

The Parke Society

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

Pennsylvania Heritage Important to Park/e/s

Part I

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is perhaps one of the most interesting states to study with respect to its origin and that of the various Park/e/s families that first settled within its borders. By searching through the boundary records, by collecting facts about the early settlements, and by learning about the immigrants' religious background, we begin to see an emerging picture which is most helpful in our genealogical research.

In earlier issues of the NewsLetter we have learned about Robert Parke's arrival in Massachusetts in 1630. More recently the story of Daniel Parke of Virginia has been told, his grandfather arriving in Williamsburg VA before 1650. In the next issue we will consider some Park/e/s families who came to Pennsylvania.

The original grant specified that the Delaware River was to comprise the colony's eastern boundary, beginning 12 miles north of New Castle and extending north to the 42°N latitude. Although the new settlers at first placed the northern boundary at 43°, it was the clear intent of the grant to fix it at 42°, the present principal boundary with New York. The southern boundary William Penn understood to be at 39°, or about 50 miles inside present day Maryland. The western line was described as a meridian 5° west of the northeast corner, or the intersection of latitude 42° with the Delaware River.

In 1682 the Duke of York deeded to William Penn the Delaware colony, referred to as "the lower colonies on the Delaware". This latter area remained part of Pennsylvania until 1701. It was then granted its own legislature, but was still owned

by the Penn Family.

The Swedes' settlement started the encroachment upon the Indians. They trespassed on what was considered the Dutch preserve, though the Dutch were concerned primarily with the Hudson River.

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PENN'S WELCOME AT HIS
FIRST VISIT TO HIS COLONY.

Report of Reunion

The 1980 Parke Society Reunion met at the Connecticut College in New London CT for the weekend of June 27th, 28th and 29th. Just 50 years ago descendants of Robert¹, the first Parke in America, gathered to dedicate a tablet to his memory in the Whitehall Cemetery in nearby Mystic. Although they were commemorating his arrival in 1630

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President's Message

Warm Greetings to all members
of the Parke Society!

When I was twelve, I spent
a happy summer week following
my father about old houses
and cemeteries near the New
York-Pennsylvania state line,
copying down queer names and
ancient dates. This was the
start of my genealogical in-
terest; and in my opinion,
every child should have a
similar introduction to the
people who shaped his life
before he was born.

I confess that my concern
has always been oriented more
to family lore and geography
than to scientific lineage-
tracing. It means a great
deal to me to know which
specific places, which bits
of history, have a special
connection with my Parke and
Grant forebears. And since
the Parke Society was founded,
it has been enriching to meet
new "cousins" at the annual
get-together. I'm sure every
member would enjoy the exper-
ience. Do try to attend the
next annual meeting if you
can. (Lancaster PA in 1981)

It would help the Trustees
of the Society immeasurably,
if you would also write -
either to the editor of the
NewsLetter or to me - tell
us about your special inter-
ests. Would you be willing
to help with any of our activ-
ities - planning for annual
or regional meetings, contrib-
uting to the NewsLetter,
indexing records, what else?
Would you be willing to serve
as an officer, a trustee
member, or a committee member
if asked? Don't be modest -
let us know your interests and
your suggestions. We need you
all!

Kay Parke

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Welcome New Members

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- 437. Mrs. Edna M. Howard
- 438. Mrs. Nancy K. Frederick
- 439. Mrs. Eulalah P. Hosey

IN MEMORIAM



Kenneth C. Park #244 of New
Bedford MA died on August 4th
after a brief illness. He was
the husband of Madelin (Wyatt)
Park. Ken had lived in New
Bedford for over 70 years and
was active in teaching music
for much of that time. He was
supervisor of instrumental
music in the school system,
was concertmaster with the
local symphony at a concert
with the late Arthur Fiedler
as guest conductor.

He is survived by three
daughters, five grandchildren
and seven gt. grandchildren,
in addition to his widow.



Susan Warren Green Parke-
wife of David L. Parke Sr #
and mother of David L. Parke
Jr #38 and Elisabeth Parke
Hayes #200, died suddenly on
June 17th.



President Kay Parke

years on several committees of the New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Hobbies include travel and photographing the places she visits. She is particularly interested in Norway. She speaks and writes Norwegian, and has become an authority on Norwegian Folk Songs. Her lineage is: Robert¹, Thomas²⁻³⁻⁴, Josiah⁵, Thomas⁶, Daniel⁷, Benjamin⁸, William Dunham⁹, Howard¹⁰.

Award to Stuart Park

During the past five years the Parke Society has grown tremendously. In 1974 we had 20 Life Members and 35 regular Members in good standing. As Stuart Park #19 stepped down at the 1980 Annual Reunion from his five years as President, this number had swelled to over 400.

Stuart, a Life Member, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1970 during considerable turmoil within the Society. In 1973 he was elevated to Vice President; two years later he became President. With the other officers and Trustees he labored over the bylaws to spell out clearly the Society's purpose. Another stalwart in this effort was his successor as President, Kathryn Parke #10.

It was a major undertaking to bring many earlier members back into the fold. In this cause Stuart spent much time on the phone. Among those he encouraged to return was former president (1965-67) David L. Parke #13. David in turn has expanded the News Letter into an important promotional piece for the Society. It is now in over 200 public and genealogical libraries throughout North America. Stuart has been responsible for the Society's close relationship with the Park-McCullough Foundation in Bennington VT, home of the late Trainer Park and scene of several Society meetings.

Stuart Park, native of Wells VT, has served his state in several capacities, notably as a member of the State Legislature. He is still active in local and state political



Historian Tad Parks

Although our new Historian could not attend the 1980 reunion, he was voted into office, thus bringing his much needed talent into our Society. Theodore Edward ("Tad") Parks #425, one of our newest members lives in Milwaukee WI. History and Genealogy are his principal avocation; he claims to be "very orderly and meticulous" in his research. He thought highly enough of his new responsibility to drive all the way from Milwaukee to Reading PA to spend four days of his vacation with the retiring Historian, David Parke.

Tad was born and grew up in southern Rensselaer County NY, where his family have lived for over 175 years. He graduated from the State University of NY at Albany in 1967 with a BS in Chemistry, and has received his Master's in Theology from the Episcopal Seminary "Nashotah House" in Nashotah WI.

Tad is now Paymaster and Tax Manager for Ward Foods, Inc. makers of many well-known prod-

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affairs.

It was indeed fitting that he himself received this year the Society's coveted Dedicated Service Award. We are delighted to have him continue as an ex-officio Member of the Board, particularly in planning the forthcoming Society Reunion in Salt Lake City in 1982.

Kathryn Emma Parke #10 was installed as the eighth President of the Parke Society at the 1980 reunion in New London CT. A Charter Life Member, Kathryn has had keen interest in her Parke ancestry. It was in 1968, the year she was first elected a Trustee, that she repaired her Parke Pilgrimage in New London County. This helpful guide is available from the NewsLetter Editor upon receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope (large). However Kay admits that it needs updating! Referring to the Whitehall graveyard, "a dim track leads to the gate just north of a florist-nursery establishment." The latter is now a modern Ramada Inn just opposite the Mystic Seaport exit of I-95.

A hardworking member of the Board of Trustees over the past twelve years, she is eminently qualified to oversee the management of the Society. Her vocation as a librarian has given her excellent training in organization and planning. Her higher education was at Smith College, the State University of NY at Albany and the University of Illinois. Next she became a school librarian and English teacher. This led to a 23-year stint as Head Librarian at the State University of NY at Cobleskill, from which she is now retired.

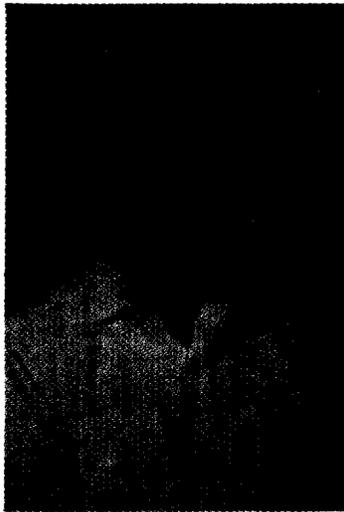
Kay has served over the

We'd like you to know -

Harold Frank Park #325 is the first of his branch of Parks in America, traced back to a John Park in Pennsylvania. We are particularly fortunate to have him as a trustee. During the coming year the emphasis of our Society's research will center on the Commonwealth of PA, an area he has researched for many years. He will serve as chairman of our reunion next summer at Lancaster in the heart of the Amish country.

Harold was born in LaPark PA, a town now part of Paradise in Lancaster Co., where his great uncle, George Watt Park, founder of the G. W. Park Seed Co. started his business. (It was the forerunner of the present Park Seed Co. of South Carolina. The next issue will give its history.)

Actually the seed company was also a sizable printing firm that prepared and printed the catalog for wide distribution. At times in Harold's youth he went along



Trustee Harold Frank Park #325

with his mother who worked there as a typesetter. He learned to set type before he could write!

After attending the local schools he entered Drexel Institute of Arts, Science & Industry in Philadelphia (now Drexel University) for

a five year cooperative course in Electrical Engineering. Harold gained experience in several local companies before joining the Rural Electric Administration (REA). There he learned the electric rate business. He served in design and supervision of construction of high voltage electric transmission lines and substations. This took him to the midwest. Finally he came to Washington DC as a rate specialist, retiring in 1969 as Chief of the Electric Retail Rate Branch for the REA. For the next five years he was Director of Planning for the Allegheny Electric Cooperative.

Harold has since settled in Fannettsburg PA devoting his time to genealogical studies and a small printing plant. He hopes to publish some of the results of his research.

In 1936 Harold married Miriam Irene Martin. They have three living children and five grandchildren.

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(300 years earlier), it was also his 350th birthday.

It was fitting that the Society now took note of Robert's 400th birthday. Fifty years ago only Robert's descendants were invited to the gathering, but now the Society recognizes and welcomes descendants of all Park/e/s immigrants.

Many members and their families arrived on Friday to renew acquaintance with their cousins, to study the Society records and library on display and to visit the area's interesting sites. The Society's Trustees had decided to hold the Reunion for the first time in a college dormitory. We were assigned to Larrabee House which, interestingly, was donated to Connecticut College by two Robert Parke descendants, the Misses Rachel and Betsy Barber Larrabee, close relatives of member Charles Larrabee Jr #303 (see p. 17). We might instead have been equally appropriately in sites: Whitehall Cemetery, Park House, named for Rosemary Whitehall (an 18th century Park, daughter of Wheaton Col-

lege President Dr. John Edgar Park, and a long time professor at the college (see Vol XV p32).

Friday evening the Trustees met with other reuniting members "listening in". Saturday morning the annual seminar was held. We are especially indebted to David Anderson, President of the Preston Historical Society, Capt. Robert J. Ramsbotham USN (Ret.) #157, President of the Stonington Historical Society, and Mrs. Sidney G. Hall #84 of Norwich for an interesting program. Slides were shown by Judy Camp of the Preston Historical Society, of the many places in the area particularly associated with the Parke family. Mrs. Hall has written several books, available from the Society, including Preston Early Homes and Families (\$3) and Preston in Review (\$6). The first shows several Parke homes, including one of Thomas².

In the afternoon we visited sites: Whitehall Cemetery, Park House, named for Rosemary Whitehall (an 18th century mansion), and the Denison

Homestead (home of Capt. George Denison's descendants, many of them related to Robert by intermarriage.)

The annual meeting was called to order by President Stuart Park following the tour. Plans for the 1981 and 1982 reunions were presented and approved. Lancaster PA was designated for 1981 with Harold Park as chairman and Salt Lake City in 1982 with Stuart Park in charge.

New Trustees elected were Brad Cooper, Harold Park and Jill Bowers. Newly elected officers were Kathryn Parke, President and Theodore E. Parks, Historian.

In the evening we held a banquet at the college. Sunday morning, members attended St. James Episcopal Church in New London, where the Rev. Samuel Seabury was the first rector in 1732. His son, who succeeded him, later became the first bishop of the Episcopal Church. Late in the day the last members tore themselves away from a happy weekend of fellowship.

Wedding in China

A 40th wedding anniversary is being celebrated this year by Mary Allerton Parke Fairfield, age 61 and her husband, the Rev. Leslie L. Fairfield of Shutesbury MA. Their wedding took place in Anking, China on 12 June 1940 at 6am. An unusual time of day perhaps. The bride desired it in the "quiet and cool of the day". Between 700 and 800 Christians and non-Christians were packed into St. Agnes Church at this early hour, some too excited to sleep the night before. After the marriage feast, the Fairfields left to the accompaniment of exploding firecrackers.

The couple were Episcopal Church missionaries, both having served in China for several years prior to their wedding day. One of Mary's responsibilities had been to care for 96 children, thus permitting their mothers to work. "I gathered a staff of seven to help me. But we had almost no materials. Somehow we managed," Mary recalls.

"That was before my marriage. After, when I was married, all 96 attended my wedding and they behaved beautifully."

Mary's early education was at the Bishop's School, La Jolla CA, then on to Smith College, class of '31, where she earned her BA and MA in the history of music. Prior to her leaving for the mission field in 1936, she was employed by the Oxford University Press in New York.

Much of the time spent in war-torn China brought Mary into close contact with the battle zones. As she typed letters home, she would place an asterisk (*) to denote the exploding bombs she heard. Sometimes there were several in a row! Though she and her husband made every effort to continue their ministry, they finally found it impossible, first with the Japs, later the Communists.

Leslie and she have since served parishes in Alexandria LA, Chicopee MA, West River and Annapolis MD, and Cordova AK. During these years Mary has served as a teacher and headed a day care center. Meanwhile she was also raising



Leslie & Mary Fairfield

her own five sons.

The sons are: Dr. Leslie Parke Fairfield of Sewickly PA, the Rev. Andrew Hedtler Fairfield, Fairbanks AK, John Holbrook Fairfield RN, Wilbraham MA, Timothy Paul Fairfield Baltimore MD and Peter Lindsey Fairfield, San Francisco. There are six grandchildren. Mary's Parke lineage is through Hervey Coke⁹⁻⁸, Ezra Smith⁷, John⁶, Joseph⁵⁻⁴, Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹.



Fairfield wedding in Anking China - June 1940

A newly elected Trustee is Julia Parks (Bowden) Bowers #14, a charter life member of the Society. Her earliest years were spent in Canada, the family finally settling in Glens Falls NY, the home of her mother's Parks ancestors.

Jill, as she is more familiarly known, was married in 1945 to Anderson Bowers Jr. There are four children: Deborah West (Bowers) Steiner, Anderson III, Jonathan McEchron, and Emily Jessop (Bowers) Welyczko

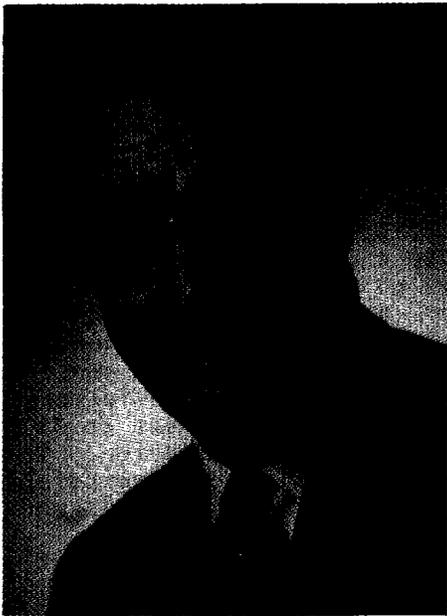
Of special interest to Jill is historic preservation. This has brought her into membership in three local historical societies as well as the DAR.

Lineage is through Robert¹, Thomas², Joseph³, Daniel⁴⁻⁵, Solomon⁶, Barzilla⁷, Solomon Augustus⁸, Julia Amelia⁹ to her mother, Susan Dorothy (West) Bowers #4.

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Congratulations

Brandie Michelle Weaver, daughter of James Robert and Beverly (Alden) Weaver, was born 19 Apr 1980, Henrico Co VA. She is granddaughter of Vernelle Weaver #175 and gt granddaughter of Florence Hammond #173.



Charles Larrabee Jr.

The life of Charles Larrabee Jr. #303 has been involved in air transportation since its earliest days. He was born in Armstrong IA in 1902, the son of Charles Sr. and Charlotte Winston (Osborn). His early schooling was in Ft. Dodge from which he attended Northwestern Military & Naval Academy and the State University of Iowa.

On the day of graduation, 9 Jun 1925 he married Flora May Benham of Muscatine IA. His earliest aviation position was constructing the then famous Velie Monocoup airplane in Moline IL. On the company's demise in 1928 he joined National Air Transport in Chicago as a mechanic's helper. Later he moved into operations and traffic. In 1929 this company became part of United Aircraft & Transport Corp. from which United Air Lines emerged.

Charles joined Pan American Airways in 1934 and opened their first "offline" District Sales Office in Chicago. This was followed by his elevation to Ass't Passenger Traffic Mgr. in New York. In 1942 he was called on to open an office in Montevideo, Uruguay. While in Montevideo he was a founding member of the "Camara de Comercio de la Aeronautica y Afines"

(Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce). He was active in promoting tourist travel in Uruguay and in agricultural improvement projects in that country.

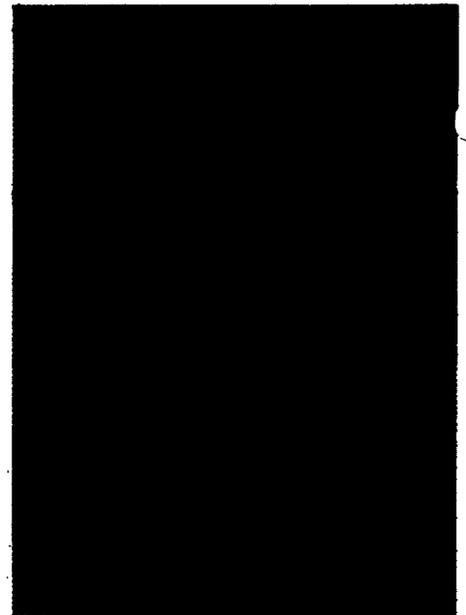
In 1944 he moved to Miami where he held executive positions with Pam Am's Latin American Div. until it was dissolved in 1964, at which time he retired. He then joined Delta Air Line as Sales Manager for Latin America and remained with them for nine years.

Charles and Flora have two children, Charles Benham of Albuquerque NM, and Maryanne Love (Rader) of Marina del Rey CA. Although the name Larrabee is closely connected with Robert¹ Parke, his granddaughter, Alice, having married Greenfield² Larrabee, a relationship to this family has not been discovered. The recorded lineage is through her brother, John³, son of Thomas², to Abigail⁴, Abigail Avery, Robert Allyn, Abigail Allyn who married Frederick Larrabee. Then Adam, William to Charles Sr.



Gerald Ramsay Neff #211 is a resident of Joliet IL. He is the son of Guy Lorn and Laurel Elaine (Park) Neff. His early schooling was in Dowagiac in the southwest corner of Michigan. Part of his youth was spent with his grandfather, Cetirus Leroy Park, a timber buyer for the Union Pacific in Idaho.

It was there that Gerald became interested in mining and later attended the Michigan Institute of Mining. For 20 years he was in U.S. Steel's Waukegan IL plant. From there he became the superintendent of four



Jane Adams Beling

Jane Adams Beling #329 is a native of Chicago. Following her graduation from Northwestern University with a major in Sociology and Anthropology she attended Smith College from which she received a Masters in Social Science.

The next several years Jane spent in social work. For the past 40 years she has lived in the Milwaukee and Waukesha area. She married Geert D. Beling and has two children.

Activities have included 4H leadership, Co-organizer of local Meals-on-Wheels, serving as elder of the Waukesha Presbyterian Church and gardening. Jane is a DAR member and is an avid genealogist. She also has membership in the CT Society of Genealogists.

Her lineage is traced to John¹ Adams (Fortune 1621) James², Richard³, John⁴⁻⁵, who married Mary⁵ Parke, daughter of Joseph⁴ (Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹) The line continues through John⁶ Adams, Abner⁷, Myron⁸, Edward Payson⁹, Charles Edward¹⁰, her father.

rolling mills in Joliet.

Following his retirement in 1966 he spent two years as a consulting engineer at a steel plant in Montreal.

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Interesting Ancestors

Cyrenius Parks (1754-1828)

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In the last issue Cyrenius Park(s) was mentioned as among those living in the Hudson Valley near Glens Falls NY. Despite the hardships he faced, he maintained allegiance to the English King. The following article is supplied by one of his descendants, Marion Parks #419.

In 1777 Cyrenius Parks joined the British Army under General Burgoyne. By then he had married Elizabeth (Carscallen ?), had a son (Nathaniel, b 21 April 1776), and another child on the way. He had leased some partly-cleared property with a house; had built a barn, and had a few cows, horses and oxen. The cleared farm was 150 acres, and when not in the army, he was clearing another 20 acres while farming the rest. On returning from the army, he found that his farm had been given away, and an ox and horse stolen. He was allowed to harvest his hay (14 tons), and found another small farm nearby. Things got worse, and he joined Rogers' Rangers. In 1780 he migrated to Canada, losing all his property.

Cyrenius's oldest brother, James, who also served under General Burgoyne, was captured by the Americans and imprisoned for a year. During the war years he became blind, but the cause is not now known. Before this, he cleared 25 acres of crown land, built a house and

stable, and acquired a cow, tools, furniture, and farm equipment. In 1777 a Continental scouting party robbed him of clothes and money. In 1780, like his brother, he joined Rogers' Rangers, migrated to Canada, and lost all his property.

Their youngest brother, Nathaniel, may also have gone to Canada. The Loyalists, hated by the Americans, who tried to drive them out, and at the mercy of the British government, which also disliked them, fled in droves. During and after the Revolution at least 30,000 Loyalists are estimated to have fled to the Bahamas, Florida, the British West Indies, and Canada. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were so full that the British Commander of New York sent five vessels crowded with Loyalists to the Bay of Quinte. They sailed from New York 8 Sep 1783, reached Quebec 8 Oct, then continued to Sorel, where they wintered in tents or hastily built cabins. Others went overland to Kingston or Niagara or Queenstown, while still others took the old Champlain route down the Richelieu River, then to Sorel. Although the war ended 20 Sep 1783, the British held New York City till 25 Nov. By then 25,000 Loyalists had been evacuated from there to various places.

Cyrenius Parks and his family finally settled in Sorel, Quebec, leaving all his possessions behind. He may have taken the overland route.

The final stage of the journey started from Lachine,

on flat-bottomed boats built for the purpose. These were heavy and clumsy, but able to carry four or five families plus their possessions. When climbing rapids or facing a swift current, the boatmen, sometimes wading to their waists in water, hauled these scows by main force by a rope fastened to the bow.

Although the Surveyor General, Mr. John Collins, had received instructions the previous year (1783) to lay out the townships, they arrived weeks before the survey was complete. On 16 Jun 1784 Major Vanalstine landed with his refugee group at Adolphus-town near the present U.E.L. Monument. Another group landed at Bath. Each family had a tent large enough to hold eight to ten people. Each group had enough coarse but suitable clothing for three years. Each family also had a cow, seed grain, and tools. They pitched their tents centrally until the survey was complete.

On 20 Sep 1784, Cyrenius Parks had to return to Kingston, where he was one of many claimants for land. (See report of the Bureau of Archives). Perhaps he took advantage of this trip to harvest and bring home his turnips. By then he had six children, the oldest eight years old.

The land concessions were laid out in 200 acre lots; 4 lots covered a mile frontage; every 2 or 3 miles a 40-foot-wide strip was reserved for a cross road. This survey was made so hurriedly that in later years many discrepancies



The Bay of Quinte and Hay Bay where Lake Ontario empties into the St Lawrence River

caused much trouble. At that time this area was called the Province of Quebec. Numbered areas were assigned by lot; each man drew from a hat the paper describing the location of his new property. In 1791 the Constitution Act divided the Province of Quebec into two separate provinces, to be called Lower and Upper Canada. The children of the original Loyalists were each assigned a 200-acre lot upon becoming 21. This was done by an Order-in-Council, known as O.C.

Cyrenius Parks is first listed here on 4 May 1806 when he became the first owner of the property now owned by Clarence Parks. Cyrenius sold this property 17 Feb 1809.

On an 1878 map of the area, (See map at right) most farms on the north shore of Hay Bay were owned by Parks families, or by Parks daughters, with their land in the husband's name. There were also a few such farms east of the end of Hay Bay.

In 1793 Cyrenius bought, in Kingston, a Bible costing 1s 10d. Cyrenius himself listed in this Bible all names and birth dates of his family, starting with his own parents, and including various marriages and death dates. (see last issue p13)

According to Walter S. Herrington's History of the County of Lennox and Addington, most early homes were built by a house-raising "bee", where all helped, and had fun besides. A somewhat abridged quotation describes such a "bee".

"A suitable site for a log cabin having been selected, they set to work. Round logs, generally of bass-wood, roughly notched at the corners and piled one above the other to seven or eight feet constituted the walls. Openings for the door and one small window designed for 4 lights of glass, 7 x 9, were cut out. the spaces between the logs were chinked with small splinters, and carefully plastered inside and out with clay for mortar. Several small poles were laid lengthwise of the building, on the walls, to support the roof. This was made of strips of elm bark, 4 feet long by 2 or 3





from the Illustrated Historical Atlas of
 Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Counties, Ont.
 J. H. Meacham & Co., 1878

feet wide, in overlapping layers, fastened to the poles by withes, with a sufficient slope to the back. This roof was proof against wind and weather. An ample hearth of flat stone was then laid, and a fire-back of field stone, or small boulders, rudely built, was carried as high as the wall. Above this the chimney was formed of round poles, notched together and plastered with mud. The floor was of the same material as the walls, but the floor logs were split in two and flattened to make a tolerably even surface. As there were no boards for a door until they could be sawed out by a whip-saw, a blanket hung from the inside took its place. Later, 4 little glass panes were stuck into the rough sash, and the cabin was complete.

A log shelf 2 feet off the floor, and fastened into the logs both top and bottom, was covered with bark. This made the family's only bed for some time. Furniture was made from logs. This all was evidently complete before winter."

At first land had to be cleared by hand, as they then had no beasts of burden. This involved much hard work. The first settlers often used fire in clearing the land of trees. By the spring of 1785 there were many rude cabins, each in a small piece of cleared land which was piled high with logs, stumps, and branches to be burned. These cabins were less good than the stables they had built for their oxen in the south.

Most of the settlers could make flour only by placing grain on a flat rock and grinding it by rubbing hard with another rock.

The government had provided the refugees with food enough for the first three years, as well as spring wheat, peas, corn, and potatoes. After that they were supposed to support themselves. However, the third winter was very long and severe, and the following summer was one of severe drought. Almost all crops failed, and this started the "hungry years". For the

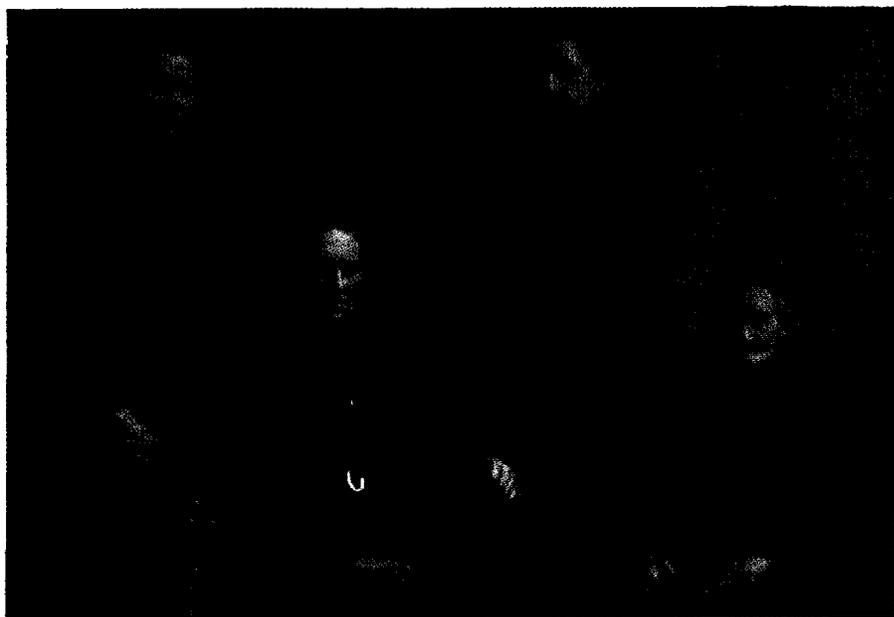
next two years they knew great hardship. There was no real relief and plenty until the summer of 1789.

Cyrenius' first wife died during this time of hardship, probably in 1788, and possibly soon after the birth of their 8th child, Elizabeth. He soon married Elizabeth Huffman, 18 years his junior, who bore her first child, Claranda, in ¹⁷⁹⁰ October 1790. The first three sons of that marriage all bore the name Cyrenius; John Cyrenius, Cyrenius Jr, and James Cyrenius, who later married the widow of Cyrenius Jr. Cyrenius Jr., who married Elizabeth Taylor, was the father of Nelson Taylor

Napoleon and Russia. Not just Britain, but all Europe was aflame. At the end of the War of 1812 the boundary between the United States and Canada in the Great Lakes area was finally settled by the Rush-Bagot Agreement of 1817. It has not been changed since.

In 1828 Cyrenius made his will. He gave hundreds of acres to some children and only 5 shillings to others, who probably had already received their share upon marriage, though the will does not so state.

Mrs. Mary McGillivray, a great-granddaughter of Mylo (Cyrenius' youngest



(1 to r) Ada (Windover) Jorrey, Mary (Windover) Wilcox Caroline (Windover) Campbell, daughters of Sarah Elizabeth (Parks) Windover who was the daughter of David⁷ (Cyrenius⁶, James⁵, Joseph⁴, Nathaniel³, Thomas² and Robert¹.)

Parks, whose son, Richard Smith Parks, was my grandfather.

Cyrenius was still connected with the army in 1812 and 1813, when he was Captain of the Lennox Militia. His duty seems to have been wholly in Kingston. One list of 32 men shows 13 who were related to Cyrenius. His 19-year-old son, Cyrenius Jr., was one of these.

The War of 1812 was at the same time as the war between

child), and a Genealogist, states that Cyrenius owned the first ferry on Hay Bay. She also says he served first with Burgoyne, then as Corporal with Rogers' Rangers, then in 1808 became a Lieutenant of Lennox's 1st Militia, and in 1812 was promoted to Captain. Politically he was a Conservative. He is buried in the Parks Cemetery, Hay Bay, Ontario.

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The Swedes planted a rather anemic colony on the Delaware River at the Jersey shore, and another settlement at the junction of the Schuylkill with the Delaware (later Philadelphia). This was Sweden's golden age during and following the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), in which her brilliant King Gustavus Adolphus carried the torch for Protestantism.

Peter Stuyvesant resented the Swedes' intrusion and in 1655 dispatched a small military force. This ended the Swedish venture, leaving behind only a sprinkling of Swedish place names, a few log cabins, and some hardy souls. Next came the Quakers, a remarkable group of dissenters from England. They were supposed to have "quaked" when under deep religious emotion.

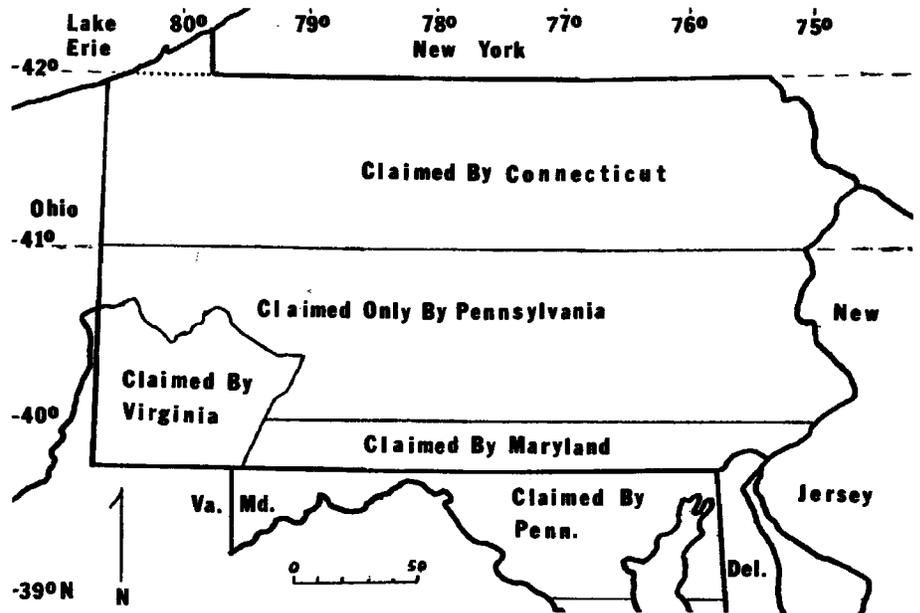
To understand Pennsylvania's background it is important to learn something not generally known about William Penn. And this is what made his colony unique. William was the son of an English Admiral, a favorite with the King for service he had done him when he was restored to the throne. The Admiral was a man of great wealth. His son had been dispatched to the south coast of Ireland to oversee some of his holdings, to give the young man experience in management.

One evening in Cork young William, then 22, happened to attend a meeting of Friends. Among the soberly dressed people this elegant son of the King's Admiral suddenly became aware of the light glowing in his heart. He stood up speechless in the humble meeting, his only testimony the tears rolling down his cheeks! From that moment he was a Friend. It was a drastic step; he alienated his father and demolished the Court career which the Admiral had planned for him. Yet it half pleased the old man to see his son so steadfast in his new faith. He forgave him, like the frank sailor he was, and helped him succeed in another way.

In a practical sense,

William Penn's high position in the Court was of tremendous help to the Quakers. Time and again he interceded for them, releasing them from persecution and jail. In 1670 the Admiral died, leaving his son a large fortune and a claim of £16,000 against the crown. The young man asked for a grant of land in America to satisfy this claim. The King granted his request, seeing it as an excellent way to get rid of many recalcitrants. As Penn himself noted "the government at home was glad to be rid of us at so cheap a rate as a little parchment to be practiced in a desert 3000 miles off..."

reality, and it was evident that Penn's planning was well developed. Early Pennsylvania owes more to Penn than any other colony does to a proprietor. It had few of the hardships that had made so large a part of the history of the earlier colonies. Thanks to Penn's wise and just policy with the natives, there were no Indian troubles. Pennsylvania was by far the best advertised of all the colonies. Penn sent out paid agents and distributed countless pamphlets printed in English, Dutch, French and German. Unlike the lures of many American real estate promoters then and later,



PENNSYLVANIA boundaries in the making

Penn planned his "great experiment" after the writings of Plato, Aristotle, More's Utopia, Bacon's New Atlantis, and James Harrington's Oceana. But from his worldly experience and sound Quaker common sense came this statement: "Let men be good, and the government cannot be bad; if it be ill, they will cure it. But if men be bad, let the government be never so good, and they will endeavor to warp and spoil it to their turn."

Several years before Penn himself crossed the Atlantic, he had sent settlers who moved into what was then referred to as West Jersey. In 1681 King Charles' grant became a

Penn's inducements were generally truthful. He welcomed forward-looking spirits and substantial citizens, including industrious carpenters, masons, shoemakers and other manual artisans. His liberal land policy, encouraging larger land holdings, was instrumental in attracting a heavy flow of immigrants.

There was no tax-supported state church. Freedom of worship was guaranteed to all residents. The death penalty was imposed only for treason and murder, as compared with some 200 capital crimes in England and even more in New England. Under pressure from London, however, Penn was

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Census - 1830 continued

The Park/e/s summary of the 1830 census for New York State is offered here to assist those who may be researching their Park/e/s ancestry in this area. All those whose name was Park, Parke, Parks, Parkes and other variations are included.

The names are shown by the county where they lived in 1830. The census page number is given to let you refer to the complete census for analysis of household members as well as those of other names nearby who might be related by marriage.

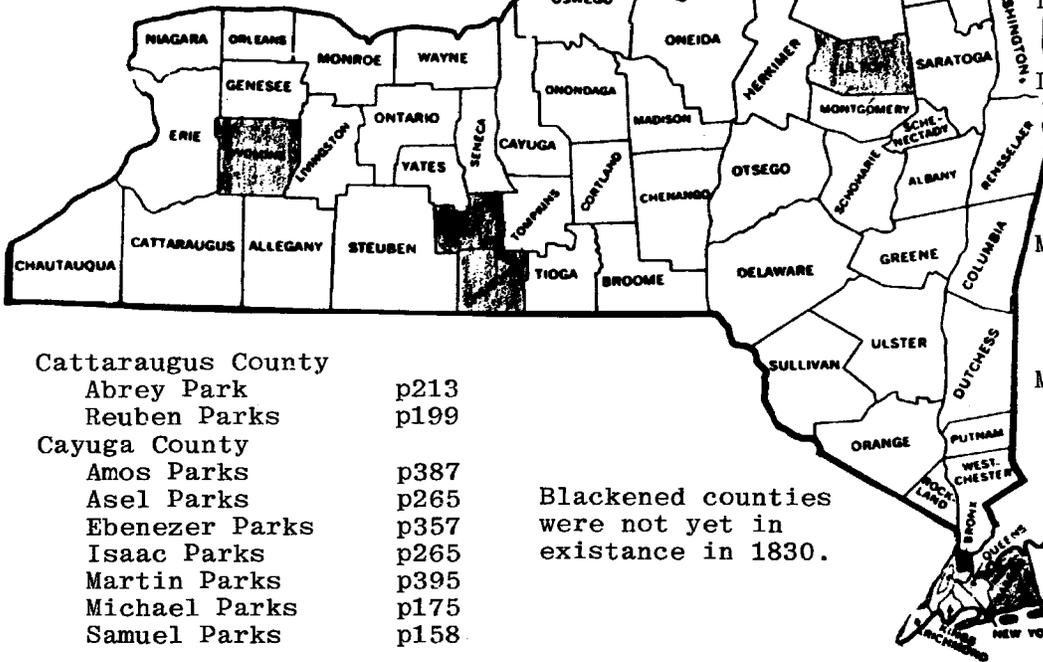
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“Killd by Parke”

Joshua Hempstead's Diary (Printed 1901)

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Wednsd 13 (1731) fair but Cloudy most of the day. Natt Ayres Killd by Parke. I Lodged at Cuzn Lees & Stayed all day. I wrote his will & a Deed of gift for Thos of his homestead. Thos pd me 10s. I came home at night. a Sad Accident happened the night before last at Preston. a Rugged Hardy young man named Nathaniel Ayres of Stonington Late in the night went

to the House of Samll Parke of Preston & Roused up the old man and whipt him on the Leggs &c to make Sport with him as is Reported ye old man not liking his Treatment called his Son to his assistance who not having Strength to En-counter with him took his Gun & Shot him down dead & his father & he are both in Prison. page 246
Saturd Apr 1. I was at

Court al day Samll Parke & Richd his Son who Shot Nat Ayres last fall were tryed yesterday & the father acquitted & ye Son ths day found not Guilty & both dismist paying Cost £28.

(Note: Samuel's lineage: Robert¹, Thomas², Thomas³ Samuel⁴ (1673-1750) married Abigail Ayres - possibly related to the above Nathaniel. Richard⁵ (1710-c1747) married Sarah⁴ Kimball (John³, John², Richard¹).

Historian's Corner

This is the last time that I shall occupy this corner! For the past four years I have tried to continue the genealogical work of our founder, Ruby Parke Anderson, unfortunately without the aid of her voluminous records or those given to her for the Society and still retained by her family. Little by little I have assembled family group sheets for the first five generations of most of the Park/e/s immigrants.

It was evidently Ruby's intent to limit the Society's interest to the ancestry and descendants of Robert¹, who came in the Winthrop Fleet in 1630. However, the Trustees realized that the Society's real value lay in developing a resource for research into ALL Park/e/s lineages. As later generations moved westward, it became almost impossible to identify many lines unless we collected and collated all families' records. The influx of many members not descendants of Robert is bringing to light a wealth of new, extremely valuable information.

A new, vital step has been

undertaken by preparing a first-name index of all named Park/e/s. When complete, no longer need the Historian rely on his memory or check numerous volumes to locate and identify an individual. Each card will show the parentage, dates of birth, marriage, death, and lineage from the immigrant, if known. It will also show from what genealogy or other source the facts came. I am most grateful for all the help I have received on this venture. It is still far from completion. Later we hope to add spouses names, and direct descendants from all female Park/e/s marriages. Our new Historian will be in charge of this work.

In this issue you will be introduced to the new Historian whom I have found eminently qualified to carry on the research and maintain the Society's records. As the Society grew, there was obviously going to be much more than I could handle. Correspondence became voluminous, particularly when we ran a small ad in the Genealogical Helper. At the same time I was putting together the NewsLetter, which I took over five years ago. Bill Cook #66, retiring President, agreed to write and edit; after

his move to Florida, Dorothea Cogswell #15 was willing to edit only. Several members have come forward with material from their research. I am grateful to them and to Bill & Dorothea (Dorothea says my writing is archaic! also my spelling! You'll be glad she will continue to edit)

This whole undertaking has been hampered by outside influences. My years as a stockbroker ended in 1977. After a brief period as a consultant, in the summer of 1978 came the organizing of a new corporation. This necessitated moves from South Dartmouth to Amherst MA, then to Reading PA.

Now I have agreed to accept the title of Editor (though still retaining Dorothea Cogswell for copy editing). I hope many of you will join contributors such as Marjorie Fitts #58, Bess Hope #169, and Peg Park #248 in supporting the NewsLetter. This is the one medium we have to keep us together as a Society. Its value depends on sharing the results of our combined genealogical research.

My wife's death last June brought my Society correspondence to a standstill. Tad Parks has already rectified much of this dilemma. If your letter has not yet had a response, please contact either Tad or me again, and we'll do our best to help you.

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ucts such as Chunky, Bit-O-Honey, and O Henry candy bars. Tad, not one to sit idle, also finds time for the Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary), Amateur Radio (W9NOT), and stamp collecting. He is a member of the Wisconsin Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

His lineage is from Richard¹⁻²⁻³, through Jonathan⁴, Whiting⁵⁻⁶, Jonathan⁷, Alonzo Hunt⁸, Philip Stephen⁹, Elba Keefer¹⁰ to his father, Russell Theodore¹¹.

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forced to deny Catholics and Jews the privilege of voting or holding office. No pro-

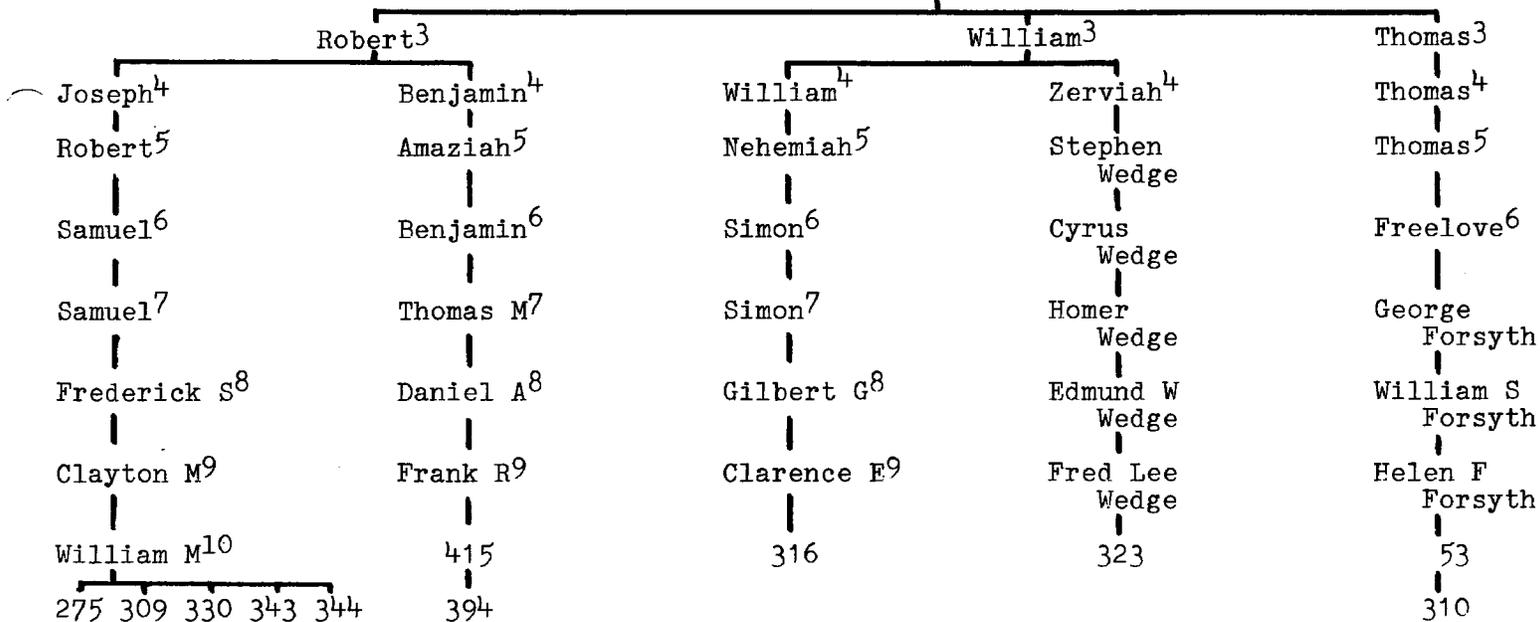
vision was made by the peace-loving Quakers for military defense. They also developed a strong dislike of Negro slavery and took positive steps toward its abolition. Under such generally happy auspices Pennsylvania shot forth as the most American part of America. The population, generally speaking, was more racially mixed than the other settlements.

Here, then, was a settlement and later a state into which many of the Park/e/s families were drawn, the so called Scotch-Irish whom we have noted earlier (Vol XVI p44), descendants of Robert and Richard from New England, Roger from New Jersey, and others from the South. The next issue will trace several of the Park/e/s lines in Pennsylvania.

WARNING !!!!

You may receive a form letter from BEATRICE BAYLEY of Sterling PA in which she offers a newly published book about the Parke family. She states that she has spent months of work and thousands of dollars to research through 70 million families "and I have located almost every Parke family in the United States".

In the book is one small section drawing names at random from the National Data Bank. The remainder of the book is stock info given to every family. It is not a good buy. DLP



The above picture is of four generations: Bess M. Park, aunt of Harlowe O. Tribe #432, his daughter, Shirley J. Peck, and her son, Timothy.

Harlowe is a resident of Endwell NY (nr Binghamton) an area where he has lived most of his life. Following his graduation from college in 1941 he joined IBM in nearby Endicott.

"In general my work was always involved with data processing, first with the unit record system and later on with the electronics computer system". Since retiring in 1975 Harlowe has found an interesting change of pace as a technical ass't in the School of Mgt. at the State University of NY at

Binghamton in their graduate program.

"As a former programmer and systems analyst", Harlowe reports, "the problem of storing genealogical records on a magnetic disk presented an interesting challenge. While the information could easily be written on the storage medium, it was necessary to create a coding system and a computer program to allow access to the records for reference when needed."

Our new Historian will certainly want to know more about Harlowe's project. Who knows but the Society is destined for the giant step into the computer age! Harlowe's lineage is:

Family of Claude & Edith Perkins (l to r) Mark, Alice, Andrew, Phyllis and David.

Robert¹, Thomas²⁻³⁻⁴, Josiah⁵, Thomas⁶⁻⁷, Avery G⁸, Claude Avery⁹, Hazel¹⁰. His brother was the late John Tribe #274.



David Livingstone Perkins #429 is a missile expert in California. He is the first of six children born to Claude Shuler and Edith (McNab) Perkins at Claremont Brown Co. SD. He was named for the Scottish missionary-explorer, Dr. Livingstone.

His early life was that of a farm boy whose schooling was in the one-room

variety with one teacher for eight grades. The depression, drought and dust storms severely affected the family. In 1934 the family moved to Warren OR, but the following spring went back, started over, hoping that the drought was over.

In September 1945 he joined the aviation branch of the Navy. Eight years later he left as a Chief Petty Officer. While in Jacksonville FL he started night school. After 29 years this has culminated in a degree from San Jose State University.

After his Navy stint he was with missile/aircraft manufacturers and is now with Lockheed in their Sunnyvale plant. He has prepared missiles for launch at Cape Canaveral, taught supersonic airplane technical details to Air Force personnel, and worked with Naval personnel on Poseidon missile launching submarines at bases in Scotland and Spain.

One test pilot he instructed was the one "who later became world famous for his 'one giant step for mankind' statement."

Interest in genealogy was triggered when a researcher sent him a huge package of data. On reading it he noted errors and in the process of digging out documentation he became 'hooked'.

His lineage from Robert¹ is Thomas², Dorothy³ to Martha Morgan who married Joseph³ Perkins (Jacob², John¹). Thence to William⁴, Daniel Buck⁵, Erastus Berchard⁶, Horace Thaddeus⁷, Jacob Shuler⁸, to Claude Shuler⁹, his father.

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In 1931 Gerald married Evelyn Patricia McDermott in Waukegan. They have three children: Gerald McDermott, Margaret Patricia and James Guy.

With the name Park on his mother's side there is still some research to be done to determine the Park immigrant.

Cetirus' mother was Fannie Thomas who married a John Park in Harrisville OH in 1846. Her lineage is to Robert¹ through Thomas², Nathaniel³, Phebe⁴ who married Thomas¹ Beeman. Then follows Daniel²⁻³, to Dilla⁴ Fannie's mother.



Queries

Refer to your Society address list to respond.

#416 PRUDENCE PARK b c1741 m EPHRAIM GOSS (Hoes Goes) c1761. d 1818 Penfield, Monroe Co NY. Ephraim d Valley Forge 1778. Ch Phoebe, Benjamin, John, Hannah (Rodman), Samuel.

#402 Need parents of MARGARET PARKS w of Dr. THOMAS ESSEX of Hampshire Co WV. She was b 21 Jan 1752. Ch Christina (m John Hull), Charity (m James Parson), Cpt Philip (m Hannah Hull). Desc lived in Licking, Morgan, & Hancock Cos IA. Was Margaret related to Andrew & Rachel, Hampshire Co WV?

A letter has been received from Mrs. E. J. Turk, an authority on Channel Islanders and their descendants. (Jersey - Guernsey - Alderney - Sark) She is looking for Du Parc descendants in America. It is likely that they changed to Park or Parke on arrival.

The following are from her records. If you can shed any light on these families a letter to the Historian will be appreciated.

Du Parcq in Jersey 1668, 1749, 1759. Lord Du Parcq of England is part of this family it is believed.

Park, Barbara Jane, res. Markham ONT, m John Ross Caldwell of Le Ber family on Jersey.

Park, John Richard, m Shirley Grace Caughell of Robilliard family in ONT. Shirley b 1931.

Parkes, Harold Ewart, b 1925 Windsor ONT, res. London ONT, m Hazel Roberts of large Roberts family in ONT.

Park, Agnes Jane, m 1872 Josias Richard Young, b 1851 on Guernsey. To Utah on 'Chimborazo' in 1855. Need names of descendants.

Park, Andrew F, d 1919, m 1884 Annie Young who was b 1863 Fairfield UT. Need names of descendants.

See also in Descendants of Edward Small & Allied Families.

Park, Albert D., pp 1708-9 He was Register of Oxford? and/or Paris ME c1902.

Park, Edwards A., pp 431 Polly Park m 1930 Dixfield ME? or MA, Joseph T. Mitchell, had son and res. Mexico ME?



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