellous it did not prove fatal; he fell over a high cliff, 85 feet, striking projecting rocks several times, and rolled into the Cheat River. C. L. Parsons dragged him from the water unconscious. He speedily recovered and continued hunting. He married Emma Parsons, daughter of Job Parsons, Sr. They spent one year traveling in California and different states. His friends are given as warm a welcome in his home as the flowers in May, and his wife is an adept in the art of entertaining.

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**Family Record of Solomon J. Parsons.**

Solomon J. Parsons	Oct. —, 1848	Emma Parsons	June 24, 1869
Emma Parsons	July 16, 1850		
Arthur W. Parsons	Dec. 15, 1875	Hurly Parsons	
Prentis Parsons	Sept. 25, 1870	Mary Goff	
Children.			
		1897	
Hattie Parsons	Mar. 23, 1873	W. T. Hahn	
		May 16, 1894	
Marvin Parsons	May 31, 1879	Amy M. Lipscome	
		Dec. 25, 1898	
Truman Parsons	Dec. 13, 1880		Dec. 31, 1881
Werleye Parsons	Aug. 22, 1886		

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## PRENTIS M. PARSONS.

Prentis M. Parsons, eldest son of Solomon J. and Emma Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, West Virginia. He was educated in the St. George schools, and now resides at Chesla, Ga.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Prestis M. Parsons	Sept. 25, 1870	Mary Goff 1897	
Mary Goff Parsons Children.			
Margaret Parsons			
Henrietta Parsons			
Emma Parsons			
Solomon J. Parsons			
Diana Parsons			

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## HATTIE PARSONS HAHN.

Hattie Parsons, daughter of Solomon J. and Emma Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe. She received her education from the St. George Academy, and now resides in Hulings, West Virginia.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
W. T. Hahn			
Hattie Parsons Hahn	Mar. 23, 1873	W. T. Hahn May 16, 1894	
Children.			
Eduard J. Hahn			
Olive M. Hahn			
Hattie Hazel Hahn			
Emma S. Hahn			
Margaret A. Hahn		..	

## ARTHUR WILBUR PARSONS.

Arthur Wilbur Parsons, second son of Solomon J. and Emma Parsons, was born in Tucker County, West Virginia, and now resides in Georgia.

### Arthur Wilbur Parsons.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Arthur W. Parsons	Dec. 15, 1875	Hurley Parsons	
Hurly Parsons			
Children.			
Arthur B. Parsons			
Solomon J. Parsons			
Nicholas C. Parsons			

## MARVINE PARSONS.

Marvine Parsons, third son of Solomon J. Parsons, was born in Tucker County, West Virginia. He is a farmer and resides near St. George, West Virginia.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Marvin Parsons	May 31, 1899	Amy M. Lipscomb	
Amy M. Lipscomb Parsons		Dec. 25, 1898	
Children.			
Clyde Earl Parsons	July 10, 1899		
Morris Vernon Parsons	May 20, 1901		
Fred Leslie Parsons	May 22, 1903		
Ethel Irene Parsons	Nov. 5, 1905		
Edith Virginia Parsons	Feb. 25, 1908		
Gerald Parsons			
Belle Parsons	July 30, 1912		

## DIANA ELIZABETH PARSONS SHAHAN.

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Diana Elizabeth Parsons, daughter of James and Catherine Neville Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, Randolph County, Virginia. She received her education in Kingwood, Virginia. She has made two trips to her native state, the last to attend the Parsons reunion, August, 1912. She resides in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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### Family Record of Dianna Shahan.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John W. Shahan	Nov. 10, 1848		
Diana E. Shahan	July 16, 1851	J. W. Shahan Jan. 25, 1870	
<b>Children.</b>			
Charles W. Shahan	Nov. 2, 1870	Mabel H. Rice Nov. 22, 1893.	
Solomon Roy Shahan	Dec. 29, 1873	Minnie K. Sommers Oct. 30, 1897	
Clarence M. Shahan	Oct. 21, 1875		Dec. 30, 1875
James A. Shahan	May 29, 1880	Lula A. Beach Mar. 23, 1907	
Louisa M. Shahan	Mar. 16, 1883	Parker Sells July 16, 1907	
Florence A. Shahan	Aug. 16, 1885		
Clare John A. Shahan	May 27, 1892	Georgia Price Nov. 13, 1911	
Solomon R. Shahan		Minnie K. Sommers Oct. 30, 1897	
Minnie K. Shahan			
<b>Children.</b>			
Maurice S. Shahan	Aug. 21, 1898		
Bernice C. Shahan	Aug. 18, 1899		
John Bryan Shahan	Oct. 16, 1905		
Robert Donald Shahan	Sept. 26, 1907		
Gerald Donald Shahan	Aug. 25, 1909		



## REBECCA ANNE AMELIA PARSONS ELLIOTT.

Rebecca A. A. Parsons, second daughter of Dr. Solomon and Hannah Parsons, was born in the Horse Shoe, in Randolph County, Virginia. She was educated in a private school and was reared on the farm. After her marriage she moved to Barbour County and reared her family on the land where Belington is now located. She was a woman of untiring energy; her home was open to all; she entertained her friends in true Southern style; the best was none too good. For the rich and poor alike her name will go down in history as a sweet Christian character. Her remains sleep in the family plot on the hill above Belington, beside her husband and two sons and a daughter.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William Elliott	Aug. 12, 1802		June 3, 1883
Rebecca A. A. Elliott	Feb. 4, 1815	William Elliott Feb. 14, 1833	Feb. 26, 1898
<b>Children.</b>			
Malvina Elliott	Nov. 9, 1833	James Knotts	Dec. 20, 1911
Edgar C. Elliott	Nov. 9, 1835	Jane Fisher	June 30, 1902
Solomon P. Elliott	June 6, 1838	Unmarried	June 2, 1866
Jane E. Elliott	July 20, 1840	Isaac Poling	
Truman T. Elliott	Jan. 9, 1844	Luma Lynch	
Hannah Etta Elliott	Feb. 28, 1845	H. Clay Rosenburger	

## MALVINA ELLIOTT KNOTTS.

Malvina Elliott, first daughter of William and Rebecca A. A. Parsons Elliott, was born in Barbour County Virginia. After her marriage she lived in Meadowville. She had high aspirations and a home well ordered. After the death of her husband, she built a house in Belington and hired a negro man and his wife (slaves of her father), to manage her household. Her health gradually failed; she went to Corpus Christi, Texas, to her brother, hoping to recover. She passed away the sixth week after her arrival there. Her remains were sent to Belington. She was a consistent member of the M. E. church South. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Ware, M. E. church South, pastor, assisted by Rev. D. G. Griffin, of the Baptist church.

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 EDGAR C. ELLIOTT.
 

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Edgar C. Elliott, first son of William and R. A. A. Parsons Elliott, was born in Barbour County, West Virginia, and was brought up on the farm. When the war was declared between the states he enlisted in the Confederate army.

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 SOLOMON PARSONS ELLIOTT.
 

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Solomon P. Elliott, second son of William and Rebecca A. A. Parsons Elliott, was born in Barbour County, Virginia. He enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861, and was appointed lieutenant very soon after his enlistment. He served throughout the war in Imboden's division. His health became impaired from exposure and he died the following year.

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 JANE ELIZA ELLIOTT POLING.
 

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Jane E. Elliott, second daughter of William and R. A. A. Parsons Elliott, was born on the farm in Barbour County, Virginia. She now resides with her family at Kalamazoo, West Virginia.

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 Family Record.
 

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	Born	Married.	Died.
Isaac Poling			
Jane E. Poling	July 20, 1840	Isaac Poling Sept. 6, 1868	
<b>Children.</b>			
Wade Poling	Sept. 23, 1869		
Etta Poling	Dec. 23, 1870		
Frona Poling	Oct. 7, 1873		
Bertie Poling	Apr. 25, 1876		
Rebecca E. Poling	Oct. 8, 1879		

## HANNA ETTA ELLIOTT ROSENBURGER.

Hannah Etta Elliott, third daughter of William and R. A. A. Parsons Elliott, was born in Barbour County, Virginia. After her marriage she lived on a farm in Tucker County, but she and her husband are now cosily settled in Belington, West Virginia; their grandchildren are near them and are very devoted to the grandparents, which makes their home life very beautiful.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
H. Clay Rosenburger Hannah E. Elliott Rosen- burger		H. Clay Rosenburger	
<b>Children.</b>			
William David Rosen- burger		Nora Hamilton May 12, 1896	
Elizabeth R. Rosenburger		Warren W. Wright Sept. 1, 1896	Feb. 20, 1905

## WILLIAM DAVID ROSENBURGER.

William David Rosenburger, son of H. Clay and Hannah E. Rosenburger, resides in Belington, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
William D. Rosenburger		Nora Hamilton May 12, 1896	
Nora Hamilton Rosen- burger			
<b>Children.</b>			
M. Clay Rosenburger	Oct. 17, 1897		
James Madison Rosen- burger	Dec. 9, 1898		
Elsie Eliza Rosenburger	Oct. 16, 1900		
Etta Maurine Rosen- burger	Aug. 4, 1904		
Elizabeth Rebecca Rosen- burger	May 24, 1906		
John Henry Rosen- burger	May 10, 1909		

## ELIZABETH REBECCA ROSENBURGER WRIGHT.

Elizabeth R. Rosenburger, daughter of H. Clay Rosenburger and Hannah Etta Elliott Rosenburger, was one of Belington's bright and best ladies; her home, modeled after the truest conception of what the term implies, was an ideal one. As the reigning queen, her home life inspired the visitor with loftier thoughts and higher aspirations. Thoughtful, modest and self sacrificing, she daily displayed the character of her inner life—the Christly, the guiding star of her brief career.

But the Death Messenger invaded this happy home and carried away the husband's devoted companion and the children's beloved mother. She peacefully bid farewell to the world; so gently did she depart with her Savior, that it was like the setting of the sun on a quiet summer evening. Her labors of fatigue have closed here, but those of love and eternal progressiveness have just begun in the Mansion of Glory, while waiting and watching for loved ones to come.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
Warren W. Wright			
Elizabeth R. Wright		Warren W. Wright Sept. 30, 1896	Feb. 20, 1905
<b>Children.</b>			
Adia Wright	1897		
Leslie C. Wright	Aug. 14, 1898		
Stanly A. Wright	Jan. 19, 1900		
Margaret K. Wright	July 17, 1902		

Isaac Parsons, son of Capt. Parsons, sold his lands in the Horse Shoe and moved to Hardy County, Virginia.

Jonathan Parsons, son of Capt. James Parsons, sold his lands in the Horse Shoe and migrated to Birmingham, Iowa. Nothing is known of his descendants.

## ISAAC PARSONS, SR.

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Isaac Parsons, third son of Thomas Parsons, was born in Virginia. He inherited the plantation known as the "Gibson Farm" and other valuable lands in Hampshire County. Deed from James and David Parsons to Mary Parsons, shows that James and David Parsons were the only children and the said Mary, the widow of Isaac Parsons, son of Thomas Parsons, Sr.; deed dated September 16, 1797; and that Isaac Parsons was then dead. Tradition has it he was drowned in the South Branch river, but not certain of this fact.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
Isaac Parsons	Jan. 27, 1852	Mary Elender Gregg Apr. 23, 1772	
Mary E. Elender Parsons	Feb. 27, 1756		
<b>Children.</b>			
James Parsons 1795	July 8, 1773	Catherine Casey, 1795	Jan. 25, 1847
David Parsons	1775	Catherine Miller	

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## JAMES PARSONS, JR.

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James Parsons, Jr., eldest son of Isaac Parsons, Sr., was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. In ordinary affairs he was quiet. His sense of honor was such that he would not do an unmanly act. If he did forget himself for a minute, he was ready to right the wrong so far as apologies had the power to do so. He hated lies, cowardice and deceit, and the one who sinned in this particular must, before again gaining his favor, wipe out the contamination of iniquity in a multitude of praiseworthy acts. His ambition was to show himself a man in repelling assault upon principles he believed to be right. He was a perfect man physically—six feet in height. His plantation consisted of many hundred acres and his herds of cattle and horses were of the best. He sold much of his fine stock to stockmen in Randolph, Harrison and Barbour counties, and his

home was seldom without a crowd, as he was fond of company. He was hospitable to a fault, a good business man, a prominent and public spirited citizen, respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

The following will shows how he disposed of his vast estate:

By the will of James Parsons, Jr., dated Nov. 7, 1846, and probated Feb. 22, 1847, he devises to his sons, James and Isaac Parsons, lands viz.: the Casey tract, the Collins tract, the Jake Sugar Run tract, the McGuire tract, and five town lots in Romey. And all negroes, cattle, horses, monies on hand and all other personal property, subject to the following legacies, viz.: to his son-in-law, Adam Stump, \$2,000 in addition to the \$8,000 which I heretofore let him have for the use of his children; to his daughter Rebecca Fairfax, the tract of land in Preston County, Virginia, where she now resides, in addition to the \$800 given to her husband for the use of his children, the land to go to her children at her death; to his daughter, Elizabeth Shobe, \$7,200 in addition to the \$2,800 given to her for the use of her children; to his son-in-law, John M. Pancake, the Den Farm on the South Branch and the sum of \$1,792 for my grandchildren, Isaac, John and Sarah, children of John M. Pancake; to his son-in-law, Samuel D. Brady, \$7,985 in addition to the \$2,014 heretofore given to him for the use of his children; to his son-in-law, Thomas Blue, \$4,700 in addition to the \$300 I have already given him for the use of his children; to his son-in-law, George R. Jacobs, \$9,550 in addition to what I have heretofore given him for the use of his children; to my son, David C. Parsons, the farm known as the Cunningham and the land on the Allegheny.

#### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
James Parsons	July 8, 1773	Mary Catherine Casey	Jan. 25, 1847
M. C. Casey Parsons	Oct. 3, 1773		June 2, 1846
Children.			
Mary Gregg Parsons	Jan. 6, 1796	Adam Stump	Feb. 14, 1864
James Parsons	Feb. 11, 1798	Elizabeth Miller	Oct. 14, 1858
Elizabeth Parsons	1799	Shobe	Dec. 15, 1846
Rebecca Parsons	July 24, 1801	Buckner Fairfax	
David C. Parsons	Mar. 29, 1803	Mildred Mulledy	
Parthenia B. Parsons	Dec. 20, 1804	John M. Pancake	Mar. 3, 1836
Catherine C. Parsons	Apr. 6, 1807		Nov. 4, 1808
Susan Parsons	Mar. 4, 1809	Samuel D. Brady	1884
Sarah A. Parsons	Nov. 16, 1811	Thomas Blue	Nov. 12, 1878
Isaac Parsons	Jan. 7, 1814	Susan Blue	Apr. 24, 1862
Louise T. Parsons	May 12, 1817	George R. Jacobs	Dec. 9, 1885
Baldwin Parsons	Mar. 19, 1819		Dec. 7, 1823

## MARY GREGG PARSONS STUMP.

Mary Gregg Parsons, first daughter of James Parsons, Jr. and Catherine Casey, was born in Hardy County, Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
Adam Stump	Aug. 24, 1788		
Mary G. Parsons Stump	Jan. 8, 1796		Feb. 14, 1864
<b>Children.</b>			
James P. Stump	Mar. 9, 1817	Elizabeth Dasher Mar. 9, 1842	1897
Adam L. Stump	Dec. 29, 1818	Margaret C. French Aug. 10, 1848	May 10, 1903
George W. Stump	Mar. 8, 1821		Feb. 5, 1865
Mary C. Stump	May 3, 1823	John P. Jennings Feb. 23, 1847	Apr. 11, 1896
Andrew J. Stump	July 20, 1825		Mar. 22, 1826
Anne E. Stump	Feb. 25, 1827	Thomas French Feb. 25, 1852	Sept. 20, 1902
Rebecca S. Stump	Sept. 1, 1829	Arnold L. Trobridge Nov. 25, 1850	Sept. 17, 1887
Sarah L. Stump	Sept. 1, 1829	John D. Miller Sept. 3, 1850	Mar. 5, 1886
Caroline V. Stump	May 9, 1832		Sept. 2, 1850
Phebe Adelia Stump	Aug. 18, 1834		Apr. 16, 1835
William B. Stump	Feb. 22, 1836	Elizabeth Sloan Apr. 29, 1858	
Parthenia G. Stump	Oct. 10, 1838	Jacob H. Kengle June 19, 1860	

The children of Adam L. Stump and Margaret C. French live in Kansas City, Missouri. George W. Stump is Mayor of Nevada, Missouri.

George W. Stump, son of Adam and Mary G. Parsons Stump, was a captain in the Confederate army and was murdered at his father's house by "yankee" soldiers, after he had been wounded and had surrendered just after Lee's surrender.

## MARY C. STUMP JENNINGS.

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Mary C. Stump, first daughter of James and Catherine Casey Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. After her marriage she moved to a farm near Weston. When the civil war was declared, Weston was a hot bed of unionists, and she was sent across the lines. The following will show the vicissitudes she passed through:

Headquarters Brig., 2nd Div., Dept. West Virginia.

Clarksburg, West Virginia, Nov. 12, 1863.

Lieut. M. J. Russell, Ind. Div., Dept. W. Va., New Creek:

Sir—I herewith return the letter of Mrs. M. G. Jennings, and submit the following report in conformity with the endorsement of Dept. Headquarters: A number of citizens of Weston have been consulted in reference to John P. Jennings; they say he is an avowed "Rebel"; he left his home when the rebellion broke out and remained absent about three months; he got back through the influence of his friends. He again left last spring, with the rebel forces under Imboden Jones and Jackson (W. S.) and took with him his horses, cattle and six negroes and is supposed to be in Virginia. Gen. Roberts sent his wife and children across the lines; it is understood that she is at her fathers in Hampshire County, and the citizens say let her stay there. I have the honor to be,

Respy. your Obt. Svt.,

N. WILKINSON, Col CONLY, Brigadier.

Headquarters Department West Virginia.

This is to certify that a memorial signed by loyal citizens of Lewis County, West Virginia, in behalf of Mrs. John P. Jennings, asking that she might be permitted to return to the said Lewis County, she complying with the President's Amnesty Proclamation, Mrs. Jennings being anxious to avail herself of the same is therefore permitted to return with her seven children; all military officers



will report this order and not molest her or interfere with Mrs. Jennings on her journey or after her return to her home.

B. F. KELLEY, Brig. Gen.

Mrs. Jennings arrived home safely and I presume was given a warm welcome by her gracious friends.

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**Family Record.**

	Born	Married.	Died.
John P. Jennings			
Mary C. Stump Jennings	May 3, 1823	John P. Jennings Feb. 3, 1847	
<b>Children.</b>			
Sarah Willis Jennings	1850	Henry M. Warden	1871
Katherine E. Jennings	1855		1897
Claudia B. Jennings	1857	George W. Gibson	
Anna T. F. Jennings	1859	John Morrison	
Susan M. Jennings	1861		1877
Rose C. Jennings	1863	Guy A. Compton	
George W. Gibson			
Claudia B. Jennings Gibson			
<b>Children.</b>			
Mary K. Gibson			
George Imboden Gibson			

Rebecca S. Stump, who married Arnold L. Trowbridge, had children and lived at Piedmont, West Virginia.

Sarah L. Stump Miller had children, John D., Michael, and a daughter, who married James P. Shump.

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**Family Record.**

	Born	Married.	Died.
William B. Stump	Feb. 22, 1836	Elizabeth Sloan Apr. 29 1858	
Elizabeth Sloan Stump	Sept. 25, 1838		
<b>Children.</b>			
James Adam Stump	Aug. 24, 1860	Sarah Arnold Hass Aug. 4, 1886	
<b>Second Marriage.</b>			
William B. Stump		Charlotte Arnold	
Charlotte Arnold	Dec. 10, 1868		
<b>Children.</b>			
Madglena E. Stump		Charles C. Harrison	
<b>Third Marriage.</b>			
William B. Stump			
Lawson Long			

## JAMES ADAM STUMP.

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James Adam Stump, son of William B. and Elizabeth Sloan Stump, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He was a man of great energy and business tact; had he not been taken away so suddenly with pneumonia, he would have amassed a fortune. His widow and children reside on the farm three miles from Romney, West Virginia.

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### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
James Adam Stump	Aug. 24, 1860	Sarah Arnold Hass Aug. 4, 1886	
Sarah Arnold Hass			
<b>Children.</b>			
George Arnold Stump	May 20, 1887		
Harriet Dean Stump	Mar. 4, 1889		
Elizabeth Geane Stump	July 17, 1890		
Charlotte Arnold Stump	June 21, 1892		
Mary Virginia Stump	June 10, 1894		
Margery Sloan Stump	Jan. 11, 1897		
Katherine Casey Stump	Mar. 22, 1899		
James Adam Stump	Feb. 9, 1901		

Parthena G. Stump married Jacob Kengla and has children. She lives in Washington, D. C.

## JAMES PARSONS, JR., II.

James Parsons, first son of James and Catherine Casey Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He was devoted to farming and cattle raising. He was square and honorable in business, and had a large circle of friends; he had the urbanity and gentility of manner which characterizes the true gentleman.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
James Parsons	Feb. 11, 1798	Elizabeth Miller Jan. 8, 1829	Oct. 14, 1858
Elizabeth Millers Parsons			July 26, 1883

### Children.

Isaac M. Parsons	Nov. 28, 1829		
James Parsons (Zip)	Mar. 20, 1831	Sarah Peddicord	
Michael M. Parsons	Feb. 11, 1833		
William M. Parsons	Feb. 13, 1835	Anna Bentz	
John David Parsons	Feb. 19, 1837	Catherine Millikin Nov., 1874	
Nicholas Casey Parsons	Jan. 6, 1840		Oct. 19, 1858
Hannah C. Parsons	Jan. 6, 1842	Dr. Harlan	
Parthenia E. Parsons	Mar. 20, 1844	John Hurst Nov. 12, 1874	Mar. 1, 1879
Sarah V. Parsons	Nov. 17, 1846	John Johnson Aug. 14, 1873	
Jacob Decker Parsons	May 2, 1849		
Charles A. Parsons	Oct. 31, 1851		Feb. 22, 1879

## JAMES PARSONS, JR., III, (known as Zip).

James Parsons, first son of James and Elizabeth Miller Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He spent his boyhood days on the plantation of his father attending the home schools; he attended the Georgetown College, from which institution he was a graduate, being appointed valedictorian on that auspicious occasion, which was proof that he was considered the brightest young man in the college at that time. He chose civil engineering as his profession, and being a man of good sound business judgment and foresight, he saw through the dim misty future the coming of a railroad through West Virginia. At that time the task resembled in enormity the struggle of the camel in his endeavor to penetrate the needle's eye; but he showed himself equal to every emergency and met the vicissitudes boldly and with indefatigable perseverance, reaching the goal of his desire, even though the barriers met with seemed well-nigh insurmountable. He engineered the Western Maryland R. R. through the state, and ingratiated himself into the tender feelings of the people, and today he is considered well-nigh invincible. The record he made is one of which his family may feel proud, and it may be truthfully said he was an honest man and earned his popularity by study and perseverance.

He was generous in all things, a true citizen, a loyal and trustworthy friend, and these traits endeared him to his friends. He passed away in Davis, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
James Parsons, Jr., 3rd (Zip)		Sarah Peddicord	
Sarah Peddicord Parsons			
Children.			
Mary Lee Parsons		Louis Shepard	
Frank Ashbury Parsons		Mary Baker	
Elizabeth Parsons		—— Moore	
Brown J. Parsons		Unmarried	
Ellen N. Parsons		Unmarried	
Carrie E. Parsons		Joseph Lantz	

## CARRIE E. PARSONS LANTZ.

Carrie E. Parsons, daughter of James and Sarah Pedicord Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, West Virginia, and now resides in Davis, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
Joseph Lantz			
Carrie Parsons Lantz			
<b>Children.</b>			
Marcia Lantz	1896		
Brownie Lantz	1899		
Helen Lantz	1900		
Ruth Lantz	1901		
Frank Lantz	1905		
Joseph Lantz	1907		
Marguerite Lantz	1910		

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 WILLIAM MILLER PARSONS.
 

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William Miller Parsons, second son of James and Elizabeth Miller Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, and grew to manhood on the plantation. He received his education from the home schools and the Georgeown College. He studied law with John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia. After his health failed he went to Texas, and from there to Kansas City. He was offered the principalship of a school in Jefferson City, Missouri, but declined it and became a salesman in the stock yards in Kansas City for Hunt & Evans. Later he became the Western buyer for Squires & Co., the great packers of Boston. He was known as the best hog man in the West, and bought thousands of hogs for them every year, and commanded a large salary. He was a man of great intelligence and had many friends. With the world, with his acquaintances, he was a good natured, generous and warm-hearted man, ready at all times to do anything for anybody in need. He died in Chicago, January, 1907, honored, respected, beloved and lamented by all his friends.

To him, by his first wife, Anna Bentz, was born one son, Edgar, who is a dentist and lives in Lynchburg, Virginia; by his second wife, one daughter, Josephine Pullman, living in East St. Louis, Missouri.

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 Family Record.

	Born	Married.	Died.
John D. Parsons	Feb. 19, 1837	Catherine Milikin Nov., 1874	

Catherine Milikin Parsons

## Children.

Lizzie Parsons  
 Marie Parsons  
 Ruth Parsons  
 Florence Parsons

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 Family Record of Parthenia E. Parsons Hurst.

	Born	Married.	Died.
John Hurst			
Parthenia E. Parsons		John Hurst Nov. 12, 1874	Mar. 1, 1879

## Children.

Charles Anderson Hurst	Aug. 27, 1875
John William Hurst	Feb. 13, 1877
James Parsons Hurst	Jan. 25, 1879

## SARAH VIRGINIA PARSONS JOHNSON.

Sarah V. Parsons, third daughter of James and Elizabeth Miller Parsons, was born in Hampshire County Virginia, she now resides in Shaw, Kansas.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Johnson			
Sarah V. Parsons	Nov. 17, 1846	John Johnson Aug. 14, 1873	
<b>Children.</b>			
Pattie E. Johnson	May 13, 1874	Charles Austin Apr. 3, 1895	
Rena Blanche Johnson	Feb. 13, 1876		
Grace V. Johnson	Feb. 26, 1878	O. S. Speaks Oct. 30, 1912	
Paul Parsons	Jan. 25, 1880		
Kate Parthenia Johnson	Mar. 17, 1882	John Hornback June 1, 1908	
Russell S. Johnson	Feb. 24, 1884	Mattie Osborn Nov. 16, 1909	
Edith H. Johnson	Sept. 7, 1886	Walter E. Piatt Nov. 3, 1906	
John B. T. Johnson	Oct. 13, 1888		
Edna M. R. Johnson	Mar. 29, 1891	Vern Osborn Oct. 1, 1908	

### Family Record of Charles Austin.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Charles Austin			
Patti E. Johnson Austin			
<b>Children.</b>			
Dell Austin	Jan. 18, 1896		
Blanche Austin	Sept. 14, 1898		

### Family Record of John Hornback.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John Hornback			
Kate P. Johnson Hornback		John Hornback	

	Born	Married.	Died.
Children.			
Gertrude Hornback	Mar. 12, 1909		
Pauline Hornback	Nov. 12, 1910		
Garrett Hornback	Mar. 16, 1912		
Russell S. Johnson		Mattie Osborn Nov. 16, 1909	
Mattie Osborn			
Children.			
Raymond Russell Johnson	Sept. 27, 1910		

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Family Record of Walter E. Piatt.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Walter E. Piatt			
Edith H. Johnson Piatt		Walter E. Piatt Nov. 3, 1906	
Children.			
Edith Piatt	June 3, 1908		
Edna Piatt	Aug. 17, 1910		
Second Marriage.			
Walter Keeling		Walter Keeling Sept. 3, 1911	
E. H. Piatt			
Children.			
Bessie Keeling	July 28, 1912		
Vern Osborn			
Edna May R. Johnson Osborn			
Children.			
Velma Ruth Osborn	July 11, 1909		
Ruby Hope Osborn	June 24, 1911		

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ELIZABETH PARSONS SHOBE.

Elizabeth Parsons, second daughter of James and Catherine Casey Parsons, was born in Hampshire County Virginia. After her marriage she migrated to Missouri and was drowned while crossing the river in an open boat.

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Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
—Shobe			Dec. 15, 1846
Elizabeth Parsons Shobe	Oct. 14, 1799		
Children.			
Mary Shobe		— Peddicord	
Parthenia Shobe		S. R. Lupton, M. D.	
Virginia Shobe		H. B. Dawson	
Solomon Shobe			

All of the children of Elizabeth Parsons Shobe had children and live in Calloway County, Missouri. Except Virginia Dawson, hers are dead.



## REBECCA PARSONS FAIRFAX.

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Rebecca Parsons Fairfax, third daughter of James Parsons, Jr., was born in Hampshire County, Virginia and married General Buckner Fairfax, a relative of Lord Fairfax. Their plantation was on the Cheat river, in Preston County. She was a true daughter of the south, and was distinguished for her patriotic love and devotion for the "Lost Cause." She was a woman of executive ability in managing her affairs. Very little now remains to mark the spot of the busy scenes of life over her premises; the rattle of the loom and the whirr of the spinning wheel is heard no more. The log house that has witnessed so many scenes of gaiety, has fallen to decay and the plantation song is hushed forever; but she left behind her an imperishable name. Her descendants are still in possession of the land; they reside in Preston County.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Buckner Fairfax			
Rebecca Parsons Fairfax	July 24, 1801	General Buckner Fairfax	
<b>Children.</b>			
James Baldwin Fairfax		Unmarried	
Mary Catherine Fairfax			
Susan Louise Fairfax		John Martin	
Parthenia Gregg Fairfax		Louis M. Smith	
		Charles E. Vickery	
Sarah E. Fairfax		Unmarried	
Anne Elizabeth Fairfax		Stanhope M. Scott, M. D.	

### Family Record of Charles E. Vickery.

Charles E. Vickery	
Parthenia G. Fairfax Vickery	
<b>Children.</b>	
Florence B. Vickery	Felix Elliott
Rupert Elliott	

### Family Record of Stanhope M. Scott, M. D.

Stanhope M. Scott, M. D.	
Anne Elizabeth Fairfax Scott	
<b>Children.</b>	
Buckner Scott, M. D.	Etta Porter
Stanhope M. Scott, Jr.	Martha Glover
<b>Children.</b>	
Stanhope M. Scott, Jr.	
Martha Glover Scott	
<b>Children.</b>	
Martha Elizabeth Scott	
James Karl Scott	
Denny Fairfax Scott	

## DAVID C. PARSONS.

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David C. Parsons, second son of James and Catherine Casey Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He preferred the life of a farmer and was an extensive land owner and dealer in live stock. He was a man widely known and a prominent citizen, by his courteous manner and upright conduct he made many warm friends, and was a man in whom his neighbors placed implicit confidence. By strict business methods and foresight he accumulated a comfortable competence.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
David C. Parsons	Mar. 29, 1803	Mildred Mullady	
Mildred Mullady Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
M. Casey Parsons			
Mary C. Parsons		C. G. Bowen	
Jemima Parsons		Solomon Vanmeter	
J. Thompson Parsons			
Parthenia Parsons		James Parsons	June —, 1899
		Sept. 11, 1872	
Susan F. Parsons		Unmarried	
Christena Parsons		Unmarried	
William M. Parsons	Unmarried		

All of this family is dead. Parthenia died in California; no children. Susan F. Christena and William M. Parsons, died in Texas. J. Thompson Parsons has children living near Moorefield, West Virginia.

### FAMILY RECORD OF MARY, C. PARSONS BOWEN DAUGHTER OF DAVID C. AND MILDRED MUL- LEDY PARSONS.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
C. G. Bowen, M. D.			
Mary C. Parsons Bowen		C. G. Bowen, M. D.	
<b>Children.</b>			
William Bowen			
John Bowen			
Catherine Bowen		John Liuthecium	
Anna E. Bowen		L. Greenfield	
Mary Bowen		Frederick Greenfield	

William and John reside in Springfield, W. Virginia. Mary Bowen Greenfield, in Cumberland, Maryland.

PARTHENIA B. PARSONS PANCAKE.

Parthenia B. Parsons, fourth daughter of James and Catherine Casey Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia.

**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John M. Pancake Parthenia B. Parsons Pancake	Dec. 20, 1804	John M. Pancake	Mar. 3, 1836

**Children.**

John Russell Pancake	
Isaac Pancake	S. D. Taylor
Sarah Pancake	

John Russell Pancake died at Waco, Texas, leaving sons and daughters. Isaac Pancake died near Romney, West Virginia, leaving sons and daughters. Sarah Parsons Taylor, lives in Missouri.

SUSAN F. PARSONS BRADY.

Susan F. Parsons, sixth daughter of James and Catherine Casey Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia.

**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Samuel D. Brady Susan F. Parsons Brady	Mar. 4, 1809	Samuel D. Brady	1884

**Children.**

Isaac L. Brady	Sarah L. Parsons
James B. Brady	
Catherine Brady	Lewis Randall
Susan F. Brady	William Brydon
Mary Gregg Brady	William Darrow

## ISAAC PARSONS, SR., II.

Isaac Parsons, third son of James and Catherine Casey Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He grew to manhood on the plantation; he was broad minded and conservative, gifted with good common sense and judgment, his honesty and integrity was unimpeachable.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Isaac Parsons	Jan. 7, 1814	Susan Blue May 18, 1836	Apr. 24, 1862
Susan Blue Parsons	Jan. 9, 1817		Oct. 2, 1889
<b>Children.</b>			
Catherine E. Parsons	May 1, 1837	Unmarried	Mar. 24, 1862
Isaac Parsons, Jr.	Dec. 1, 1838	Emma C. Waddle Nov. 12, 1867	Sept. 10, 1892
Sarah L. Parsons	June 10, 1841	Isaac T. Brady Sept. 18, 1865	
J. Donaldson Parsons	Oct. 21, 1843	Sarah M. Pancake Apr. 19, 1871	
Mary Susan Parsons	Dec. 5, 1847	Joseph A. Pancake Mar. 30, 1870	
Virginia B. Parsons	Sept. 15, 1849	George S. Arnold June 8, 1882	
Virginia B. Parsons	Sept. 15, 1849	George S. Arnold	Dec. 20, 1891
Garrett W. Parsons	May 13, 1852	Mary A. Covell Nov. 12, 1878	
Burr A. Parsons	Apr. 21, 1855		Dec. 8, 1862
Edith Parsons	Jan. 1, 1858	Julius Waddle June 3, 1891	Nov. 27, 1910

## ISAAC PARSONS, JR.

Isaac Parsons, Jr., son of Isaac and Sarah Blue Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Isaac Parsons, Jr.		Emma C. Waddell	
Emma C. Waddell Parsons			
Children.			
Catherine Parsons		Malcolm Harmison	
Clifford Parsons			
Maude Parsons		George Brackett	
Isaac Parsons			
Susan Parsons			
Alice Parsons			

Catherine and Isaac Parsons live near Ronney, West Virginia.  
Clifford at Pittsburg. Maude at Grafton, West Virginia.

## SARAH ANN PARSONS BLUE.

Sarah Ann Parsons Blue, seventh daughter of James and Catherine Casey Parsons was born in Hampshire County, Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Thomas Blue	May 25, 1809		
Sarah Ann Parsons	Nov. 16, 1811	Thomas Blue Nov. 5, 1832	Nov. 12, 1878
Children.			
James Blue	Nov. 28, 1833	Mary Umstott	1896
Frances C. Blue	Jan. 28, 1836		1860
Isaac Blue	Jan. 8, 1840	Susan Guthrie	Oct. 20, 1854
Michael Blue			
James P. Blue	Nov. 28, 1833	Mary Umstott Mar. 7, 1861	1896
Mary Umstott Children.			
Susan G. Blue		Sidney Kerner	
Kirk Blue		Jennie Stickley	
Thomas Lawson Blue		Ida Allen	
Katie Blue		Charles Swisher	
Mollie Blue			Died
Maude Blue			Died
Isaac Blue	Jan. 28, 1840	Susan Guthrie Oct. 30, 1865	

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**Family Record of David C. Jacobs.**

	Born.	Married.	Died.
David C. Jacobs	July 31, 1856	Isabel M. Rollins Mar. 4, 1878	
Isabel M. Rollins Jacobs	July 25, 1857		
<b>Children.</b>			
Wagne Rollins Jacobs	Dec. 12, 1878		Sept. 28, 1903
Louise H. Jacobs	May 8, 1880	A. C. Daniels Aug. 17, 1904	
Wilson David Jacobs	Dec. 10, 1882		
A. C. Daniels			
Louise H. Jacobs Daniels			
<b>Children.</b>			
Albert C. Daniels	Mar. 8, 1907		
Marie Louise Daniels	Dec. 29, 1908		

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**JAMES GREGG PARSONS.**


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James Gregg Parsons, son of Thomas Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He lived on a farm near Springfield.

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**Family Record.**

	Born.	Married	Died.
James G. Parsons	Oct. 15, 1802	Mary Curlett Mr. 24, 1825 .	Mar. 20, 1847
MaryCurlett Parsons			Sept. 24, 1854
<b>Children.</b>			
Mary Elizabeth Parsons	Dec. 19, 1826		
William C. Parsons	Aug. 5, 1828	Louise C. Jarboe July 9, 1854	Aug. 19, 1899
Margaret R. Parsons	Feb. 28, 1832		Mar. 29, 1860
James G. Parsons	July 11, 1834		Aug. 22, 1871

## WILLIAM CURLETT PARSONS.

William C. Parsons, son of James G. and Mary Curlétt Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, and his descendants live in Springfield, West Virginia.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
William C. Parsons	Aug. 5, 1828	Louise C. Jarboe July 9, 1854	Aug. 19, 1899
Louise Jarboe Parsons			Nov. 5, 1894

#### Children.

Henry M. Parsons	May 2, 1855		Feb. 19, 1857
Kate Helen Parsons	July 10, 1856		Feb. 24, 1857
Mary Ida Parsons	Sept. 6, 1857		Aug. 28, 1872
Susan W. Parsons	July 24, 1859		Dec. 29, 1899
Edgar Elwood Parsons	Feb. 22, 1861	Hannah Shannon	
Anna E. B. Parsons	Dec. 16, 1862	Newton T. Parker	
Fannie C. Parsons	Sept. 16, 1864	William A. Shannon Nov. 27, 1884	
William C. Parsons	Aug. 21, 1866	Renie McLearn	
Sallie B. Parsons	Sept. 2, 1867	John Hughes	
Louise J. Parsons			
James G. Parsons	Mar. 24, 1872		
John J. Parsons	Mar. 1, 1874	Virga Rizer	
Charles G. Parsons	Mar. 1, 1876		
Edgar Elwood Parsons			
Hannah Shannon Parsons			

#### Children.

James Elwood Parsons  
 Elizabeth Parsons  
 Charles W. Parsons  
 Newton Parsons  
 Emma Louise Parsons  
 Edgar Parsons  
 Clifton Parsons  
 Newton T. Parker  
 Anna E. B. Parsons Parker

#### Children.

Mary Ellen Parker  
 William A. Shannon  
 Fannie C. Parsons Shan-  
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William A. Shannon  
 Nov. 27, 1884

**Children.**

Augustus C. Shannon      Dec. 26, 1885

William C. Parsons

Renie McLear Parsons

**Children.**

Ina Parsons

Oscar Parsons

John Jacob Parsons

Virgie Rizer Parsons

**Children.**

Corrinne Parsons

Verdine Parsons

Margaret Parsons

As to the children of Thomas Parsons, I.:

Prudence married Robert Cunningham and they had numerous descendants in Hardy and Grant Counties, West Virginia, where some of them are now living; others in Missouri and other western states.

Arness married William Welton and they have descendants in Hardy and Grant Counties, West Virginia and in the western states.

As to Baldwin, the youngest child of Thomas Parsons, I., he seems to have had one son named Isaac, (but cannot be sure of this.) I find that by a deed of the 7th of November, 1846, Isaac Parsons and Rebecca, his wife, of Saline County Missouri, conveyed to David Parson and Catherine, his wife, of Shelby County, Missouri, a piece of land which seems to be a tract devised by Thomas Parsons, I., to Baldwin Parsons.

A deed from Baldwin Parsons, March 1, 1776, shows that Baldwin Parsons signed his name "Boylwin," and that his wife's name was Rachel.

A deed of Emancipation, Baldwin Parsons to negro John, February 15, 1793, shows that he was then in the County of Ohio, and his name is again signed "Boylwin."



## DAVID PARSONS.

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David Parsons was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and lived in that county until his death.

Family Record.			
	Born.	Married	Died.
David Parsons		Elizabeth Baily	
Elizabeth Baily Parsons			
Children.			
Elijah Parsons	1792	Sarah Haygood 1817	1850
John Parsons			
Baily Parsons			
Peter Parsons			
Lewis Parsons			
Margaret Parsons			
Polly Parsons			
Rhoda Parsons			

Elijah Parsons was the father of thirteen children; all are dead but one and he is sixty-eight years of age.

## LEWIS PARSONS.

Lewis Parsons, son of Elijah and Sarah Haygood Parsons, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Missouri, in 1829 and died in Missouri.

## Family Record.

	Born.	Married	Died.
Lewis Parsons	Nov. 15, 1830	Mary E. Baugh July 12, 1853	Feb. 2, 1901
Mary E. Baugh Parsons	Nov. 11, 1831		Mar. 5, 1911
<b>Children.</b>			
Thomas J. Parsons	June 23, 1854		1856
Rhoda Anne Parsons	Feb. 24, 1856		
Susan Jane Parsons	Mar. 9, 1858		
William E. Parsons	July 28, 1860		
Aletha M. Parsons	Oct. 7, 1864		
Cedonia E. Parsons	Apr. 30, 1867		
Owen D. Parsons	Aug. 1, 1869		
Sarah M. Parsons	Feb. 20, 1872		
Baily A. Parsons	Sept. 9, 1877		
James Parsons			

All of this family reside in Montgomery County, Missouri, except James, who resides in Dinuba, California, and Sarah, who resides in Wylie, Texas.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
<b>Children.</b>			
Isaac Thomas Blue	Aug. 30, 1866		Jan. 30, 1889
Susan Katherine Blue	June 18, 1868		1869
Mary Bettie Blue	June 6, 1869	Thomas Long	
Sarah Frances Blue	Dec. 27, 1871		1872
Thomas Long			
Mary Bettie Long	June 6, 1869	Thomas Long Mar. 29, 1887	
<b>Children.</b>			
Susan Charity Long	Nov. 14, 1891		
Nannie Blue Long	Oct. 13, 1893		
Charles W. T. Long	Apr. 4, 1896		
Elizabeth French Long	Jan. 16, 1898		
Garrett Isaac Long	Feb. 1, 1907		

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 SARAH L. PARSONS BRADY.
 

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Sarah L. Parsons, daughter of Isaac and Susan Blue Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. She was educated in the schools of Romney and grew to womanhood on the plantation, her husband passed away some years ago and she and her daughters reside in Romney.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Isaac L. Brady			
Sarah L. Parsons Brady		Isaac L. Brady	
Children.			
James Burr Brady			
Robert D. Brady			
Edna Brady		Hon. John C. Cornwell	
Catherine Brady			
Susan Brady			

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 EDNA BRADY CORNWELL.
 

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Edna Brady, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Brady was born in Hampshire County, West Virginia. She is the true type of the genuine dignified southern lady; she resides in Romney, West Virginia.

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 Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
John J. Cornwell			
Edna Brady Cornwell		Hon. John J. Cornwell ..June, 1891	
Children.			
Sarah Parsons Cornwell	Mar. 19, 1892	Eugene E. Ailes	
		Dec. 1, 1909	
Eugene E. Ailes			
Sarah P. Brady Ailes			
Children.			
Edna J. Ailes	Jan. 8, 1911		
William S. Alles	Mar. 25, 1912		

## J. DONALSON PARSONS.

J. Donaldson Parsons, son of Isaac and Susan Blue Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. His boyhood days were spent on the plantation. When the civil war was declared he was quite young but he enlisted and remained in the service four years; he was engaged in many hard fought battles. After Lee's surrender, he returned to his home and engaged in business, his aim was to succeed.

In 1881 he decided to see something of the west, he located in Gunnison, Colorado, where he engaged in the transfer business and by his courteous, obliging and gentlemanly qualities, success has crowned his every effort. By his spirit of progressiveness in taking an active interest in every laudable enterprise for the development or welfare of the town he is now recognized as one of the leading business men of Gunnison.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.		Died.
J. Donaldson Parsons	Oct. 21, 1843	Sarah Pancake Apr. 19, 1871		
Sarah Pancake Parsons	Oct. 12, 1843			June 17, 1900
<b>Children.</b>				
Isaac Pancake Parsons	May 9, 1873			Oct. 16, 1902
Joseph Calvin Parsons	Dec. 26, 1874			Dec. 20, 1909
James Donaldson Parsons	Nov. 11, 1876			
William Burr Parsons	Oct. 6, 1878			Apr. 21, 1900

Joseph Parsons died and left a wife and two children, James Donaldson and Carrie S. Parsons.

James D. Parsons, Jr., son of J. Donaldson Parsons, Sr., is living in Goldfield, Nevada.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.		Died.
J. Donaldson Parsons		Ethel Bell Pancake July 2, 1807		
Ethel Bell Pancake Parsons				
<b>Children.</b>				
Garrett Seymour Parsons	June 14, 1908			

## MARY SUSAN PARSONS PANCAKE.

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Mary Susan Parsons, third daughter of Isaac and Susan Blue Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia.

She now resides on a farm five miles from Romney, West Virginia. Her son is manager of her plantation; the land is very productive and admirably adapted to raising wheat and corn. She is very hospitable and enjoys the society of her friends.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Joseph A. Pancake	Aug. 13, 1945		July 26, 1897
Susan Parsons Pancake	Dec. 5, 1847	Joseph A. Pancake Mar. 30, 1870	
<b>Children.</b>			
Garrett Blue Pancake	Aug. 19, 1874	Ethel Jane Bell Mar. 5, 1902	Feb. 22, 1903
Mary Susan Pancake	July 31, 1876		
Kate Burns Pancake	Oct. 6, 1878		Dec. 25, 1881
Maria Elizabeth Pancake	Oct. 22, 1880		Mar. 21, 1885
Edith Casey Pancake	Nov. 28, 1882	Michael Blue Kuykendall Apr. 3, 1906	
Virginia Lee Pancake	May 1, 1886	Richard Sloan Kuykendall Mar. 30, 1909	
Alma Josephine Pancake	June 8, 1888	Harry C. Welton Oct. 30, 1912	
Joseph Andrew Pancake	Nov. 1, 1890		
Michael B. Kuykendall			
Edith Casey Pancake Kuykendall			
<b>Children.</b>			
Elizabeth Donaldson Kuykendall	May 1, 1909		May 14, 1911
William Kuykendall	Aug. 21, 1911		
Richard Sloan Kuykendall			
Virginia Lee Pancake Kuykendall			
<b>Children.</b>			
Joseph Pancake Kuykendall	Nov. 8, 1910		

## GARRETT W. PARSONS.

Garrett W. Parsons, third son of Isaac and Susan Blue Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia.

He is in the possession of the home of his grandfather Casey's plantation, five generations of his family have been reared in this old brick house which is perfectly intact.

He ranks among the prominent farmers and stock raisers of the South Branch valley. The river winds its way through this valley and along its banks may be seen many beautiful stretches of woodland scenery and throughout all the highlands may be found peach orchards which thrive in prolific abundance.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Garrett W. Parsons	May 13, 1852	Mary Avery Covelle Nov. 12, 1878	
Mary Avery Parsons	Jan. 23, 1852		
<b>Children.</b>			
John Covelle Parsons	May 12, 1880	Sarah Taylor Hocking Sept. 5, 1907	
Garrett W. Parsons, Jr.	Jan. 3, 1882		
Anita Eskridge Parsons	Apr. 20, 1884	Charles McVey Coleman June 20, 1906	
Charles Heber Parsons	Apr. 4, 1886		
Mary Albert Parsons	Oct. 3, 1890	Thomas D. Kenny June 20, 1912	
Willie Payton	Aug. 30, 1893		
John Covelle Parsons			
Sarah Taylor Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Helen A. Parsons			
John Covelle Parsons, Jr.			
Charles McVey Coleman			
Anita Eskridge Parsons Coleman			
<b>Children.</b>			
Anita Coleman			

## DAVID PARSONS.

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David Parsons, second son of Isaac and Mary E. Gregg Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, and migrated to Saline County, Missouri, 1839. where he bought a large land estate and engaged in stock raising. He was the father of four sons and three daughters, the sons were all large men weighing two hundred and ten to two hundred and fifty. Two of the sons went to California in 1849, returning in 1851 and both died soon after they reached home. James Jonathan, William Parsons Abraham Vanmeter Henry Louthan and Elias Triplett, the three sons-in-law all migrated to Missouri in 1833.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
David Parsons	1775	Catherine Miller	
Catherine Miller Parsons			
<b>Children.</b>			
Isaac Parsons	1795	Rebecca McCartie	
David James Parsons		Elizabeth Tibbs	
William Parsons			
Jonathan Parsons		Sarah Harnes	
Miss Parsons		Henry Louthan	
Miss Parsons		Elias Triplett	
Mary Parsons		Abraham VanMeter	

## ISAAC PARSONS, JR.

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Isaac Parsons, son of David Parsons, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He migrated to Shelby County Missouri, 1830 and bought a large tract of land and engaged in farming and stock raising, he was very successful and amassed quite a fortune.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Isaac Parsons, Jr.	1795		
Rebecca McCartie Parsons		Rebecca McCartie	Mar. 28, 1867
Children.			
M. M. Parsons			
Isaac Parsons, 3d			
Jonathan Parsons, Jr.			
Edward M. Parsons			
David James Parsons, M.			
D.	Apr. 18, 1825	Elizabeth M. Tibbs	
William M. Parsons			
Catherine E. Parsons			

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## WILLIAM BUCK PARSONS, M. D.

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William B. Parsons, M. D., son of David James and Elizabeth Tibbs Parsons, was born in Missouri. He now resides in Missoula, Montana.

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### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
William B. Parsons, M.			
D.	July 6, 1850	Eliza Mockaby	
Eliza Mockaby Parsons			
Children.			
Harry Hempill Parsons	June 25, 1872	Ethel Jackson	
Edna M. Parsons	Oct. 23, 1875	F. M. Forbes	
Housten M. Parsons, M.			
D.	Sept. —, 1879		
Harry H. Parsons			
Ethel Jackson Parsons			
Children.			
Harry H. Parsons			
F. M. Forbes			
Edma M. Parsons Forbes (One son two years of age)			



CATHERINE E. PARSONS MILLS.

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Catherine E. Parsons, daughter of Isaac Parsons, III., was born in Shelby County, Missouri. She married J. H. Mills and they moved to Montana, 1892, for the benefit of her husband's health, she has been a widow sixteen years, she is now over seventy years of age and the only member of her family living. She is the mother of nine children, only four are living. Her son is a practicing physician in Missoula, Montana. She resides on a stock ranch near Lolo, Montana.

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MARY VANMETER HENNING.

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Mary Vanmeter, daughter of Abraham and Mary Parsons Vanmeter and granddaughter of David Parsons, married John Henning and to this union was born two sons and two daughters. She crossed the plains to California in 1852 and settled in the Santa Clara valley, they engaged in farming and stock raising and owned five herds of duran cows. In 1873 they sold their stock and planted all their land to fruit. Irving Henning, the eldest son, was professor in the Methorist University of the Pacific. Abraham P. Hennig is a stock raiser in the northern part of the state. Elizabeth (or Bettie) Henning married a Mr. Hall and resides in San Jose, California. The youngest daughter is married and lives in southern California.

## LOUISE T. PARSONS JACOBS.

Louise T. Parsons, eighth daughter of James and Catherine Casey Parsons and granddaughter of Michaels Casey, was born at Wappecome plantation, Hampshire County, Virginia. She married George B. R. Jacobs, of Nelson County, Virginia at Isle de L'Outre, Montgomery County, Missouri, and died at Dalton Place, St. Louis County, Mo.

### Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
George B. R. Jacobs	1802		Feb. 24, 1877
Louise T. Parsons Jacobs	May 12, 1817	George B. R. Jacobs Oct. 8, 1835	Dec. 9, 1885

#### Children.

William H. Jacobs	Julia Best
Charles Anderson Jacobs	
John Tyler Jacobs	Lauro Huston
James Rodney Jacobs	Mary Withers
George R. Jacobs	Annie Clark
Irwins Jacobs	Annie Coleman
Anne Jacobs	E. E. George
Edwin Jacobs	
David Crawford Jacobs	Isabel Rodes Rollins

### Family Record of John Tyler Jacobs.

John Tyler Jacobs	
Laura Huston Jacobs	
Children.	
Alice T. Jacobs	Bonas St. Clair
Catherine Parsons Jacobs	
Emmet MacDonald Jacobs	Sarah Baker
George R. Jacobs	
Laura H. Jacobs	William Crews
Second Marriage	
John T. Jacobs	
Susan Chick	
Children.	
M. Ney Jacobs	
Mary Jacobs	Married
Dott Jacobs	Married
Susan Jacobs	Married
Jessie Jacobs	Married

**Family Record of James Rodney Jacobs.**

James Rodney Jacobs  
 Mary Withers Jacobs  
     Children.  
 Louise Parsons Jacobs  
 Catherine T. Jacobs  
 Edwin Jacobs  
 Mary W. Jacobs  
 David Casey Jacobs  
 Nancy Jacobs

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**Family Record of George R. Jacobs.**

George R. Jacobs  
 Annie Clark Jacobs  
     Children.  
 Neda Jacobs  
     Charles A. Jacobs  
 George R. Jacobs  
 Mandel Jacobs  
 David C. Jacobs  
 Fred C. Jacobs  
 Frank S. Jacobs

Frederick Georgis (one child)

Walter M. Catchings (4 children)

**Family Record of Irwin Jacobs.**

Irwin Jacobs  
 Annie Coleman Jacobs  
     Children.  
 William N. Jacobs  
 Russell Jacobs

**Family Record of William N. Jacobs.**

William N. Jacobs  
 Minnie Mudler Jacobs  
     Children.  
 John M. Jacobs  
 Charles Edwin Jacobs

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**Family Record of Russell Jacobs.**

Russell Jacobs  
 Williamina Muller Jacobs  
     Children.  
 Minnie Jacobs

**Family Record of E. E. George.**

E. E. George  
 Annie Jacobs George  
     Children.  
 Virginia C. George  
 Dorothy George

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## DAVID CRAWFORD JACOBS.

David Crawford Jacobs, eighth son of George B. R. and Louisa T. Parsons Jacobs, was born at "The Oaks," Boone County, Missouri.

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## A FAMILY REUNION.

Four generations meet and make merry on the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Emily Parsons, the oldest pioneer resident of Gonzales, California. The event was celebrated October 17, 1879, at the residence of L. P. Smith, a son-in-law.

At one o'clock the celebrants sat down to a table spread on the lawn under over-hanging trees; four generations were present. After they were seated, Mother Parsons invoked the blessing of the guiding hand to guide her loved one along the path which leads to life everlasting. During the course of the reunion, feast speeches were made by various ones, all of whom referred in pleasing terms to the strength of mind and body that had followed Mother Parsons down the valley of life.

Thirty-seven years had elapsed since the family had all met, the youngest was at her mother's knee, now all of the second generation were wearing glasses. At the conclusion of the feast pictures were taken of the four generations.

Emily Parsons moved to Gonzales in 1875. At that time the nearest doctor was twenty miles away. She endeared herself to the people by attending them in sickness. She was widely known as Grandma Parsons. Captain J. W. Parsons, her son and Mrs. Harriet Long, her daughter of Parsons, West Virginia, came to California for the occasion. She was delighted to see all of her children together once more. She passed away September 8, 1898 and now awaits the great reunion on the other shore.

## THE PARSONS' REUNION.

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The first annual Parsons' Family Reunion was held at the Presbyterian White Oak church, in Tucker County, West Virginia, on July 28, 1907. The committee on arrangements made a bower of the place by decorating it with ferns, cypress, wild Indigo and flowers which grew in the woods nearby.

Before ten o'clock the people began to arrive in hacks, buggies, road wagons and horse-back, while those nearby, walked. One hundred and fifty names were enrolled, all Parsons or related by marriage. At eleven o'clock the exercises were opened by organ; voluntary prayer by Solomon J. Parsons of St. George; anthem by choir; opening address "Pioneer life of the Parsons" by Leland S. Parsons, of Oakland, California; a solo by Hazel Hulings of Parsons, duet by Pearl and Nellie Long; recitations by Martha Parsons and Mrs. C. W. Minearh; Miss Mary Kathryn Minear presided at the organ and conducted the exercises. Dinner was announced and a recess was taken.

The tables were loaded with every imaginable good thing to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious. There was enough fried chicken on the tables to satisfy a Methodist camp meeting. Every one seemed to enjoy it and ate long and heartily.

Some had not met for twenty years and they enjoyed talking over the days of long ago. The Thomas concert band was present and entertained with some splendid music, which added much pleasure to the occasion. In the afternoon some wills were read by Mrs. J. S. Brown. The Hon. J. Slidell Brown of Kingwood, West Virginia, was called to the speaker's stand and delivered a fine address. He said it was worth traveling fifty miles to get a seat in the middle of the well loaded table where he could reach both ways. He sampled sixteen cakes and ate sixteen pieces of chicken, with all the other things, and he could not decide who was the best cook, being sure his wife could not do better, she being a Parsons.

Professor Dickson W. Parsons, was called to the speaker's stand and proceeded to form an organization. It was voted to hold

the annual reunion the third Saturday of August. The following officers were elected: President, Solomon J. Parsons; Vice-President, Joseph Parsons; Secretary, Bascom B. Parsons; Historian, Minnie Parsons; Assistant, M. K. Minear. They adjourned and every one went home feeling happy and hoping to meet again the next year. The eldest Parson in attendance was Mrs. Adeline Parsons; the youngest, Keith Parsons Brown, son of Stella Parsons Brown, of Kingwood.

The second annual reunion of the Parsons' family was held August 15, 1908, at the same place as the previous year; the crowd began to assemble at eight o'clock. Promptly at eleven o'clock the officers were all present and the exercises began with prayer by Solomon J. Parsons, solo by Hazel Hulings; Miss M. K. Minear presided at the organ. The song, "Nearer my God to Thee," was sung by the choir; recitation by Mrs. C. M. Linger; "Touring the West," by Miss Anna Bonifield; "Across the Continent," by Mrs. N. C. Parsons Hansford; "The River of Time," by V. Parsons MacCabe, and "Parsons' History," by Minnie Parsons. After the exercises, the tables were spread and the eating match began. There was enough to appease the hunger of every one present and still enough to fill twelve baskets more. The picture was taken and the election of officers followed: President, Ward L. Parsons; Vice-President, Lemuel W. Parsons; Secretary, C. M. C. Linger. One hundred and seventy-five registered representatives were present from California, Minnesota, Illinois and Georgia.

The third annual Parsons' reunion was held at the same place as the previous year, August 21, 1909; Ward L. Parsons, as President. After all were assembled, the minutes were read by the Secretary and speeches were made by: George W. Parsons, of Newton, Iowa; J. Slidell Brown of Kingwood. Mrs. Stella Brown read the eulogy on her grandfather, Abraham Parsons, and Robert S. Parsons, twin brother to Abraham, it being one hundred years since they were born. After the election of officers, the pictures were taken and it was voted to hold the next meeting at Parsons, West Virginia.

The fourth annual Parsons' reunion was held August 20, 1910, at the park near Parsons, a beautiful place thickly wooded, with wild flowers blooming everywhere. The day was ideal and every one was on the ground early in the morning, enjoying the outing. The officers were all present and proceeded to entertain the throng who had assembled to honor their ancestors. Owing to the funeral of one who was connected with the family, the program could not be carried through, but every one enjoyed the elaborate luncheon, and after electing officers for the coming year, departed

for home feeling the day was one not to be forgotten and pledging themselves to meet with them all again at Presbyterian White Oak church, 1911.

The fifth Parsons' annaul reunion was held at the Presbyterian church at White Oak Grove, August 19, 1911. Early in the morning the throng of people were winding their way up the hill to this beautiful spot. The cool, bracing breezes blew softly from the mountains across the tranquil waters of the winding Cheat river.

This scene will never be forgotten by those who had not been there before and those who had not been there for more than two years. The meeting of many was pathetic; as they clasped hands their hearts overflowed with gladness and they could only murmur a welcome, so great was their agitation.

Solomon J. Parsons called the meeting to order and proceeded with the program. Everything passed off pleasantly. Those present from distant states were: Isaac Parsons, of Denver, Colorado; Caleb R. Hank, wife and daughter of Thermopolis, Wyoming; Effie Parsons of Minneapolis; May Parsons and three children of Gonzales, California. Those present from other towns were: Dr. E. H. Parsons, Piedmont, West Virginia; George Parsons of Keyser; the Johnsons of Elkins, Meadowville and Beleaington; the Lantz of Davis; Capt. J. W. Parsons of Kingwood and gran'son, G. F. Brown; D. W. Parsons, wife and son of Montgomery.

Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the day immensely and look forward to the next meeting which will be held at the same place in 1912.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Cyrus Parsons; Vice-President, Bascomb B. Parsons; Secretary, Elizabeth Parsons; Treasurer, M. C. Parsons Pifer.

The sixth Parsons' family reunion was held at Golden Gate Park, May 11, 1912. The "clam" began to arrive at the Haight street entrance at 11:30 o'clock. The reception committee welcomed them and each one was tagged with a red, white and blue barge to show they were members of the "tribe." They were all escorted to the grounds and the lunch table was spread.

After every one was seated at the table, which was loaded with all kinds of good things, Leslie E. Burks, chairman, who is one of the family by marriage, touched the button and the feast began. Everyone ate heartily and many speeches were made during the luncheon hour.

The day was not ideal for a picnic and outing, but all enjoyed it to the fullest extent. There were four generations represented, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Burks and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parsons; Mrs. E. Faw and son; Mrs. L. M. Hicks; Mrs. F. Hart; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Soberanes and children; Judson Parsons, Jr.; Mrs. M. P. Gates and sons; Mr. and Mrs. C. Schafer and son; Mrs. N. H. Bledsoe; Mrs. N. P. Schoonover; J. H. Parsons and son; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Collins; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hellman; Miss Ida Bledsoe, Mrs. E. Harrah and son; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Massengill; Mrs. R. Dey; Mrs. R. A. Bonnifield; Mrs. L. B. Evans; Mrs. V. P. McCabe; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parsons and son; Mrs. S. H. Parsons; Mr. J. H. Leitle; Mrs. E. H. Brown; Mrs. N. J. Brown; Mrs. R. Bragg; Charles B. Parsons

It was voted to hold the seventh Parsons' family reunion at the Stadium, Golden Gate Park, the second Saturday, June, 1913.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Judson Parsons, Jr.; Vice-President, Nancy Parsons Hellman; Secretary, V. P. McCabe; Treasurer, A. E. Burks.

The meeting adjourned and everyone was delighted with their day so pleasantly spent, forming new acquaintances and renewing old friendships.



## PARSONS' REUNION.

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The sixth Annual Parsons Association assembled at the Holly Meadow church, August 17, 1912. The meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock by Ward L. Parsons. The Parsons' Concert Band played "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and the Reverend Henry Clay pastor of the M. E. church South, conducted the devotional services. Hon. Lloyd Hansford delivered the opening address. He compared the Parsons Pioneer to the sturdy oak tree that spreads its branches and resists the storms through many years and continue to grow and wax stronger. The Parsons now reach from Maine to California. The choir sang "America," music by the Band, after which the Secretary read an interesting letter from Hon. W. H. Brown of Kingwood, West Virginia, regretting he could not be present and enjoy the day with one of Virginia's oldest families. Solo, "Come Back to Erin," by Miss Lalah Scott; reading minutes of California Association held at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California, May, 1912, by Virginia Parsons MacCabe, of Oakland, California. The morning exercises closed in order to register.

The lunch tables were spread in the grove with all manner of good things and a general invitation was given to all to come forward and partake of the refreshments. The Rev. W. W. Grover invoked divine blessings and everyone was soon enjoying the most important part of the entertainment. After the contents of the lunch basket were disposed of the vast crowd visited with friends whom they had not seen before in many years. The program was continued in the afternoon. Music by the band; J. J. Scott made a short address. He spoke in a pleasant manner of his affiliation with Parsons when he first came to the county.

William Lee Parsons is numbered among the leading young farmers of St. Charles County. He owns and operates a well improved farm located on section 22, township 45, range 2, and was born on this farm April 28, 1869. He is a young man of practical and progressive ideas, using the latest and most improved

methods in the management of its broad acres. Industrious and persevering, he has met with success during his brief business career, and has a bright and promising future before him.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Thomas Parsons, Sr., was the first white child born in Moorefield, Hardy County, Va., now West Virginia, his birth occurring there about the year 1730. In the development of that state he assisted materially, and bore with courage all the privations and hardships incident to the life of a pioneer. Indians were at that time numerous and dangerous, and the settlers were in constant peril of their lives. At one time they pursued him seventy-five miles, and as he fled through the valleys he could see them hastening down the adjoining mountains. It was a perilous journey, but he finally reached shelter among friends. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. In 1782 he married Elsie Miles, a native of Hardy County, who died there January 19, 1824, aged sixty-six years. His death occurred November 1, 1804.

Of the family of Thomas Parsons, Sr., we note the following: Sarah, born April 20, 1783, married John Hanson in 1803, and afterward moved from Hardy County, Va., to Columbus, Ohio. Hannah, born September 27, 1784, died when a young lady. Mary, who was born September 20, 1786, became the wife of John Hinkle, of Franklin County, Mo., March 24, 1807; years afterwards she moved to Franklin County, Mo. Of her children only two sons survive, John Henry, of Clinton, Mo., and Parsons, who resides on the old homestead.

Next in order of birth among the children of Thomas Parsons, Sr., was Jane, born August 15, 1788, who married William Hinkle October 17, 1809, and afterward moved to Franklin County, Mo., where she and her husband died. Amelia, born February 21, 1790, was married to Ebenezer Welton March 6, 1814, and later moved to Vincennes, Ind. Of their five children only two are living, Mary and Albert. Prudence, born April 11, (?) 1792, married John Stumpe September 12, 1812, and moved to St. Charles County, Mo., but afterward went to St. Louis County, where she and her husband died. Elizabeth, born January 12, 1794, married Samuel Skidmore November (?) 6, 1818. David Miles, born October 12, 1795 (?), married Jemima Harness January 30, 1820. Thomas, Jr., who was born December 25, 1797, died December 22, 1852, age 54 years, 11 months and 28 days, married Phoebe, her birth being April 14, 1809, daughter of Jacob Ward, of Randolph County, Va., their union taking place November 14, 1827, and died January 2, 1860, age 50 years, 8 months and 18 days.

For several years after their marriage Thomas and Phoebe Parsons continued to live in Virginia, but in the fall of 1837 came west and settled in Franklin County, Mo., where they remained until the spring of 1841. They then moved to St. Charles County, Mo., and on the 14th of April, that year, settled on the Haines place, one of the oldest homesteads in the county. There they built up a comfortable abode and became the owners of several hundred acres of valuable land.

The father of our subject, William Ward Parsons, was born in Hardy County, Va., August 18, 1828, and when about sixteen years of age left Virginia, coming with his father to Missouri. On reaching this state he settled on a tract of land now owned by his son, our subject, and in the pursuit of the dual occupation of farmer and stockraiser he became well-to-do. November 14, 1864, he married Maria E., daughter of Levitas (?) and Sarah Livergood, of St. Louis County, Mo. His death occurred August 22, 1876, at which time he left two sons, but our subject is now the only survivor. His widow, who was born in St. Louis County, Mo., died February 8, 1888. Her aged mother, who is now seventy-six years old, after the death of her first husband, Mr. Livergood, became the wife of John Johnson; she is now living on the old homestead with our subject.

Of the brothers and sisters of our subjects father, we note the following: Elizabeth Janie, was born in Hardy County, Va., March 22, 1831, and is still living. Jacob, who was born in Hardy County, June 9, 1833, married Mary F. English, and at his death left two sons, one of whom died in early manhood, and the other, Walter P., is a resident of the state of Washington. Emeline, who was born in Hardy County February 17, 1835, married W. B. Smith, of Franklin County, Mo., March 22, 1869, and both are now deceased; they had four daughters, all of whom are married. George Scott was born in Hardy County, January 22, 1837, and died in St. Charles County, Mo., April 18, 1862. Virginia Ann was born in Hardy County December 28, 1838, and died in St. Charles County, Mo., Sept. 6, 1857. Thomas Miles, born in St. Charles County, July 20, 1842, married March 31, (?) 1870. she died January 18, 1873 (?), leaving a daughter, Nettie R. May 18, 1875, Thomas M., married for his second wife Mary A., daughter of Robert and Ann Allen, of Warren County, Mo., and they have one son, Allen Ward; their home is in Audrain County, Mo. Addie A., who was born in St. Charles County, March 27, 1847, married Dr. A. M. VanDeventer, of Audrain County, where they resided several years. From there they moved to Higby, Randolph County, Mo., where she died March 7, 1887, leaving five daughters,

Minnië A., Jennie D., Carlie H., Medora Addie and Lucy. Medora A., born in St. Charles County, Mo., October 2, 1849, married J. K. (?) P. Stephenson, of Pittsburg, Pa., November 7 (?), 1871. They are residents of St. Louis, and have four children, William P., Dallie E., Alma H. and Daisy Pauline. Mary V. A., born in St. Charles County, December 11, 1851, was married to Dr. S. R. Loving, of Virginia, in January 1877, in Franklin County, Mo. They are living in St. Louis County and have one child named Dovie Lee.

The boyhood of William Lee Parsons was passed in the usual manner of farmer lads, his time being divided between work and play, and attending the district schools. On completing his primary education he entered Mechanicsville Institute, where he remained for a term. When he arrived at suitable years and it became necessary for him to decide upon some occupation for his future life, he concluded to continue as a farmer and has been financially prosperous. He now owns six hundred or more acres of land, most of which is under good cultivation and yields abundant harvests in return for the labor bestowed upon it. This includes the original Thomas Parsons estate.

In religious belief Mr. Parsons is a Methodist, and is serving as Steward of the church. He is also one of the Trustees of Pleasant Hill Methodist church. Fraternally he holds membership with Mechanicsville Lodge No. 160, A. F. & A. M., also I. O. O. F. Lodge of Defiance and Riverside Lodge K. P., St. Charles, and Hiram Council of St. Louis. In his political faith he supports the Democratic cause, and is at all times opposed to monopolies and in favor of free trade. He was married to Mamie Jeffries, a descendant of Sir Joseph Williamson, Secretary of State to England, 1639. September 27, 1899, and they have three children, William Lee, Jr., Samuel Scott, and Oliver Jeffries Parsons.

"West Virginia" was sung by the choir; recitation "Ginevra" by M. C. Linger; address by W. K. Pritt who said he was closely drawn to the Parsons. He was reared on the land which was once in the possession of Captain William Parsons of Revolutionary fame; music by the band; recitation "The Face of the Bar-room Floor," by Mrs. Ward L. Parsons.

The election of officers: President, Cyrus Parsons; Vice-President, Bascomb B. Parsons; Secretary, Elizabeth Parsons; Treasurer, Caroline Parsons Pifer. It was estimated that there were three hundred persons present.

The following states were represented: Diana Parsons Shahan of Lincoln, Nebraska, granddaughter of Dr. Solomon Parsons; Dr. Virginia C. Rigg of Springfield, Illinois, great granddaughter of William Parsons; Luella Valentine Hadix; Genevieve Valentine Stewart; Miss Virginia Valentine, all granddaughters of Sarah Parsons Talbot and of Warsaw, Indiana; Virginia Parsons MacCabe of California; Mrs. Nettie Matthews of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, granddaughter of Job Parsons, Sr.; Garrett Parsons and son of Romney, West Virginia, descendants of Captain James Parsons, of Revolutionary fame; Marshall Ball of Beverly, son of Millindy Parsons Ball; Cora Parsons Groves, of Harmon; Zada Parsons Walford of Davis, West Virginia, daughters of Jacob W. Parsons; Dr. E. H. Parsons of Piedmont, West Virginia; Tabitha Parsons Ryan of Elkins; Levie Johnson and wife of Meadowville. Early in the afternoon the automobiles and carriages lined up to convey the people to their homes. All had spent a very pleasant day and hope to be present in 1913.













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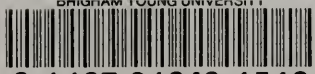








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