

\* THOMAS PARSONS.

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 Welton 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.

FAMILY RECORD OF THOMAS PARSONS, SR.

Family Record.

	Born.	Married.	Died.
Thomas Parsons		Parthenia Boydwin	
Parthenia Boydwin Parsons			
Children.			
Thomas Parsons		Mary Rennick Miss Thomas	1804
James Parsons	Circa 1740	Alisia Miles Elizabeth	1813
Isaac Parsons	Jan. 27, 1752	Rebecca Simps Mary E. Gregg	Apr. 25, 1777
Arness Parsons		William Welton	
Prudence Parsons		Robert Cunningham	
Baldwin Parsons		Rachael	

THOMAS PARSONS JR. I.

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