

Short History of Early Settlers of Parsons

"Missed it by that much."

George Washington Partin, (David Taylor) explains to John Parsons (Shane Bridges) the importance of not letting your wife tell you where to put a post office during a skit performed during the Parsons Cemetery Tour. The performance by the Rivertime Players helped bring to life the history of the founding of Parsons and the characters involved.

John Parsons settled in Par-

sons in the 1840s from North Carolina. In 1865, he sold 661 acres of land to Henry Myracle of which a portion would later become a town named after the Parsons family.

Henry Myracle, farmer, landowner and a member of Bear Creek Baptist Church, made available 140 and one-third acres to the railroad for the purpose of starting a town.

Nola Arnold Ivy was born January 25, 1891. She was the first baby girl born in Parsons

Flat, the little village which preceded modern-day Parsons. Her parents were Will and Tennie Partin Arnold.

Margaret Parsons Fisher was the daughter of John Parsons. She died in 1858 and her grave was presumably moved to the Parsons Cemetery in the 1930, but no one seems to know for sure. Some say, her tomb rock has been used as a doorstep somewhere in the town.

George Partin built a two-story brick structure fronting on the railroad and named it the Tulane Hotel. The two-story brick structure was completed in 1896.

Harry Burke was born in Virginia in 1857 and came to Tennessee in the 1880s as an assistant to the chief engineer in the building of the Perryville Branch of the Tennessee Midland Railway.



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