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Promoting Fellowship, Genealogical Research,
and the Preservation of our Heritage.

Varied Program marks 1975 Society Reunion in Lebanon

President Cook presides

Tours of the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull house and barn, and of George Washington's War Office; exhibits of genealogical materials and memorabilia; election of officers and trustees, and a report on a staggering research project of American leaders who are descended from Dorothy² Thompson Parke, were highlights of the 13th annual reunion of The Parke Society, Inc., September 20th in Lebanon CT.

Site of the all-day session was the Lebanon Congregational Church parish hall, where Arrangements Chairperson, Betty Thurber, of Manchester had tables set up for display of family histories, pedigree charts and other genealogical forms for an hour or two of browsing.

Trumbull House visited

Simultaneously, members walked a short distance across the road to visit the beautifully restored Trumbull House, and the nearby War Office used by Washington as a meeting place, and as a military supply magazine.

After a delicious luncheon served by the ladies of the church, the Society was called to order as a corporation for a one-hour business session.

President William G. Cook of Buffalo gave a summary of the Board of Trustees actions since the last reunion, and Treasurer, Wilfred A. Park, of Preston reported that the Working Account now contains \$487.78, and the Trustees' account stands at \$2,427.23, made up of life membership fees, donations and interest.

By-Law changes approved

The members approved three By-Law changes, after having had notification by mail:

- (1) Regular membership (for those descended from Park/e/s born before the American Revolution), are now restricted to ancestors born in the British Isles or North America;
- (2) The 15-member quorum rule is made applicable at any meeting of the Corporation;
- (3) A five-year limit is now put on consecutive service of the president.

Acting as a Nominating Committee, the Board of Trustees, through the president, presented the following slate, which was unanimously approved: Terms expiring 1978 - Brainerd T. Peck, Lakeside CT, Elizabeth H. Ruppert, Washington DC, Elizabeth Park Thurber, Manchester CT; to fill terms expiring 1976: William G. Cook, Buffalo NY, Margaret B. Krarup, Glens Falls NY.

(At a subsequent meeting of the new Board, Vice President Stuart N. Park, Wells VT, was elevated to the presidency. For the full list see page 2)

Gary Roberts of NEHGS speaks

Climax of the reunion was a rapid-fire, hour-long presentation on descendants of the three daughters of Alice¹ Freeman Thompson Parke, whose blood lines are distinguished by such ancestors as Charlemagne and other kings of France; William the Conqueror and other kings of England, some Irish and Scottish kings and many nobles and gentry. (A summary appears on page 4. Mr. Roberts generously donated to the Society 60 of his genealogical charts compiled during his research.

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A Message from the President

May I take this opportunity to extend
greetings to you as a member of the
Parke Family, trusting that this coming
Bicentennial year will be one of enrich-
ment for you.

It is my hope, and that of the entire
Board, that through the fellowship of
the Parke Society we may get to know
each other just a little better, and
have a deeper appreciation of the life
that has been given to us by our fore-
bears.

I will welcome your comments,
criticisms or suggestions; please send
them along. This is your society;
please use it and let me hear from you.

Stuart N. Park
President

Wells, VT

Next Trustees' Meeting

Unavoidable conflicts have prevented
a Fall meeting of the new Board of
Trustees. President Stuart Park is
planning one in late Winter or early
Spring, possibly in Eastern New York.

The Parke Scrapbooks

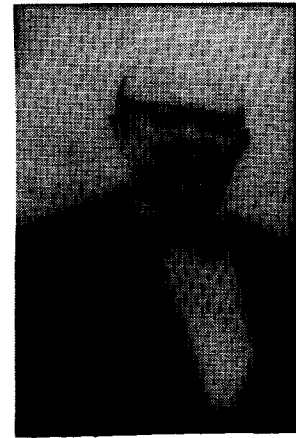
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Elijah⁶, Simeon⁵, Eleazer⁴, Thomas³,
Thomas², Robert¹.) b. Wells VT 4 July
1909; elementary and advanced education
in Vermont schools; m Laura E. McClure,
deceased. 3 sons, 1 daughter, ten
grandchildren. Methodist. Member various
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& state political affairs; held various
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served in Adjutant General's Dept. World
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(Howard¹⁰, William Dunham⁹, Benjamin⁸,
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special knowledge of Norwegian folk songs.

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of Christ; Naval Lt in Mine Warfare in
World War II.

Friends and colleagues of Douglas
Payne Adams, well known Boston landmark
preservator and trustee of the Parke
Society, were shocked at his sudden
death of a heart attack on October 25th.

Doug's last service to the Society
was to organize and arrange for a
delegation to march in the Bicentennial
Bunker Hill parade June 15th, and laying
of a wreath in memory of the two Parks
who died in the battle there two cent-
uries ago. He even threw open his home
on Monument Ave in Charlestown for a
luncheon of the Parke Society delegation.

Though long a professor of mechanical
engineering at MIT, Doug was a member of
16 local historical societies and past
president of five. He successfully led
opposition to obliteration of many Revo-
lutionary sites in Greater Boston. A
contributor on Revolutionary War subjects
to the Boston press, he was serving a
ten-year term on the Massachusetts Revo-
lutionary War Bicentennial Commission.
He conceived and co-ordinated the Bunker
Hill Day celebration on June 17th. He
was of the 10th generation from Richard
Park.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DESCENDED FROM THE "THOMPSON CLAN" OF CONNECTICUT

A summary of the speech made before the Parke Society, September 21, 1975 by Gary Boyd Roberts, BA, MA, Reference Librarian, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.

The talk was based on Mr. Roberts' life work, The Mobray Connection, of which the introductory chapters of the American section and 3200 charts are now complete.

It treats the royal descent of 425 American immigrants, largely of the 17th and early 18th Centuries, and all their notable American descendants to date; these comprise over 3500 of the 15,000 individuals covered in the Dictionary of American Biography.

Mr. Roberts counted the three daughters of Alice¹ Freeman Thompson Parke, wife of Robert¹, as three such immigrants. Together, their progeny composes what he calls the Thompson Clan, one of 12 such family groups, each descending from one, or a cluster of very nearly related immigrants of royal ancestry, whose members have included or married over 100 figures treated in the Dictionary of American Biography.

Among the Thompson Clan's peers are the much better known Appletons, Dudleys and Marburys - clans of Massachusetts, New York and Virginia.

The Thompson Sisters

The premier Connecticut clan probably in all that state's history - the progeny of the three Thompson sisters, is less well known genealogically because - (1) The clan produced no major colonial figure; (2) Many of the descents to its major 19th and 20th Century figures are through several - often five or six - females, and (3) The immediate geographical origin of most of these latter figures was not Stonington or Preston, or even Connecticut, but New York and the Midwest.

The Parke family (Stonington and Preston, Connecticut and Yale), generally are all important not so much in themselves, but as massive contributors to New York tycoonism after the Civil War, and to Connecticut Yankee migration - mainly to Western New York, Ohio, Michigan and Chicago.

Many of the major figures produced by these last named cultures for over a century have had a great or great-great grandparent from Stonington - and virtually the entire 19th Century population of Stonington was descended from Dorothy² Thompson Parke or Bridget² Thompson Denison. The third sister, Mary² Thompson Wise, remained in Roxbury; her notable descendants have belonged primarily to the Boston Brahmin intellectual elite of the mid-19th Century (e.g. Bronson and Louisa May Alcott); to the "tycoonery" of post Civil War New York (the wives of William Collins Whitney, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Paul Mellon) and the 20th Century cafe society (Charles Dana Gibson, the Gibson Girl creator, and the wives of John Barrymore and Eddie Duchin).

Of the three sisters, Dorothy² Thompson Parke left by far the greatest number of notable descendants - more than twice those of the other two combined. Largely from New York (City & State) or the Midwest, often via Yale or Wall Street. Her prominent descendants have generally been businessmen, politicians, military figures or administrators.

A partial list of these personages is reproduced on the following page. (w) denotes the wife and (h) denotes that the husband was the direct descendant.

Major notable historical figures descended from Mrs. Dorothy Thompson PARKE

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| 1. Edward Everett Hale (w) | 15. Edward Roscoe Morrow (w) |
| 2. John Thornton Kirkland | 16. Charles Seymour |
| 3. Mrs. Elizabeth (Smith) Cady Stanton (h) | 17. Kingman Brewster Jr. |
| 4. Cyrus Hall McCormick (w) | 18. Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich (w) |
| 5. George Brinton McClellan | 19. James Schoolcraft Sherman (w) |
| 6. John Lathrop Motley (w) | 20. Henry Lewis Stimson (w) |
| 7. Sir William George Vernon Harcourt (2nd w) | 21. William Lendrum "Billy" Mitchell
(both w) |
| 8. John Pierpont Morgan (w) | 22. George Smith Patton III (w) |
| 9. Walter Loomis Newberry | 23. George Frost Kennan |
| 10. Charles Joseph Bonaparte (w) | 24. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller |
| 11. Archibald Macleish | 25. McGeorge Bundy (w) |
| 12. Enrico Caruso (w) | 26. George Horace Gallup |
| 13. Sir Thomas Beecham (w) | 27. Harvey Samuel Firestone Jr. (w) |
| 14. Humphrey (DeForest) Bogart | 28. William Clay Ford (w) |

Major notable historical figures descended from Mrs. Bridget Thompson DENISON

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| 1. Samuel Finley Breese Morse (2nd w) | 7. Thomas Edmund Dewey |
| 2. Dorothy Lynde Dix | 8. George Dewey |
| 3. Potter Palmer | 9. William Lendrum "Billy" Mitchell
(both w) |
| 4. Levi Parsons Morton (w) | 10. Louis Bromfield (w) |
| 5. James Schoolcraft Sherman (w) | 11. Ray Stannard Baker |
| 6. Robert Lansing | 12. Sir Thomas Beecham (w) |

Major notable historical figures descended from Mrs. Mary Thompson WISE

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| 1. Amos Bronson Alcott (w) | 7. Edwin Frank "Eddie" Duchin (w) |
| 2. Louisa May Alcott | 8. William Collins Whitney (2nd w) |
| 3. Samuel Eliot Morison (2nd w) | 9. Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich (w) |
| 4. Charles Dana Gibson | 10. Joseph Hodges Choate |
| 5. John Barrymore (w) | 11. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller |
| 6. Samuel Pierpont Langley | 12. Paul Mellon (w) |
| 13. The American Bonapartes (including Charles Joseph) | |

26. JOHN, King of England (1-26), b. Oxford, 24 Dec. 1167, d. Newark, 19 Oct. 1216, by an unknown mistress had (DNB; Am. Gen. 35: 29-32).
27. JOAN, Princess of Wales, b. well bef. 1200, d. 30 Mar. 1236 or Feb. 1237; m. 1206, LLEWELLYN AP JORWERTH (176-7), Prince of Wales, b. 1173, d. Aberconway, 11 Apr. 1240; their dau. (DNB; J. E. Lloyd: History of Wales II, 587, 616, 693, 766; Am. Gen. op. cit.)
28. MARGARET m. (1) ca. 1219, John de Braose, [son of William, starved to death by King John 1210, who was eldest son of William de Braose (177-6)], dead by Jul. 1232 (issue); m. (2) aft. 1233, Walter Clifford, of Clifford's Castle, Herefordshire, d. 1263. They had (Lloyd op. cit.; Am. Gen. op. cit.)
29. MAUD DE CLIFFORD (child of 2nd m.), d. 1282-1285; m. (1) William Longespee III, Earl of Salisbury, d. 1257; m. (2) ca. 1257/8, Sir John Gifford, Lord Gifford of Brimsfield, b. ca. 1232, d. Boyton, Wilts., 29 May 1299. They had (CP XI 384, V 639-642; Am. Gen. op. cit.)
30. ELEANOR GIFFORD, dead 1324/5; m. Fulk le Strange, b. ca. 1267; dead 23 Jan. 1324/5, 1st Lord Strange of Blackmere. (CP XII pt. 1 341; Am. Gen. op. cit.)
31. ELIZABETH LE STRANGE, m. by Mar. 1323, Robert Corbet of Moreton Corbet, b. 1304, d. 1375. (Am. Gen. op. cit.)
32. JOAN CORBET, I. p. m. 1359; m. Sir Robert de Harley, the 1st. (Throckmorton Fam. in Eng. and the U.S. 33-48; A. E. Corbett: The Family of Corbett (1917) II: 47, 100-107, chart opp. p. 368).
33. JOAN DE HARLEY, living 1341; m. by 1334, John de Besford, living 1341. (Misc. Gen. Her. 5 Ser. VI 295; Throckmorton op. cit.; Corbett op. cit.)
34. ALEXANDER DE BESFORD, dead 1403; m. Beatrice (? Lech, or ? de Thorndon), d. 1404. (Misc. Gen. Her. op. cit. and pp. 226-227; Throckmorton op. cit.)
35. AGNES DE BESFORD, living 1428; m. by 1380, Thomas de Throckmorton, living 1411. (Misc. Gen. Her. cit. and p. 295; Throckmorton op. cit.)
36. SIR JOHN THROCKMORTON, M. P., d. 13 Apr. 1445; m. 1409, Eleanor Spinney, living 1466/7. (Misc. Gen. Her. cit. 225-227; Throckmorton op. cit.)
37. AGNES THROCKMORTON, m. Thomas Wynslow of Burton, co. Oxford, d. ca. 1463. (Misc. Gen. Her. cit. 226-227, 135, 138-139; Throckmorton op. cit.)
38. AGNES WYNSLOW, m. (1) 1460, JOHN GIFFORD (43-34) of Twyford, d. 1506. (Misc. Gen. Her. cit. 226-227, 129, 135; Throckmorton op. cit.; NEHGR 75: 133-143).
39. THOMAS GIFFORD of Twyford, d. 10 Oct. 1511; m. Joan Langston, d. 1535, dau. and h. of John Langston of Caversfield, co. Bucks. (Misc. Gen. Her. cit. 138-139, 129; NEHGR cit.)
40. AMY GIFFORD, b. ca. 1485-90; m. bef. 1511, Richard Samwell, son of John, of Edgecote, co. Northants, d. 3 May 1519. (Misc. Gen. Her. cit. 129; Am. Gen. 29: 215-218).
41. SUSANNA SAMWELL, m. ca. 1535, Peter Edwards, b. ca. 1490, d. ca. 1552. (Am. Gen. op. cit.)
42. EDWARD EDWARDS, gent., of Alwalton, b. ca. 1537, d. 1591/2, will dated 25 Dec. 1591; m. Ursula Coles, (dau. Richard Coles), bur. 2 Feb. 1606. (Am. Gen. op. cit. and 13: 1-8).
43. MARGARET EDWARDS, m. by 25 Dec. 1591, Henry Freeman of Cranford, b. 1560. (Am. Gen. 13: 1-8).
44. ALICE FREEMAN, d. New London, Conn., 11 Feb. 1664/5; m. (1) ca. 1615, John Thompson, gent., b. ca. 1580-90, d. Little Preston, parish of Preston Capes, Northamptonshire, Eng.; will dated 6 Nov. 1626, pro. 11 Apr. 1627. (The bapts. of children of Alice (Freeman) and John Thompson are recorded at Preston Capes.); m. (2) pres. at Roxbury, Mass., aft. 30 May 1644, Robert Parke, as his (2) wife. *Line 163*]

THE MAGNA CHARTA SURETIES

11. MARY TOMPSON, bapt. Preston Capes, co. Northampton, England, 14 Nov. 1619, d. Roxbury, Mass., 4 Aug. 1693; m. Roxbury, 3 Dec. 1641, Joseph Wise, of Roxbury, 1640, d. Roxbury, 12 Sept. 1684. Their distinguished son, the Reverend John Wise, Harvard College, 1673, was the great apostle of liberty.

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11. BRIDGET TOMPSON, bapt. Preston Capes, 11 Sept. 1622, d. Aug. 1643; m. Mar. 1640/1, Captain George Denison, gent., bapt. Bishop's Stortford, co. Hertford, 10 Dec. 1620, d. Hartford, Conn., 23 Oct. 1694, son of William and Margaret (Chandler) (Monck) Denison. (He m. (2) Ann Borodell).

11. DOROTHY TOMPSON, bapt. Preston Capes, 5 July 1624, d. after 1709; m. by 28 Oct. 1644, Thomas Parke, d. Preston, Conn., 30 July 1709, son of Robert and Martha (Chaplin) Parke. (George Andrews Moriarty, in N.E.H.G. Register, 75: 135-136; Clarence A Torrey, in American Genealogist, 13: 1-8; 14: 145 f.; Walter Metcalfe, Visitations of Northamptonshire, 1564, 1618/9, London, 1887, p. 195.

The 'Bad' Giffards & the Good

Some of us came from BOTH lines!

When an American tourist stopped at a cottage in Brimpsfield, Gloucestershire, to ask about the ancient Giffard family, the lady of the house exclaimed, "Oh! The Giffards of Brimpsfield were veddy wicked people!" She cited a book published by the august Bristol and Gloucestershire Archeological Society.

It shows that branch of the family to have been something less than law-abiding Englishmen, though they were probably a typical product of the turbulent Middle Ages.

Osberne de Bolebec from Normandy

The family was founded in Britain by Osberne de Bolebec, a Norman who came over with our William the Conqueror, changed his name to Gyffarde and settled on lands in Gloucestershire, making Brimpsfield his principal seat. From him descended the Barons Giffard.

There followed three respectable generations but the fifth lord of the manor, Elias Giffard, after serving in King John's army, took up arms against him with the barons, lost his holdings in 1216 and was excommunicated. Though Elias got back his lands after John's death, the Abbot of Gloucestershire in 1221 complained that Elias had erected a gallows at Brimpsfield and was hanging the abbot's men. Elias died in 1248.

Good (?) Sir John Giffard

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His son Sir John Giffard of Brimpsfield earned a good reputation as a valiant and skillful soldier as well as a prudent and discreet man, but he joined Simon de Montfort in his barons' revolt, was excommunicated for violent treatment of the clergy and was constantly on the warpath, capturing the king's leaders as well as their cattle. He deserted Montfort and rejoined the king's party. He married late, seizing the woman of his choice, Maud Longespee, who complained to the king, but finally accepted her compromising condition. He died in 1299.

The "good" Giffards were apparently established in Twyford, Buckinghamshire by Sir John Giffard le Boeuf who lived ca 1235 to 1300, a cousin of the rebellious Sir John of Brimpsfield.

The Twyford Sir John was knight of the shire in Parliament May 3, 1296, one of the earliest in English history. He appears in various summonses to raise soldiers and perform military services for his king. On June 20, 1322 aged about 52, while engaged against the Scots in the service of Edward III, he was returned ill and unable to serve, but four days later he was summoned again. On October 31st of that year he was again returned as a knight of military experience but gouty and incapable of service.

Both lines of Giffards (modern Gifford) were ancestors of Dorothy² Thompston Parke, wife of Thomas².

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Help us Grow!

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Many thanks, Nancy!

At its first meeting the new Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution of thanks to Nancy Poole for her long and faithful service as secretary and editor of the News.

Nancy resigned because of the pressure of business (custom made drapes) and managing a household of one husband and three children.

New Membership Certificates

Past President, David L. Parke of S. Dartmouth, MA, has been commissioned by the Board of Trustees to develop our official certificates of membership and special Life Membership for all dues-paying members of the Society. They are now in hand and distribution will begin as soon as each member submits the new application form.

New Application Form Coming

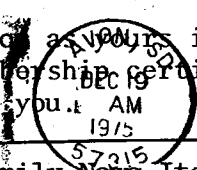
Trustees, Dorothea Cogswell and Brainerd Peck, are developing a new membership application form.

As with most family societies the form will contain a section for showing descent from the qualifying ancestor, to be completed and submitted to the Registrar. This information will go into the Society archives.

-- TAKE NOTE --

The application will be sent out to all present members to fill out. This will give the Society a complete record of all members.

As soon as your is returned your new membership certificate will be sent to you.



Family News Items Sought

Ex-President, Bill Cook, now editor of the Family News, is starting a brochure on distinguished and interesting "Park/e/s People, both living and dead.

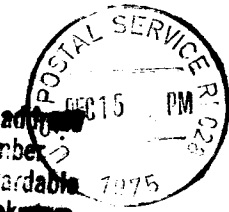
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