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Clearing-house for research on all Park/e/s immigrants from British Isles.

Roy Hampton Park of Park Communications, Inc.

"In this era of multinationals and large corporations, the entrepreneur is a special person. He is special because he has opted for the excitement and risks of the independent businessman rather than the comforts and security of corporate life. Roy Park is such a man." So says H. Justin Davidson, former Dean of the Graduate School of Business & Public Administration at Cornell University.

Roy Hampton Park #236 is a charter member of the Parke Society. A descendant of Isaac Anderson Park, Roy was born in Dobson, the county seat of Surry County, NC, 15 Sep 1910, the youngest of four children of Isaac Ausker & Laura (Stone) Park.

Born a poor farm boy, he completed requirements for a degree in business administration at North Carolina State University in 1930. Jobs not being plentiful at that time, he enrolled for a year of graduate study, thus qualifying him to serve as editor of the student paper. This, plus a part-time job as reporter for the Associated Press, gave him a "comfortable" income for the moment.

The following year Roy became editor, advertising and publicity manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association in Raleigh. "From the beginning, Roy says, "I wanted my own business." So he by-passed the bigger companies to get into what was a new and exciting business in the thirties -- farmers' cooperatives.

Though not a glamorous activity, it gave him a chance

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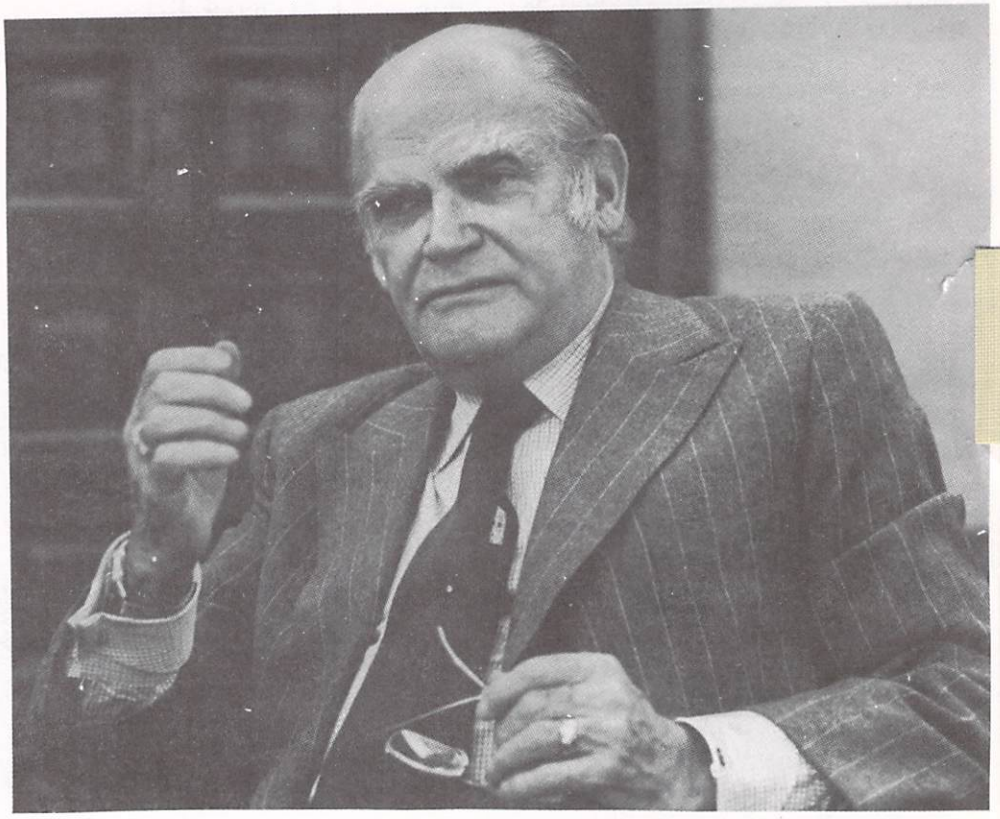

Roy Hampton Park

1984 Reunion Report

The Patrick Henry Inn at Williamsburg VA served as headquarters for the 22nd reunion of the Parke Society May 17 to 20. Members from 17 states, including Alaska and California, as well as the District of Columbia and Ontario Canada, were treated to excellent weather during the three-day event.

Emphasis this year was placed on the many immigrants who settled in Virginia. Williamsburg and the surrounding area between the James and York Rivers became the home of several Parks arriving during the seventeenth century (as noted in Vol XX).

Five 'early bird' members took advantage of the three hour Royal Mile Ride. This began at the Governor's Palace, where a landau was drawn up, attended by elegantly attired coachman and footman. A stop was scheduled at

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Congratulations

Andrew Sellstrom Trout was born 19 Feb in Ontario NY. He is the son of Carol Anderson #310 and Robert James Trout, and grandson of Jean Taylor Anderson #53.

John Richard Chase, born 15 May in Grantham PA, the son of Gene Barry and Emily Vera Parke Chase, is the grandson of John Holbrook Parke #62.

Margaret May Lamagie, born 1 May in Palmer AK to John Holbrook Fairfield and Susan Lamagie, is a granddaughter of Mary Parke Fairfield #61.

Thomas Allerton Parke was born 17 May in Cooperstown NY. He is the son of David Livingstone Parke Jr #38 and his wife Caroline, and the first grandson of David L Sr #13.

Welcome New Members

619 Mr Stephen Budrow
620 Ms Joelette L Fadness
621 Mrs Thomas H Williams
622 Ms Leota Steadman
623 Mr Cecil C Mitchell
624 Mr Max A Campbell
625 Mrs E C Rohracker Jr
626 Mrs Alan J McFarland
627 Mr David R Wheeler
628 Mrs Robert G Embers
629 Mrs Robert Overland
630 Mr Robert Parke
631 The Rev David B Parke
632 Mr Richard F Parke
633 Mr Andrew K Parke
634 Mrs Helen R Schnell
635 Mr Charles E Gates
636 Mrs Richard A Park
637Jr Stefan I Budrow
638Jr Ethan A Budrow
639 Mr Ernest D Parke
640 The Rev James L Park
641 Mrs Donald R Tooman
642 Miss Ethel B Collins
643 Mr John W Collins

In Memoriam

The Rev Richard Avery Pa[illegible] #285 died on 26 Dec 1981. Episcopal priest for 46 years, Fr Park served as Rector of churches in Sedalia MO, Eagle Lake and Houston TX, Hattiesburg and Cleveland MS and in Demopolis AL.

Since he was a young boy, he had been interested in history and genealogy. Dick had researched the Park, Avery and Osborne families. His children were raised climbing over tombstones and reading old family letters. He was a 10th generation descendant of Robert (MA 1630) Thomas^{2}, Robert$^{3-4}$, Roswell^{5}, Asahel^{6}, Stanton^{7}, Richard Avery$^{8-9}$.

Dick was born in Atchison KS and grew up in Kansas City MO. He was a graduate of Northwestern University and Seabury-Western Seminary.

Natalie Parke with her brother Thomas

The 90th birthday of Dorothy West Bowden #4, a charter life member and former Trustee of the Society, was celebrated at her home in Glens Falls NY on 27 April. Joining her were her three daughters, Betty Day #16, Jill Parke #14, Margie Krarup #18, five of her twelve grandchildren, and three of her four gt grandchildren.

Richard Avery Park III

He is survived by his wife Margaret Lois Moore Park #636, and three children; Dr Richard Avery IV #284, Beverly Calvert Park Sullivan #378 and Candace Park Garrett #377. His mother Blanche King Park was living at the time of his death. She died 8 June in Helena AR.

John Bartlett Park #336 died in Glendale CA on February 1st. He was born in

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Cynthia Loope #182 received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, summa cum laude, from Boston University in May. She is now a teaching assistant in the Speech Communication Dept. at Penn State University.

Published by the Society for its members three times per year. Copies sent to libraries and genealogically oriented societies on request. Articles on research, historical records as well as news items and queries always welcome.

The Parke Society serves as a clearing-house for research on all Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles. Regular membership open to any descendants. Associate membership open to any interested person. Inquiries and requests for membership should be directed to the Registrar:

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Notify Editor

Regionalization For Close-Knit Society

The Society has reached a point in its steady growth that warrants some structural changes. The Trustees at their 1984 annual meeting voted to divide the country into nine regions. Each of the nine Trustees will have jurisdiction over a region as follows:

1. New England
   Lauriston Parks #452
2. New York & Canada
   Arliene Callahan #396
3. Mid Atlantic
   Everett Parke #557
4. Southeast
   Halstead Park #339
5. Northcentral
   Tom Park #306
6. Southcentral
   Joe Parks #349
7. Westcentral
   Henrietta Blain #127
8. Northwest
   Dick Milligan #389
9. Southwest
   Pat Geisler #255

The Trustee in each region is being asked to promote the Parke Society within that area. This may entail gatherings so that members can become acquainted with each other. An open-house at the home of Theron Anson in Anaheim CA was well attended and much enjoyed. So it is logical that other regions can do the same. Annual meetings will be planned for a different region each year. Local groups will be asked to host the event.

Each Trustee will need assistance. A publicity spokesman will coordinate news releases. Another person will oversee library relations, ie placing the Newsletter in genealogical departments and noting the Park/e/s genealogie on the shelves. This will require the help of members in each town or city. Someone is needed to contact inactive and lost members, also look for potential members.

Those of you who are willing to help your Trustee in one of these services, please make this known. You will find his or her address on your membership list. Participation is the one ingrediant that will strengthen the Society and make it more worthwhile for everyone.

'In Memoriam' from pg 2

Palatka FL on 6 Dec 1914, the son of John AcAllen Park and Irene Bartlett Park.

John was employed by the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. for 35 years as a professional model builder. Many of his models may be seen in the Lockheed Collection, the Los Angeles County Museum, the San Diego Museum, and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington DC.

Sirviving are his wife, Mary Jane Thornton Park; two daughters, Mrs Frances Farrand and Mrs Mary Jane Reiter, both of Canoga Park CA; two sons, James T of Canoga Park and John B Jr of Brownsville CA; and three sisters, Margaret Kilpatrick #327 of Ft Loudon PA, Frances Walker #335 of Valdez AK and Ruth Park of Washington DC. There are also four grandchildren.

Editorial

by David L. Parke #13

Your Society is now described as a "clearing-house for genealogical research on all Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles". This makes us uniquely different from the multitude of so called 'family societies' in North America.

Our members, for the most part, are professional and amateur genealogists, all with a common interest in researching one or more Park/e/s lines. The name has a variety of spellings not only within a family line, but from one generation to another.

At present the Society's fast-growing records identify more than fifty immigrants. Thus, to trace any one of them can be a major undertaking, and, to say the least, confusing. For this reason the Society collects any and all genealogies having Park/e/s lineages and many other source materials. Without doubt we now have the most complete collection anywhere in North America.

Among our members are some twenty authors of genealogies, and others who are authorities on their particular line. Augmenting the printed records are two major projects: one, the indexing of all first names of Park/e/s with identifying information, soon to be computerized for easy access; second, the collecting of cemetery records. Over a hundred members have offered their time and talent for this undertaking. Along with the cemetery records, additional facts will be collected from obituaries and wills.

As more and more members are added to the roster, they supply material that expands the family group sheets on known lines. The Historian (Genealogist of the Society) is the officer who coordinates and organizes these records.

Copies of genealogies and the all important family group sheets are kept in the publications office in Reading PA as well as in the office of the Historian-Registrar in Milwaukee. The family group sheets have been microfilmed by the Milwaukee Co Historical Society. The Mormon Library in Salt Lake City has the Society's Newsletter on film. A project soon to begin will be indexing the first 20 years of the Newsletter.

Thus far the activities have been directed toward developing a base on which to build. Most of the projects will be on-going for some years to come. Several of the early genealogies need to be brought up to date, others will require a complete revision. Thus the publications office will direct the preparation and dissemination of what has been collected, as well as publishing the Newsletter that now goes to over 200 libraries and societies in the United States and Canada and to the over 500 active members of the Society.

Proven Lineage For Canadian Line

Some excellent research has been done by Margaret Pridmore #210 and several others on proving the lineage of Cyrenius Parke, a Loyalist who moved to Canada during the Revolution. (see Vol XVII p1 & 23).

F S Parks, in his Parke Families of CT (Vol I 1906), mentions a son of Nathan[5] No. 101 as 'Rana' No 261. Later, in Vol III page 17 (1925) he had brought to his attention by a Canadian descendant, the name 'Cyrenius'. Finding no record of a Cyrenius among the published lists of Loyalists or in "New York in the Revolution" he drew the conclusion that he must be the above 'Rana', perhaps thinking it a nickname.

Margaret's research has proved F S Parks' conclusion to be incorrect. "I believe I now have a preponderance of evidence connecting our Canadian ancestor Cyrenius Parke to his grandfather Joseph[4] Parke."

"Since F S Parks' Vol III was issued, the Bible of Cyrenius was rescued from obscurity and placed in the museum at Napanee ONT. Not only had Cyrenius entered the names of his own children, but he remembered his own siblings and entered his parents' names as James Sr and Sarah.

Circumstantial evidence had indicated that James Sr was the son of Joseph and Mary (Smith), the ancestors of many of the Society's members. New research has confirmed this theory, and added more knowledge concerning the last years of Joseph's life.

Ruby Parke Anderson mentioned in her Parke Scrapbook Vol III that Joseph had been one of the founding members of the Sichem Church in the Oblong (Dutchess Co NY). Little is known of this Moravian church, so it was with great delight that I found a petition from the group to the United Brethren of Bethlehem PA which was signed by both James and his father Joseph.

I 572 M9 M 79 (Burton Historical Collection, call number)
Moravian Missions in New York and CT-- Moravian Historical Society, Nazareth PA

p. 67
To the Church of the United Brethren at Bethlehem:

We cannot but return our hearty thanks, not only for your kind answer to our letter dated May 1752, but more especially for the favor of sending us a minister to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been with us for two months; and since he is now returning home and you desire to know our minds in this affair, this is to let you know that we are exceedingly well satisfied and think ourselves much benefitted, as well by the gospel sermons of Mr. Reinke, as also by the conversation we had with him, being thereby confirmed in the choice we have made of one of the United Brethren to be our minister. And now our sincere desire is to have the Gospel of Jesus Christ continued among us, for we believe it is the power of God to salvation to all them that believe. If we, therefore, could have either Mr. Reinke again, if it could be, or if not, some one else of the United Brethren to settle among us, we should look upon it as a very great favor. We don't doubt it will prove a blessing not only to us but also to many of our neighbors. We are in general in low circumstances in the world, but, however we hope to be able to support the minister that comes in a comfortable manner. And since we believe your aim is to gain souls for Christ we don't scruple but you will take our case into consideration, we being destititue of a minister and school and grant us our request.

Signed:			
	Azariah Smith	Gideon Moore	Zephanial Harvey
	Stephen Higbee	Ashbel Moore	Derrick Johnson
	David Phelps	George Richmond	John Woodcock
	James Parke	Peter Caswell	Zedediah More
	Elisha Colver	Stephen Caswell	Edmond Edmonds
	Timothy Edwards	Caleb Woodworth	Joseph Parke
	James Allworth	Gershom Woodworth	Ebenezer Hurlburt
	Martin Winchell	William Enos	Jonathan Moore
	Robert Winchell	Andrew Morehouse	Simon Moore
	Benjamin Bruce	Jonathan Phelps	Zebulon Moses
	Daniel Higbee	Phineas Holcomb	
	Jonathan Ronals	John Harris	

From the Church Book of the United Brethren in Sichem begun in 1756

Page 1 under Baptisms:
Nathaniel Parkes, the son of James and Sara Parkes was born March 11 and was baptized into the death of Christ, April 16, 1758 by the Rev. W. Joseph Powel

p.2 David Parks, son of James and Sara Parks was born 22 Dec. 1759, and was baptized July 1, 1760 into the death of Christ by the Rev. W. Ernest Gambold.

Page 69 under Funerals
4. David Parks, son of James and Sara Parks, departed this life and was buried the 26th of July 1760 by Brother Ernest Gambold.
5. Joseph Parks, an aged man, departed this life and was buried Sept. 8 by Br. E. Gambold, 1760.

Extracted by Mrs. Edward (Margaret) Wilde
June 1981 53 West Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

The birth of Nathaniel Parke is confirmed in the family bible of Cyrenius Parke, in the Napanee museum, Napanee, Ontario, where Nathaniel is shown as a brother of Cyrenius, and James and Sarah are shown as their parents.

The Sichem Church was on the western edge of Indian Pond, which bordered on both Sharon and Salisbury CT and the Oblong of New York.

David Bruce, a Scotsman, had ministered to the group of Indians in Sharon CT under the auspices of the Moravian church. When the Indians sold their land and moved westward, the new settlers asked Bruce to stay on as their minister. After his death they requested the mother church in Bethlehem for another permanent pastor. That was the background for the petition signed by the Parkes and 32 other members.

The petition is contained in an old book in the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library, which commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the church which no longer exists. Presentday officials of the Moravian church have no record of this petition, but a researcher for the church, Mrs Margaret Wilde did examine what records they have.

Since most records of the church society were written in diary form in ancient German script, we were fortunate that some records were obtainable. Mrs Wilde found the birth of Nathaniel which corresponded to Cyrenius' Bible record. The birth and death of another brother, David, were contained in th records, which Cyrenius ha not entered, probably too young at the time to remember him. Joseph had been buried

From Salisbury, Connecticut, Records
Volume Two: Deeds 1739-1763 Taxpayers / Joseph[4] 1682-1760
by Donna Valley Russell, C.G. / James[5] 1724-
Catoctin Press--Middletown, Md., 1983

p. 38
JOEL HARVEY of Sharon to OBED HARVEY for £225: 2 parcels lately purchased from Thomas Lamb, half of which I sold to Joseph Park of Sharon, including ½ of cornmill, ½ of sawmill, and ½ of privileges of stream and tools; also 12 acres adj James Burton, 13 Nov. 1744 (rec. 15 Nov. 1744) Wit: Ebenezer -?-, William Spencer at Sharon (p. 334) First book of deeds

p. 49
JAMES PARKE of Sal. to Joseph Lee Jr., late of Reding, now of Salisbury for £200 ½ of gristmill, that Obed Harvey got from Joel Harvey of Sharon and my father Joseph Parke, together with the house and stream, Damon Pond and all appurtenances and privileges. May 1748 (Rec. 2 May 1748). Wit: Jonathon Lee, Samll Tousley, (p. 149) Second Book of deeds

p. 55
JOSPEH PARKE to JAMES PARKE, both of Dutchess Co. NY for £ 350: 42 acres adj James Burton, Thomas Lamb, in 6th div. and Simeon Lyman, laid out to Lamb in 5th division, allowing a highway, 28 Dec. 1749 (rec. 1 Jan 1749/50) Witness; Thomas Chipman, John Prague. (p. 204) Second Book of deeds

p. 64
JAMES PARKE of Dutches Co. NY to Eliphalet Buell of Salisbury for £ 250: 39 3/4 acres which I had from my father, originally laid out to Thomas Lamb, reserving ¼ acre on the east side of the road, being a three-cornered piece, about one mile n. west of the meeting house, adj James Burton, Thomas Lamb in the 6th div. and Simeon Lyman in the 5th div. 18 Oct. 1750 (rec. 26 Nov. 1750) Wit: Wm. Spencer, Joseph Bird. (p. 87) Third book of deeds

p. 67
ELIPHALET BUELL of S. to Philip Spencer of S. for £300: 39 3/4 acres being the land I bought from James Park of Oblong, adj. James Burton Thomas Lamb in 6th div. and Simeon Lyman. 9 July 1751 (rec. next day) Wit: Thos. Chipman, Amos Chipmen (p. 121) Third book of deeds

p. 90
JOSEPH PARK of Oblong, Dutchess Co. NY to Joseph Lee of S. for a deed of sale to me being defective in its bounds dated 10 Aug. 1747; quit claim to all the lands I bought from Joel Harvey 29 Oct. 1755 (rec. 31 Oct. 1755) Wit: John Evarts, John Hutchinson, (p. 412)
JOSEPH LEE to THOMAS NEWCOMB both of Salisbury: quit claim to the land Parke quit claimed to me to be used for a highway from the Meeting House to the sawmill, which land was conveyed to me contrary to the true intent of the deed and to prevent any trouble to sd Parke. 30 Oct. 1755 (rec. 31 Oct. 1755) Wit: John Evarts, John Hutchinson (p. 412). Third book of deeds.

These are some of the deeds involving James and Joseph Parke. These were chosen to show where the family had come from, the relationship of James to Joseph, and where the family moved, after living in Salisbury!

under the church auspices also in 1760, but there the records of the family ended.

The question is now raised, did James and his family move on? It was the time of the New Hampshire grants, when both New Hampshire and New York were selling the same properties to two sets of people. I have found that a Robert Parke and Joseph Parke bought shares in a New Hampshire grant in 1760. If that was our Joseph, he must have done so just before he died. I rather think that James did move to the grants, but have no proof as yet.

While James and Joseph have been confirmed as belonging to the same church, during the same period of time, there was no mention as to the relationship.

Then I found abstracts of deeds for early Salisbury CT published by Donna Valley Russell. Again I was fortunate. James and his father purchased a mill property together, and when the mill was sold prior to their move to the Oblong, the relationship between the two men was clearly stated.

There is still research to be carried on. Wives of the four men featured in this story all need to be clearly identified. Joseph Parke had married Mary Smith, whose identity has never been solved. This problem was discussed in the Historian's Corner in Vol XV page 14.

Cyrenius and James Jr were both married twice, and while their second wives' names are known, the first wives' names are not.

Sarah's identity is not known either, but a letter she wrote in 1808 from Pompey NY (Onondaga CO) was sent to Cyrenius in Fredericksburg ONT. It reveals a 77-year old mother who is far distant from two of her sons. Some of her aughters with their families have begun the westward trek. But perhaps the most pathetic lines are those that occur twice: "Remember me to your brother James." Her oldest son, James, had lost his eyesight during the Revolution. It is unfortunate that Sarah did not mention the three daughters' husbands' names.

Letter from Sarah Parke to son Cyrenius (punctuation added)

Dear and Loving Son, I once more have an opportunity to send you a few lines wishing that they may find you & your family well as through the goodness of God they hear me at present.

Your two youngest sisters and their families are well for anything I no. I am now with Clarinda, and Cornelia was here last Winter and made us a visit. I have not heard from her since.

As for Hannah, she is in a very poor state of health. She was taken the better part of last summer with the cramp in her back and hips which was about the time that their family moved out to the westward. She was not able to move herself till Winter when she got a little better. Her husband has been back this summer and tells me that she has been much worse since she moved, so that cramps have drawn one of her hips out of joint and never expects that she will be well again.

I have nothing further particular to write, but that I sent you two letters, one the Winter before last & the other last winter and have had none from you. You will give my love and respects to your brother and his family, and do remember the first oppor-

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'Cyrenius' from pg 5

tunity to write me a letter. I hear of you once and a while, but it does not give that satisfaction as it would to have a letter. So I must conclude with subscribing myself your ever dear Mother

/s/ Sarah Parke

Pompey, July 9th 1805

I must again remind you to remember me to your Brother James & his family.

From the above and from Cyrenius' Bible now in the Lennox & Addington Historical Society, Napanee ONT, the children of James and Cyrenius (two marriages) are as follows:

James[5] & Sarah		Cyrenius[6] & Elizabeth ?		Cyrenius[6] & Eliz Hoffman	
James[6]	b 1746	Nathaniel[7]	b 1776	Clarinda[7]	b 1790
Joseph	1748	Sarah	1777	John Cyrenius	1791
Sarah	1750	Cornelius	1779	Cyrenius Jr	1793
Hannah	1752	Joseph	1780	James Cyrenius	1795
Cyrenius	1754	James	1782	Mary	1797
Nathaniel	1758	Deborah	1783	Elias	1798
David	1759	Archibald	1786	Daniel	1800
Cornelia	1761	Elizabeth	1788	Charlotte	1801
Charlotte	1764			Hannah	1804
Clarinda	1766			David	1807
				Susannah	1810
(Robert[1], Thomas[2], Nathaniel[3], Joseph[4])				Mylo	1812

Immigrant:

William[1] Park
1705-1788
= Anna Law

to Groton MA 1756
from Glasgow
Scotland
Son of

William Park &
Janet Reid

- John[2] 1731 - 1793
  = Jean Stewart
  to Groton MA 1767
  - Alexander[3] 1759- dy
  - John[3] 1761-1811
    = Lydia Hamlin
    - John[4] 1787-1848
      = Anna Shurtliff
    - Eleazer[4] 1788 - dy
    - Sarah[4] 1790-1815
      = Nathaniel Stone
    - Eleazer[4] 1792-1816
    - William Stewart[4] 1796-1816
  - William[3] 1763-1795
    =Sarah Farnsworth
  - Anna[3] 1765-1831
    = Edward Dunn
    - William Dunn 1787-
  - Jean[3] 1767-1816
    = Moses Day
    - Moses Day 1800-
    - Jane Stewart Day 1803-
    - Nathaniel Day 1805-
    - Sarah Chapman Day 18
  - Elizabeth[3] 1770-1804
    = Thomas Gass
  - Stuart James[3] 1773-1859
    1= Nancy Gray
    - Jane[4] 1799-1802
    - John Gray[4] 1801-1875
      = Maria Thayer
    - Jane[4] 1806-
      = Rev Charles Robinson

    2= Catherine Taylor
- James[2] 1741-1778
  to Groton MA 1765
- Thomas[2] 1745-1806
  = Rosannah Conn
  to Groton Ma 1765
  - Mary[3] 1769-
    = Abel Morse
  - James[3] 1770-1793
  - Anna[3] 1772-
    = Israel Reed
    - Thomas Park Reed 1795-
    - Israel Reed 1797-
    - Henry Reed 1799-
    - Anna Reed 1801-
    - Sarah Reed 1803-
  - Margaret[3] 1775-1795
  - Thomas[3] 1777-1803
  - Elizabeth[3] 1779-
    = Abraham Houghton
  - William[3] 1779-1854
    = Abigail (Stowe) Farnsworth
    - Maria Stetson[4] 1814 - dy
    - Susan Hayward[4] 1816 - dy
    - William[4] 1818 - dy
    - Stuart James[4] 1820 - dy
    - William Stuart[4] 1824-1872
    - Hannah Fisher[4] 1826 - dy
    - Thomas[4] 1829 - dy
  - Martha[3] 1782- dy
  - twins 1784 - dy
  - John[3] 1786 -
- Margaret[2]
  = Alexander Fisher
  stayed in Scotland
- Janet[2]
  stayed in Scotland

Parke Families of Massachusetts
F S Parks 1909

Genealogical Tours of England

If you are planning a genealogical visit to England in the next year or two, you might want to contact Family Society Tours, James Bolles, Director, 24 Murray St, Norwalk CT 06851. The ten-day trip, including air fare from New York, last year ranged from $1,500 to $1,750. Mr Bolles has served as president of the CT Society of Genealogists and was founder of the Bolles Family Ass'n.

In writing, mention the Parke Society, the ancestor or ancestors' region or village, and any specific landmarks that you may wish to visit. Since our Society encompasses emmigrants from Scotland and Ireland as well as England, it might not be practical for us to plan a tour together. Of course those descended from Robert (MA 1630) may have a large enough group to warrent a special tour to East Anglia and specifically Gestingthorpe.

Life Membership Supports Society

Sign up now!

Your Society has at present nearly ten per cent of the membership who are Life Members. First, this is an indication of whole-hearted support of the Society and its purpose, Second, the single payment goes into a permanent fund. Only the income from the fund may be used for general expenses. Thus an endowment is developing to strengthen the Society.

In essence, the income pays for the Life Member's dues automatically and continues to provide this support after his or her death. The $75 single payment will probably be increased in the next year or so. Wouldn't this be a good time to send a check to the Secretary (note new address) and request your Life Membership? A beautiful engraved certificate suitable for framing will be sent to you.

Computer Software

Now that personal computers are becoming more commonplace, you may be ready to assemble your family data in this more modern form. You may have noted the recent news releases from the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City. They have introduced a "Personal Ancestral File", a computer program designed for the IBM PC or IBM PC/XT. Similar programs are planned for TRS 80 III and Apple II + in the near future.

Trustee Pat Geisler #255 has forwarded details about this new genealogical "software" to the Newsletter Editor. It is priced at $35 (Cat. No. PBGS1019), and checks are made to "Corporation of the President" and mailed to:

Salt Lake Distribution Ctr,
1999 West 1700 South,
Salt Lake City UT 84104.

Phone inquiries may be made to (801) 531-2584 or contact the Genealogical Department Ancestral File Operations Unit 50 East North Temple St. Salt Lake City UT 84150.

Immigrant: William Park of Groton, MA 1756

From The Prescott Memorial by William Prescott MD 1870 page 44.

On a farm near Lawrence Academy at Groton MA owned by Hon. Stuart J Park, Esq is a large stone in a wall with the following inscription:

I.P.
1680.
Rebuilt by
O.P.
1784
Rebuilt by
S. J. Park,
1841.

The initials I.P. are those of Jonas Prescott, grandfather of Col William Prescott, hero of Bunker Hill. O.P. are the initials of Oliver, a brother the Colonel.

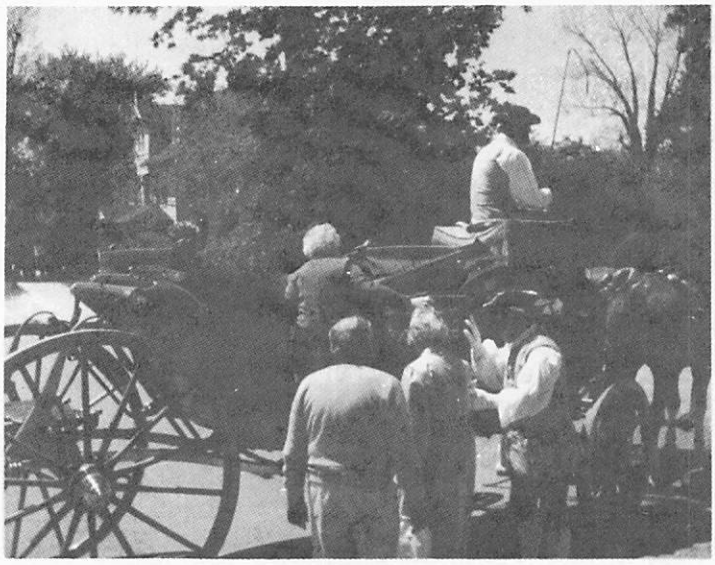
Stuart James Park was the grandson of William[1] Park who settled in Groton in 1756, an immigrant from Scotland. His father, John[2] Park, was a stone mason engaged by the Duke of Argyle to work on his castle at Inveraray and in laying out the grounds of the Duke's estate. On completion of this work he brought his family to Groton in 1767.

A few years later the Duke wrote to John asking him to return to Scotland to take charge of his establishment. He decided to accept the offer and proceeded to Boston to arrange passage only to find the harbor blockaded by the British fleet. So he returned to Groton and bought 400 acres. Some of this land is still in the possession of his descendants. He built the stone jail in Worcester and was completing one in Concord when an accident caused his death.

And now back to Stuart who was working with his father at the time of the accident. Jails were also his specialty. He was contractor for the jail at Portland ME, Nothampton MA, the state prisons at Windsor VT and at Concord NH. Later he constructed stone locks in the Middlesex Canal. In 1815 he submitted to the legislature of New Hampshire an estimate and original plan for a new State House. He was awarded the contract in 1816. Four years later he superintended the construction of the Milldam extending from Boston across the Back Bay to Brighton. One of his last projects was the county buildings at Newburyport MA.

By the time he was 60 he was one of the largest landholders in Middlesex County and had acquired the title of 'Squire'. Stuart was elected a member of the Massachusetts State Senate and served for four years. He died at Groton in 1859 at the age of 86.

An interesting sidelight might be mentioned here. Stuart's gt gt grandson John Gray Park was a master at Kent School, Kent CT while Hervey #162, John #62 and David #13 were students.



Preparing to enter landau for Royal Mile Tour

Mr & Mrs Clarence Parke, Mrs Griffith & daughter, Cdr & Mrs Everett Parke, David Parke, Stuart Park

the King's Arms. Because other activities at the tavern prevented the party from going in, refreshments were served to them in royal fashion at the coach!

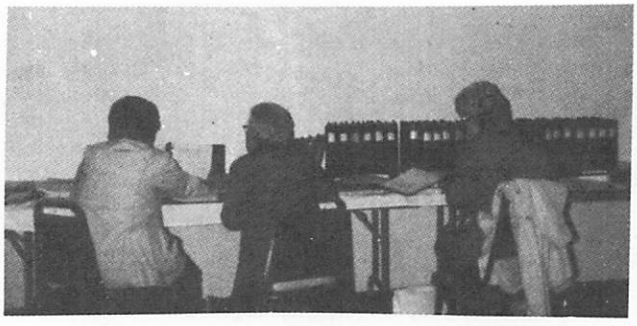
Thursday evening a representative of Colonial Williamsburg gave a slide lecture for the Members to acquaint them with the features of the restored and reconstructed 18th century town. This was followed by the Society's annual meeting, brought to order by President Dana Parks Jr. #44.

Trustees elected for a three-year term were Joe Parks #349 of Austin TX, A Lauriston Parks #452 of Saunderstown RI, and Arliene Callahan #396 of Schenectady NY. For a two-year term to replace Phyllis Hughes, who resigned, is Henrietta Blain #127 of Orchard NE.

Edward Kilpatrick #326, a retiring Trustee, replaced Theron Anson as Vice President. Priscilla Parke #41, who has served as Secretary of the Society for the past nine years, has been succeeded by Janet Snyder #366 of St Johns MI.

Reports were given by Tad Parks #425, Historian-Registrar, and by David Parke #13, Chairman of the Publications Committee and Editor of the Newsletter. David announced the formation of an editorial committee to assist in the preparation and critiquing of articles. He noted that many members passed on the news release enclosed in the last Newsletter to their local papers. Replies have already been received, and it is evident that several new members will be joining the Society as a result of this effort.

The nine members who had entered life eternal since the last meeting were remembered by name with a prayer given by David Parke. A formal expression of appreciation was extended to the retiring officers and trustees. La[illegible] the Board of Trustees and officers met to develop plans for next year's gathering in the Boston area. It is being held there in recognition of the 350th anniversary of Richard[1] Park's arrival in Newton MA. The 1986 meeting is to be in Parkville MO



Genealogical research in progress

Tad Parks, Betty Northcutt, Dana Parks Jr

Mr & Mrs Clarence Parke, Cdr & Mrs Everett Parke
B J Barone, Robert Parks, Mr & Mrs Christensen

Stuart Park, Mr & Mrs Jardine, Mrs Tom Park
Mrs Dana Parks, Dana Parks IV.

(just north of Kansas City.)

Spouses and guests not attending the annual meeting were entertained at the Palace with a candlelight concert in the ballroom.

Friday morning Members assembled at the court house on Duke of Gloucester St for the two-hour guided walking tour of the Williamsburg restored area. Later many visited the Palace, where they were asked to role-play in several capacities as they went from room to room. A movie was presented at the town theater, portraying life in 18th century Williamsburg.

As time permitted both Friday afternoon and Saturday, visits were made to Jamestown, Yorktown, and Carter's Grove. The Society's genealogical records and library were available in the meeting room for research during the three days of the reunion.

The Saturday afternoon reception was followed by the annual banquet at the Patrick Henry Inn. The guest speaker was Parke Rouse Jr of Williamsburg, a descendant of the Kent Co VA Parke family. He is author of 16 books on Williamsburg and other historical subjects, former Executive Director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, and former director of Publications for Colonial Williamsburg.

Mr Rouse shared some entertaining and informative glimpses of the Parkes of early Williamsburg. Following the banquet there was an entertaining comedy: "The Spirit of Contradiction", performed at the Williamsburg Lodge. Also members could see the Capitol by candlelight or

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Mr & Mrs Gates, Jill Parke, Jeanne Reisler,
Mr & Mrs Tom Park, Alice Park

Tom Park, Ginger (Mrs Fred) Park, Ben Park,
Betty (Mrs Tom) Park, John Park, Charlotte (Mrs Ben) Park

Contributions Appreciated

On the Dues envelope is the notation "Add'l Contribution (Optional)". Many generous members have responded to this, which is greatly appreciated. You should know that this is not going into the general expense account. Instead, these gifts (over $250 last year) are being used to purchase new books for the Society's library and to make copies of important documents as they are discovered. A list of acquisitions will be found in the Newsletter from time to time. Members may borrow these for a month at a time. Some books are in Tad Parks' office in Milwaukee, and others in David Parke's office in Reading PA.

Mrs. Hammond and daughter Bess Hope

take in the organ recital by candlelight at Bruton Parish Church.

Sunday morning the Parke Society was well represented at the Bruton Parish service. On the chancel wall in this historic church is believed to be the earliest memorial tablet in this country. It is in memory of Daniel Parke I a vestryman of the parish. (see Vol XX page 24.)

The final gathering of the reunion was a brunch at the Williamsburg Inn. Although the three-day event was longer than any previous reunion, members departed aware that there was still much more to see and do in this fascinating town.

Bible Records from DAR

DAR Bible Records - NY Vol 9 p123, Copied by Frances M Witmer, To-car-na-wun-na Chapter DAR, LeRoy NY

Bible published by J Holbrook 4th Ed, Brattleboro VT 1817
Property of Charles J Brooks, 14 W Main St, LeRoy NY

Births:

Timothy Park	28 Apr 1775		
Anna ( ) Twist	1764		
Erastus Ely Park	21 Jul 1799		
Clementine Twist	6 Oct 1797		
Betsy Park	6 Mar 1800		
Lydia Ann Park	17 Jan 1824	Middlebury	Genesee CO NY
Francis Marion Enoch Park	30 May 1825	"	"
Jane Orithia Elliott Park	16 May 1834	"	"

Marriages:

Timothy Park & Lydia		
Erastus Ely Park & Clementine Twist	1 May 1823	Smithfield Madison Co NY
Lydia Ann Park & Thomas P Miller	11 Oct 1848	Middlebury Wyoming Co NY
Francis Marion Enoch Park & Flora Wells	11 Oct 1848	Middlebury Wyoming Co NY
Bertha I Miller & Charles Judson Brooks (Gdau of Lydia Ann Park)	22 Feb 1905	LeRoy Genesee Co NY

Deaths:

Timothy Park	10 Aug 1800	
Erastus Ely Park	7 Jun 1873	
Clementine Twist Park	6 May 1877	
Lydia Ann Park Miller	13Sep 1868	
Jane Orithia Elliott Park	2 Jan 1840	Middlebury Genesee Co NY
Anna Twist	26 May 1861	
Ella Orithia Park	8 Apr 1874	
Betsy Park	6 Jul 1804	

Corporal Edward E Leach of the 9th NY Cav. died in the Emory Hospital in Washington DC of dysentery on Sat. Sep 3rd 1864, a brave and faithful soldier, having served with credit, since the opening of the Rebellion.

L. Irene, daughter of J H & L Irene Munger at Camden, Jun 30th of dropsy of the brain, caused by teething, aged 1 yr 6 mos & 20 das

Children of Bertha I Miller & Charles Judson Brooks:

Louise Miller Brooks	9 Dec 1905
Irving DeForest Brooks	15 May 1907
Dorothy Irene Brooks	29 Oct 1909

DAR Bible Records - NY Vol 144 p2-3, from Rye Historical Society by Lawrence W Dunham Jr 1970. Mrs Kenneth Cole.
Bible printed 1795 in Edinburgh, Scotland.
Elizabeth Willson's Bible, a present by her father 1804.

Births:

Thomas Willson	9 May 1756
Ruth Merritt	13 Mar 1754
Aner (anne ?) Willson	2 Mar 1774
Elizabeth Willson	2 Sep 1776
Thomas Merritt Willson	2 Jan 1782
James Willson	13 Dec 1785
Knapp Park	7 Dec 1779
Amy Knapp Park	20 Sep 1802

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Deborah Merritt Park	29 Dec	1804
Dorcas Willson Park	7 Dec	1806
Thomas Merritt Park	7 Jan	1809
Phebe Elizabeth Sherwood	13 Oct	1826
Willford P Purdy	1 Jul	1833

Baptisms:

Thomas Willson	7 Nov	1790 by Elder Finch
Ruth Willson	7 Nov	1790 "
Elizabeth Park	Jun	1816

Marriages:

Thomas Willson & Ruth Merritt 15 Aug 1773
Elizabeth Willson & Knapp Park 7 Feb 1802
Deborah Merritt Park & Sherwood
Dorcas Willson Park & Purdy

Deaths:

Knapp Park	1 May	1812	Aged 33-9-25
Amy K Park	29 Jan	1830	
Deborah M Sherwood	4 Mar	1840	
Thomas Willson	3 Jan	1872	55-11-25
Ruth Willson	20 Jul	1822	68-3

Arthur Parke (PA-1720) Descendants

Parkes buried in Upper Octorara Cemetery near Parkesburg Chester County PA, published in National Genealogical Society Quarterly 1944 p86-7 Vol 33. Copied by Mr & Mrs Guy H McKeown, contributed by Marion H Park.

(Arthur[1], John[2]) (ref Gen. of Parke Family - Wallace)

	John[3]Parke b		1706	d 28 Jul 1787	page 11	
	= Elizabeth					
2.	Arthur[4]Parke	12 Sep	1736	11 Jul 1822	11	
	= Jannet Hope	4 May	1736	4 Apr 1814		
3.	Joseph[4]Parke	24 Dec	1737	2 Jul 1823	53	
	= Ann Maxwell		1754	3 Oct 1821		
4.	John[4]Parke		1739	15 Nov 1823	91	
	= Ann Denny					
5.	John Grubb[5]Parke	21 Nov	1761	25 Oct 1837	55	
	= Jane Gardner	25 Jan	1776	14 Oct 1832		
6.	Col James[5]Parke		1780	15 May 1862	70	
	= Mary Clingan	Jul	1783	27 Sep 1871		
7.	Arthur[5]Parke	21 May	1785	31 Oct 1858	100	
	= Mary Reynolds	9 Jul	1793	11 Aug 1868		
8.	John[5]Parke	25 Aug	1789	6 Jul 1877	110	
	= Frances Stewart	12 Jul	1789	31 Jul 1880		
9.	Samuel[6]Parke	6 May	1795	28 Apr 1859	55	
	= xxx					
10.	Robert[6]Parke	26 Oct	1799	20 May 1883	58	
	= xxx					
11.	John[6]Parke	9 Mar	1802	26 Apr 1855(1865)	59	
	= xxx					
12.	David[6]Parke	21 Apr	1807	13 Mar 1888	59	
	= Mary A Brandt	31 Aug	1819	2 Jul 1906		
13.	William Clingan[6]Parke		1806	17 Aug 1872	70	
	= xxx					
14.	Nathaniel Irwin[6]Parke	28 Feb	1813	19 Oct 1876	75	
	= xxx					
15.	James M[6]Parke		(1818)	16 Sep 1818(1848)	114	
	= xxx					
	Samuel R[6]Parke				101	
	= Annie E Martin	9 Jul	1833	6 Apr 1862		

(some dates copied were evidently incorrect - correction ( )

Watchout For:

Beatrice Bayley, Sterling PA

Sharon L Taylor, Copley OH

Halbert's Inc., Copley OH

Jack Evans, Newcastle DE

Walter Manning, Eugene OR

These names are constantly coming to our attention. Books or services offered are of NO USE to you in your search for ancestors. Sharon Taylor and Beatrice Bayley clearly state that the book they offer contains no historical or genealogical information. Since 'Sharon' is associated with Halbert's the emphasis is on Coats of Arms.

The cost is usually in the high $20s. A refund is given when requested. Be very sure you wish to spend your money on these so-called 'one edition' offers. If you have a question, contact the Newsletter Editor or Historian.

New Aid for Ireland Research

A new journal has just been introduced, The All-Ireland Heritage, described as a publication geared toward both the genealogical and historical researcher. It is a useful tool to help the average individual trace his/her Irish (and we presume Scotch-Irish) ancestry.

It lists voters from various counties, it extracts from newspapers the births, marriages and deaths, includes unpublished source material, and serves as a researcher's clearing house. This is prepared by Donna Reid Hotaling, a professional genealogist. She is the North American representative for the Ulster Historical Foundation. Ulster, as you may know, includes the northern Ireland counties from which the Scotch-Irish departed for America in the 18th & 19th centuries.

The three issues yearly are $18 or $33 for two years. Checks should be sent to: The All-Ireland Heritage, 2255 Cedar Lane, Vienna VA 22180. With each issue is a lithograph of Ireland.

We'd like you to know:

Cecilia Bertha Parke Kasberg #535, born in Chicago IL is the daughter of William McKinley and Sophia (Obst) Parke, the eldest of four children. During World War II Cecilia served in the Waves as a Yeoman. She then attended Southern Methodist University.

She and her husband, Theodore Kasberg, operate a Singer Sewing Machine dealership in New Port Richey FL. They have four boys. A gt uncle, Dr Charles Eugene Park, she reports, was well known in the west as Buffalo Bill Cody's veterinarian, living in Ogden UT.

Cecilia Kasberg

'Roy Park' from pg 1

to "develop sales programs, write and place advertising, develop and launch some trade publications" of his own. He also operated a printing plant of which he was part owner. This experience gave him the basis in printing and communications, and he learned "work habits born of a deliberate self-discipline."

Then, during World War II, he received an invitation from Dr. H. E. Babcock, head of GLF -- a farmers' cooperative now known as Agway -- to discuss an opportunity. Roy says, "I told him at the outset that I would move only to have my own business." To this Dr. Babcock replied, "Young man, you just bought it!" "What business did I buy?" Roy asked. "Your own ad agency," was the reply.

Thus did Roy Park take charge of "Ag Research", pioneering in market research techniques. This grew into a 125-employee firm with five branch offices in the east. Unfortunately, in 1947 he expanded into political advertising, doing campaigns for Thomas E. Dewey. "Old Harry nearly wiped out my company because nobody loves a loser, and we had tied ourselves to one," laments Roy.

A good marketing study made at Ag Research convinced him that cooperatives hadn't the finances to launch their own brand names. So Roy recommended that they franchise a brand, using a name already established in the food field.

The name 'Duncan Hines' was, at the time, recognized as the authority on restaurants and good eating. The Saturday Evening Post called Hines "the country's champion diner-out." Roy approached Mr Hines on the idea that "by making your name more meaningful in the home, you can up-grade American eating habits." Mr Hines liked the idea, so Roy was launched in his second business, Hines-Park Foods.

Under the name 'Duncan Hines' some 120 different products were offered, including bread, ice cream, tomato juice, and canned mushrooms. All were subject to rigid quality controls approved by Mr Hines. Cake mix, appearing in 1952, became a resounding success despite stiff competition from the 'biggies' -- Pillsbury, Swansdown and Betty Crocker.

Mixes had been marketed as "just add water or milk", but now the 'Roy Park touch' was added. The dehydrated eggs were left out. Each package carried a quote from Duncan Hines, "I have found that strictly fresh eggs mean bigger better cakes . . . in appearance, flavor and freshness." So the consumer got a new message: It wasn't that Betty Crocker made better cakes; it was Duncan Hines and YOU who made the best cakes together.

In 1956 Proctor & Gamble came along with an offer to buy Hines-Park Foods. This sale provided Roy with the opportunity to become the entrepreneur he had always wanted to be. Although the contract called for his serving as a consultant for several years, he began his venture into the communications field.

Roy Park saw at Proctor & Gamble the marketing power of television. In 1962 he bought his first TV station in Greenville, NC, WNCT-TV. Additional television and radio stations were acquired under the parent name Park Broadcasting, Inc., which later became Park Communications, Inc. when the company went public in October 1983. It was not long before Roy had acquired the federal limit of seven TV, seven AM and seven FM stations, the first organization in the country to do so.

Newspapers were the next step in building his communications empire. Rather than compete with the giants like Times Mirror, the New York Times or Gannett, Roy specialized in community newspapers with under 20,000 circulation. He bought his first, the Daily Sun of Warner Robins, GA in 1972. This move has now expanded into some 25 dailies and 48 weekly, semi-weekly and 'shopper' papers. In terms of daily newspapers Roy's group ranks ninth in the country.

In a separate corporate structure Roy has organized and developed outdoor advertising operations in New York and Pennsylvania. You might not believe that Roy Park had time for anything else! But he is an avid collector. Over the years he has built an awesome collection of classic cars and fine watches.

Although he has lived in Ithaca, NY for over 40 years, Roy still thinks of himself as a North Carolinian. However, in Ithaca he has served as President of the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce, as Ruling Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, and is at present Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Ithaca College.

Roy married Dorothy Goodwin Dent in 1936. They have two children, Roy Hampton, Jr. and Adelaide Hinton Park Gomer; there are also three grandchildren.

John Parks' Obituary

(Taken from the obituary of John Parks, the last of the seventeen children of Smith[7] & Catherine Fowler.)

Another one of the pioneers of Michigan has been laid to rest. John Parks was born Oct 7 1825, in Chautauqua Co NY and died April 28 (1905) at the age of 80 years.

At the age of four months his parents started with him for their future home in the wilderness of Michigan. They were four weeks on a canal boat and crossing the lake on their way to Detroit. Then with an ox team they passed their slow and toilsome road and settled in the town of Novi, Oakland Co., where they remained until (John) was ten years old. They then removed and settled in the town of Dallas (now Fowler) Clinton Co where (John) remained until he grew to manhood and where most of his life has since been spent.

His first wife (Mariah) died Nov 11 1877, being survived by her husband and two daughters. She was a woman whom everyone loved and was known for her noble character, lectures, and the active part she took in church work.

Four years after his wife's death he married Mrs Emily Buck who survives him. The last few years his health has been very poor but he was cheerful. Still he worked on until ten years passed when his health failed so he could not attend to active farm work. The most he could do was light gardening until one year ago when by poor health he was obliged to rest on his couch and give up his loved garden.

On the 29th of Dec 1904, he suffered a severe attack of La Grippe from which he failed to rally. Suffering terribly, with the most perfect patience he lingered until April 28th, when he passed peacefully away.

He is survived by a wife, a brother and two daughters, Mrs M J Hulbert and Mrs W A Campbell, both of Detroit. Steven Parks is the only brother living. The funeral was largely attended and the interment was at Oakridge Cemetery (Bengal Twp Clinton Co)

Parks buried in Oakridge Cemetery (Sec. 30) Bengal Township Clinton County MI, recorded by Janet M Snyder #366.

(Robert[1], Thomas[2], Nathaniel[3], Joseph[4], Smith[5-6])

1.	Davis[7]Parks buried here with no tombstone per obit	b	16 Oct	1790	d 28 Mar	1893	Aged 103-5-12
	= Catherine		7 Nov	1787	14 Sep	1842	54-10-7
2.	Vinson[8]Parks		19 May	1807	17 Feb	1862	54-8-28
	= A						
	dau Elmira A		8 Jan	1851	18 Apr	1851	4-10
	dau Mary J		23 May	1853	23 Dec	1863	10-7-0
3.	Smith[8]Parks		20 Aug	1809	28 Apr	1895	85-8-8
	= Sophia Smith		14 Apr	1824	6 Sep	1908	84-4-22
	son Richard C		16 Oct	1846	14 Apr	1884	37-5-28
	on same lot						
	Eugene			1859		19--	
	Nettie			1863		1934	
4.	Samuel H[8]Parks		14 Oct	1812	18 May	1896	83-7-4
	= Zilpha		12 Apr	1815	6 May	a897	
	Morris[8]Parks		4 Oct	1814	5 May	1862	47-7-1
	= Emily						
	dau Pathiear		23 Apr	1860	9 Aug	1860	3-16
6.	Orien[8]Parks		19 Jun	1820	30 Dec	1898	78-6-11
	= Sally			1831	29 Jan	1870	39
	son James W		27 Mar	1866	1 Oct	1887	21-6-4
7.	John[8]Parks		7 Oct	1825	28 Apr	1905	(see obit)
	(Footstone A. P. & C. P. also on this lot)						
8.	George W[9]Parks		11 Oct	1834	1 Nov	1889	
	= Lois		20 Aug	1845			
	son Addison						
	dau Eda						
	dau Ida						
9.	Sidney D[9]Parks		27 Jan	1840	11 Aug	1897	
	= Elizabeth Parks Drake			1850		1942	
	dau Lettie		31 Jan	1872	3 Mar	1882	10-1-3
10.	Philo[9]Parks						
	= Betsey E		2 Feb	1840	29 Mar	1900	
11.	Samuel[9]Parks			1850		1917	
	= Rosella		29 May	1856	9 Oct	1894	38-4-10
	dau Edna		19 May	1879	10 Jan	1881	1-7-21
	dau Edna		23 Oct	1883	16 Jan	1884	3-23
12.	William O[9]Parks			1865		1948	
	= Cora V			1871		1940	
	son Odrin B			1899		1918	
	(in same lot - could be William's children)						
	Gilbert H			1897		1961	
	Grandville			1909		1912	
	Russel E			1914		1915	
	Miley M[9]Parks		19 Aug	1861	14 Oct	1900	
	= Ruth						
14.	James M[9]Parks			1862		1960	
	= Anna			1874		1903	
	son Glenn S			1895		1937	

Society Joins Federation

Your Society has become a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, whose purpose is to stimulate the activities of state and local organizations interested in genealogy and family history. They encourage the collection, preservation, maintenance, and avoidance of duplication of effort of all genealogical or historical materials for public accessibility. They also champion ethical standards and discourage, oppose, and alert the public to incompetent, misleading, disreputable, and fraudulent practices or researchers.

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Historian's Corner

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A COLLECTION OF REMARKS,
COMMENTS AND OTHER TRIVIA

As you can see, I am making a bit of an adjustment on how I am conducting myself in the 'Corner', starting with this issue of the Newsletter. The problem I have faced is that the "HOW TO..." articles, though I feel they are needed, have supplanted my opportunity to chit-chat with you, the members at large of the Society, on a variety of topics of interest to me and I hope to you also. Henceforth, my regularly scheduled visit on the 'Corner' byline will be just that, miscellany of genealogical interest. The "HOW TO" articles will continue from time to time, under their own headings, but maybe not always from my pen. There are certainly others out there who are professionally qualified genealogists, who might write articles of interest in that area.

The Williamsburg Annual Meeting was really very good, and the Coordinators are to be commended for their work in making it a success. There are a million details to be covered, and really no one person should be expected to shoulder all of them. I have always made it my business to see that the required legal meetings of the general Society and the Trustees are carried out in the most efficient manner possible. With the Society so widely spread geographically, it is important to take that opportunity to get together and hash over Society business, both in formal meetings and in private settings of meals, and late evening discussions. It seems that if we don't accomplish it at the Annual Meeting time, we don't get it done at all. And for this reason, the absolute necessity of getting our legally required business accomplished, that I appreciate not being asked to work with you individually on various and sundry genealogical problems. It is good to be able to meet with you, and to talk in general terms. Being the Historian/Registrar, let me assure you that there are days when I prefer not to get too heavily into specifics of family lines. So to the participants in the 1984 Annual Meeting, a special thank you for letting me do Society business, and, by the way, being able to take in Williamsburg itself.

As we go along, we learn from our mistakes and oversights. A post-mortem has been and will be carried out to see where we dropped the ball, and where we can make things even better in future years. I am certainly pleased with where we are going as a Society. As you may have read in this issue's Editorial, we are now coming into our own as a 'Clearing House' for PARK/E/S information. Some organizational changes were discussed, mainly to do with regionalization of the Society, so that more members will be involved in making the Society work.

"At last my speed reading course is paying off ... I can now read an historical marker without slowing down!"

The great danger with a Society such as ours is that it is only as alive as one or two individuals make it, and when they finally burn out, the Society dies. Recently I heard of such a case. It was a "family association" which had fairly wide coverage in terms of both geography and relationship, but the ball was carried by one person. Although her work was fantastic, she finally had to hang it up, and the association promptly died. That's what we don't want to happen to The Parke Society. I do think we are taking steps to avoid that situation.

Sometimes genealogy can really get you down. Just when you think you have it all nailed down, along comes some evidence that gums up the works. Of course the only morally proper thing to do is to go back to the drawing board and re-search the problem again and see where the new evidence fits. We are always under the danger of too quickly assuming that we have it all figured out.

One example was brought to light recently. Earl Arnett #604 of Columbus OH was here not long ago, and stayed overnight with me, to discuss some of the problems with the southern Park/e/s lines. (I am afraid there are many.) In the THOMAS OF VA line (see Vol XX page 26) we have a certain JOHN PARKS who supposedly married SARAH WINGFIELD or WINFIELD; he is presumed to be the son of Thomas^{2} and Priscilla, the grandson of the immigrant Thomas^{1}. But is he??? There is really no conclusive 'primary' evidence that this is so, and there is a logical problem with dates if this is supposed to be the succession. At this point I am certain not changing the Society's records, but I am on notice that what we see may not be what we are getting. Of course we must keep working on the problem.

You can believe me that I don't want to throw a monkey wrench into anyone's genealogical work, but neither c I ignore what might seem to be a problem. Now maybe the dates are wrong; but then

again, maybe not. The thing I want to get across to all of you is: please don't be easily offended if someone says, "On what evidence do you base that conclusion?" Of course the opposite also holds true; don't go tearing into someone's lines with the comment, "That's wrong! I've checked it out and I know it is wrong," unless you have the proof right there in hand to support your statement.

I take pride in my work, and so do you. So let's respect each other, and when we find a problem say instead: "You know, I have this will from so & so, and I think that seems to say something different." Scientific training taught me that when three or four researchers working independently can come up with the same answer to a problem, then maybe the theory is sound. And for heaven's sake, please don't take as gospel every book that is printed! When Johannes Gutenberg invented moveable type, I don't think he realized that he was inputting a method to permanentize errors! Again, what you see may not be what you are getting. Enough of the sermon: back to the Family Group Sheets, and oh yes, the correspondence. See you next issue.

Peace

Tad

Members' Lineage Charts

Tad Parks

We have been getting several requests by members to publish again the descendant lines of members, as we did in the past; for example, see Vol XIX page 31. I am afraid that I have been the one holding this up, so I will start to make amends by explaining how the Society sets up its Descent charts of members.

Currently most of our members are of the Robert (MA 1630), Richard (MA 1635), or Peter (CT c1745) lines. Their total outnumbers all the members of other lines. Of course this may change, but currently the breakdown of the various lines is based upon this simple fact. there are 18 Charts established at present, with all those similarly related listed together. In brief, they can be enumerated as shown below.

In the next issue I will give the members listed on chart #1.

The difference between the 598 total lines of descent shown and the current number of members is attributable to two factors:

a) I am missing lineages on some members;

b) some members have dual lines and have been counted as such. As a matter of fact one member has four different Park/e/s lines!

				Chart #	No. of Members
Richard[1] (MA 1635)				1✓	55
	William[2]			2✓	11
		3 Daughters		3	37
		Thomas[3]	3 Daughters	4	3
			Samuel[4]	5	3
			Thomas[4]	6	59
			Eleazer[4]	7	42
Robert[1] (MA 1630)	Thomas[2]	Robert[3]	9 Daughters	8	1
			James[4]	9	4
			Hezekiah[4]	10	19
			Robert[4]	11	13
		Nathaniel[3]	7 Children	12	22
			Joseph[4]	13	87
		William[3]		14	3
		John[3]		15	9
	Samuel[2]			16✓	41
Peter[1] (CT c1745)				17	12
Miscellaneous				18	177
					598

Query

#425 (Historian) Can anyone identify this family group? Nathaniel & Maria ( ) Parks resided in New York State in the early 19th century. He b 4 May 1791, she b Mar 1790. children:Ira - 1808, Joel 1810 Alonzo 1812, Louisa 1814, Hanah Marie 1817, Lydia 1819, Enos 1822 (he m Spencer, Tioga Co, Eliza Wheeler 11 Jul 1847 settled in Dansville, Livingn Co), Nathan 1823, Janette 4, Matilda 1826, and Mercy 1828. Information comes from a salvaged remains of Bible records without copyright date.

Help For Genealogical Research in England

If you are planning a trip to England and expect to do some genealogical research, a time-saving suggestion is offered. Usually visits to St Catharine's House in London must be fairly brief, and you find yourself just getting acquainted with the setup, only to have time run out.

A Mr R J Tunnicliff has written the Seattle Genealogical Society to offer his services and I expect he might help us too. He suggests that he might do the preliminary searches, get copies of certificates that may be needed (they take several days), and equip you with the tools for a productive visit to the Record Office holding the registers of the parish in which your ancestor lived.

He charges only 1 pound ($1.40) per hour for his services. His address is:

Mr. R. J. Tunnicliff
24 Beechwood Ave,
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ENGLAND

We'd like you to know -

Ben Park
of Raleigh NC

Despite his having retired from two successful careers, Ben(jamin) Franklin Park #586 is still extremely active. Following his studies in journalism at the University of North Carolina, Ben saw combat duty as a captain in the Marines during World War II.

Then began a 10-year career as a newspaper reporter, city editor, and finally managing editor. The Raleigh Times was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in Journalism for a series of articles Ben wrote in 1953.

Two years later, he began a second career ... this one lasting 25 years ... as a public affairs consultant. In 1966 he was among the first 100 US practitioners to be accredited through oral and written examination by the Public Relations Society of America. Later he received certification by the American Society of Association Executives.

Now he is executive vice-president of the North Carolina Forestry Association representing the state's No. 2 industry. Ben has served as president and board member of more than a dozen local, state and national organizations. He has twice served as senior warden of Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh.

Ben and his wife Charlotte attended the 1984 Society reunion in Williamsburg, along with two of their three sons and a daughter-in-law. They have three grandchildren. His lineage is traced back to William Park who came to Philadelphia from Donegal, Ireland around 1800. He'd like to hear from anyone having information on the family lineage prior to that time.

Founders of Park towns identified: Parkdale AR

by Lois Park #636

When David Parke issued his challenge to members to research the towns with Park in their names, the search appealed to several of the readers. A resident of Arkansas I started with 'Park Place' in Lee Co. It was easy being in the adjoining county, but it was also disappointing. According to residents a country store owned by a Park had stood at a crossroads. Alas, better roads and supermarkets had caused it to close and Mr Park was no longer there.

Parkdale in Ashley Co was another matter as it is situated near the Louisana boarder. However, two close friends in the DAR (in fact State Regent and State Secretary) lived there. So I asked them to research their town's name.

The response was that the town had been named Poplar Bluff until the railroad and Post Office arrived. Since there was a Poplar Bluff in MO another name must be found. The railroad construction superintendent asked to name it after his boss ... the Park who was building the railroad in Missouri.

Surprise, Surprise! He was Richard Avery Park, grandfather of my husband. You never know what you will find when you research the Parks.

(see obituary page 2)

The first Richard (1829-1902) lived in Hannibal and St Joseph MO and Atchison KS. For many years he was president of the Atchison Savings Bank. In 1864 he married Anna Osborne in Waterville NY and had five children, three of whom died young.

Parkevale, PA

This small town owes its name to Thomas^{6}Parke (Ben^{5}, Joseph^{4}, John^{3}, Thomas^{2}, Richard^{1}). He was born 1 Sep 1767 in Charlestown RI, was married 4 Dec 1800 to Eunice Chaplin. Prior to his marriage, he had been trained as a civil engineer, was awarded an LLD degree, and served as a Colonel of Militia. Prior to 1800 he settled Parkevale, then in Luzerne Co PA. From 1808 to 1811 he was a county commissioner. In 1811 the Governor appointed him Trustee to lay out and organize Susquehanna Co, split off from Luzerne Co the previous year. Thomas died in Parkevale 16 Nov 1842, leaving two sons and six daughters.

'Federation' from pg 13

The Federation cosponsors conferences in various parts of the country. The next one is scheduled for Denver CO September 12 to 15, designed for amateur as well as professional. There will be lectures, workshops and exhibits on a multitude of subjects, including use of a computer.

For registration materials write: Denver '84 Conference,
PO Box 27493
Denver CO 80227

Additional material may be requested on 1) Library-Archives activities, 2) Genealogical Education, 3) Document Preservation, 4) Historic Tours, 5) Tourist information addresses for Western States, and 6) Migration Studies.