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Western Reunion Huge Success

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For the first time since its founding in 1963, the Parke Society chose to meet west of the Mississippi River. Recognizing that nearly half the active membership now lives in the west, the Trustees picked Salt Lake City as the 1982 reunion site. The 60 members attending were fully agreed that this meeting

helped to transport our members to various locations during the weekend. We are most grateful for the excellent planning, scheduling, and support.

Many members arrived a week or more ahead of the appointed weekend (August 20 - 22). Of course the world-famous Genealogical Library was the drawing card for avid genealogists. On Thursday evening

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Speakers at the Seminar

George D. Durrant gave the first presentation at the morning seminar on Saturday, August 21st. He laid great emphasis on having pride in your name and your family. It is his strong conviction that everyone should write his/her life story. In fact, if he had his way, "you wouldn't be allowed to die until you write it!" "Not knowing your pedigree and life history, you don't know yourself."

George feels that there is nothing more thrilling to leave to your children. This story of your life can be a great tool in bringing up the children.

The first question that comes to mind: What do you put in this history? You can of course describe the various events as they unfold, your schools, your business etc., but it is more important for you to leave behind your thoughts and feelings - what you believe in and why.

George points out that a birth certificate proves you were born. However, your family history proves that you LIVED! So this history must tell how you feel in your heart about who you are and where you came from.

The second speaker, George Fudge, told some of the history of the Genealogical Society of Utah. He traced its beginning to 1894, when three genealogies were donated. This is a far cry from what has developed into the largest genealogical library in the world. It soon became evident that the

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Guy Kimball, Pres. Dana Parks, Reunion Ch. Stuart Park, George Fudge and George D. Durrant of the Mormon Library.

outshone all others!

Responsible for this successful event were Stuart Park #19, past President of the Society, and Pat Geisler #255, Genealogist of the Heber C. Kimball Family Organization. Guy Kimball, President of that organization, kindly displayed an interesting series of pictures of the Kimballs who are descendants of Robert Parke. Many of the Kimball group

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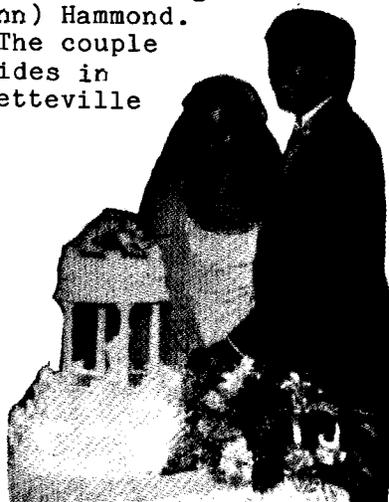
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Congratulations!

Theresa Leigh Hammond, a
granddaughter of Florence
Hammond #173 was married in
Richmond VA on 7 August to 1st
Lt. Charles Calloway Jr. She
is the daughter of Harley
Stewart and Margaret Elizabeth
(Mann) Hammond.

The couple
resides in
Fayetteville
PA.



Welcome New Members

- 501 Mr James J G Parke
- 502 Mrs Helen B Jensen
- 503 Mrs Patricia M Park
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- 505 Mrs Hazel Hoisington
- 506 Mrs June Morrow
- 507 Mr William A Parks
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In Memoriam

Robert Dwight Parks #51,
a retired Executive Vice Pres-
ident of Howard Johnson, a
former community leader in
Concord MA died 21 May in
Newton MA.

Born in Duxbury MA 31 Aug
1906, he attended the Boston
Latin School and received a
BS degree from the University
of Maine in 1929. During the
depression he worked up to
division manager of the
Waldorf System in Rochester
NY. In 1942 he joined Howard
Johnson's defense feeding
program and managed the Lake
Placid Club then serving as
an Army Redistribution Center.

Following the war he bought
a Howard Johnson Restaurant
in Concord MA and later another
in Leominster. In 1957 he
moved into company operations
continuing until his retirement
in 1971. In 1967 he was Pres-
ident of the National Restau-
rant Ass'n (representing
125,000 US restaurants).

In Concord Bob served as
Chairman of the Board of Select-
men, as a vestryman of Trinity
Episcopal Church, was a member
of the local Chamber and Rotary.
In retirement he participated
in SCORE as Chairman and taught



Robert Dwight Parks

a restaurant management course
at Cape Cod Community College.

On 18 Aug 1934 he married
in Evanston IL the former
Katherine Fullerton Stillwell.
There are three daughters and
six grandchildren. Bob, a
member of the Society of May-
flower Desc., was a descendant
of Robert¹. (Thos², Rbt³⁻⁴,
James⁵, John⁶, James⁷, John
Cole⁸, John Henry⁹, John Ward¹⁰).

We were sorry to learn of
the tragic death of Steven
Darryl Parks, nephew of Dr.
Larry C. Parks #243. He
killed in an auto accident
in Alpine WY returning from
a Independence Day vacation.

Book Review

Thomas Parke & Rebecca Hooper
of Chester County PA by
Festine Parke Moss, 1982
tbound 271 pages, references
bibliography, index. Order
from: the Author, 658 Stonewall
Memphis TN 38107.

This is a welcome addition to the Parke Society Library, expanding on known information on Thomas¹ Parke of Pennsylvania. Except for the first four generations, this follows only the author's lineage through Thomas' son Jonathan. Much background is included on many of the descendants as well as on six related families. There are 20 pages of names drawn from various census records.

Thomas was a Quaker who came to America in 1724 and settled a few miles west of Philadelphia. Without proper records, his descendants could easily be confused with those of Arthur Parke who came to Chester Co. four years earlier. There is a marked difference between the two immigrants. Where Arthur came from Co. Donegal Ulster Province and was of British descent, Thomas was from Co. Carlow, south of Dublin, in Leinster Province. The author states that this branch of the family moved from England to Ireland before 1618.

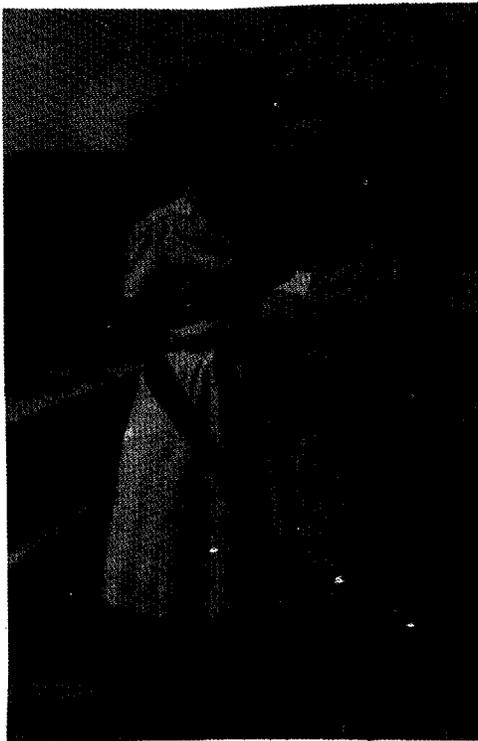
The book has a listing of Thomas's descendants through 11 generations. Of the 575 listed, 85% are descendants of Jonathan². All the Parke names are being added to the master index of the Society.

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19th century furnishings and decor were of particular interest to the women. Speakers of the evening were Edward Kimball son of President Spencer W. Kimball, and Gordon Madsen, the grandson of Heber C. Grant, one of the earlier Presidents of the Mormon Church. Both are descendants of Robert¹ Parke. Each speaker related some of his personal memories of his childhood while growing up in the households of these great men.

Sunday morning we assembled at the Mormon Tabernacle for the broadcast of the Choir, and then proceeded to a sacrament service at a Church of Latter Day Saints near the campus of the University of Utah. A buffet luncheon was served at the University. There was to have been a special program to honor John Rockey Park, founder and first president and a descendant of Roger Park of NJ. Unfortunately this was cancelled. However, we were invited to have a tour of the Administration Building named in his honor.

We were then taken in several carloads to see the "This is the Place" Monument, where Brigham Young is supposed to have had his first glimpse of the valley of the Salt Lake. The tour then continued through Parley's Canyon and on to Park City. A hundred years ago Park City was an active mining town; it has now become a major winter sports center. The old main street is being restored, and offers an interesting panorama of earlier days. Our final reunion activity was a dinner at the "Car 19", a period restaurant with an excellent cuisine.



Pat Geisler and Margie Howell

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need was for more than the written genealogies. A means must be found to collect vital records, church, civil, land, and probate records, and much more.

In 1936 microfilm was developed. It was soon tested for photographing all sorts of material. With the start of World War II, this project had to be curtailed. However in 1946 a team was sent to Denmark to begin recording that country's archives. The following year another team went to the British Isles. Today there are 100 cameras in action with some 40,000 rolls produced each year. This represents 40 million pages. On this basis the Mormon Library now has in its vaults over 1-1/4 billion pages.

The next major undertaking was to classify all the information collected to make it useful to researchers. In 1941 computers were beginning to appear and were investigated. This did not prove helpful at the time, because millions of punched cards would not do more than the 3x5 cards already in use. By 1960 there were 3 million cards. The next step was microfiche, a method of reproducing many thousands of names on a small plastic card that could be easily read in a special projector. Now an international genealogical index has been prepared with 60 million names.

It must be realized that as we go back in history, family lines converge so that we obviously share ancestors. George Fudge pointed out that this priceless collection is available to everyone. A new library is under construction which will double the present facilities, which already serve over 2000 researchers daily. There are 380 regional Church Libraries throughout the US and Canada, each with microfiche and microfilm readers. Film can be sent by request from Salt Lake City to these libraries.

We'd like you to know -

Celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary are Hervey Cushman Parke and his wife, the former Mary Carpenter Gage now of Leland MI. They were married in Christ Church, Grosse Pointe MI on 24 October 1942.

Hervey #162 was born in New York City 5 Feb 1914 to Hervey Coke Parke Jr and Ethel Margaret Cushman. His early life was in Amherst MA and Pasadena CA where his father was an Episcopal rector. He attended Kent School CT, Yale (Sheffield) '36, MS & PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the Univ. Of Michigan '40.

For six years Hervey served as a senior research chemist for Parke, Davis & Co in Detroit a company founded by his grandfather (see Vol XIII No 3). Following the war he became a products analyst, then supervisor of market research. In 1963 he served as manager of sales development for the Int'l Division. And for the last five years before retirement he headed the Int'l Market Research.

Singing and acting have played an important part in his life. Hervey has been a member of church choirs and been active in local theatrical groups. Now in retirement his interests include golf, tennis and skiing.

He has five children, two of whom are members of the Society, and six grandchildren. He is a descendant of Robert¹.



Hervey Cushman & Mary (Gage) Parke



back row: Lana & Jim Parke, Sarah & Laura Waterman, Hervey & Mary Parke, Stephanie wife of Hervey III.

front row: Constance & Mark Waterman, Hervey III and daughter Kerry, John Parke and Heather Jordan with her mother Polly Parke Jordan in front.

Portrait in upper right is of Hervey's maternal gt gt grandfather, Minerva Cushman of Cooperstown NY (1762 - 1842)



Margaret Bowden, Jill Bowden, Dick & Betty(Bowden) Day on 26 June 1942, Glens Falls NY

We'd like you to know -

The summer of '42 was an exciting occasion for the Bowden family, as the accompanying picture will show. Elisabeth Carswell Bowden #16 was married 26 June in Glens Falls NY to Richard Gough Day Jr of Schnectady. Her two sisters Jill #14 (Mrs David L. Parke) and Margaret #18 (Mrs Thure Krarup) were her attendants. They are the daughters of Dorothy Bowden #4 and William McEchron Bowden. All are charter life members of the Society.

Betty Day was born in Grandmere, QUE, where her father was in the lumber business. Her schooling included Miss Hall's in Pittsfield MA and Connecticut College with a major in Economics. Tole painting has been one of Betty's favorite hobbies. For many years she has decorated trays, boxes and furniture. She

is a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration. Many beautiful items

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The Day Family 40 years later



Claudio Elia & wife Susan, Dick & Betty Day Richard III and Sue, Betsey Day. In front are Marc and Chrissy Elia.

Interesting Ancestors: Elizabeth Park Stever

material prepared by
Ruhanah Glasgow Archer
(Her last-born granddaughter)
December 1935

During the past few years there have been a number of biographies written, among which a few notable women have been recognized. When I have read of these, I have thought each time: "Why hasn't some relative written of Grandmother Stever and her wonderful life; a pioneer, a patriot, and above all, a great mother?"

I have little genius as a writer, but if the facts I can set down about Grandmother will serve in the least to be an inspiration of courage, forbearance, service to mankind, and a great and unwavering faith, I shall feel that my time is not spent in vain.

Elizabeth (Betsey) Park was born 3 August 1803 in Hunterdon County NJ. Her parents were John and Margaret McLean Park: she being the third of nine children. They were farmers; when they needed more land, they sold out, bought a large herd of horses and started to drive them to Huntingdon County PA. Betsey was then half-grown. After great hardships and losing most of the horses from disease, they finally reached their new home, and 'took up' or bought cheap land there, as they had lost most of their expected profit on the sale of their horses by the death of so many of them.

George Stever, who had come from Germany to America before the Revolution, had married Katherine Mathias near Baltimore in 1793. He too settled in Huntingdon County with his family of nine children, of whom Adam was the second. Here the young people met through Betsey's going to the Stever home to spin. She was an expert spinner and needed to earn money to help her family, who were then through misfortune much poorer than the prosperous Stevers. When young Adam Stever fell in love

with Betsey, the Stevers frowned on his love for this girl could bring him no property. Adam and Betsey eloped and were married 15 August 1826; She then 23 and he 27.

They established their own farm near Cassville PA, and improved it with good buildings some of which still stand. (This was 25 miles SE of Altoona)

Their eleven children were born on that farm. They were prosperous only because of their inborn industry. Adam became a capable, efficient gunsmith. He thus made many extra dollars. Betsey spun and wove. She made their clothes, bedding and rugs.

They heard of more and better land in the 'West' (in this case Iowa). They wished better conditions for their children. In 1844 they set out by ox teams and wagons over the poor mountain roads, and finally reached the Ohio River at Pittsburgh. There they embarked with their eleven children, oxen, wagons, stock and household goods on a boat going west. When they reached St Louis they had to change all their belongings to a boat going north on the Mississippi River. They finally landed at Keokuk IA. and drove about fifty miles to Jefferson County. It was a fair land of open prairie, but enough wood on the watercourses for building logs and fuel. They bought five hundred acres, probably at \$1.50 per acre, located about a mile and a half west of the tiny settlement of Fairfield.

They lived in their covered wagons until my Grandfather Adam and his husky sons could build the log house that sheltered them until a larger brick house was built in 1846. The bricks for the permanent home, which still stands, were made from clay on the farm, later owned by William Black. (He married Rachel Stever and all their children were born on the farm) The bricks were burned there, and then hauled about four miles to the present site. The house had two stories, attic, and basement.

Each floor had two large rooms with a central hall between the lower two rooms. Each had a fireplace, was substantially built, and was finished in detail. There was a kitchen at the back, with a porch over the well, and a summer house beyond that. I can see grandmother even in old age sitting on this back porch peeling apples or potatoes; and watching everything that went on.

Grandfather died in 1858 at 57; I never saw him. Grandmother often talked of him, and always revered his memory. When Cousin Bess boarded there while teaching, grandmother often told her: "Bess, remember - you need never be ashamed of your grandfather, for if there was an honest man, he was one." He was always very religious. Although they had joined the Presbyterian Church in Fairfield, the German Lutheran was his ancestors' church. When more Lutheran pioneers moved there, grandfather and grandmother helped organize the new church. Andrew Axline, a young Lutheran minister who had come to Fairfield to organize a private school, soon married their beautiful 17 year old Almira.

We still see something of grandfather's character in his farm buildings. He was neat, clean, industrious, kind, unselfish, lovable, a living faith, strictly temperate, and so honest that he was imposed upon. He could never punish a child. He always made his wife do the punishing. She did, thoroughly!

When grandfather died, several of the family were married and all were well grown. But orphan children came to live there as their own, so the house was still full of overflowing. In those days, when the husband died, the property was usually sold and divided at once, and the widow often got little or nothing. Grandmother told her children that if they divided the property, then she could not raise the orphan children, so she asked them to wait. They all agreed and signed quit claims to her. Thus she remained in the house

until she died at 96. This gives evidence to the whole family's unselfish character.

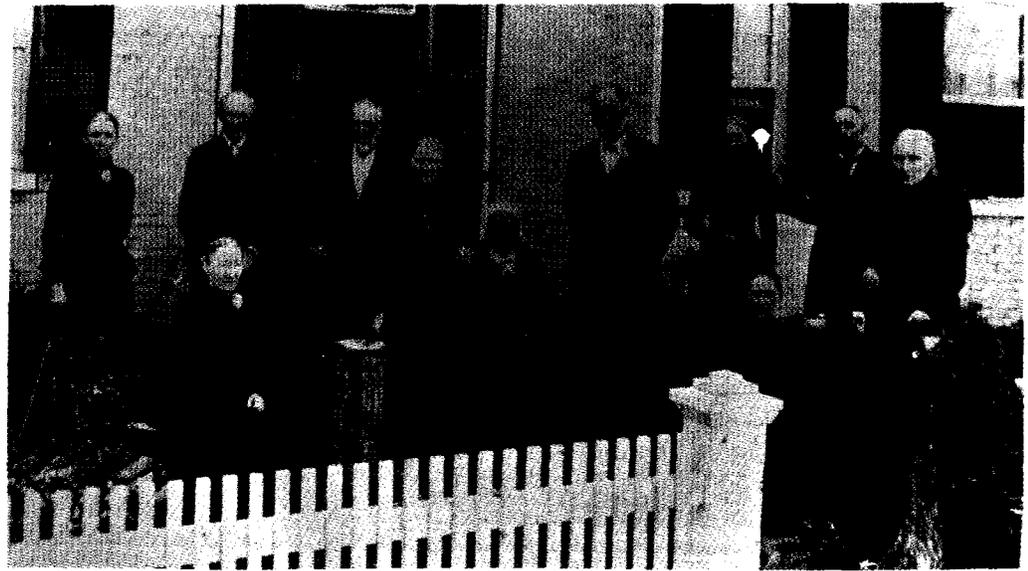
In addition to her own family of eleven, grandmother took in and raised to maturity eight others, some of them babies. Through this experience she believed firmly in the heredity. She always said: "I raised them all alike just as far as possible. Some turned out well, others not so good, and all showed early signs of the blood that was in them."

Uncle John, Aunt Lib, and Aunt Jane also helped greatly in running that small orphan asylum in their home. All shared the hard work, care, and expense. Aunt Jane when young taught in country schools. Her meager pay was used for taxes and the necessary farm improvements.

Near the brick house grandfather had built a two-story frame house for grandmother's weaving. There she spent much time with the large wooden loom and several spinning wheels of different sizes. Carpets, blankets, yarn for knitting socks and stockings were made, even cotton and wool cloth for clothing. The upper room was used as a smoke-house where quantities of meat were cured for the household.

There was a large hay barn with a side wing for the cattle and horses. By 1849, when the California gold rush started, the farm was well improved by these buildings. As the farm was on a main east-west highway, it became a night refuge for the covered wagon cavalcades. Women and children were invited to put pallets in the house, while the men slept on the barn's clean hay. They were welcome to cook on the fireplaces or stoves. No money was ever taken for these accommodations.

There were no trained nurses for the sick then, so neighbor women helped each other. Grandmother spent much time away from home caring for the sick and assisting in childbirth. She was quick, efficient, and resourceful in emergencies. She had advanced ideas of cleanliness and sanitation



Elizabeth Park Stever with ten of her children
Standing 1 to r: Elizabeth (Lib), John, George, Catherine, Solomon, Rachel, David, Ann Mary. Seated - Almira, Elizabeth Park Stever, Jane.

for those days. When someone was dying, she was there to serve and offer sympathy and consolation.

In the schoolhouse nearby head lice were prevalent, so grandmother waited daily at her gate with a fine-tooth comb to combat each child's head before he was allowed to enter the house. There was also a constant war on bedbugs, owing to the many travelers entertained. Grandmother was relentless about these intruders, and never spared herself or her girls in keeping her home clear and clean.

Most older women then smoked pipes. Grandmother had taken it up when a young matron in Pennsylvania. She would smoke by the fireplace while chatting with relatives or visiting friends. Once when Uncle Dave, her last-born, was nursing as she rocked and chatted, a coal fell from her pipe and burned a tiny red mark on him. She never forgave herself, and vowed never to smoke again - and she never did!

Gradually, as she grew old, she gave up the reins of the housework reluctantly to Aunt Lib and Aunt Jane. She insisted on bringing in the wood for the range and sweeping snow from the porch and steps until past 80. At 86 she was spry, active, and mentally alert. Then her

memory began to fail. She became a child again, living on for another ten years. She died on 6 March 1900, the day I was married, though many miles away.

Grandfather and grandmother Stever gave their children a rich heritage of pure blood, vigor, uprightness and memories of a happy home of service to each other and to strangers who came within their gate.

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are also the result of her knitting and needlepoint talents.

Her training in Economics and good business sense have been of great value. Betty has served as President of the Glens Falls Home, a retirement center, and is the first and only woman to serve on the board of Directors of the Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Co., as well as the local YMCA.

Her husband, Dick, a nephew of IBM's Thomas J. Watson, has just retired as a general surgeon, and recently served his alma mater, Union College, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Betty is a 12th generation descendant of Robert Parke (Robert¹, Thomas², Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, Daniel⁵⁻⁶, Solomon⁷, Barzilla⁸, Solomon Augustus⁹, Julia Amelia¹⁰, Susan Dorothy West(Bowden)¹¹).

Reunion

the officers assembled for preliminary discussions. Registration started Friday morning at the Royal Executive Motor Inn, Reunion Headquarters. The first scheduled event was a two hour in-depth Library tour, which offered many helpful hints on getting the best results in our time there.

Following the tour, the Trustees held a meeting at the Library, to which all members were invited. In the evening we enjoyed a pop concert by the Utah Symphony in their elegant new auditorium. This ended with the rousing 1812 Overture, including the firing of miniature cannons.

Saturday morning we convened in the Motor Inn's conference room for the annual seminar. President Dana Parks presided. He first called on Historian Tad Parks for a statement of the Society's genealogical activities. He was followed by Newsletter Editor David Parke, who outlined ways for members to participate in preparing material for the Society's Newsletter.

Tad described his duties as "another set of eyes helping people to find their Park/e/s ancestors." The Society, he feels, is a clearing house for any and all information pertaining to ANY Park/e/s immigrant and his descendants.

Tad pointed out four areas in which the Society is organizing the records: 1. Family group sheets (now fairly complete for five generations) are being extended to the present through the members lines; 2. the given name index (4 x 6 cards) is partially complete on every person named Park in its various spellings; 3. cemetery records are being collected for all Park/e/s throughout the US and Canada; 4. we hope to identify every Park/e/s in census records.

David, who for the last seven years has put together the Society's Newsletter, noted the importance of this form of communication. Its purpose is to share with the membership and the public at large as much pertinent information about

Park/e/s immigrants and their descendants as can be found. More than 600 copies of each issue are circulated to every state in the union and Canada (nearly 400 copies to active members and over 200 to genealogical libraries). The Society, David reported, has received much excellent material. As space permits, much of this will be summarized in the Newsletter. He urged members to share the results of their research, and to prepare stories about their famous ancestors as well as the not so famous! Pictures are especially welcome, black and white glossy reproducing the best.

The two principal speakers of the morning were George



Seminar at the Royal Executive Inn



The Charles Parkes of American Fork UT



Enjoying the gardens in Temple Square

Donald Durrant, Director of the Genealogical Dept. of the Mormon Church, and George H. Fudge, Vice President of the Genealogical Society of Utah and Director of Operations for the Mormon Library.

George Durrant was one of the most stirring speakers at the 1980 World Congress in Salt Lake City and no less so on this occasion. He was followed by George Fudge's fascinating description of the development and goals of the Genealogical Library which has become the Mecca for genealogists throughout the world. (see page 17 for a report of both talks.)

Saturday after lunch we visited the Mormon Church's Welfare Center. Here we saw

how food and clothing collections were made from many local parishes or "stakes". There were facilities for canning all kinds of produce, and for processing dairy products. This was then sent to regional distribution points. Local church leaders authorize those in need to draw on these supplies just as in a super-market or department store.

On returning from this most informative trip, President Dana Parks called the members to order for the Annual Meeting. At this time reports were kept to a minimum, because the Trustees' Meeting held earlier is designed for considering the details. The new Trustees elected for a three year term were: Patricia Geisler #255,

Thomas F Park #306 and Halsted Park Jr #339. The members who had died during the past year were mentioned by name, and a prayer was said.

Future meeting sites were presented for discussion. Woodstock VT was chosen for 1983, Williamsburg VA 1984 and Newton MA 1985 (a Boston suburb). The Newton meeting will be held on the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Richard Park, who settled in Newton in 1635. Other locations under consideration were Napane Ontario, where many Loyalist Parks settled during and after the Revolution; Parkville MO (a suburb of Kansas City) the home of Park College, started by George S Park (a Robert descendant); Clark County GA where many southern Parks settled, and finally Parke County IN, named for Benjamin Parke, a descendant of Roger Parke of NJ.

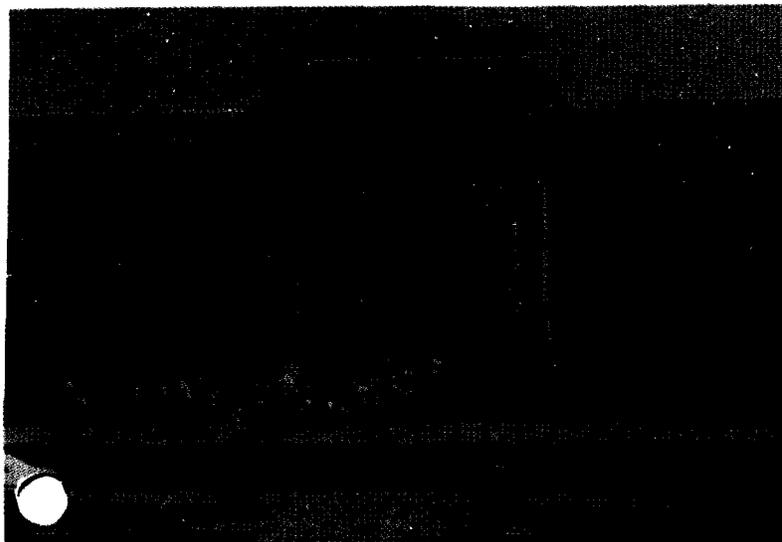
Due to the unfortunate illness of our Treasurer, Wilfred Park, the Trustees have asked his son, W Scott Park #264, to serve as his assistant until he is again able to undertake this responsibility. A committee has been formed, headed by Tad Parks, to further our efforts in obtaining a non-profit designation (501(c)3) from the IRS.

The banquet was held in the Lion House, formerly the home of Brigham Young's wives, and now a private club. The mid-

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Members assemble for Sunday service



Visiting John R Park Administration Bldg.



Main St, Park City - "Car 19" on left

Census of 1790 for Park/e/s

A listing of the Park/e/s found in the 1790, 1800 and 1810 Census records is concluded in this issue. The previous two issues covered the the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The census taker may not have spelled the surname as you expect to find it. So it may have an 's' or an 'e' or both! Also you should check the date the county was formed. If you are looking for an ancestor in a certain county, say Belmont County Ohio, you will note that it was formed in 1801. Therefore the individual would be listed in another county in the 1790 or 1800 census records.

The names are shown by county in which they lived on the date shown. 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.

Delaware

Kent County - 1682

Jean Park 1800 p 11
S. E. 1810 p101

New Castle County - 1673

John Park 1790 p -
David Parke 1790 p -
- Parks 1790 p -

Sussex County - 1682

George Park Jr 1810 p418
George Park Sr 1810 p418

Maryland

Richard Parks 1701 p -
Edward Parkes 1705 p -

Allegheny County - 1789

Ebenezer Park 1810 p 25

Anne Arundel County - 1650

R. Andrew Parke 1810 p471

Baltimore County - 1659

Aquilla Parcks 1790 p 27
Archibel Parcks 1790 p 27
Fredaricks Parcks 1790 p 27
John Parcks 1790 p 27
Philip Parcks 1790 p 31
Sarah Parcks 1790 p 27
Archibald Parks 1790 p 21
Benjamin Parks 1790 p 23
David Parks 1790 p 23
David Parks 1790 p 24
William Parks 1790 p 21
William Parks 1790 p 23
Frederick Park 1800 p335
Andrew Parks 1800 p319

Archibald Parks 1800 p335
John Parks 1800 p319
John Parks 1800 p333
Nathan Parks 1800 p335
Sarah Parks 1800 p315
A. Parks 1810 p 87
A. Parks 1810 p 92
Aquilla Parks 1810 p655
Benjamin Parks 1810 p698
David Parks 1810 p698
Fk. Parks 1810 p 90
James Parks 1810 p658
John Parks 1810 p248
John Parks 1810 p272
John Parks 1810 p456
John Parks 1810 p522
Marybury Parks 1810 p125
Mrs. Parks 1810 p125
Peter Parks 1810 p699
William Parks 1810 p 90

Caroline County - 1773

Samuel Parkes 1800 p 16
Coleman Perks 1810 p 42
Samuel Perks 1810 p 42

Cecil County - 1674

James Parks 1810 p 42

Charles County - 1658

Thomas Park 1778 p115

Dorchester County - 1668

Mark Parks 1790 p 56
John Parkes 1800 p653
John Parks 1800 p654
Lucy Parks 1800 p648
Mark Parks 1800 p639
Thomas Parks 1800 p665
Thomas Parks 1800 p688
William Parks 1800 p688
Arthur Parks 1810 p194
Isaiah Parks 1810 p194
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Historian's Corner

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Once the genealogy bug has bitten, we are usually doomed to spend the rest of our days searching always for just one more family ancestor. We spend considerable money and time in seeking our ancestral lines over the years, and our notes, books, and Family Group Sheet Binders become prized possessions. We could no more imagine tossing them out, than we could burn down our house or throw away our wedding rings. Unfortunately some of us may be unconsciously preparing for someone else to throw out "all that junk"!

This is why I want to ask earnestly: WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR WORK, WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS TO US? Will it be carried on, lost, or worse, destroyed?

Some of us, fortunately, have a child or other relative who is truly interested in genealogy and has already shown willingness to pick up and carry on when we must stop. Too often, unfortunately, this does not happen. The attitudes concerning genealogy range from "I don't live in the past and I couldn't give a hoot about all this stuff", to "Well, maybe someday I can find time to do something with this stuff." The result is that, at best, the notes/books/binders are stuck in a box and stored in the attic or basement and forgotten henceforth, or at worst, just plain thrown out as so much junk.

What a sad loss! And it is a loss both to our descendants and to others searching for similar genealogical lines. We may have been only amateurs, but we may have found data never before brought to light. There is great value in all genealogical research, not in dollars and cents, but in ground covered, research reaffirmed, and family lives illuminated. This last is so important! What we remember and write down about great-uncle Henry or cousin Wealthy can probably never be replaced. Once destroyed or lost, these illuminations are lost forever.

What can we do? How can we keep this from happening? BY PLANNING NOW to whom or where our work will go once we must leave it. As wise and prudent people, we probably have provided in our wills for the disposition of our earthly goods and made known our

WARNING! Genealogy Pox is going around - very contagious to adults.

SYMPTOMS Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, is sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and court houses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequent strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night phone calls, hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

NO KNOWN CURE OR ANTIDOTE

TREATMENT Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

REMARKS The unusual nature of this disease is that the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!

(quoted from the Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin)

desires and wishes concerning our prized possessions. Why not make similar provisions concerning our genealogical collections? After all, our time, care and money invested in this endeavor has meant something to us in the past; why not also in the future?

If you have children or another relative who is genuinely interested in genealogy, fine! But do be honest with yourself about this. You may be doing wishful thinking. You should want your work

carried on with the same care, concern, and effort that you have spent, not just stored away for that possible someday in the future. Has the prospective relative already done any genealogical work? Have they shared their interests with you? This is what you should look for.

But suppose that your children and/or other relatives all shun genealogy as a frivolous living in the past, or have only lukewarm interest in it at best! There is still hope. Sometimes Historical & Genealogical Societies are happy to add original research to their manuscript collections, especially if this work falls within the general scope or the purposes and goals of the society itself. So if your family members lack the prerequisite display of interest, and a society seems interested, contact them to explore the idea.

Now you must realize a couple of things. First, not every society is interested in family history as a part of its archive collection. What is eventually added to a manuscript collection depends a lot on how the proposed addition ties in with their overall aims and goals. After all, my collection takes up room and requires an expenditure of time and effort in cataloging and shelving to make it useful to others calling upon the resources of the society in question.

Secondly, terms of bequest should be clearly understood and communicated to all parties concerned, to avoid misunderstandings later. The society may have printed forms for this, or your attorney who prepared your Will may tell you how to write a simple letter of intent and instruction to put with your other final papers to carry out your wishes. But do get the instructions in writing and communicated to your executor, attorney, the recipient society and other close family members who need to know. Each organization works differently, so you should work closely with them to get matters settled so that there is no fuss or misreading of your intentions.

Three Jehiels Identified

Of course one problem with donating your papers to a society is that probably they will not be adding to your work per se. It will become a burden in time as you left it. But at least it will not be lost, and it will be available for others to examine and quote from.

This brings me to a main point in this piece. We in The Parke Society are saddened any time we find that a collection which involves Park/e/s lines has been lost, whether of a member or not. We are still trying to locate the collections of Frank Sylvester Parks and Charles Wellman Parks, who did so much work in the first quarter of this century on the Parke Families... So do keep us in mind if you find that you have no family members particularly interested in carrying on your work. We would be most happy to be the recipients of any genealogical materials involving the Park/e/s lines. Our hope is to become the clearing house of Park/e/s data. To do this we need original documentation other materials, so that by fact we show can be proved by standing records. A contributed collection will help us move a long way toward this goal. If you have published, you might want to consider assigning the copyright to the Society, so that the Society can benefit from your work and that your work can be carried on in coming years.

If you find yourself in this position, and this sounds like a good solution to the question posed herein, do write,

before it is too late, and let us discuss it further; Please write to

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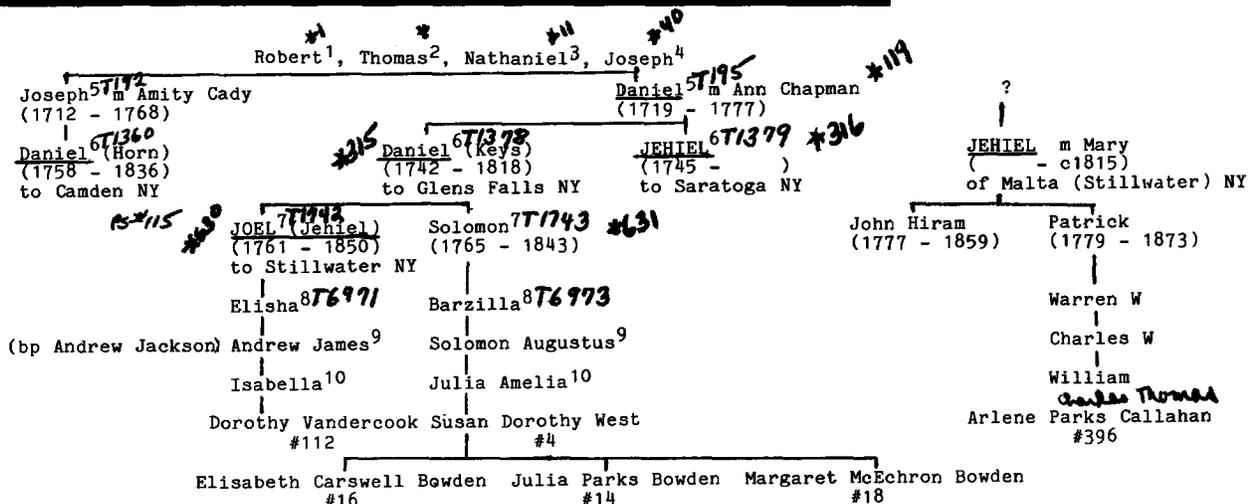
More than a tenth of the Society's membership traces its ancestry to Joseph⁴ Parke, a weaver who lived in Sharon, CT. (Robert¹, Thomas², Nathaniel³) One of the confusions that has stumped several has to do with the identity of Jehiel and Joel who lived in the Saratoga and Glens Falls NY area in the 18th century.

One of the descendants, Dorothy Vandercook #112, was determined to sort it all out. The 1790 census for Albany County clearly identified Jehiel Parks of Saratoga, Jehiel Parks of Malta (part of Stillwater), and Joel of Stillwater who was baptised as Jehiel! 24 pages of notes covering vital and land records, bible listings, and newspaper notices have been assembled.

F. S. Parks in his book Parke Families of Connecticut failed to take note that there were three individuals and therefore combined the facts of the two Jehiels into one.

The accompanying chart is believed to be correct and has been accepted by the DAR in identifying Joel who was baptised Jehiel (National No. 296,086). Also on the chart are three Daniels who are sometimes mistaken. (Horn) indicates the one whose powder horn was reported in Vol XVIII pg 29. (Keys) stands for the Daniel who, according to legend took the keys to Fort George from the British.

We are grateful also to Arlene Parks Callahan #396 for the material she has provided on the Jehiel identities.



Queries

- #210 Need copy of Will of James Parke (Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹). Where was he during Rev. War? What was his wife, Sarah's last name.
- #401 Will correspond with anyone having Park info in Cohocton area, Steuben Co NY.
- #425 Need info on desc. of Oliver Culver Parke, son of Jonathan⁶, (Smith⁵, Joseph⁴, Nathaniel³, Thomas², Rbt¹) Oliver b Canaan NY d Troy NY m Anna Doty. Ch Fedelio D, William O, Wealthy Ann, Elias R, Lucinda, Douglas A.
- #425 Where is Vernon Henry Parks b 1895 Dallas MI son of Henry Albert Parks. Played for Detroit Tigers - last known res. Royal Oak MI in mid '60s. Info requested by Baseball Hall of Fame.



California Members Meet in Anaheim

Following the Reunion in Salt Lake City a second Parke gathering took place. Noting that the more than 60 members living in California were not acquainted with one another, Vice President Theron Anson and his wife Thelma sent out an invitation to meet at their home in Anaheim on August 31st. More than 30 attended the

open house during the afternoon and early evening. David & Jill Parke of Reading PA were on hand to bring a report of the Reunion to those who had not been in Salt Lake City. David, Editor of the Newsletter, gave a brief account of the Society and its activities.

A buffet was prepared by

Thelma and members of her family. That alone would bring the members to another meeting!

It is hoped that this will be only the first of many gatherings of members around the country. The Society is most grateful to Theron and Thelma for their initiative and generosity in opening their home on this occasion.

