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Park/e/s Family News

"That we may more clearly appreciate and cherish our rich heritage"

BITS AND PIECES

According to legend, William Addis Park, when a young lad, was plowing with a team of oxen, near the limits of Blacksville town when a fire broke out, burning up most of the town. He took his team of oxen from the field and pulled the Strosnider store out of danger from the fire. A historian of the Monogalia County states that Blacksville had a bad fire in 1855. That would make William, at the time of the fire, 15 years old.

Bert, Rease and Boss Park, brothers, decided they would like to have a mess of their neighbor's good apples, so they sent Bill into the house to talk to the neighbor, Asa Lemley, while they helped themselves to his apples. Bill chatted for awhile and then said "I expect I had better go, as the boys will have all the apples they want".

Jasper Dunn, a student from Morgantown, often came to call on his friend, Emma Park-later Mrs. Jasper Dunn-who was Bert Park's daughter. He would ride horseback from Blacksville. The boys would put his horse away and turn the saddle backwards for his return trip. He always complained of his saddle being uncomfortable.

In order to receive all of the Newsletters you must be a member of the Park Family Assoc. Our complete mailing list contains some 500 names but our membership consists of about 50. The following questions appeared in our last Newsletter.

Questions:

One of our cousins is seeking information on a Joel Parks. He lived in Hartford, Conn. in the 1780's. He married Cholae (?) Foster. They had a daughter, Lenora. Were there any other children? He and a brother or a son were supposed to have been in the Boston Tea Party. Anyone with any information, please write to:

Mrs. Wallace Carrow
Clare, R.2, Michigan
48627

Another cousin is seeking information on the parentage of William Parke and Synah Perry. They were married in Granville Co., N.C., Feb. 15, 1787. Please send information to: Jessie Park

212 Indiana St.
Neodesha, Kan.
66757

Cousin Marian Park Howell writes:

My great grandfather, Robert Park, came to Chening Co., near Elmira, N.Y. about 1816. We have never been able to determine his father's name for sure. We believe he and his brother, Alexander, came from New Jersey. Vague records say Bloomsburge, N.J. The family first came to Hunterdon Co., probably Hopewell, but due to land troubles moved farther north. A short account of this family is found in Pioneers of Hopewell. In the Parks Records, Vol. 3, is the following: "Roger Park (N.J.1678) of Hexham County of Northumberland, England, came to America in "The Shield". He had a large family and his descendants have probably settled farther west". Please send any information to:

Mrs. Marian Howell
Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Questions:

Cousin Mary Matthews wants to know who were the parents of Anna Smith, first wife of Elijah Park, Sr., whom he married the 16th of March, 1780, probably in Canterbury, Conn. She died in 1793 at Wells, Vt. Their children were: Joseph (1784-1868), Elijah, Jr. (1790-1859), Nancy (1791-1808) mar. John Clark, and Elthaea (1792-1808). Anna may have had a brother named Eleazer Smith, who married Elijah Park's sister, Elithel Park. Any clues to this Smith family would be most helpful.

Mary Matthews
17175 S. Outlook Rd.
Oregon City, Oregon
97045

Cousin Marguerite Parke, is seeking information on the parents of Thomas Harrison Parke, who married Hulda Curtis. He was born about 1803, possibly in New Jersey, and died in Albion, Idaho in 1897.

Please send information to:

Marguerite Parke
7538 West 90th St.
Los Angeles, California
90042

Cousin Alice Park is seeking information on a Nathan Park, who with his wife, Mary, on April 26, 1763 deeded a piece of land in Hunterdon Co., New Jersey, Bethlehem Twp. In May, 1770 Charles Park "an adult, married man" was baptized in Hunterdon Co., New Jersey by a Church of England minister. This Charles was one of the four children named in his will by Nathan, in 1784, so we believe that Nathan was born by 1725 or earlier, married Mary ? 1739-40. Nathan and Mary had children: Sarah Smith, Richard, Joseph and Charles

Mrs. Park wants to know where Nathan came from, had he and Mary gone to New Jersey from New England? Where were they married? Also, she is looking for the name of Nathan's father. Please write to:

Mrs. Lee I. Park
4200 Cathedral Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.
20016

Cousin Mildred Rania, is looking for information on a Robert Park, born 1840 and raised on the "Spittal Hill" outside of Coleraine, Co. Derry, North Ireland, and his father, John Park, who lived on the Spittal Hill. Said John Park is alleged to have visited his brother in America. This brother had a steel business. He stepped on a rusty nail, got an infection in his foot, and insisted on taking a long voyage home. Two of his daughters also visited the uncle in America, and it is believed that they returned to America and remained there.

Anyone with any information, please write to:

Mrs. Joseph J. Rania
218 Fern Ave.
Redlands, California
92373

I want to thank everyone for the interesting letters I have received. I have had many questions, but would also like to have information on your ancestors--where they lived, what their families were like, any little stories which have been handed down within your own family. Please share them with us. Thank you.

Nancy Poole

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Mrs. Helen Bell

The Park Society

Col. Ledyard Highway

Ledyard, Conn. 06339

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