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Park's Family News

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

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ANNUAL MEETING

August 6, 1972

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY:

9:30-10:30--Church service.
10:30-12:30--View cemeteries and old Park houses.
1:00-2:00--Lunch.
2:00-2:15--Business meeting.
2:15-2:45--Lecture. Brainard Peck will speak on geneological research; also, on the migration of the decendents of Robert Park.

After the meeting the Long Society Meeting House will be open especially for us.

CHURCH SERVICE:

On Sunday morning, August 6, the Reverend Gustav Pftzner of the Preston Congregational Church will give a special service for the Park Society. He will build his sermon around the church's founding and the early Park family. He is an outstanding preacher, and we should plan to attend.

THE CEMETERIES:

After the church service in the morning, many may like to view some of the old Park houses and visit the cemeteries. For those who are interested in doing gravestone rubbings, there are some interesting ones in the Avery Cemetery and the Preston City Cemetery, both in Preston, and the Whitehall Cemetery in Mystic, the resting place of our own Robert Park¹. If you are at all interested in the rubbings and know anything of the history, you will appreciate seeing how the stones go from skull-like faces (when the people were afraid of death) to the happier, angelic faces.

So, bring your paper and crayons or chalk, or your cameras or special rubbing kits.

In memory of Robert, in 1930, some of his descendents erected a tablet in the Whitehall Cemetery. It tells about his voyage on the Arabella with Jonathan Winthrop, also a little about his life in America.

EVERY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

The Avery Cemetery Association extends an invitation to any person interested in the welfare of the cemetery. Annual meetings are held the last Saturday of August (this year, the 26th). Meetings are always held at the cemetery, rain or shine. Refreshments are served. Membership is open and anyone wishing to join may merely submit his or her name at the Annual Meeting. There is no membership fee. (This is the final resting place of many of our Park ancestors.)

The Avery Cemetery is located on Rte. 164 in Preston, Conn. For further information, call 887-1229.

HOUSES:

The houses will not be open for our inspection, but we will be able to view them from outside to learn the location within the town where our ancestors lived.

LUNCHEON:

The ladies of the church will put on our luncheon for \$2.75, payable at the church.

Chicken--Lunch meat
Corn--Salad
Chiffon dessert
Coffee, tea, milk

LONG SOCIETY CHURCH & EARLY BURIAL GROUND

First established in 1726. Present building circa 1819, restored in 1965. An interesting old cemetery surrounds the building on three sides. Historical exhibits may be viewed in the gallery.

LOCATION: Across from Preston Town Hall.

HOURS: Wednesday Afternoons, 2:00-5:00.

June through August.

(Admission Free--Contributions Accepted)



THE PRESTON CITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
First Church of Preston

1698 A church was embodied in Preston November 16th AD 1698. The Elders who embodied the church and performed ordination were the Rev. James Noyes, Pastor of Stonington, the Rev. Moses Noyes, Pastor of Lyme, and the Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall, Pastor of New London. The messengers from neighboring churches: Deacon Gershom Palmer of Stonington, Deacon Peck of Lyme, Daniel Witherell, Esqr., and Deacon Douglass of New London, and Deacon Simon Huntington of Norwich.

They who offered themselves as matter for a church, having been members of other churches, in full communion were brought into order by giving their consent to articles of faith and renewal of Covenant. Those persons were:

Thomas Park	Robert Park
Thomas Tracy	John Park
John Richards	Caleb Forbes

Hopestill Tyler

Jonathan Tracy

Samuel Leonardson

Joseph Morgan

Ebenezer Witter

John Welch

*As there seems to be no other account of Mr. Treat's ordination, it is probable he was ordained Nov. 16th, 1698 or the next day.

1699 William Park and Charles Williams received into full communion with the church Jan. 1, 1699. Before the first Sabbath of communion at the Lord's supper joined to communicate Dorothy Treat, wife of S. Treat; Dorothy Park, wife of Thomas Park; Mrs. Standish; Dorothy Morgan, wife of Joseph Morgan; Mrs. Tracy, wife of Johnathan Tracy; Mrs. Tracy, wife of Thomas Tracy; Marah Forbes, wife of Caleb Forbes; Mrs. Brewster, wife of Daniel Brewster; Mrs. Mary Park, widow; Dorothy Witter, wife of Ebenezer Witter; Mrs. Standish, wife of Josiah Standish, 11 of them who adjoined by renewal of their Covenant.

LIFE MEMBERS:

The following are Life Members:

- Ruby Park Anderson (Honorary)
- Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ruppert
- Mrs. Dorothy Bowden
- Mr. Stuart Park
- Kaye Parke
- Mildred Rania
- Mr. and Mrs. John Bindloss
- Mrs. George Hathway
- Mr. David Park
- Mrs. Edward Herndon

RESERVATIONS:

For those of you who will be coming from out of town, we suggest that you make reservations as soon as possible. Most of our cousins stay at the Norwich Motel, 181 West Town St., Norwich, Conn. 06360. Tel. 1-889-2671. There is a restaurant available at the motel. No reservations are needed for Saturday night dinner.

MEMBERSHIP

Regular: \$3.00 Annual dues or \$50.00 lifetime membership. Any person whose Park/e/s ancestors go back before the American Revolution.

Associate: \$1.50 Annual dues or \$25.00 lifetime membership. Any person of Park/e/s lineage whose family immigration to the now United States does not antedate 1700, and any other member of any active member's family is eligible. Associate members do not have voting privileges.

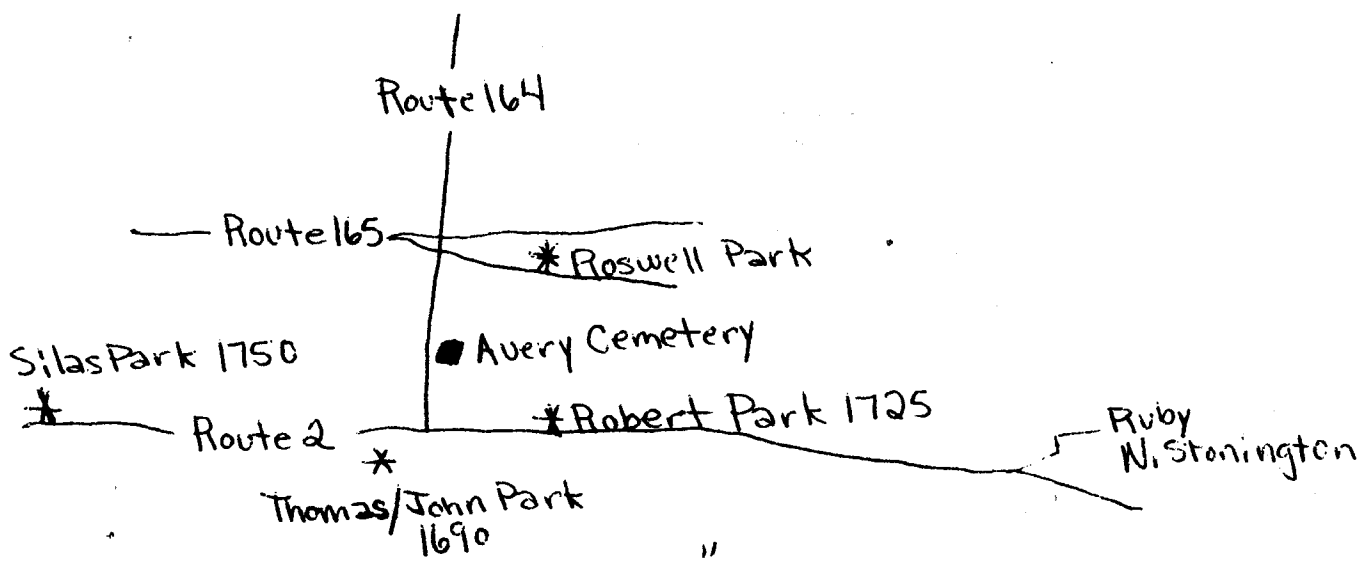
Contributing \$5.00 Annual dues or \$75.00 lifetime membership.
or
Family: Any person or organization may be a contributing member.
Any person qualified for regular membership may have a family membership instead, including spouse and children under 18 years of age.

Dues should be sent to: Enclosed is \$ _____ for dues.

Mrs. Helen Bell
The Park Society
Col. Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Conn. 06339

_____ Regular ___ New ___
 _____ Assoc. ___ Renewal ___
 _____ Contributing ___
 _____ Family ___

Dues received now will be for 1972.



From "Preston Early Homes & Families"

