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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PFA President Deanna Parsons-Simons on the upcoming reunion

Greetings Cousins,

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In the spirit of this auspicious occasion, we have organized this year's 103rd PFA family reunion to highlight our Parsons patriot ancestors in **Saratoga Springs, New York on Saturday, July 25th**. If you haven't already registered, **please visit the Reunions tab of our family website <https://parsonsfamilyassn.org> or fill out a registration form right in this issue.**

We will meet at the Orenda Pavilion in Saratoga Spa State Park at 10:00 AM. After some time with the full group and a light lunch, we have prepared some afternoon outings to see some of the local sites including Saratoga Race Course and the Battlefield of Saratoga. Those who wish can return to the place that proved to be a turning point for the American Revolution in 1777. Saratoga is flush with activities in the summer, there is literally something for everyone.

With the assistance of our family historian and the Executive Committee, we have compiled an exciting list of our Parsons relatives that were involved in the revolution. During our time together, we will be highlighting a few of our brave patriots. If you have not done so already, please fill out the pedigree in this issue, so that we can try to trace your line back to a patriot of the Parsons family.

Our annual general meeting for the association will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd, via Zoom. We will be sending out an electronic invitation as we get closer. I would like all of you who have made this organization such a success.

Can't wait to see you this summer! And please remember to renew your dues!

Warmly,

Deanna Parsons Simons, President, Parsons Family Association

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PARSONS PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Find your Parsons ancestor from the 18th century!

A major facet of our 2026 reunion in Saratoga will be talking about our family's influence on the American Revolution, including those brave souls who fought at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777. As part of that discussion, **we encourage attendees to fill out the pedigree chart on that follows and email it back to us at parsonsfamilyassociation@gmail.com, so that we can potentially link you to our existing family files and find your very own patriot ancestor.** Your Executive Committee has already started this process; here is a list of your officers' patriot ancestors. This includes names and information, as well as the ID number of that ancestor in our Parsons family database. What follows was compiled by PFA Historian, Gary Parsons.

President Deanna Simons', Vice President Nick Simons', Vice President Betsy Chirinos', and Secretary Trisa Palacio's Patriot Ancestors

+ **Aaron Parsons, Sr.** (#746), son of Daniel Parsons & Abigail Cooley. He did civil service in MA. He was born on 2 Jun. 1712, married to Mercy Atchinson on 2 Oct. 1732, and died on 4 Aug. 1795. He is buried in Springfield Cemetery, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA, USA.

+ **Elijah Parsons, Sr.** (#6753), son of Aaron Parsons, Sr. & Mercy Atchinson. He was a Private in a MA unit. He was born on 17 Apr. 1744, first married to Eunice Cadwell on 26 Oct. 1769, then married to Eunice Jennings on 30 Apr. 1785, and died on 5 May 1796. His burial location is unknown.

Vice President Elizabeth Patton's Patriot Ancestor

+ **John Parsons, Sr.** (#8036), son of Timothy Parsons Sr., & Mary Robinson. He was a Lieutenant in a MA unit. He was born on 1 Jan. 1737, first married to Hannah Wadsworth in 1760, then married to Mercy Gibson in 1777, and died on 2 Mar. 1821. He is buried in Sandisfield Center Cemetery, Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., MA, USA.

Treasurer Kim Graham's Patriot Ancestor

+ **Joel Parsons Sr.** (#32652), son of Chadwell Parsons, Sr., & Ruth Wood. He as a Private in a MA unit. He was born on 28 Jan. 1753, married to Tryphena Booth on 31

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Jul. 1775, and died on 9 Aug. 1831. He is buried in Howland Cemetery, Conway, Franklin Co., MA, USA.

Historian Gary Parsons' Patriot Ancestors

+ **Noah Parsons, Jr.** (#108), son of Noah Parsons, Sr., & Mindwell Edwards. He was a Sergeant in a MA unit. He was born on 6 Feb. 1731, married to Phebe Barlett on 9 Jan. 1755, and died on 11 Jan. 1814. He is buried in Bridge St. Cemetery, Northampton, Hampshire Co., MA, USA.

+ **Noah Parsons, III** (#104), son of Noah Parsons, Jr., & Phebe Bartlett. He was a Private in a MA unit. He was born on 30 Aug. 1755, married to Sarah C. Edwards on 14 May 1778, and died on 16 Feb. 1814. He is buried in Center Cemetery, Westhampton, Hampshire Co., MA, USA.

[You can download a fillable pedigree chart here.](#)

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY		Four Generation Pedigree Chart	
			
YOUR FATHER		PATERNAL GRANDFATHER	PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER
Name		Name	Name
Birth Date		Birth Date / Place	Birth Date / Place
Birth Place		Death Date / Place	Death Date / Place
Death Date		PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER	PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
Death Place		Name	Name
Marriage Date		Birth Date / Place	Birth Date / Place
Marriage Place		Death Date / Place	Death Date / Place
		Death Date / Place	Death Date / Place
YOU		PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER	PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER
Name		Name	Name
Birth Date		Birth Date / Place	Birth Date / Place
Birth Place		Death Date / Place	Death Date / Place
Marriage Date		PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER	PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
Marriage Place		Name	Name
		Birth Date / Place	Birth Date / Place
		Death Date / Place	Death Date / Place
		Death Date / Place	Death Date / Place
YOUR MOTHER		MATERNAL GRANDFATHER	MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER
Name		Name	Name
Birth Date		Birth Date / Place	Birth Date / Place
Birth Place		Death Date / Place	Death Date / Place
Death Date		MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER	MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
Death Place		Name	Name
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LATEST PFA FAMILY DATABASE SUMMARY

General information about our family history files

Currently, our PFA's Family History Files contain a total of 29,537 individuals and growing. The file is made up of descendants of William Parsons & Margaret Hoskins and their spouses. Of these, 7,383 have the Parsons surname. Also, all women are listed by their maiden names, where possible.

The following numbers represent our known relatives, spouses, and their parents, all born or died in and around Northampton, Massachusetts.

- + Easthampton, Massachusetts – Born: 107; Died: 98
- + Hadley, Massachusetts – Born: 65; Died: 60
- + Northampton, Massachusetts – Born: 1,301; Died: 457; Buried in [Bridge St. Cemetery](#): 502
- + Southampton, Massachusetts – Born: 95; Died: 62
- + Westhampton, Massachusetts – Born: 203; Died: 155; Buried in [Center Cemetery](#): 317

PARSONS VETERANS IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Cross-referencing our family database with national veterans

Cross-referencing our family database with national veterans, there are 171 Parsons veterans buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, with a list summarized below. The five-digit ID codes correspond to our genealogy program. If anyone can add to this list, please notify our Historian, Gary Parsons at parsons@pfawr.org.

Our Parsons Veterans

1. Lt. Clara Doolittle Parsons (#42479)
2. R. Adm. Edwin Charles Parsons (#27949)
3. Capt. Elias Howard Parsons (#11549)
4. P.F.C. Irvin Charles Parsons, Jr. (#41664)

Spouse's of our Veterans in Arlington

- (no record of her marriage found)
- Catherine *Gardner* Parsons (#56364)
- Mary Augusta *Giesy* Parsons (#35066)
- Wilma Jean *Bradshaw* Parsons (#56365)

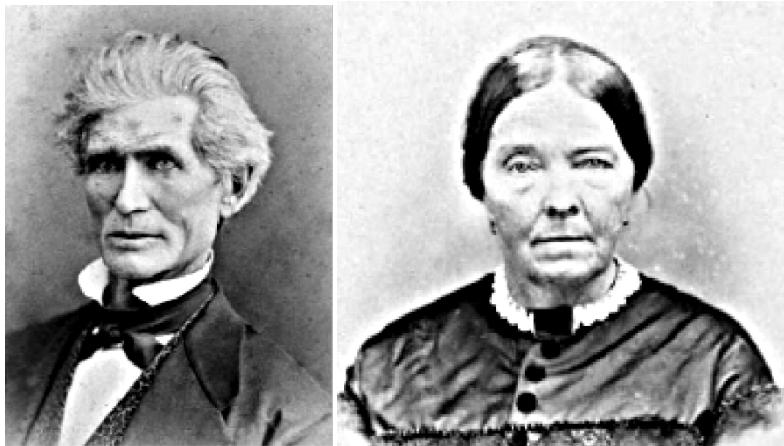
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| 5. Navy Engineer Isaac Brown Parsons (#9234) | Elizabeth <i>Gaylord</i> Parsons (#9238) |
| 6. Lt. Col. John Bernard Parsons (#29711) | Riemann R. <i>Recher</i> Parsons (#39302) |
| 7. Lt. Col. John Randolph Parsons, Jr. (#20) | Chung Ok <i>Kim</i> Parsons (#90) |
| 8. Maj. Marvel Harold Parsons (#29363) | (wife is not in Arlington, #44456) |
| 9. R. Adm. William Sterling Parsons (#40602) | (wife is not in Arlington, #40603) |

NATIONAL CITY, CA CO-FOUNDER: THERON PARSONS

PFA Historian Gary Parsons shares a story about his ancestor

As your Historian and a long time PFA member, here is my Parsons line (William¹, Joseph, Sr.², Joseph, Jr.³, Noah, Sr.⁴, Noah, Jr.⁵, Noah, III⁶, Noah, IV⁷, **Theron**⁸, Silenus⁹, John, Sr.¹⁰, Robert, Sr.¹¹, Gary¹²). Theron Parsons (1805-1893) was the son of Capt. Noah Parsons and Thankful Edwards, both of Westhampton, MA. He was born and grew up in Otisco, Onondaga Co., NY, and as a young man, worked as a printer in Watertown, NY. He eventually became an Editor for the Watertown Post.



On Sept. 25, 1827, Theron married Lovina Collins (1807-1873), and they had seven children. Like many men of his time, Theron was looking for real estate and other investment opportunities in the west. In 1852, he traveled to California and tried his hand at gold mining, but failed. He returned to New York, collected his family, and relocated initially to northern Illinois, then to Mankato, Minnesota, looking for better opportunities. Towards this end, in 1868, Theron decided to move his family to California. They left Mankato early that year and stayed for a short time with his late brother's family in Santa Clara Co., California before heading south to San Diego.

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Theron began purchasing land almost as soon as he arrived in San Diego. On Jan. 5, 1869, he and W. J. Pettit purchased part of Alonzo Horton's land grant for \$1,000 and a lot owned by Capt. S. S. Dunnells for \$300. On Jan. 12, he bought another 10 acres of land from Kimball for \$300. He also purchased another 40 acres of ranch land in what is now National City for \$25 per acre. A short time later, he started building houses for himself and his extended family.

Theron wanted to be a successful farmer, so he learned what crops would grow best by traveling throughout Southern California. He also participated in activities organized by the National City's Grange. The group worked to protect the interests of farmers and farming communities. Theron gave lectures at the Grange Hall and, in 1889, went with a delegation of the National City Grange to the Mexican line. By the 1880s, Theron and his son-in-law, Tommy Walker, had developed successful orchards and farms that produced apples, oranges, peaches, apricots, barley, corn and strawberries, among other crops.

In the early 1880s, Theron began to improve his properties. In 1881, he sold his remaining properties in Mankato to his son, La Rue. The following year, he sold one lot in National City for \$1,000 and used the money to build himself a new home. He hired a contractor to build a two-story Victorian home with two fireplaces, cellar, hot & cold running water, and an ornamental balustrade. He deeded two lots next to his farmhouse to the Congregational Church which he and other early settlers had founded in 1869.

In 1884, trains began running between National City and San Bernardino, CA. *The San Diego Union* newspaper speculated that the coming of the Santa Fe Railroad might start a period of moderate expansion. In fact, it attracted thousands of new residents and created an unprecedented economic boom. Unfortunately, the railroad unexpectedly switched its service from National City to a more profitable markets in San Diego and Los Angeles.

Theron Parsons died on Sept. 26, 1893, at the age of 88. Like many of his contemporaries, he had taken advantage of investment opportunities offered by the forced resettlement of Native Americans and the U.S. Mexican War. He combined strong religious convictions with a belief in individual liberties. He also worked for social justice, endorsing the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, and the prohibition of alcohol. The National City Historical Society recognizes Theron as one of the city's founders and one of the founders of the First Congregational Church in National City.

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Note: This article was originally compiled by our cousin, Dr. Molly A. McClain, Associate Professor and Chair of the History Department at the University of San Diego. It was condensed with permission of the author. A full non-condensed version is published in the Journal of San Diego History, Volume 54, Summer 2008, No. 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Parsons, Historian, Parsons Family Association

OBITUARY: MAYLON WARREN PARSONS

Mahlon Warren Parsons (Buzz) February 1, 1944 - August 19, 2025

Buzz Parsons, age 81, of Farwell, Michigan, escaped this mortal realm on Monday, August 19, 2025, leaving behind 3 locked boxes with no hints as to where the keys for said boxes might be found, roughly two dozen pairs of nail clippers, one teal short sleeved sweatshirt from the late 80's, and enough empty storage containers to start his own storefront. Buzz is survived by sisters Judith (Ray) Frank and Alta Parsons, daughters Katherine (Andrew) Cook and Corey Parsons, grandchildren Alex, Rori, Mikayla the silent wraith, Avery, Zoey who he was convinced was vaccinated with a phonograph needle and Westley Mahlon who he affectionately called Grundoon, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



He is preceded in death by his parents Mahlon and Alta Parsons, his sister Carol Barnum, numerous pet dogs, and his left eye. With the massive amount of papers that had been stored in multiple locations one would think a detailed timeline of Buzz's early years would be easy for his children to establish yet here we are... The things we do know (and remember):

Buzz attended McGill for half of kindergarten, then went to Ashman, and eventually graduated from Midland High. He played the tuba in his high school band as did his oldest daughter and oldest grandchild, much to his amusement. In January of 1963, Buzz enlisted in the United States Army. His basic training was at Ft Benning, Georgia. He served in the Vietnam War and at the time of

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his honorable discharge, he had received Marksman (rifle), sharpshooter (rifle M-14) and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Once returned to civilian life, Buzz did all the things. No really, ALL the things. He had a number of different occupations over the years from working at Holly Carburetor and Tri City Plastics, to working the finances in the Ionia Hospital. He married not once, not twice but three times before his daughters were born and he became the "stay at home dad" that so many of us remember. He did eventually work for the local lumber yard and even was a substitute teacher, much to his eldest child's horror. Buzz volunteered with and was the treasurer for the local Habitat for Humanity group in Clare County for a number of years and he sat on the Surrey Township Planning Commission up until his passing; which I suppose is as good enough reason to resign from a position as any other he could have come up with.

Buzz enjoyed many, many things. Among those things were PBS, trains, planes (as long as they didn't leave the ground with him in them), drinking coffee, sweets, reading, planning things - not necessarily doing the things but planning them anyway, tools, telling stories, guns, deer hunting then subsequently sleeping in the woods, and National Public Radio to include the program Car Talk which was listened to weekly and the reason his daughter knew what a clutch and dipstick were in the first grade. He also had a passion for nature and was very proud to be a part of the Michigan Nature Association and Steward for the Alta Warren Parsons Memorial Nature Sanctuary in Farwell, Michigan that was named in memory of his mother. He had an incredibly unique sense of humor - that he may have passed down to the child writing this obituary, and he loved music; the more eclectic and obscure it was the more he liked it.

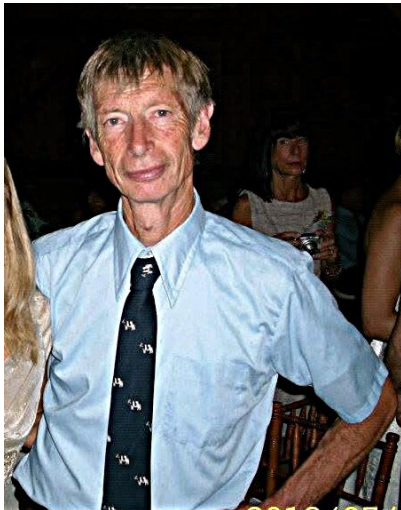
Buzz despised pepper, especially cayenne, and only tolerated most pastas. But oh, did he LOVE to argue politics. He always had some political news program playing on the television when he was sitting in his recliner with the 65-pound lapdog in his lap. And once he learned how to use Facebook he had the best time antagonizing his friends and relatives especially when it came to politics - whether he believed his own side or not. But the things Buzz loved the most were his girls and his grandchildren. He may not have been a "lovey-dovey" man, but the way he talked about his kids and grands left no doubt that they were his pride and joy.

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Buzz had made it clear before his passing that he did not want a funeral; he did not want people sitting around crying over him. Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Nature Association at www.michigannature.org.

OBITUARY: HENRY MOORE PARSONS

Henry Moore Parsons passed away unexpectedly on December 20th, 2025. Henry is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margaret (Margie), his two children Ethan & Caitlin (Kate), as well as 3 brothers: Mahlon of Sheffield, MA, Dale of Conway, MA, & Edward (Ed) of Westhampton, MA. Henry was the eldest son of Mahlon & Bertha Parsons, both long-time members of the Parsons Family Association.



Henry and his family have owned the Mayval Farm for 7 generations. What was once a 500-acre dairy farm, was purchased in 1778 by his patriot ancestor Pvt. Noah Parsons III. In recent years, Henry added a creamery to the property, which is operated by Margie and Kate. The farm's daily operations are run by his brother Ed and daughter Kate, who are supplemented by UMass students.

Henry excelled in making mating matches to improve genetics and phenotypes in the farm's registered Holsteins. These cattle were excellent milkers and were shown at local fairs with his daughter Kate. He was also an avid gardener known for his unsettling routine of burning of the asparagus beds to ready them for the asparagus harvest in Spring.

The Easthampton Road farm, named for the many maple trees in the valley, was the pride and joy of Henry. His passion for the life and his love of the cows will be remembered by all. He will be sorely missed.

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WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

Are you tech-savvy and passionate about preserving family legacies? We are seeking a skilled website administrator to join our 100-year-old association. As the guardian of our digital heritage, you'll manage family files and coordinate the seamless functioning of our website and social media platforms. To apply, email ParsonsFamilyAssociation@gmail.com.

Key Responsibilities:

- + Coordinate and manage updates to our family website and social media platforms, ensuring a user-friendly experience for all members.
- + Organize and maintain family records with meticulous care.
- + Implement security measures to safeguard our digital archives.

Requirements:

- + Proficient in WordPress and website back-end maintenance.
- + Familiarity with data organization and storage.
- + Strong oral and written communication skills.

Why Join Us?

- + Become an intimate part of a cherished family legacy that spans centuries.
- + Contribute to the preservation of the Parsons Family history in the digital age.
- + Work with a dynamic team dedicated to fostering family connections.

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NEXT STEPS FOR REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FORMS

For Electronic Form Submission

1. **Save** the completed form(s) to your computer.
2. **Email** the completed form(s) to parsonsfamilyassociation@gmail.com.
3. **Pay** on our website's membership page (<https://parsonsfamilyassn.org/parsons-family-association-membership/>) or **mail** check/cash to below address.

For Paper Form Submission

Mail the completed form(s) and enclosed check/cash to:

***Parsons Family Association, Inc.
PO Box 603
Conway, MA 01341***

**Make checks payable to Parsons Family Association, Inc.

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2026 PFA Reunion Registration Form

Complete this form and send via mail or PDF via email or fill out online

Last Registration Day - Friday, June 12, 2025

Reunion Information

Venue: Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Dr, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Price: \$30 per adult; children under 12 are free

Payment Information

Pay online, by mail, or in-person at the event

Please address checks to "Parsons Family Association, Inc." and mail to:

PFA, P.O. Box 603, Conway, MA 01341

Attendee Information

Please fill name and contact information of attendees.

Your Name

First Name	Last Name

Contact Email Address and Phone Number

Email	Phone Number

Will you have a guest with you?

Yes/No

Guest Names

First Name	Last Name	Under 12?

Guest Contact Email Address and Phone Number

Email	Phone Number



**Parsons Family Association
Membership Form**

Fill out this form by hand or on your computer.

Name:			
Number of Other Members Registering:			
Names of Other Members: <i>If registering for other members, please include their names here.</i>			
Street Address, City, State, ZIP: <i>If registering for other members, please include their addresses here.</i>			
Phone Number: <i>If registering for other members, please include their phone numbers here.</i>			
Email Address: <i>If registering for other members, please include their email addresses here.</i>			
Descendant of (if known):			
New or renewing member(s)? <i>If registering for other members, please include whether they are new or renewing members here.</i>			
Membership type:	Regular (\$20) <i>Must renew annually</i>	Number of memberships:	Sum Total:
	Sustaining (\$40) <i>Must renew annually</i>	Number of memberships:	Sum Total:
	Lifetime (\$300) <i>No renewal needed</i>	Number of memberships:	Sum Total:
Donations or Special Gifts:	Parsons Homestead Maintenance Fund <i>Write dollar amount in box</i>		
	Parsons House Restoration Project <i>Write dollar amount in box</i>		
	Website Fund <i>Write dollar amount in box</i>		
Total \$ amount enclosed:	<i>Write dollar amount in box</i>		