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Park-McCullough House setting for August Reunion

A well organized and stimulating meeting is planned for our next annual gathering. Although some of the plans are still in the early stages we are assured of an excellent program. Saturday, August 20th is the day. It should be circled on your calendar NOW.

Last October your trustees met at the Park-McCullough House in North Bennington VT for a joint session with the trustees of the P-McC House Ass'n. Each organization is now better acquainted with the other and eager to explore ways of cooperation for their mutual enrichment. There was considerable interest in the wealth of material in the archives at the house which could be of great importance to the Parke Society. A joint committee has been set up to plan the August program.

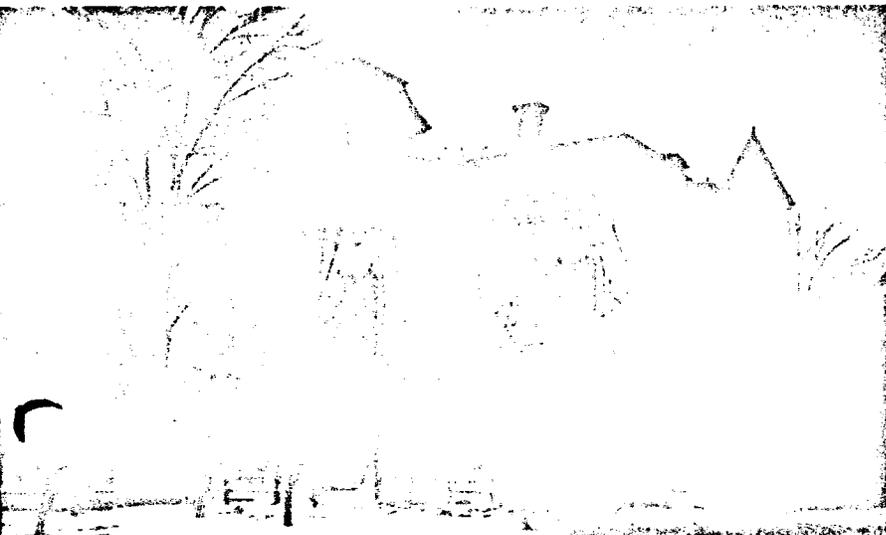
Southern Vermont and the adjoining counties of New York - Rensselaer, Washington and Saratoga - are where many early Park families settled in their first move from eastern Massachusetts and Connecticut. Now is the time to do some of your research and to plan your trip accordingly. The

June issue of the FAMILY NEWS will give full details and directions.

A tour of the magnificent 35 room Park-McCullough mansion and its accompanying carriage barn (a museum in itself) will be part of our reunion activity. And of course there is the nearby Bennington Museum with its outstanding pottery and glass collections and the Grandma Moses paintings.

Now a word about the "Big House". A white, clapboard Victorian house it was built in 1865 by Trenor William⁷ Park (from Richard¹ on the family farm owned by his father-in-law, Hiland Hall, a former governor of VT. Trenor Park had returned from the Gold Rush in California where he had made his fortune as a land-grant lawyer. The house reflects his desire to have a permanent home which would be the finest for miles around. It has long justified that hope.

In 1964, Park's grand daughter, Mrs. Elmer Johnson, died and her nephew, John G. McCullough became the owner of the house and surrounding farm. Although money was willed him to tear down "Park's Folly" as it was once called, John McCullough and others hoped that it could serve a role in the community. The Park-McCullough House Ass'n Inc has since 1968 indeed served in increasingly significant ways an ever widening community. In 1975 the house was deeded to the Association, an expression of confidence on the part of John McCullough and of faith on the part of the Trustees in accepting this care. The staff and board of trustees look forward to welcoming members of the Parke Society at any time, but especially at the Annual Meeting in August.



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folks; but they are the last people I
should choose to have a visiting
acquaintance with."

--Richard Sheridan THE RIVALS Act IV

Welcome new members!

- 143. Mrs. Edward T. Barnard
- 145. Dr. William Rob Roy Park
- 148. Mrs. Charlotte Stevens
- 150. Mr. Titus Stuart Hale Jr.
- 152. Mr. Charles C. Nealy Jr.
- 154. Mrs. Margaret Parke Eastman
- 156. Mr. Robert Parke
- 157. Capt. Robert Ramsbotham
- 158. Mrs. Robert Ramsbotham
- 159. Col. Edward M. Strude
- 160. Mrs. Grace B. Allen
- 161. Mrs. John Seiter
- 162. Dr. Hervey C. Parke

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

- 56. Mr. Hervey Coke Parke III
- 104. Dr. Sonny Elizabeth Parke

Congratulations!

birth

Andrew Martin¹² Parke to David Cole
(52) and Janice (Wieman) Parke on
11 Feb 1977. Their first, and the
first grandchild of The Rev. John
Holbrook (#62) and Joan (Lee Cole)
Parke.

married

William Grant Cook (66) to Mrs.
Jean (Schumacher) Kirsch on 28 Jan
1977 in Buffalo, NY.

Necrology

Dr. Clifford L. Allen, 75, in Detroit MI,
Feb 1976. Born in Hersey, Oceola Co. 11
Sep 1900, he came to Detroit in 1937. He
was a graduate of the Palmer School of
Chiropody at Davenport IA in 1923 and
practiced in Cadillac as well as
Detroit.

Dr. Allen was the author of GATES OF
HEAVEN, a metaphysical explanation of
the physical world. An avid genealogist,
he compiled and published ALLEN KIN in

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1968, identifying descendants of Revolutionary soldier John Allen 1747-1805 of Mifflin PA.

Besides his wife, the former Leora Bertholf whom he married in 1925, are two sons, Cdr Raymond Allen of Texas and Louis Allen of Detroit, and three daughters, Elaine Wolford of Florida, Norma Webber of Saginaw MI and Lois Clough of Detroit.



Morris L. Park of Ripley NY

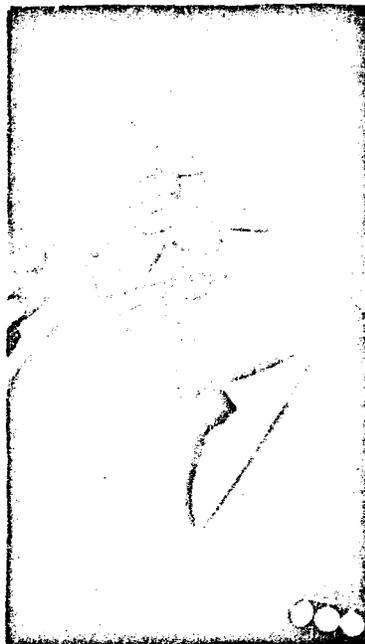
Word has been received of the sudden death of Morris L. Park, of Ripley, N.Y., on Dec. 26. Long active in the Park Society of Chautauqua County, he had been elected president of the group last Aug. 15. Beside his widow, Erma, he is survived by a son, John W. Park of Binghamton, N.Y., and a brother, Donald, of Oil City, Pa.

Florence Kimbley Barnewall (#78), 71, at home in Greenwich CT, 13 Aug 1976. Born in Glens Falls NY, her parents were Frederick & Florence Louise (Parks) Kimbley. She and her husband William Hall Barnewall who died Apr 3rd, were residents of Greenwich for over 40 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert Flanigan of Denver CO and Mrs. Roy Solomon of Nassau, Bahamas, and seven grandchildren. (Her mother is the last Robert¹ descendant mentioned in Parkes of CT p 240. Florence¹², Florence Louise¹¹, Frederick Hewett¹⁰, Solomon⁹, Barzilla⁸, Solomon⁷, Daniel⁶, Daniel⁵, Joseph⁴, Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹)

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Lt. Col Pierre L. Park, 81, in Simcoe Ontario. He was born in Fair-ground ONT the son of W.H. and Mary E. (Stizaker) Park. After graduation from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1915 he operated drug stores in Winnipeg, New York State, Delhi and Simcoe ONT.

As assistant manager in mail order advertising for the Robert Simpson Co he introduced catalog display methods still in use in the US and Canada. Park was active in the Simcoe Kinsman Club, the Rotary, and coordinator of the Norfolk Emergency Measures Organization from 1957 to 1965.



In World War II Col Park commanded the 15th Field Reg. 4th Div. Canadian Army stationed in Britian for over 5 years. He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Tisdale, three children, Dr. W.R.R. Park of Midland MI (#145), Peter Park of Woodstock ONT, and Mrs. E.J. (Joyce) DePraitre of Delhi ONT, also his sisters, Mrs. A.R. (Flora) Smith of Simcoe and Mrs. Frank (Greta) Oakes of Port Ryerse ONT. His first wife was Clara Gehring who died in 1924. His first cousin is Dv. Wilford E. Park (#43) of Arizona. (Pierre L.¹⁰, William Hilliard⁹, Philip Bender⁸, Halsey⁷, Amos⁶, Silas⁵, Hezekiah⁴, Robert³, Thomas², Robert¹)

4 Book Reviews

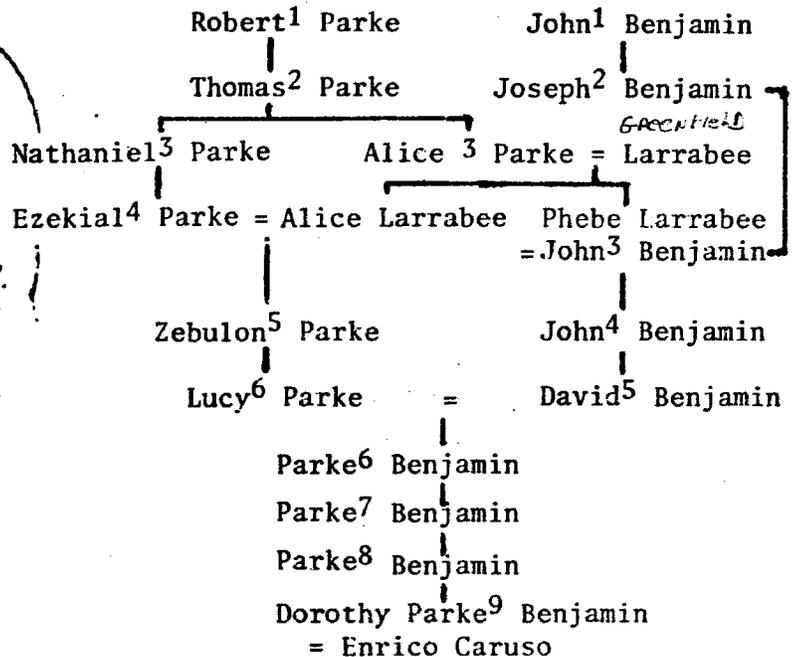
ENRICO CARUSO - HIS LIFE & DEATH
1945 Dorothy Parke Benjamin

The succession of several generations of Parke Benjamins includes a number of noted people. Yet it is in the ninth generation that we find a most interesting individual, the author of this book. The title might imply that it was a biography. Rather, it is a loving personal memoir of the three years Dorothy Benjamin spent as the wife of the world's most famous operatic star.

Dorothy's youth was spent under trying circumstances. Her mother was invalid and was institutionlized when Dorothy was only 11. The next four years found Dorothy in a convent where she was taught to withhold any expression of her thoughts. Then at 15 her Father brought her to his New York Mansion to keep house for him. She remembers this as a home of strain

operatic world. In 1917 she arranged for Dorothy, then 22, to be included in a christening party given by one of her friends. Caruso was to be the godfather. This was her first meeting with the great man. She relates that they both knew at first sight that marriage was in their future! He was nearly twice her age and she a person with almost no knowledge of music. Yet the match which lasted the remaining three years of his life was as beautiful a relationship as one could wish for. Her life was completely turned around. Prior to their wedding she owned two dresses and had pawned a nicknack so that she might hear Caruso at the opera - \$1 for standing room! When Enrico discovered her need he took her out personally and ordered 15 evening gowns, 12 afternoon dresses, 8 tailored suits, 6 top coats, 12 evening wraps, 4 tea gowns and 12 pairs of house pajamas!

The book is full of such occurrences. It also shows how she sensed his needs. "On the day of a performance there was no music in the house and Enrico rarely spoke...My silence was a comfort to him." The Eddy Genealogy gives the Benjamin lineage with further amplification in the 1950 supplement on page 35. Dorothy's book should be found in your local library and its reading is a delightful experience. Dorothy's lineage:



and tyranny, where she was "dominated and terrified". Her stomach became a hard lump as she heard his key in the door on his return from the office.

The following year a Miss B (not otherwise identified) was brought into the home. She was an Italian woman of perhaps 30, with many friends within the

Candidate for Poet Laureate?

Maybe he isn't ready to compete with Hibald MacLeish, but another Parke descendant has achieved status as local Poet-in-Residence.

He is member, William T. Cook, 12th generation of Robert¹ Parke, a veteran of 20 years as a social studies teacher in the Onondaga Central School and subject of a full page story in his home town newspaper, the Marcellus, N.Y., Press-Observer. His poems range from those with historical flavor and social comment to those of science fiction and fantasy. He makes use of rhyme, free verse and Haiku, and has already been published in several poetry journals.

Months ago his training as a historian led to his commissioning as writer of a bicentennial history of South Onondaga County. Just published, it is entirely in verse and ranges from poetic commentary on the local countryside at various seasons to appraisals of well-known personalities like Jake O'Rhee, a former boxer who now "shoots pool and quotes Longfellow for beers."

Dr. Parke anticipates Foul Play

We are indebted to Benjamin P. Richardson, Jr., of Old Greenwich, CT, for this unusual story of Thomas Moore Parke, a young doctor in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Dr. Parke made the following will March 28, 1818: "I am now in a sound state of health and mind. But I am fearful of a deadly attack being made on my person through Rachel Givens, Matthew Williams and George Gibbons. If I am murdered I wish the world to look upon them as murderers. All the property I have I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved, affectionate wife, Nancy Parke, during her life and then to my children Jane Hudson and the infant now in the womb. Amen."

The next day he was murdered. A report of the incident was carried in the 1882 history of Posey County, IN. About



five months after Dr. Parke, a Virginia man, settled in the town, a man named Peter Hendricks was thrown by a fractious horse and killed. The young physician "for purposes of dissection it is supposed" obtained possession of the body and hid it in his hay loft.

Someone discovered the body and a suspicion of body-snatching was directed at Dr. Parke. Mrs. Rachel Givens, in righteous rage, engaged George Gibbons, a local professor to chastise the Doctor on promise of a jug of whiskey. The day after he had made his will, Dr. Parke was crossing the street when Gibbons came from behind and clubbed him to death.

Soon after, Gibbons was arrested and placed under \$1300 bond, and Rachel, the instigator, was placed under \$2500 bond as an accessory. Later the action was dropped and both parties discharged.

Some time later, Gibbons and his wife were placed in a small boat (one wonders by whom?) with provisions and poisoned whiskey and set adrift on the Ohio River. Gibbons partook of the whiskey

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6 Interesting Contemporaries

Meet Kingman Brewster, Jr., lawyer, teacher, author, economist and, since 1963, president of Yale University. Born in Longmeadow, MA, June 17, 1919, he won his A.B. at Yale in 1941 and his LL.B. at Harvard in 1948. Between those dates, he served his country as special assistant to the co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs (1941) then as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Air Corps (1942-46).

After earning his law degree he served variously as research associate in the Department of Economics at M.I.T.; assistant professor and professor of law at Harvard; professor and provost at Yale; assistant general counsel, Office of the U.S. Special Representative in Europe; Counsel to the President's Materials Policy Commission with the Mutual Security Agency; on the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and

Administration of Justice; with the Selective Service program and chairman of the National Policy Panel on the United Nations, some of those services latterly while functioning as Yale's chief executive.

He has been honored with bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Laws by 22 institutions of higher learning and his name is on the title pages of two books on international affairs.

	Zipporah ⁶ Smith	=	_____
Hannah ⁵ Witter	=	Ephraim Smith	
Dorothy ⁴ Morgan	=	Ebenezer Witter	
Dorothy ³ Parke	=	Joseph Morgan	
Thomas ² Parke	=	Dorothy Thompson	
Robert ¹ Parke	=	Martha Chaplin	



Kingman Brewster, Jr.

He married Nov. 30, 1942 Mary Louise Phillips and there are five children.

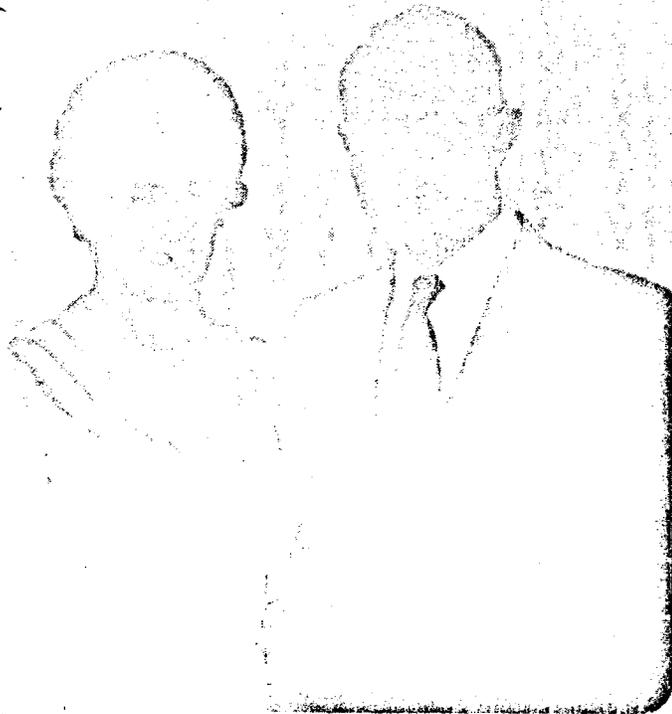
His Brewster & Parke lineages below;

Kingman ¹⁰ Brewster Sr	
Charles Kingman ⁹ Brewster	
Elisha Huntington ⁸ Brewster	
Jonathan ⁶ Brewster ←	ELIZA ⁷ BREWSTER
Jonathan ⁵ Brewster	
Daniel ⁴ Brewster	
Benjamin ³ Brewster	
Jonathan ² Brewster	Mayflower
Elder William ¹ Brewster - passenger	

A retired doctor of medicine with a formidable record of experience in his field is Dr. Wilford E. Park of Prescott, Ariz. His great-great grandfather, Amos Park, was a physician who practiced in Palmyra, N.Y., and moved probably in 1780, to the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario, Can.

Wilford was born at Fair Ground, Houghton Township, Ont., March 27, 1901. There he

received his early education and after working with his farmer-father he entered the University of Toronto as a member of the first class to enroll in its six-year course in premedicine and medicine. Despite the handicap of inadequate funds, he was able, first through borrowing and then as a record-making summertime salesman of "Wear Ever" Aluminum cooking utensils, to support himself through the university years and the year of hospital



#43
Drs. Wilford E. & Evelyn E. Park

internship. He was graduated in 1927, third in his class. He was licensed to practice later that year but continued postgraduate studies in his "spare" time.

As a general practitioner in Brownsville, Ont., he also served as a part time health officer, and during World War II gained considerable industrial experience, finally being tapped for top medical administrator in Canada's atomic energy industry.

In late 1949, Dr. Park removed to Minnesota to become Director of Industrial health in the state Department of Health. Later he set up an industrial health program in the Minneapolis Health Department and stayed on many years as a full time specialists.

He has served directly or as consultant in such areas as nursing home programs, occupational health, civil defense, as lecturer at the University of Minnesota and consultant to the Respiratory Disease Association of Hennepin County, formerly the T.B. and Health Association. He was one of the founders and president of the Minnesota Academy of Occupational Medicine and Surgery.

MILDRED IRWIN DICK (WHITE) RANIA
(Margaret McQuillan m William James Dick, Sarah⁴ Park m Samuel McQuillan, Robert³ Park, John², William¹) b 29 May 1912 Cambridge MA; 2m 9 Sep 1947 Joseph J. Rania; two married daughters by 1m; attended public schools in Cambridge & Malden MA and Redlands CA, Malden Commercial School, Boston U. San Bernardino Valley College, BA Brantridge Forest School - England PhD (Hon) Colorado Christian College;

Served as Eligibility Technician, San Bernardino Co Welfare Dept and retired as Supervisor; during WWII managed grocery store to free relative for military service; knit woolen helmets for American Red Cross & gave over 1000 hours as volunteer - received Civil Defense ribbon.

Besides church & PTA activities she participated in amateur theatricals; member Redlands Horticulture & Improvement Society, San Bernardino Co Museum Assn, The Heraldry Society (London), Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (Scotland), and Commander Companion, Military & Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, Grand Priory of America.

Mrs. Rania has published four books on genealogy and heraldry and is listed in International Dictionary of Biography, World's Who's Who - of Women, - of American Women, - in the West, - in California.

His professional memberships are legion as is his record of relationships with state, county and city organizations. A list of papers written by Dr. Park fills 19 typed pages. Yet he has found time to be a Sunday school teacher and superintendent in the Methodist Church, elder of the United Church and member of various other church committees. His wife, the former Evelyn E. Hartman, is also a physician with an imposing record of public service. There are five children.

8 THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!

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Another illustration of the mixed blood of Alice¹ Freeman Parke and her thousands of descendants is the presence of many Scandinavian ancestors on the family tree. (All underlinings below indicate her forebears).

Consider Olaf or Anlaf Kvaaran, part of the Viking wave which managed to gain footholds all around the British Isles before the Conquest. Under the High King of Ireland, Olaf was allowed to be "King" or chief of Dublin, and married a dau. of the King of Leinster. When Dublin fell to his enemies in 981, he fled to Scotland where he died, leaving in his place a son Sihtric "of the Silken Beard." Sihtric ruled on and off until 1042. He mar. Slani, dau. of Brian Boru, High King of Ireland and ancestor of the O'Briens as well as the Freemans. By her he had Olaf Sihtricson (d. 1034?). This Olaf mar. Maelcorcre, dau. of Dunlange, current King of Leinster. Their dau. Raignallt mar. Cynan (Conan), King of North Wales, from whom descended Llewelyn ap Iorworth the Great (1173-1240), Prince of North Wales and Lord Snowdon. Llewelyn mar. Princess Joanna, natural dau. of King John of England, and they became ancestors ultimately of the Giffards, Cliffords, Lestranges and Corbets and of Alice¹ Freeman Parke's modern descendants.

An unidentified dau. or niece of the King of Denmark was the wife of a Saxon named Eadnoth (Alnod) "the Staller" or chamberlain under three kings--Edward the Confessor, Harold Godwinson and William the Conqueror who defeated Harold at Hastings in 1066. This couple's Hardinge-Berkeley descendants also merged with the Giffard-Clifford lines. Berkeley Castle, Glos., a little-altered feudal stronghold, has been the Berkeley family home since 1153, and they are today represented in the British peerage by Baroness Berkeley.

An otherwise "pure" Anglo Saxon line begins with Edulf or Eadwulf, Lord of Banburgh off the Northumbrian coast,

who submitted to the overlordship of Alfred the Great in 886. Four generations later we come to Uchtred, Earl of Northumbria and a staunchly successful warrior against the Scots. For his pains he was killed on order of England's Danish King Canute, and Uchtred's second son, Edulf, a later Earl of Northumbria, was killed by another Dane, Siward Digera. Yet Uchtred's graddau., Elflaed, was married off to this same Siward, who had taken over the earldom. Their dau. Sybilla mar. Shakespear's "gentle Duncan," King of Scotland, great-great-great grandfather of Alice¹ Parke's King John, thus Danish, Saxon and Scottish lines were fused.

The Norman Conquest of course brought great injections of Viking blood, though somewhat diluted, for William the Conqueror was descended from Rolf or Rollo the Ganger, first Norse leader to gain a permanent foothold in France. William's followers of high and low degree were mostly Normans, though he did enlist knights and men-at-arms from surrounding counties. It is a safe bet that everyone of English des



Interesting Ancestors

JOSEPH WARREN - 1741-1775

First distinguished martyr in the cause of independence and liberty.

A descendant of Robert¹ Parke that we should certainly know more about is Major General Joseph Warren who was killed in the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. The excellent book, "The Doctors Warren of Boston" by Rhoda Traux, points out that there was a steady succession of Dr. Warrens from 1764 to 1927 in the Boston area.

Joseph was the fourth generation from Peter¹. There appears to be no relation to the Mayflower passenger, Richard Warren. Peter's son Joseph² married Deborah Williams, daughter of

has a Norman or two as a forebear, though not necessarily of high enough station to have appeared in the records. To a lesser degree, there was an infusion of unrecorded Scandinavian blood into the populations of Ireland, Scotland and Wales.



James Borgman

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Samuel and Theoda³ (Parke) Williams of Roxbury. Theoda was daughter of William², Robert's eldest son. Joseph³ Warren was a successful farmer owning perhaps a fourth of the land then known as Boston. His specialty was apples. Unfortunately a fall from one of his trees brought his early end when Joseph⁴ was only 14, the eldest of four boys. His widow Mary (Stevens), was able to keep the farm going and send her sons to Harvard.

The study of medicine was the prime interest of Joseph⁴ and his youngest brother John. Perhaps the fact that their mother's father, Samuel, was a doctor may have had some influence. Medicine was in a primitive state in the 18th century particularly in this country where the "barber" doctors set bones, bled people to relieve them of "impurities", and administered various medicines of their own concoction. The church fathers controlled their parishoners' attitudes toward medicine. The Rev. Cotton Mather stated that "sickness is, in fact, the whip of God for the sins of man" To try to cure a person who was being punished by God was very wrong!

Despite this condition Joseph Warren was inspired to devote himself to this field after graduation from Harvard in 1758 at the age of 18. The next five years were spent studying under Dr. James Lloyd. He joined the small ranks of doctors in Boston, then with a population of around 17,000. The first major problem confronting him was an epidemic of small pox. Joseph had been taught how to inoculate for this disease though many were reluctant to take the step. It is said that he had a wonderful manner about him that inspired confidence and from this an excellent practice developed.

And during this same period other matters were of increasing concern to him - the hated Stamp Act and later the Tea Act.

The Tea Act was a prime target and the ensuing "tea party" aboard the DARTMOUTH
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in Boston harbor in 1773 was without doubt, it is said, led by none other than Joseph Warren! One might ask why Joseph, then only 29, was the leader among the patriots in Boston. During these years the "fathers of the American Revolution" - John Hancock, John and Samuel Adams, Elbridge Gerry and Robert Trent Paine were representing the colony in Philadelphia. So local affairs were in the hands of the younger men. Joseph's commanding genius placed him at the helm.

Though he never served on the General Court he was made a member of the Committee of Correspondence. Later in 1774 he was elected President of the Provincial Congress and along with this he was chairman of the 13-man executive committee for the Committee of Public Safety.

One significant step in his life should be mentioned here. In 1761 he had joined St. Andrew's Lodge of Masons and eight years later he was made Grandmaster of Masons of Boston, New England and within 100 miles of same. Another grand officer was Paul Revere. Later Warren's jurisdiction was extended to all North America. Excellent evidence of his standing among his peers.

It was he that dispatched Revere on his famous ride to alert the people of Lexington and Concord. The next two months were a frenzy of preparation. An army of 30,000 was planned for the defense of New England. Half this number was assembled in the Boston area in June when the stand was taken in Charlestown on Bunker and Breed's Hills, with Dr. Warren, newly commissioned a major general by the Provincial Congress, commanding the defending Americans.

He had had no time to acquire even a suitable uniform yet he was readily recognized. Gen. Putnam greeted him "I rejoice and regret to see you. Your life is too precious to be exposed in this battle, but since you are here I take your orders."

To which Warren replied, "I have none to give. You have made your arrangements. I come to aid you as a volunteer. Tell me where I can be useful." Putnam suggested he would be protected in the redoubt. Warren - "I came not to be covered. Tell me where I shall be most in danger; tell me where the action will be hottest!"



Joseph Warren

To Col. Prescott he said "give me a musket. I have come to take a lesson of a veteran soldier in the art of war." Toward the end of the third assault he was hit by a stray musket ball and fell mortally wounded. His death was to have a profound effect on the colonists inspiring them to rally to the cause.

Of the four children borne to him by Elizabeth Hooten there was only one grandchild, Joseph Newcomb, by his daughter Polly who married Richard E. Newcomb of Greenfield MA.

THE PARKE BOYS SLEPT IN EMILY DICKENSON'S BEDROOM!

Many of you will have enjoyed the Julie Harris performance of "The Belle of Amherst" either on the stage or on TV. This portrayal of Emily Dickinson, America's foremost poetress, takes place in her home in Amherst, Mass., where she lived for most of her 56 years.

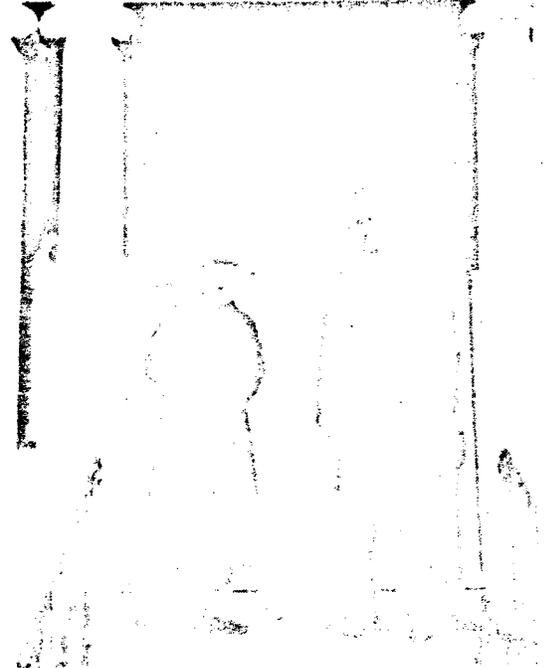
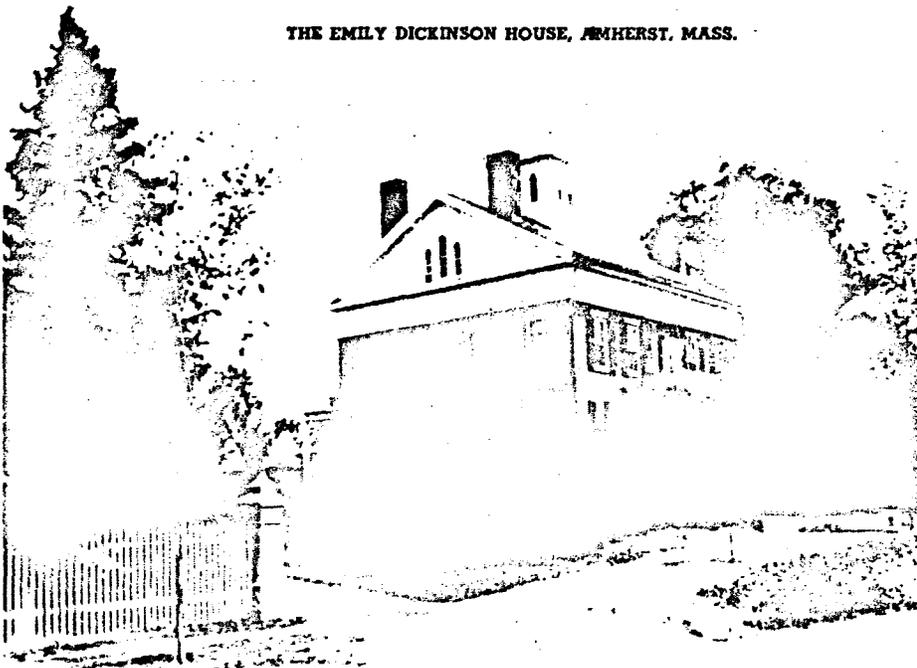
Of interest to us in the Parke Society is the fact that this house was bought from the Dickinson family in 1915 by the Rev. Hervey C. Parke, Jr. while serving as rector of Grace Church. (see story of his father p 5 June 1976 issue). At the time, Emily was an unknown and the Parke family were unaware of the historic value that the home would one day have. The house stands on a two acre lot some three blocks from the center of what is now a thriving college community.

Some of the experiences of the Parkes at the house are told in an article appearing in the May 1974 issue of YANKEE. David and John, the Parke Society's historian and chaplain, were born in the house and shared the use of the "Emily" room for several years during their youth. You can perhaps imagine the

difficulty for two young boys who must always have their room presentable for tourists to see. Visitors were referred to in the family as "Emilyites" and it was not unusual for them to appear at meal time or other inconvenient moments. Of course most people weren't aware that it was a private home. Mrs. Parke however made every effort to make them feel welcome and insisted on giving them a complete tour.

Awareness of Emily grew steadily so that several hundred visitors a year could be expected. After World War II many students wrote their theses on Emily following the publishing of her complete works - nearly 1800 poems. This greatly increased the interest in the house. Hervey Parke died in 1951. The "Mansion", as it was known to the family, continued as a gathering place for the younger generations until 1965 when it was sold to Amherst College. Just prior to this, the National Park Service presented a plaque to Mrs. Parke designating the house as a National Historic Landmark. The house is still open to the public by appointment through the college secretary. Two of the hostesses serving as volunteers for this service are the Society's Secretary, Priscilla Parke and her sister Mrs. Mary Fairfield. So, if you should find yourself an "Emilyite" do introduce yourself to them!

THE EMILY DICKINSON HOUSE, AMHERST, MASS.



WHO REMEMBERS DANIEL?

HE TOOK THE KEYS FROM THE BRITISH

The following is excerpted from a well-documented article by Dorothy I. Vandercook, a great-great-great-granddaughter of Daniel⁶ Parke (Daniel⁵, Joseph⁴, Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹). It appeared in the DAR Magazine in May, 1975.

Who remembers Daniel? Who ever heard of him except his descendants and a few who read footnotes and odd bits in some of the New York county histories? Yet the achievement of Daniel⁶ Parke and 10 of his neighbors of the Upper Hudson River Valley in the opening days of the Revolutionary War is worthy to be remembered. While Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold took Ft. Ticonderoga on May 10, 1775, these few men also took a fort in a part of the overall plan to protect the settlers of the valley, gain the military stores and proclaim a victory over the British. The taking of any of these forts in the Champlain Valley was not an act of great military genius as they fell like ripe plums, unprepared and surprised. But it required courage, nevertheless, to participate in such an action of revolt against the Crown. It was like this.

Word of Lexington and Concord swiftly reached the western frontier of the Upper New York-Hudson Valley. These settlers knew the perils of the frontier--the importance of gaining control of the forts on Lakes George and Champlain before the British. They were the watchdogs of this link from the St. Lawrence to the Hudson--an opening wedge into the heart of the colonies which later "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne was to try to splinter. But in 1775 the forts and lesser ones were falling into decay. Ft. Ticonderoga, at the narrows between the lakes, was occupied by some twoscore British soldiers, plus women and children. Ft. George probably had less than a dozen.

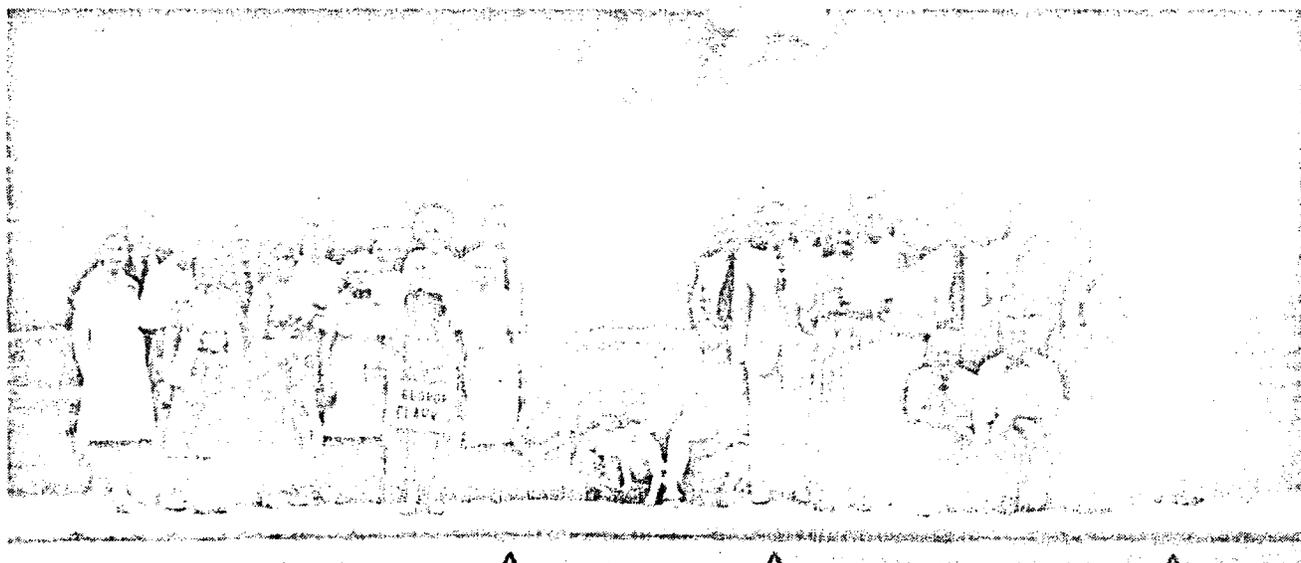
Ethan Allen had his orders to proceed to Ft. Ticonderoga. Then Benedict Arnold arrived with authority from the Massachusetts Committee of Safety.

In all 230 men marched north to obtain the desperately needed cannon and stores known to be at Ft. Ti. Those who lived near Lake George also realized the importance of claiming Ft. George at the foot of Lake George.

Thus as the word seeped north and west that the "boys" were gathering, Daniel Parke and his neighbors took things into their own hands as they were used to doing. They went to meet Ethan Allen and his forces near Ft. Edward. Daniel and Ethan Allen had both lived in Salisbury, Conn., in their earlier years and probably knew each other. With Daniel was his eldest son, Joel. No doubt the stalwart, loud talking soldier with the oversized tricornered hat was an awesome sight to a lad just entering his teens, truly one to follow. So what more natural than for Joel to attach himself to the strange, exciting group going north? Daniel and his neighbors, after talk and planning with Allen and Arnold and possibly a Capt. Bernard Romans, decided the local men would take Ft. George and hold it until an authoritative force could later come down from Ft. Ti to keep it. Joel, a "woody" man like his father, would guide them down the west side of Lake George from the narrows. Allen's men would go north to take the other unprepared forts.

There is only the most meager information available about the taking and holding of the fort at Lake George. Daniel Parke's tombstone in the recently renovated family cemetery in Moreau, states: "In memory of Daniel Parks who departed this life March 3, 1818, age 78. One of the Veterans of the Revolutionary War. He was the man who took the keys from the British officer at Lake George, 1775." There were less than a dozen soldiers at Ft. George, so it was nearly a man-for-man contest for control. Probably the British were surprised as at Ft. Ticonderoga. "In a few days" Bernard Romans was there. That is all. Later the cannon and stores were conveyed by boat to the protection of Ft. George sometime before the colonists began their midsummer invasion of Canada.

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The town of Milford, CT, celebrated its Founding Fathers Day on June 30th as part of their BiCentennial program. A memorial bridge bears the names of those planters who settled there in 1639. On hand for the occasion were Brainerd Peck, David L. Parke, Sr., and the Parke Society's newest Life Member, Hervey C. Parke, III.

It was from Ft. George that Gen. Knox began his wondrous journey hauling the cannon to Boston over the ice and snow.

Lt. Daniel⁵ Parke, soon after the treaty of 1763 ended the French and Indian Wars, left Connecticut for the Upper Hudson. Just beyond the big bend by the great falls he built his cabin and set up a mill. And there his sons and daughters in time had their cabins along the river in the area now covered by Glens Falls and South Glens Falls, N.Y. Daniel⁵ was murdered in his home by Indians and Tories, his house and mills burned. One son was killed and two sons and a son-in-law captured, escaped and were captured again.

Daniel⁶ lived about a mile downriver. Twice they had to flee to their former home in Sharon, Conn., where Daniel⁵ had been born 24 August, 1742. At those times they would have several children baptised, and there Lydia 'Arvin, his wife, joined the church. Many descendants remain in the Moreau Township, N.Y., area today.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

The October 1976 issue of Park/e/s Family News was received on 29 October 1976. It is excellent and very much appreciated.

It was a pleasure to learn that Betty and Raymond Ruppert were very much alive, well and still supportive of the Society. I was sorry to learn that our octogenerian, Mrs. Ruby Parke Anderson is no longer the historian.... If it is her own wish, I am content.

Mr. Wilfred Park looks well and it was good to see a recent photo of him.

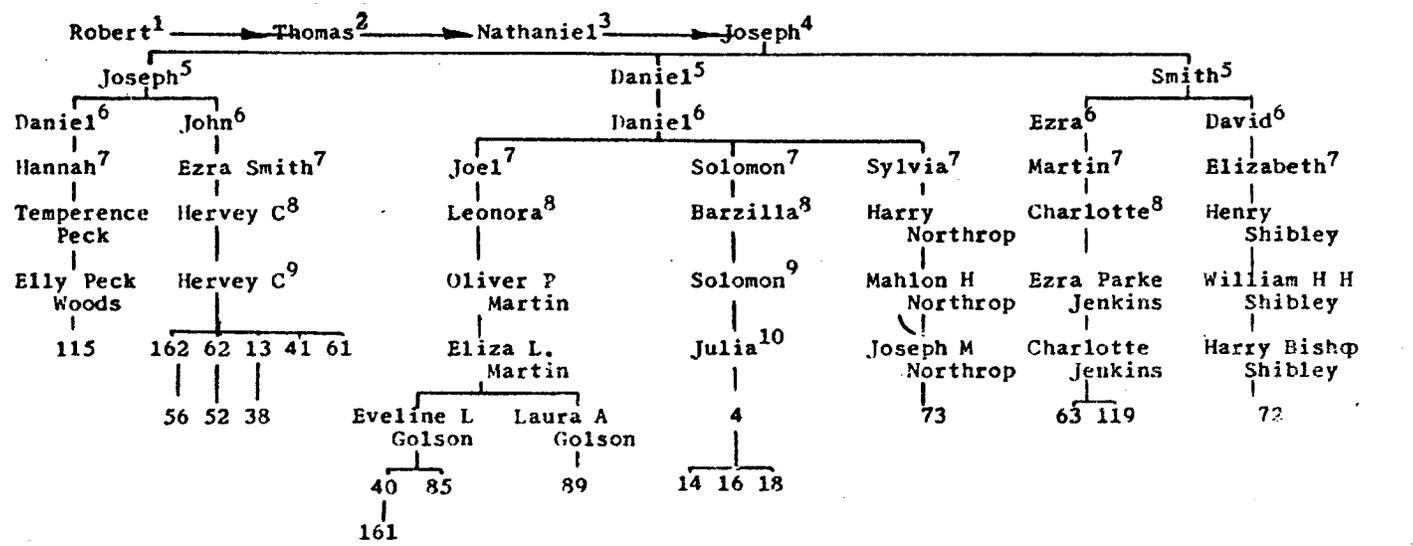
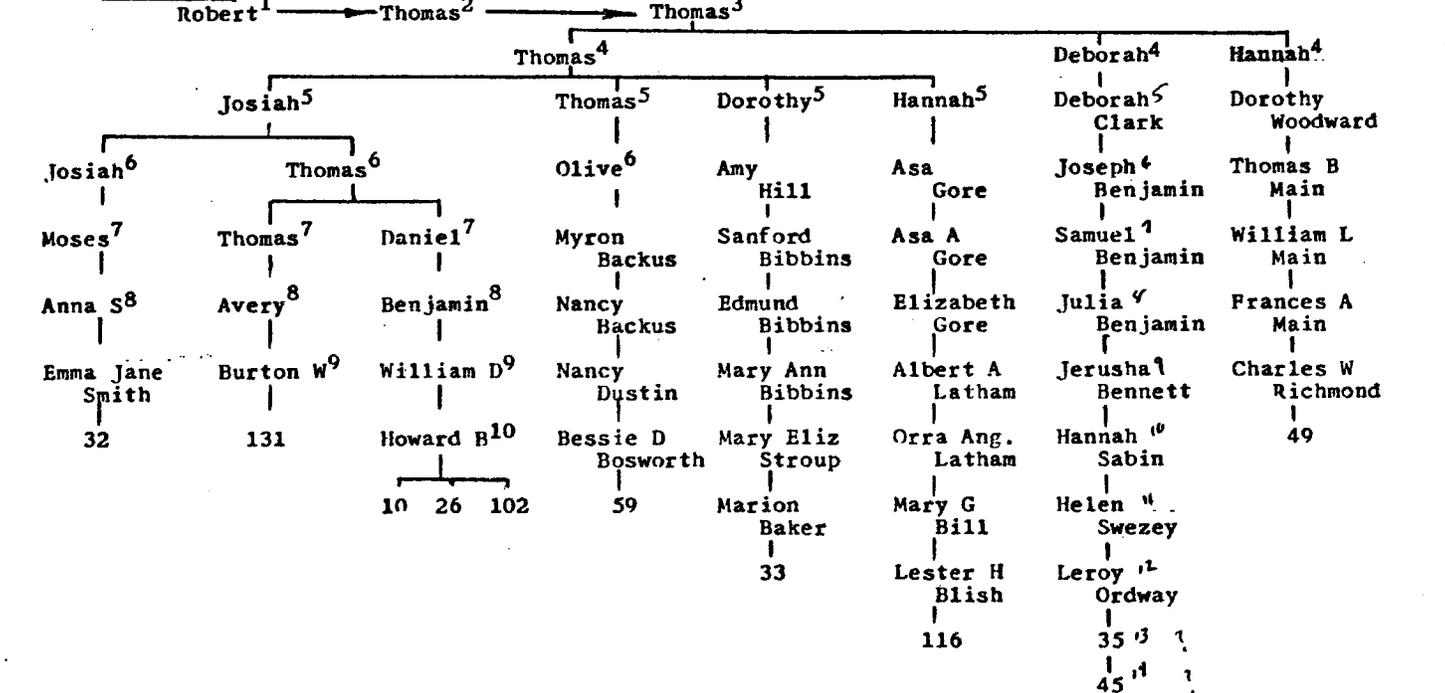
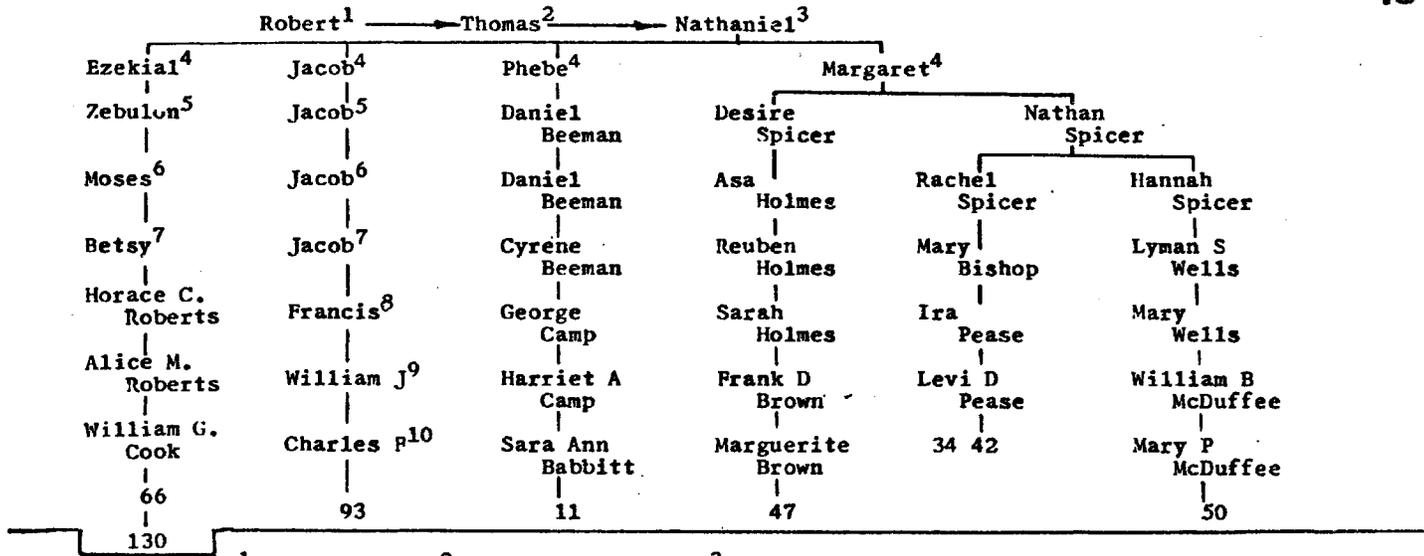
Mrs. Lola Spohn Nielsen who is also acquainted with Ruby via correspondence and I will have much to write to one another about. I hastened to send off to Sir Rodney Hartwell, president of the Augustan Society, the item about Elizabeth Hartwell who married Roger Sherman (as his first wife) and bore him five children.

I agree that the certificates are handsome and display mine in the front room where it attracts interest and favorable comment.

My maternal grandmother was a Park in Northern Ireland. We think we have connections with the Park/Parke family in Allegheny Co., Pa., but I am working on this now.

Mrs. Mildred D. Rania #22

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GREAT GRANDPARENTS FOUND

HANGING IN CALIFORNIA !

"Gee whiz, they are Maxine's great-grandparents from Willoughby, Ohio!" That's what Ralph A. Stilwell said when he studied the inscriptions on the originals of these charming silhouettes.

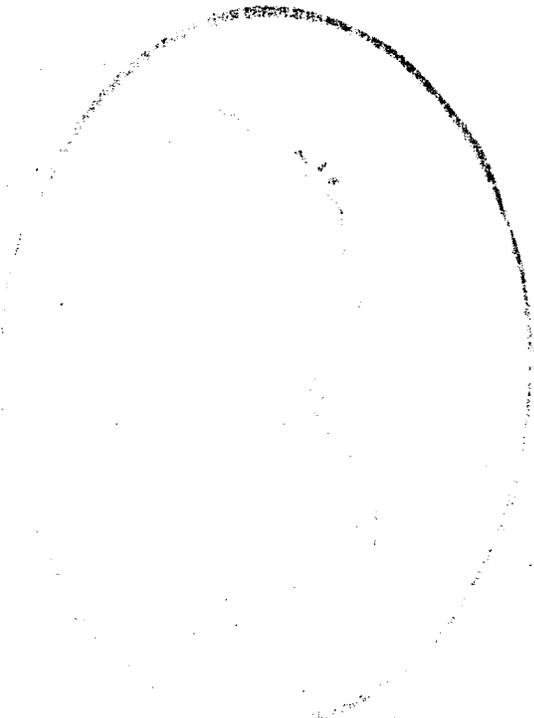
"Maxine" is the wife of Mr. Stilwell, and the silhouettes are of Lucy Parke Jones and her husband, Abner Chapman Tarbell. The Stilwells discovered them on the wall of a Tarbell relative in Sacramento, CA, in 1974. After some correspondence, they were able to establish the line back to Robert¹ Parke.

Lucy Parke Jones was b. 21 Apr. 1788, to Asa Jones of Colchester, VT., and Lucy⁶ Parke. Asa was a corporal in the 4th Connecticut Continentals (which, incidentally, was at Valley Forge during the terrible winter of 1777-78).

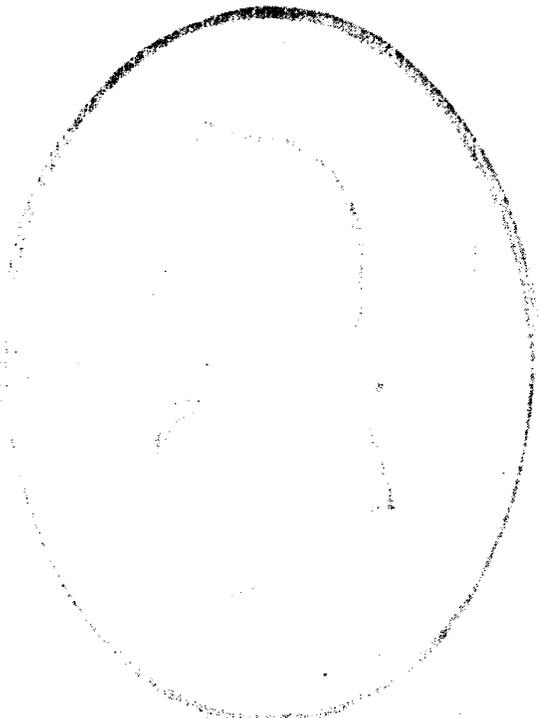
Their daughter, Lucy Parke Jones, m. Mar. 17, 1816 Abner C. Tarbell, whose father, William, was also a corporal in the 4th Regt. She d. Oct. 4, 1836. Abner was b. Aug. 24, 1791 in Colchester and d. Jan. 6, 1869 in Willoughby, Ohio, where they had come in 1817 after a voyage of 45 days. Chagrin, as the town was then called, was uncleared land and Abner, like other American pioneers, had to be nearly self-sufficient. He had to go 14 miles to Cleveland for major items.

The photos of the silhouettes were sent to Parke Society Registrar Brainerd T. Peck by Mr. Stilwell.

Maxine Tarbell Stilwell's descent follows: John Dwight Tarbell, Leverett Tarbell, Abner C. Tarbell who m. Lucy Parke Jones, Asa Jones who m. Lucy⁶ Parke, Nehemiah⁵, William, Jr.⁴, William³, Samuel², Robert¹.



Lucy Parke Jones



Abner C. Tarbell