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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

### Greetings Cousins

This winter has had us all on our toes and our thoughts of spring are getting closer as is the coming of our next reunion. It is on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and marks our 92<sup>nd</sup> Parsons Family Association reunion in Northampton, Massachusetts.

At 9:00am, we will meet at the Capen Garden, which is part of The Botanic Gardens of Smith College and located in Northampton. We have put more information on the web site in a brochure .pdf form. The below is the description from their web site:

*Capen Garden, named for Bessie Capen, is located off Prospect Street in the northeast corner of the Smith College campus. This secret treasure is one of several outdoor gardens on the 125-acre campus. Its dual functions of education and display serve the Botanic Garden's mission well. The garden is used by horticulture students as a living laboratory, and at the same time it is enjoyed by the visiting public. Displays of tulips, mountain laurel, lilacs, roses, annuals, and perennials in addition to a variety of trees and shrubs make the garden a delight in any season.*

The Botanic Gardens of Smith College will have tour guides available for our group. The tour should take about an hour. Time permitting, there are other gardens and treasures on campus and all are encouraged to view as many as possible. There is no fee; however, I plan on suggesting a donation be made in our group's name.

The Botanic Garden of Smith College, Gardens



The Botanic Garden of Smith College

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## Gardens

The 127 acre campus includes an arboretum and gardens, all part of the Smith's Botanic Garden, combining the best of art and science. [Campus Garden Map](#) [Interactive Map](#)

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The gardens and arboretum are open daily year-round, with no admission (donations gratefully accepted). While we are not a public park, the public is invited to explore the campus.  
For parking information and directions, [click here](#).

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**Lunch is to be held at the Sakura Buffet, 261 King St. Northampton, MA. We have a room reserved from 11-4pm. Please plan to be back by noon for lunch and stay for the family meeting, immediately to follow.**

**The Directors' Meeting will be held Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Brewmaster's Tavern in Williamsburg, MA.**

**The Parsons Family Association, more accurately the entire Parsons family, is currently faced with a sobering reality that the most iconic symbol of our history is in jeopardy. The Parsons Family Historic Home in Northampton is in need of immediate renovations. The most critical is a new furnace. The current furnace failed three times this winter. The expense has caused the home to be closed for the time being.**

**Historic Northampton is working on solutions to this disturbing development. One avenue has been to request monies in the form of a State grant. Another way would be for our family to help by donating to a furnace fund. *We have added a space (in the membership application/renewal form at the end of this newsletter) for donations to match the grant furnace fund.***

**I have sent a letter on behalf of the PFA to the Massachusetts Cultural Counsel in support of this grant to aid the Parsons Home. I will keep everyone updated as to the status of the grant. I have invited the new director of Historic Northampton to our directors meeting and the reunion. Hopefully, she will be able to attend and personally answer any questions or concerns of the family. Please consider donating to the furnace fund with the hopes to reopen and hopefully keep open a very special place to all of us, the Parsons Home in Northampton, Mass. This is where we all started.**

**Finally, I would like to inform anyone who is not aware of Muriel Poulin's Parsons' passing on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Muriel served many functions in the organization, most recently as coordinator of the Cornet Chronicle and assistant to the treasurer. I would also believe that she may have attended more reunions than anyone to date. Muriel leaves behind six children and many grandchildren. Her daughter Kim is our current treasurer and will now be stepping in currently to write the Cornet Chronicle. I welcome ideas now by email or this summer, as to how best commemorate Muriel's spirit and legacy.**

**Deanna Parsons Simons  
President, Parsons Family Association  
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**BREAKING NEWS:**

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**Araina and Bob Heath would like to introduce Nan Wolverton. She is the new Executive Director of the Historic Northampton Museum & Education Center. Due to financial constraints she is able to only work part time. Through the efforts of Camille Cole we were able to learn of her appointment and her efforts to get a State matching grant of \$22,500 to replace the furnaces in the three buildings that they own. This includes The Parsons House which is closed at this time due to the sad state of the furnace.**

***Araina and Bob met with Nan and have some important information to report.***

- 1) Nan and the new treasurer of Historic Northampton are working to set up a separate account for the Parsons House Maintenance Fund.**
  - a) This means that all our donations from this account will go directly to the repair of the Parsons House.**
  - b) There will be a separate place in this letter to make your important donations to the Parsons House Maintenance Fund. The cost of doing the furnace and asbestos in the Parsons House is \$12,000.00.**
  - c) With the replacement of the furnace, Nan would like to use the Parsons House for meetings and get-togethers, etc.**
  
- 2) A position on the Historic Northampton Board of Directors for a member of the Parsons Family Association will be made available.**
  - a) This is a critical time for the relationship between Historic Northampton and The Parsons Family Association. With a new Director and a Parsons' member on the Board, this is an excellent opportunity to usher in a new era.**
  - b) If you would be able to actively serve on this board, PLEASE VOLUNTEER, so you can be confirmed at our annual meeting in July.**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**The organization's financial health remains strong and in line with previous fiscal years. Monies are continually invested in CDs to generate interest. As pursuant to directions from the Board of Directors, one matured CD was closed and deposited into our checking account to fund projects. We are awaiting recommendations from project leaders to define which projects shall be funded.**

**At the previous year's Board meeting a motion was made to research safe investment vehicles with higher rates of interest. The 2013 Mainstay Funds year end statement reports the value has tripled from the initial deposit made in 2002. The research completed and the timing right, I made changes and reallocations to the Mainstay Investment fund in early January 2014 with the required approval.**

**The Mainstay S&P500 Index fund is an aggressive fund, so with the assistance of our financial advisor, Kim Crossman, we reallocated the funds to the following strategy: approximately 2/5th in an aggressive growth fund (S&P500), approximately 2/5<sup>th</sup> in a medium growth fund (non-taxable bond fund), and the remaining 1/5<sup>th</sup> in a highly liquid money market fund. In other words, the fund was reallocated to keep the initial investment in the original aggressive fund. An equal denomination was reallocated to an Unconstrained Municipal Bond Fund which is safer, non-taxable, and has a high rate of interest. Finally, a nominal denomination was reallocated to a Money Market fund which has a higher rate than the bank and is extremely liquid.**

**We are looking to expand our membership base so please mail me yellow book pages from your area for Parsons' so I may send a newsletter. I have attached a membership form at the end of this letter for your convenience.**

**On another note, my mom, Muriel Poulin Parsons' passed away on 1/29/2014 unexpectedly. Muriel was very active in the organization and held most positions as well as Director Status for many years. I know she was attending reunions when she was very young (around 4 years old I think). I think she has been going to reunions for a minimum of 75 years easily – she was born in 1932 and she started going to reunions between 1936 and 1940. The association was originated in 1922. She had her children attending for as long as I can remember and when old enough thrusting me into entry positions or helping some way. I am always amazed at how she found the time in her work years to do so much. Our trips to the reunions were always a good time!**



Muriel & Kim at Look Park Reunion



Muriel with Parsons double cousins: Steven, Jenny, & Melanie Kirouac. (Beverly Parson (mother))

**Muriel activities and interests were varied: She was an avid reader, writer, editor, educator, seamstress, knitter, and did needle worker of all kinds. She played piano, sang in cabarets and quires, loved music, especially classical and Celtic, as well as Broadway and live theater. On her more adventurous side; when she was young, she piloted and co-owned a Culver V plane, parachuted, and got her clean little fingers dirty working on her 1954 Chevy.**

**She was my partner in so many ways and will be sorely missed by me, her family and friends as well as the Parsons Family Association. Hence, this is my first newsletter without her to get it going and I feel like she is here with me while pulling this newsletter together. Muriel "Mom" was an educator at heart, her mother Margaret Parsons was a principle and teacher and returned our letters corrected in red pen when were young. Muriel taught me to be good at editing by being there for me with my course work for my Bachelor's and MBA degrees – "no mercy" was her motto. Therefore, I carry this trait forward when doing the newsletter and hopefully do not slide backwards. Ironically, the 4<sup>th</sup> to last stanza of Kitty Parsons' poem rings true for me especially in respect to the high ethical standards mom passed on – "a true Parsons".**

**If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-475-2499 or [kbgbandits@gmail.com](mailto:kbgbandits@gmail.com). I will be happy to help.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Graham, Treasurer**

#### **HISTORIANS REPORT:**

##### **IMPORTANT PEDIGREES!!!**

*Enclosed is a genealogy chart which we would appreciate it if you could fill out and mail to PFA, PO Box 603, Conway, MA 01341. These will be scanned and sent to the historian. Please include "only you're Parsons Lineage" Gerald's or Henry's and "include their spouses and spouse's parents." If they could possibly tie into a family listed in Gerald's Volume One; they don't need to go all the way back to Cornet Joseph Parsons."*

#### **HISTORIANS' CORNER PFA's MASTER DATABASE:**

**After fielding the usual number of e-mails this year concerning our Parsons Family History, I'm in the process of digitizing hundreds of member pedigrees submitted to the association over the years. This has already added over 1500 individuals to our PFA's Master Database. I intend to upload a revised Internet version (no living individuals) of our master database to our western region's web site at <<http://www.pfawr.org>>, prior to our next 2014 annual reunion in Northampton, MA.**

**This is the last request for member pedigrees and updates that I'll make. If you would like your unique Parsons line included in this upload cycle, please forward a copy of your pedigree to Gary Parsons at <[parsons@pfawr.org](mailto:parsons@pfawr.org)>, as soon as possible. You can also mail it to the PFA, and it will be forwarded to me for inclusion. If not received in the next few months, it will be a few years before another upload cycle is possible.**

#### **GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES:**

**Last year, I attended two genealogical conferences in Oakland and San Francisco, CA, which were hosted by the California Genealogical Society of Oakland, CA, and sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, MA. I attended some very interesting lectures about performing research in New England. This should help me; help you in your unique Parsons research.**

## **FIND-A-GRAVE WEB SITE:**

As the PFA's Historian, I'm also requesting that all members who have headstone photographs of their Parsons ancestors to please post them on a relatively new web site, know as Find-A-Grave. This is a very informative service, and it's free. The more information you supply, the more informative the resource will be.

Please visit the Find-A-Grave web site at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> and see for yourself how informative it can be. Try this Find-A-Grave Memorial # 36038380 for Cornet Joseph Parsons', final resting place.

## **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW:**

Last year, a new program surfaced on the PBS network, here in CA, by the title of "Genealogy Road show". A team of accredited and experienced genealogists supposedly were to teach individuals how to perform their own research, for long lost relatives. However, after viewing a few episodes, in my opinion, the experts performed most of the research without really teaching the guests how to perform the work themselves. Again, in my opinion, this program was an attempt to promote the hiring of expert genealogist for this task, and not teach.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary Parsons, Historian**

## **PARSONS' PROFILE:**

First, we are actively looking for interesting genealogic stories or articles (past and present) to be published in the Parsons Profile or Historic Profile sections of the newsletter. Please contact Kim Graham at [kbgbandits@gmail.com](mailto:kbgbandits@gmail.com) to get your article or history published.

- A historical example would be how my great grandfather, C. Lyman Parsons of Conway, MA, won his bride in a one-horse shay buggy race.
- A personal example would be stories about your hobbies such as I volunteer my time to rehabilitating wild life to give them a second chance. I just set up 2 fundraising events which generated approximately \$1700.00 for the organization.

The poem below is written by Kitty Parsons (Recchia) in 1940 (see photo below) to commemorate the Parsons' Family Association's Silver Anniversary of "25" years and I believe it was presented and published in 1947 at the Parsons' Family Reunion. More info can be found on website below. I discovered the poem in the archives and think it is remarkable and its message is still pertinent today.

**Do you recognize anyone you know in the poem?**

**Do you agree? Do you disagree?**

**Comments are welcome and appreciated!**

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CORNET JOSEPH PARSONS  
AND HIS FAMILY

By KITTY PARSONS (RECCHIA)

Sincerely,  
Kitty Parsons (Recchia)



Written for the twenty-fifth Anniversary  
Celebration of the Parsons Family Association,  
at Northampton, Massachusetts

August sixteenth, nineteen forty-seven

CORNET JOSEPH PARSONS AND HIS  
FAMILY

Three centuries ago—a few years more,  
Some venturesome and able-bodied men  
Defied uncertain elements and crossed  
The turbulent, unquiet seas again.

To settle in an unknown, foreign land,  
And found an unrestricted colony,  
Whose sturdy, forthright seed encouraged us  
In later years, to independency.

In sixteen hundred thirty-five, we know,  
Our energetic Parsons pioneer,  
Bid Torrington, in Devonshire, goodbye,  
And leaving England, firmly rooted here.

Our Joseph One was Thomas Parsons' son,  
Of worthy stock—a Puritan by birth;  
A fair, free-thinking, persevering man,  
As any ever struggled on this earth.

With William Pynchon, bravely he set sail  
From England's well loved, long familiar  
shore,  
And from the John and Mary waved farewell,  
To wind-swept moors and hills forevermore.

In Roxbury he paused, then hurried on  
To Springfield, Massachusetts, where he  
stayed;

And for exclusive rights to deal in furs  
In that great valley, Joseph Parsons paid

A dozen pounds a year. He prospered well  
And traveled in the forest far and wide.  
He knew the Indians and generously,  
Mere apprehension ardently defied.

The Red Men found him honorable and true,  
And rendered friendly commerce with their  
skins;  
Wholeheartedly, he met them man to man,  
Seeing their virtues rather than their sins.

Joseph was witness to the famous deed  
Of cession which the local Indians made  
To Pynchon and the other colonists  
In sixteen thirty-six, for which they paid

Some eighteen yards of wampum, eighteen  
coats,  
And eighteen hatchets, knives and eighteen  
hoes;  
They called it Agawam, then Springfield, Mass.,  
For Pynchon's English home,—the story  
goes.

A wise selectman Joseph Parsons proved,  
Who well deserved the citizens' respect;  
He labored conscientiously and long,  
Was honest, just, and duly circumspect.

At twenty-eight he settled down and wed  
Fair Mary, child of settler Thomas Bliss,  
Of Hartford, who was definitely known  
To be a clever, fascinating miss.

Just nine years later Joseph moved away,  
Some sixteen miles to Northampton, where  
soon  
He started in to build the ancient house  
On Bridge Street, where we met this after-  
noon.

And in the course of time the Parsons raised  
Twelve splendid children for our family tree,  
Which spread its ample branches spaciouly,  
To serve as ancestors for you and me.

White men were few in that vast wilderness,  
And Ebenezer, Joseph Parsons' child,  
Was registered the first white baby born  
In that sparse settlement, deep in the wild.

Our Cornet Joseph did not lightly play  
On tuneful instruments in someone's band;  
His "cornet" title was a martial term,  
Which modern soldiers may not understand.

He fought in early French and Indian strife,  
And served unstintedly in Phillip's War;  
And as Cornet of Hampshire Troop of Horse,  
He had abundant share of blood and gore.

Joseph survived these wars but sad to say,  
At Northfield, Ebenezer lost his life,  
When Massachusetts sons were laboring  
Through fearful days of grievous Indian  
strife.

These forefathers of ours—staunch pioneers,  
Were made of sterner stuff than we today;  
They suffered patiently, slaved and endured,  
What soft descendants view with blank dis-  
may.

The witchcraft rumors now began to spread,  
And reached the stark Northampton settle-  
ment,  
Where Mary Parsons flourished pleasantly,  
Tending her little flock, in calm content.

Then suddenly, the tidings swept abroad,  
That shocked the colony and Mary heard  
Herself accused and fatally bewitched—  
Appalling news, though monstrously absurd.

And so at fifty-five, poor Mary rode  
One hundred miles,—a long and weary way,  
To Boston, at a summons from the judge,  
Who, without hesitation, bade her stay

In prison, rudely, for a trying time,  
Which she observed, and when her case was  
tried,  
So brilliantly conducted her defence,  
Her certain innocence was not denied.

A hard experience, undoubtedly,  
To find oneself so cruelly accused,  
And Mary Parsons thanked the Blessed Lord,  
That ultimately, she had been excused.

The reunited family strove in vain,  
This tragical occurrence to forget,  
And with this hope left Bridge Street's shelt'-  
ring walls,  
And turned towards Springfield with intense  
regret.

And Joseph prospered at his trade in furs,  
Until his death in sixteen eighty-three,  
And Mary lived to ninety, peacefully,  
Leaving this world at last, contentedly.

Our Cornet Joseph left his cherished home  
To Jonathan and through ensuing years,  
The Parsons, Blisses and the Wrights alone,  
Enjoyed its refuge through their long ca-  
reers.

His oldest offspring, Joseph, studied law,  
And won repute as judge of Hampton court;  
While others carried on the family name,  
And for their country resolutely fought.

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These Parsons children, who from Joseph came,  
Bullded a durable, persistent tree,  
From whose far reaching branches have come  
down,  
A varied portion of democracy.

Good lawyers, teachers, soldiers, ministers,  
We find in quantities, sometimes a wife,  
Acclaimed a witch or forced in Indian raids,  
To struggle fiercely for her precious life.

The Stebbins, Sheldons, Fords, Cottons and  
Strongs,  
The Leavitts, Miners, Smiths, Bartletts and  
Days;  
The Cheneys, Hinsdales, Holtons, Whittings,  
Wrights,  
Hunts, Hadleys, Woodfords, Chapins, Graves  
and Ways;

The Coopers, Beckwiths, Woodward, Blotts  
and Clapps,  
The Johnsons, Kingsleys, Blisses, Frenches,  
Lees,  
All touched the Parsons line and left their mark  
Upon their intermingled pedigrees.

Our Parsons homestead here, so well preserved,  
Through changing centuries and storm and  
strife,  
Is now the highly valued meeting place,  
Of this Association for its life.

May we descendants carry on the hopes,  
And strive to keep the laudable ideals,  
That in the archives of its history,  
The Parsons name so frequently reveals.

This silver anniversary today,  
Which we are gathered here to celebrate,  
Should make us pause a fleeting interval,  
To view the past and deeply meditate

Upon those hazardous, tumultuous days,  
Of old New England's dauntless pioneers,  
Who struggled boldly for democracy,  
And left their imprint on those stormy years.

Let us unite and earnestly attempt  
To make it conscientiously our aim,  
That all our future enterprise may bring  
Outstanding credit to the Parsons name.

Kitty Parsons (Recchia)

## **HISTORIC PROFILE:**

**While working on the files, Bob found a letter written January 17, 1834, by Edwin P. Healy of Marcellus, New York to Maurice Parsons of Chesterfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Healy was a cousin. Maurice was the Great Great Great Grandfather of Camille Cole from Portland, Oregon.**

**The next pages are my transcript of that letter. We would like to mention that the original letter is a legal size letter and we had considerable difficulty scanning it. Thus, we just put the transcript in the newsletter. The original, also, had scotch tape on it and Bob could not read the words under the tape. Thus, you will see places where words are missing.**

**We need to decide what to do with this letter. We believe that it should be displayed in a Museum or Library, maybe in Marcellus N.Y. where it will be available to the public. That is one theory. We should decide in July at the Reunion.**

**Araina and Bob Heath**

**Marcellus, N.Y. Jan. 17, 1834**

**Dear Cousins;**

**Being leisurely this afternoon the thoughts struck my mind of writing a letter to some of my friends. Accordingly, I took my pen and paper and seated myself. But, without thinking to whom I should write. After a moment's pause and reflection my mind was sensibly drawn to my friends at Chesterfield and felt that I should address them all by letter. But, as I cannot do this now and as I have some important information of a relig. *[Scotch tape over writing, can't read]***

**Profess to love God and probably will be interested to hear of the outpourings of the spirit; I thought that I would direct my letter to you. Numberless things press into my mind upon which it might be profitable to write. But, a single sheet will hold but little. Therefore, I must fix on something definite. But Sir, the very circumstance of my directing my letter to N. England fills my mind with a train of reflection, the most interesting and solemn. Yours sir, is the land of my ancestors and there most of my kindred, according to the flesh, yet live. Yours is the land of the ancient Puritans. Yes in your state they erected the standard of the cross (IE) they set up the interest of Jesus Christ Kingdom in preference to their own. They united themselves in solemn compact and having asylum, they enjoyed the presence of God and the liberty of conscience and they found water in the wells of salvation and bread in the store house of God. They flourished like willows by the water courses and their increases there were many. The wilderness receded before their diligent hands. The earth opened her bosom to receive from their hand good seed. The sun poured forth its radiant beams to warm the fertile soil. The gathering clouds hovered over and distilled their dew drops in plentiful effusions. The revolving of the seasons presented the**

fields white for the harvest and in short I am induced to believe it the happiest time American citizens ever saw. But in process of time as their number increased they spread in different directions into the wilderness. The native soil was unpressed by the foot of man. Except, by the forest savage in his pursuit of the beast that roamed over the hills and dales. The limpid stream that glides to pure waters through this town sent up its silent murmurs upon the lofty trees of its banks, unheard, except by the feathered tribe and the trainbands of quadrupeds who in their mystic plays ranged these hills unmolested in sportive mood. Here were known the Sabbath breakers, No, profane swearers, No, reviles of the religion of Jesus, No, presumptuous and heaven dareing blasphemus and No, gospel hardened sinners and contempness of the spirit of God. But again here were no Bibles read, No heralds of the cross to tell of the free salvation of the gospel. No, table spread with the symbolical emblems of the body and blood of Christ. No, sanctuaries, No, domestic fireside, No, family altar and No God worshipped. But, at length the time came when the sons of the eastern veterans ventured into this delightful region and commenced their applications of improvements and among the numbers were my honoured Father and Mother. They, with expectations common with new beginings in the world. Labored and toiled and enjoyed the good of their labors. I, in the trials incident to human nature they had a share and living long enough to see sanctuaries reared, families altars erected, Churches formed and Pastors settled. My Mother died and I hope what was Fathers, My own, My Sisters loss was her unspeakable gain. But for what ( you may have already imagined)is this long preamble? Simply to glimpse at the goodness of God and at his own ruling Providence. His goodness in planting a vine in the valley and watering it as it had need with the dews of Heaven. His providence in (*ordinsiging?*) it so that I should be born and educated under the full blase of the Gospel sun. One eccepion after another has been made to our little Church up to the present time. Within a few years past protracted meeting have become popular and not only popular but have been the means which God has been pleased to bless in a wonderful degree. You hear much, doubtless, of the new western measures and you may have formed an unfavorable opinion of them. But, under the use of such measures it was that God in his matchless grace saw fit to convince me of my sin and stouthearted and rebellious as I was, to bring me to the dust. Some of the most remarkable conversions ever known in this section of the country have taken place in meetings conducted upon what is termed the new measures plan. In the Church of our order in this place there has been protracted meetings three years ago, one two years ago and the last commenced last Thursday the ( 2 or 26)of Dec. and continues until Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Church was in a very cold backsliding state and also somewhat divided as to mode of operation. Under such unfavorable auspices, our meeting commenced. The preaching at first was directed to the Church who were taught to feel and pray that they must

sink out of themselves into the will of God that they might be chained in the (*uss-cross?*) that they might become the agent of God in converting sinners. After three days the workings of the spirit became distinctly visible. Humble confessions on the part of the Church were made and some sinners began to tremble and felt it a privilege to walk forward in the presence of the assembly to seats designated.

*[Another piece of tape and I couldn't read the words]*

**People of**

And increasing until the end of the meeting. Day before yesterday another protracted meeting commenced in the Methodist Denomination. Thus far I have attended and in order that I may give some account of the meeting. I will postpone finishing my letter until the close of it. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> my health since my (a date) has been rather poor. I have had an uncommon hard cold but, am now getting better. The second meeting closed day before yesterday. The results of it were glorious, 50 or more professed and have passed from death to life and among the number are 4 of the beloved youth of my school. The spirit of the Lord is still working upon the hearts of many who it is to be greatly feared will continue to do as they have done. Greive it away until thow will have to take up the woeful lamentation the harvest is past, the summer ended and we are not saved. During both meetings opposition has raged to considerable of an extent. Infidelity has martialed its force. The ----- ( its cry?) of to fast, or to slow, or not Gods time. But Gods word has not returned void. It has been like barbed arrows in the hearts of some of the Kings enemies. I must break off short as I have much writing to do before next Thursday. Our Family are all well as usual about our (*aul as?*) affairs. I have nothing of importance to write. As to myself, you were probably informed by Cousins Lyman of my business. I commenced school on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Oct. And expect to keep about 2 ½ months longer. I have \$14 this month. I have a very pleasant School and have enjoyed myself very well since I have been thus engaged. The whole number of schoolers that I have had is 85, many of whom are men and women. Please give my Love to all enquiring Friends and particularly to sister Hannah. Our people all join in love. Please write as soon as you receive this.

**From your cousin**

**Edwin P. Healy**

**p.s. Please pardon poor writing and all mistakes. As I have written in great haste.**

**Marcellus, N.Y. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1834**

**To;**

**Maurice Parsons**

**Chesterfield, Hampshire Co., Mass.**

## Hotels – Motels:

Red Roof Inn South Deerfield 9 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield, MA 01373  
[www.redroof.com](http://www.redroof.com) (413) 665-7161

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**Place:** Brewmaster's Tavern, 4 Main Street, Williamsburg, MA, 01096  
[brewmasterstavern.com](http://brewmasterstavern.com)(413) 268-7741

**Date:** Friday, July 25, 2014

**Price:** Ordering from the Menu

**RSVP:** Kim Graham, 48 Parsons Rd, Conway, MA. 01341  
PFA, PO Box 603, Conway, MA 01341

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**Place:** Sukura's Buffet, 261 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060  
413) 587-0388

**Date:** Saturday, July 26, 2014

**Price:** \$13.00

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# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

No. 1 on this chart is the same as  
No. \_\_\_ on pedigree chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

1.

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NAME  
Born  
Place

Married  
Place

Died  
Place

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SPOUSE (of no. 1)

2.

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FATHER (of no. 1)  
Born  
Place

Married  
Place

Died  
Place

3.

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MOTHER (of no. 1)  
Born  
Place

Died  
Place

4.

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FATHER (of no. 2)  
Born  
Place

Married  
Place

Died  
Place

5.

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MOTHER (of no. 2)  
Born  
Place

Died  
Place

6.

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FATHER (of no. 3)  
Born  
Place

Married  
Place

Died  
Place

7.

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MOTHER (of no. 3)  
Born  
Place

Died  
Place

8.

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FATHER (of no. 4)  
Born  
Place  
Married  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_

9.

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MOTHER (of no. 4)  
Born  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_

10.

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FATHER (of no. 5)  
Born  
Place  
Married  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_

11.

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MOTHER (of no. 5)  
Born  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_

12.

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FATHER (of no. 6)  
Born  
Place  
Married  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_

13.

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MOTHER (of no. 6)  
Born  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_

14.

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FATHER (of no. 7)  
Born  
Place  
Married  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_

15.

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MOTHER (of no. 7)  
Born  
Place  
Died  
Place

Cont on  
chart no  
\_\_\_\_\_