

THE PARKE SOCIETY, THE MILL HOUSE,  
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What a wonderful response to our May Letter we sent out to our present Mailing List of 650, and it's growing daily! All who have, or do, between now and 2 Aug., send their Membership Fees, will, constitute our Charter Members.

To all sending material or donations for work of compiling The Family History, go appreciative Thanks, and we hope this effort will be continued by all. Book #1 will not be ready 2 Aug. for a very important reason: two of our Parke Family plan to go to Great Britain this summer, to search definite material on the ancestry of our Robert<sup>1</sup> Parke to America 1630, and several other Parke, Parkes, Park, Parks, folks, who came to America Colonial Period or later! What they locate will be greatly desired facts of all of us! And Book #1 will contain what our Britain-Bound folks locate.

As you know, The Mill House burned 1955, since then the Site has been neglected and in wild disorder now. An area will be cleared of brush etc., by 2 Aug. so Meeting will be here, when future work and developments here, may be planned. We shall have no "set meeting" consequently, but a day of visiting for all of us, when plans may be mapped out for future Meetings, annually, the first Sunday August, here, with continual progress in developments here. Come early and stay late - you'll perhaps meet many long-lost-cousins!

Tables will be set for a picnic meal at 1:30 P.M. for foods brought by all of you, of any sort, and whatever is left over, will furnish our Evening Snack before you depart for home. All bring their own china, silver and chairs. A Contribution Box will be on table, for those wishing to donate toward Society costs of Homemade Chicken Salad, Rolls, Butter and hot Coffee; children are to bring their own drink. No liquor will be served.

Each please bring their own name-card, with name and address on it, and wear at Meeting. There will be a table for registering. 1965 Dues may be paid 2 Aug., to save Society mail work later.

A Slate of Officers will be presented 2 Aug. also Chairmen of various Society Activities and Developments of The Library, Grist Mill and Historical Building at The Mill House Site; all willing to devote their time to these projects, or money, labor, materials, etc., please send their offers to Ruby, and all such offers will be catalogued and filed; for briefing 2 Aug.; any Pledges of future Gifts will also be welcomed, or, same for annual gifts, for a specified number of years, so security may be on file, for needed developments when possible. Use of The Mill House Site will be permanently given for use of The Parke Society, as soon as funds develop to warrant this step. Let's make the first Sunday August, the Red-Letter-Day in our annual Calendar, when we can meet as one Big Family!

All wear rugged outdoor clothes 2 Aug., so you may browse around in rough areas, and have a Memorable Family Gathering of the Parke Society Family!