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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Cousins,

The snow is flying fast and furious in February, but before we know it, spring will be just around the corner. So too, the Parsons Family Reunion is just around the corner, scheduled for July 20th, 2013 at the Silver Bay Resort, Silver Bay, NY 12874 (on Lake George.) Please follow the link to <http://www.silverbay.org> to check out the facilities and grounds. We are going to have our director's meeting and reunion both on the grounds. We are fortunate that the Resort will be able to accommodate us with lodging and meals at one facility. Once you have arrived, there will be no need to drive to any other locations for this event.

Stop by the Inn first as you arrive and look for information posted about our reunion. Some of these events cannot be scheduled until we get closer. I plan on having a board posted at the Inn of the events and times for Saturday's reunion. Silver Bay has a multitude of opportunities for boating, hiking, swimming, just about anything related to summer and fun. We will have a BBQ on Saturday at noon. Any other meals you require during your stay are including in the cost of lodging. So, if you stay overnight and want breakfast, you would head for the dining hall free of charge. I have included a sample (not actual) of the meals offered last summer. This will give you an idea of your options. I am going to book sight-seeing boat tours of Lake George that leave from Silver Bay.....They are about an hour a piece and take twelve people at a time. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to be together comfortably, without extra travel.

Our Very Own Web Administrator, Karen Vorbeck Williams, has won first place at the New England Book Festival (January 2013), for her general fiction novel, *My Enemy's Tears*. Please send her a note of congratulations and order a copy of her book. She is always willing to sign your personal copy and other interested family and friends. Way to go, Karen.

IMPORTANT!!!

Enclosed is a genealogy chart we would appreciate if you could fill out and mail to PFA, PO Box 603, Conway, Ma 01341. These will be scanned and sent to Gary, the historian.

Gary requests you include "only your Parsons Lineage" and "also include their spouses and spouse's parents." Also, 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."

Round table Discussion: How do we all fit together? :

I am organizing a Round Table/Fire Side Chat activity for Saturday night of our reunion, July 20th 2013, at Silver Bay for all those interested. Our officers are gathering art supplies to bring along to draw our family trees. We would like to connect as many people present at this event, as possible. Gary Parsons, our historian, is very much interested in acquiring the lineage of our new and old members. I, personally, am curious to integrate as many at the reunion as possible. We often are too busy with reunion business to have the time to attempt a challenge such as this.

However, a large majority of family will be staying at the accommodations at Silver Bay, and this will give us a privileged chance to gather and share our common clan. Consequently, I would like to extend an invitation, to everyone, to bring what they know about their descendants and put it down on paper!!!

Director's Meeting, Friday July 19th 2013 6:00pm- 9:00pm

We will be meeting on the grounds of Silver Bay on Lake George, New York at their Boathouse, where will be having dinner and our meeting.

Rates for Lodging (including meals)

Please look on-line or call (518)543-8833 for more information and to book these accommodations. Some are more dorm-like, so please do some research on what would make you comfortable.

Inn: Private Bath: \$228 Single; \$149 Double; \$120 Triple; \$82 (ages 13-17); \$52 (ages 6-12); <5 free
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(See menu suggestions before the directions to Silver Bay).

Respectfully submitted

Deanna Parsons Simons, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

During this time period the most important activity was reinvesting our CDs in order to get the best interest. I am in the process of researching higher interest bearing vehicles. If any member has suggestions for investments or cost reduction ideas, please let me know. Thanks in advance

I am interested in whether you would like to receive your letter by email or the present format. This could save considerable postage. My question to you is, "do you know five other people who

would like to receive this newsletter? Please send me their names and addresses to be added to the mailing list.

The editors of this newsletter are always looking for Parsons' Profiles –stories which are talked about in your own family. Every Parsons has a story of some sort, and it would be marvelous to be able to print some of these in the newsletter. Please send these to me at PFA, Box 603, Conway, MA 01341.

Also, I am always available by email (kbgbandits@gmail.com) or by phone at 413-545-3374 (work) or 413-475-2499 (cell).

Respectfully,

Kim Graham, Treasurer

HISTORIANS REPORT

PFA Board,

I have a few items I would like to get the boards opinion about.

Item 1:

I have been working on the PFA's Master Database (formerly the PFAWR's Master Database) for many years and it's time to share it with other PFA members. At this year's reunion, I would like to distribute flash-drives with copies of our master database, and where to download the free PAF 4.0 or 5.2 programs (Mac and/or PC) to view it on (<https://familysearch.org/products>). Unlike the Internet version, I would include source information, and living descendants. The master database currently contains 15,295 descendants of William Parsons and Margaret Hoskins, and their spouses. After viewing, PFA members would be encouraged to submit additions and/or corrections.

Item 2:

I've been collecting PFA member memorials from our corporate web page and obituaries sent to me from various PFA members, past and present. Unfortunately, I can't connect very many of them into our master database of linked individuals. In the past, for various reasons, PFA members have sent in their pedigrees to the association, to be filed away. Is it possible for Bob Heath to send me copies of these pedigrees from the files, so that I can include them in our master database?

Item 3:

As the PFA's new Historian: Is there a detailed history of our association from the very beginning? Hopefully, it would include all of the past Presidents and their boards. Along this same line, in the files, are there newsletters from the association's inception? Also, it would be very helpful if I had these at my disposal.

Let me know what you think.

Gary Parsons, Historian

PARSONS' PROFILE

The Life of George Augustus Parsons (1868-1926)

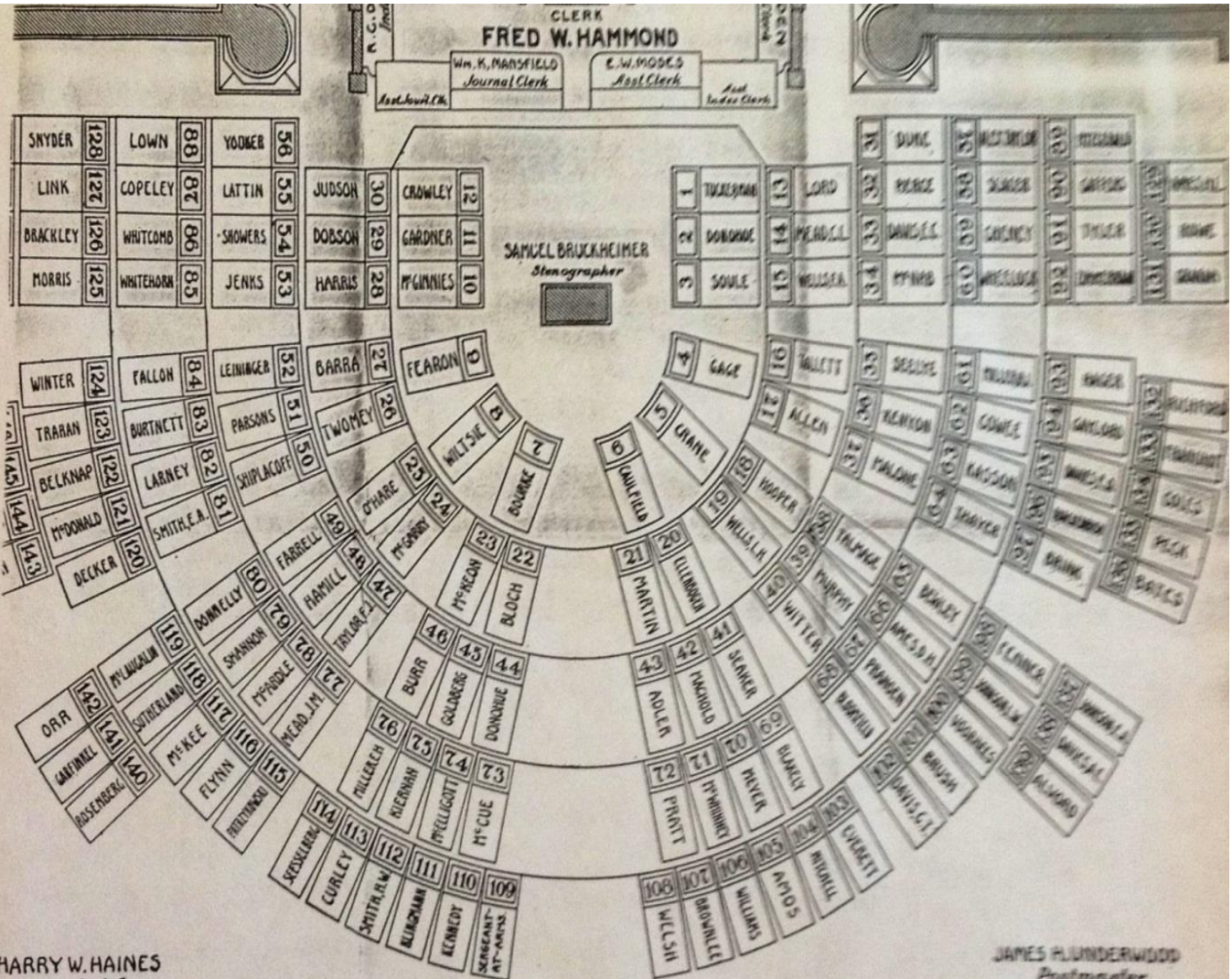
As told by his daughter Bernice Parsons Pollard (1993)

Edited for space by her great niece, Deanna Parsons Simons



George Augustus Parsons, my father, leaves me with happy memories of the years when he was the chief interest in my young life. He was born April 18, 1868, and he married Emma Gordon in 1894.

Dad was a hop and dairy farmer by occupation. He took time to offer his services to organizations that would improve life for the people in his county of Schoharie, NY. In 1895, he was elected Justice of the Peace and was re-elected in 1911. He was elected Supervisor of the Town of Sharon in 1910, and held that office until 1917.



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In 1917, he was elected Member of the State Assembly, and re-elected in 1918 (Seat # 51). While he was in the Assembly he was placed on two committees – Internal Affairs and Agriculture – a real honor, and he had “a speaking acquaintance with twenty members”. He helped organize the Agricultural College in Cobleskill (SUNY Cobleskill), a “cow college” as some liked to call it. He served on the Board of Trustees, and one of the college dorms carries the name of Parsons Hall.

Dad was interested in starting farmers ‘fire insurance company and he helped organize the Sharon, Seward and Carlisle Cooperative Fire Insurance Company. After that most farm fires were paid for by this company. Dad had to report to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

Dad was interested in starting a Farm Bureau organization to help farmers make a good living from crops and cattle. He was the first Farm Bureau president when Ray F. Pollard came to Schoharie County to live and to work as the “Farm Bureau Man”.

Dad was treasurer for the Sharon Dutch Reformed Church. Mother counted the money and kept the books. Church collections were often insufficient to cover weekly needs and Dad would have to subsidize the pastor with money or food.

The Sunday school was very important to my father and he accepted the position of Sunday School Superintendent. He loved children and I can remember him leading up in the song “Open up your windows, open wide you doors and let the blessed sunshine in” as he conducted the opening service. Our family rode to church in the “surrey with the fringe on top”.

When Dad went to the bank to deposit the church money he always wore a good suite and his derby hat.

Dad was a hop and dairy farmer. Late in summer he would be at home to keep an eye on the gathering and drying of hops. The heat and sulphur he used to dry the hops was more than most people could stand but he raked the crop in his bare feet in order to get it dry and ready to bale for the hop market. He also kept his eyes nightly on romantic pickers who should have been in bed getting their sleep for another day in the hop yards.

Dad was a good butcher too. In order to feed a family of ten all year, and the hop pickers in season, he killed on beef and four hogs. They were stored in a cold cellar until Dad could get them cut up in pieces and Mother could get them canned, pickled in large earthenware jars or smoked in that little house out back. This house was once a toilet but its seats were removed, the building was scrubbed and it became a smoke house where meats like ham and bacon got their good flavor. Mother was remembered for her delicious canned pork tenderloin too. Dad’s sons who attended an agricultural college (Cornell University) were home on vacation and since it was butchering time they asked if they could show their skills. The mess they made of the butchering disgusted Dad and he never gave them a second chance.

Dad was very sociable and our house was open to many. Our pastor served two parishes and he felt free to stop any time to be fed or even housed for the night. Three of our Sharon High School staff slept more than one night under our roof and partook of Mothers’ good meals.

Mother ran the farm while Dad was away. She missed him very much and I will never forget her hiding in the pantry when he came home for a week and how he searched for her and their warm and loving kiss when she was found.

Dad liked to be well informed on country life. He was the only one in our neighborhood who took a daily newspaper. He subscribed to The American Agriculturist, The Saturday Evening Post, and any other agricultural report he could find. He took the Ladies 'Home Journal for Mother. It was easy for him to visit with people from any walks of life.

Dad took over the caring for his father who lived with us in a room called the nursery. Grandfather would get a spell of lying on his back in bed at night. All of a sudden he would start yelling and my father would have to go downstairs through very chilly rooms and turn him over so that everyone could get back to sleep. As long as he lived Grandpa sawed up wood for his own stove and considered it a privilege. Wood stoves were the only kind of stoves farmers had. We had at least six to heat that big house.

In my bedroom at night after all the kerosene lamps had been turned down, I could hear Dad and Mother, who always slept together, talking of their plans and problems, laughing or serious, and then several short sweet kisses and "good night". How I wished I could be so lucky someday to have all that makes marriages so wonderful – then I left for Slumber land.

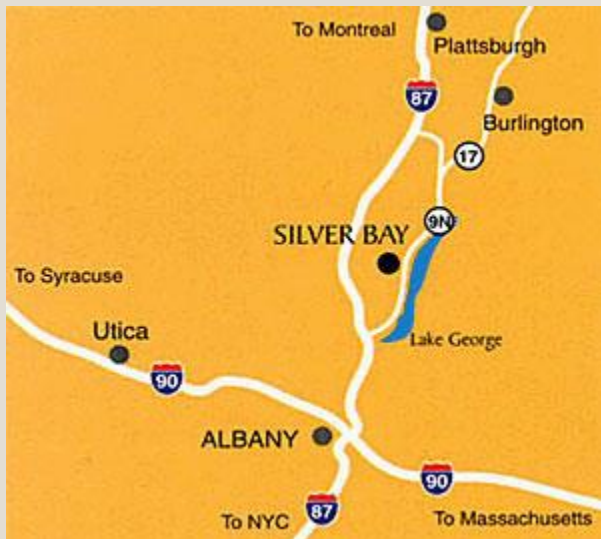
Dad liked to give Mother Gifts. There was a beautiful box with a pair of kid gloves. There were boxes of candy: one kind was a Whitman's Sampler and I still find it in the market. There was a silk umbrella that deteriorated in a corner of the front hallway. She had no use for it because we always rode to church in the surrey-with-the-fringe- on-top. I still have the cut glass cream and sugar set he gave to show his love.

A wide porch was added to the house from the door to the winter kitchen on around the corner of the house. The ladies from the Dutch Reformed Church saw it as a gathering spot for their strawberry shortcake and ice cream festival. My Mother, on the night of the party, baked all of the baking powder biscuits for the shortcake and others brought homemade ice cream. People brought their lanterns and Dad helped them hang them around the porch for light. The first night was a great success.

Life ahead looked very promising but then we found trouble in store for us. Dad's health began to give him pain. A doctor's examination advised surgery in a hospital without delay. Dad was our mainstay and how could we live without his weekly visits. All of a sudden we realized he was selling all of his cows. There was only one cow left behind on those green pastures and she was lame. She moored and moored all night long.

Dad's funeral was held in his church, the Dutch Reformed Church. The funeral procession from the church rode past the farm on its way to the Leesville Cemetery. Dad's favorite pony stood with her head hanging over the wooden bar of the gate. She seemed to realize that he was gone, but not forgotten.

DIRECTIONS TO SILVER BAY



By Car from the South: Silver Bay is 90 minutes from Albany, NY. Take the Adirondack Northway (RT 87) to Exit 24 (Bolton Landing)*, drive east five miles to the road's end at Route 9N. Turn left and drive north approximately 13 miles to Silver Bay. Look for SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION with the YMCA logo sign on the right, two miles past Sabbath Day Point. Turn right onto Silver Bay Road and drive onto the campus. Register at the Silver Bay Inn. The Inn is located on the circular drive just north of the tennis courts. Registration is on the first floor on the South side of the porch. Angle park in the Inn circle while you are checking in. You will be given directed where to unload and park your vehicle.

*Note that there is also an Exit 24 on the NYS Thruway you should follow if you are driving from New York City. Immediately after the toll booth at Exit 24, follow signs for Montreal/RT 87N/The Adirondack Northway.

By Car from the North: Silver Bay is 15 minutes from Ticonderoga, New York. Follow RT 9N to Hague, New York from the Monument in Ticonderoga. Silver Bay is 4 miles from the town of Hague. Look for the SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION signs and the YMCA logo on the left past the Silver Bay Post Office and Silver Bay General Store. Turn left onto Silver Bay Road and drive straight ahead until you arrive on campus. Register at the Silver Bay Inn. The Inn is located on the circular drive just north of the tennis courts. Registration is on the first floor on the South side of the porch. Angle park in the Inn circle while you are checking in. You will be directed where to unload and park your vehicle.

By Air: Albany, NY and Burlington, VT airports are served by both commuter and major airlines, with connections from anywhere in the nation.

By Bus: Buses from major cities stop south of Silver Bay in Lake George Village and Glens Falls, New York.

By Train: Two Amtrak trains per day stop in Ticonderoga (20 minutes north of Silver Bay) year-round. One departing from Penn Station in NYC and one arriving at Penn Station in NYC. All trains stop at the Albany/Rensselaer station to travel north to Ticonderoga.

Silver Bay Dining Hall Sample Menu					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Scrambled Eggs	Scrambled Eggs	Scrambled Eggs	Scrambled Eggs	Scrambled Eggs	Scrambled Eggs
Tofu Scramble	Tofu Scramble	Tofu Scramble	Tofu Scramble	Tofu Scramble	Tofu Scramble
Blueberry Pancakes	Cheese Blintz	Waffles	French Toast Sticks	Pancakes	French Toast
Home Fries	Home Fries	Home Fries	Home Fries	Home Fries	Home Fries
Bacon	Sausage Links	Bacon	Corned Beef Hash	Sausage Links	Bacon
Hot & Cold Cereal	Hot & Cold Cereal	Hot & Cold Cereal	Hot & Cold Cereal	Hot & Cold Cereal	Hot & Cold Cereal
Assorted Fruit	Assorted Fruit	Assorted Fruit	Assorted Fruit	Assorted Fruit	Assorted Fruit
Assorted Pastries	Assorted Pastries	Assorted Pastries	Assorted Pastries	Assorted Pastries	Assorted Pastries
Yogurt Cups	Yogurt Cups	Yogurt Cups	Yogurt Cups	Yogurt Cups	Yogurt Cups
LUNCH:					
Baked Potato Bar	Deli Bar	Cilantro Chicken	Steak Fajitas	Deli Bar	
Cheddar Cheese Sauce	Cream Soup	cali burger	Tempeh Fajitas	Veggie Chili	
Steamed Broccoli	Broth Soup	tomato avacado rice salad	Vegan Refried Beans	Brown Rice	
Vegetarian Chili	Garden Salad Bar	chips pickles	Mexican Corn	Garden Salad Bar	
Soup... Salad (all days)					
DINNER:					
Roast N.Y. Strip Loin	Broccoli & Cheddar	Roast Turkey Breast	Seafood Alfredo	BBQ Night	
Roasted Red Potatoes	Stuffed Chicken Breast	Cheddar Mashed Potatoes	Garden Marinara	BBQ Chicken	
California Blend Veg.	Rice Pilaf	Apple Walnut Stuffing	Oiled Pasta	Hamburgers	
Cous Cous Stuffed Peppers	Baby Carrots	Vegan Cutlet Parmesan	Whole Green Beans	Veggie Burgers	
Salad Bar	Ratatouille over Spirals	Chef's Vegetable	Salad Bar	Pasta Salad	
Rolls & Butter	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Rolls & Butter	Hummus w/ Pita Points	
Pumpkin Pies	Rolls & Butter	Rolls & Butter	Brownies	Watermelon	

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NOTE: Silver Bay Lodgers includes meals. If you are staying at other accommodations the meals will be not be included.

NAMES:

REUNION RESERVATIONS:

Place: Silver Bay Resort, Silver Bay, NY 12874 (on Lake George.)

Date: July 20, 2013

**Price: \$23.00 Per Person—Children under 12 Free
Includes Entertainment (Cruise) and Banquet**

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