

The Parke Society

Promoting Fellowship, Genealogical Research, and the Preservation of our Heritage
Clearing-house for research on all Park/e/s Immigrants from British Isles.

Park Pioneers in Platte County, Missouri

George Shephard Park 1811-1890

The Society's 23rd Convocation will meet at Park College in Parkville MO July 17 to 20. Special attention will be given to George Shephard Park, recognizing his contributions to education and the community.

George was a native of Windham County VT, born 28 Oct 1811. His lineage was from Robert (MA 1630) through Robert², Robert³⁻⁴, Hezekiah⁵, Thomas Kinney⁶ to his father Hezekiah⁷. Early education was gained at the local school in Grafton and on his father's farm.

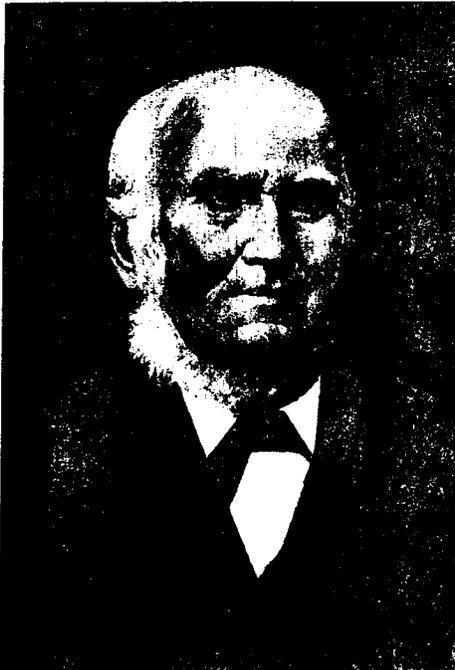
With the opening of the west his father moved the family to Ohio, where young George, then 16, was asked to teach school. The following year, 1828, he moved on to Putnam Co IL (100 miles SW of the small village of Chicago) where he filed a claim as the second settler in the county. The town was Magnolia; it was there that he began farming on his own.

Still wanting to improve his mind, he attended Illinois College in Jacksonville IL for a year, then went back to teaching, this time in Calloway Co MO (100 miles west of St.

Louis). The news of American frontier hero Sam Houston's fighting for Texas independence stirred George to the point that he offered his services.

So in the fall of 1835 he found himself based at the Alamo in San Antonio. Fortunately for him, he was on a scouting mission when the Alamo was stormed by the Mexicans the following February. However,

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Thomas Woodson Park 1847-1907

Among the pioneers to come to Platte County MO and adjoining Clay Co were descendants of John Park (VA 1735). One was Thomas Woodson⁵Park (1847-1907) born in Estill Co KY who came with his mother and step-father Frederick Gaylord in

1857.

He received a classical education under the direction of Professor Gaylord and succeeded him in later years in the operation of the Gaylord Institute in Platte City, the county seat. Following his service in the Civil War he studied law in Louisville.

On his return to Platte Co. Thomas found a terrible condition; roving bands of Red-legs and Jay-hawkers were devastating the area. This inspired him to start a newspaper The Reveille. The printing plant often looked more like a fort! But his editorials and speeches were an inspiration to Platte's depressed people. When President of the State Press Ass'n in 1876 he found a close friendship with Missouri's poet Eugene Field, then a young journalist of 26.

Thomas was an active Democrat being elected County Clerk in 1870. Later he was appointed Sec'y of the MO Board of Labor Statistics. In 1891 he was chief clerk in the office of the MO Sec'y of State. He was a prominent Mason assisting in organizing Knights Templar in MO.

His son Guy Brasfield⁶Park also made a name for himself. He was educated at the Gaylord Institute and received a law degree from the Univ. of MO in 1896. Twice he served as prosecuting attorney for Platte County before his elevation to judgeship of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court covering five counties, a position he held for ten years. He was honored with the Presidency of the Judicial Council of Missouri. From 1933 to 1937 he was Governor of Missouri.

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In Memoriam



Spencer Woolley Kimball, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) died last November 5th. He was a 9th generation descendant of Robert Parke (MA 1630) and a grandson of Heber Chase Kimball (see Vol XV p1 & XVIII p24).

President Kimball was born in Salt Lake City in 1895 and three years later moved with his family to Arizona. In 1943 he was called back to Salt Lake City to become one of the Twelve Apostles, the governing body of the Church. He served in this capacity until 1973 when he became the 12th president in the line of succession from Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. During the years he has presided, the Church has doubled its membership to the present 3,600,000.

Averille L Porter, husband of Josie Parkes Porter #477 died recently. They were married 12 years ago in Ogden UT and have lived in Layton UT since.

Caroline Louise (Shaver) Parks #442 died on Feb 20th, within a month of her 94th birthday. She was the grandmother of our Historian Tad Parks and responsible for his care during his youth.

She married Elba Keefer¹⁰ Parks (desc. of Richard MA 1635) in 1912 at Niverville Columbia Co NY. Mrs Parks trained as a nurse and served as an American Red Cross case worker. She was a leader in 4H projects. Her two sons Donald Dean and Russell Theodore and husband predeceased her.

Word has been received of the death of Dr Charles R Burton #214 a life member of the Society. He was a descendant of Richard (MA 1635) He was an active member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Numbers

What's in a number? For ten years each new member has been assigned a number. This may seem somewhat impersonal, but it has a purpose.

In a one-name organization there can be confusion in the identity of a member. At present more than a fourth of our membership is named Park, Parke, Parks or Parkes. Then, going one step further, there are 16 Roberts, 8 Richards, 7 Charles, 7 Williams, 6 Davids, and 6 Thomases! Other names are duplicated, there are two Jean Andersons.

So when you correspond with Tad or other members, or send a check to Janet, our secretary, please use your number. Some of you are already doing this and it is appreciated. In fact one Christmas card was received signed just "56"!

Welcome New Members

- 728 Miss Florence E Hacke
- 729 Mr Jeffrey B Northcutt
- 730 Mrs Jill R Northcutt
- 731 Mr Michael C Riley
- 732 LtCol Calvert W Tazewell
- 733 Mr Albert O Coates II
- 734 Mrs Jessica H McEnroe
- 735 Mrs Ruth D Holden
- 736 Mrs Frances N Burke
- 737 Mrs Evelyne P Denton
- 738 Mrs Betty S Mason
- 739 Mr Robert F Geer

Congratulations

Mary A Christensen #663 of Columbus OH was awarded the Silver Beaver, top honor of the Boy Scouts of America. She served 10 years in the Los Angeles Council in unit positions and ass't district commissioner. Then in the Central Ohio Council she has been director of the Cub Day Camp, where she selected personnel to instruct 200 Cub Scouts.

Her activity with the C Scouts has not lessened her participation in the DAR and several genealogical societies.

A pictorial history of Osceola, Lewis Co NY has been published by Lola Moore and Elizabeth Quinn #486. Bet, a retired school teacher has spent 9 years on the project. She is not a native of Osceola since she was six weeks old when her family moved there! The book is titled Osceola - Jewel of Tug Hill.

A granddaughter Heather Lynn Parke born 30 Apr 1985 is reported by Barbara J Parke #423. The parents are Scott D and Camille (Gayle) Parke.

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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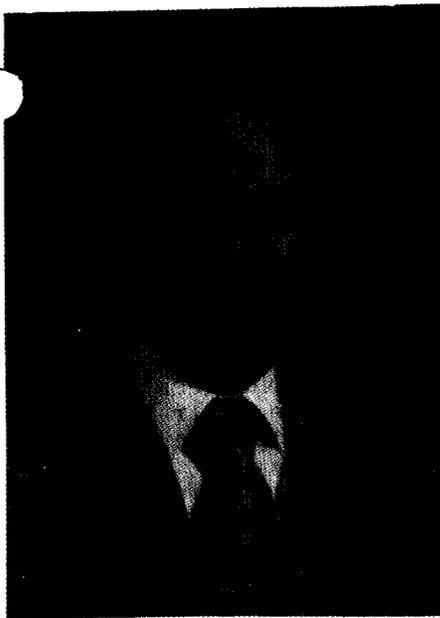
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Frederick Russell Snyder Jr #540, was elected a Trustee of the Society for Region 4 to serve until 1988. He is an attorney practicing in Miami FL with a strong avocation in genealogy.

Early schooling was in suburban Chicago with a diploma from Thornton Township High School. Fred attended junior colleges in Pasadena CA and in Thornton IL and graduated from the University of Illinois. His graduate work for the JD degree was at the University of Miami School of Law.

He served in the US Army during WW II in the European theater. Following his discharge he worked for a year with the UN Relief and Rehabilitation Admin. in Austria. In 1978 Fred retired as a Lt Col, Judge Advocate Generals Corps, US Army Reserve.

In addition to the Parke Society, Fred belongs to the Geer Family Ass'n. He has served two terms as Chancellor of the Florida Society SAR and is President of the Miami Chapter. In the Florida Society, Order Founders and Patriots of America he is presently Sec'y-Treas.

Fred is the son of Fred Sr and Mary Jane (Cross) Snyder in Springfield OH 10 Feb 1855. His Parke lineage is through his paternal grandmother Edith Ann¹⁰. Daniel

Eaton⁹, Daniel⁸, Joel⁷, Daniel⁶⁻⁵, Joseph⁴, Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert(MA 1630)

In 1946 Fred married Ilona Sarolta Hegyi in Salzburg Austria who died in 1980. The children are Mary Jane, Charlotte Ilona, Fred III, and Julie Ann. In 1982 he married Doris Eillene (Wilcox) Hartley. She and Julie are DAR members.

The three new Trustees elected at the 22nd Convocation in Boston were Frederick Russell Snyder Jr #540 (Region 4), Sandra K Schneider #574 (Region 5) and Larry Clark Parks MD #243 (Region 9).



A biographical sketch of Fred is at the left. Sandi's appeared in 1984 (Vol XXI p26). She and her husband Tom attended the regional meeting in Indianapolis. Their home is in Racine WI. They have two daughters. Sandi is a member of the DAR and the Society of Mayflower Descendants.



Dr Larry Parks, an 11th generation descendant of Robert (MA 1630), lives in Thousand Oaks CA where he practices Internal Medicine. He and his wife Sally Jane (Love) have four children. His sketch appeared in Vol XV p8.



Parkville symposium participant

Joe Parks #349, Trustee (Region 6) lives in Austin TX with his wife Bettye Grace (Cammack). They have two children, Holly and Scott who are both students at Texas A&M Univ. Joe is a 7th generation descendant of Thomas (VA 1728). Three years ago he and Joseph Parks of Winchester TN published a genealogy tracing the descendants of Thomas' grandson Aaron.

Joe has been Executive Director of the Education Service Center, Region XIII in Austin since 1967. Prior to that he has been an elementary school teacher and principal, Director of Instruction, Corsicana TX and Ass't Superintendent for Administration, Corpus Christi TX.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Government at Sam Houston State Teachers College as well as his masters in school administration. He has a Doctorate in Education from Nova University.

Queries

Does anyone have information on a MARTHA SMITH c1800-1826, m 30 Mar 1817 Stonington CT to ALFRED ANSON AVERY s/o Denison & Hannah (Babcock) Avery. Six children born between 1817-1826. Reply to Historian TAD Parks ref. Peters.

Companies

founded by Park/e/s:

Park

COMMUNICATIONS

Park Communications, Inc. has emerged in the past 25 years into a major factor in broadcasting and newspaper publishing. Its prime mover from the outset has been Roy Hampton Parke #236 of Ithaca NY.

"I'd rather become significant in one field than spread too thinly over several" Roy states. "If we can do a good job, that field (Communications) is big enough to employ all the capital we can generate or borrow." So in the day of conglomerates such as GTE and Standard Brands, Roy has limited his fast-growing empire to a province in which he has expertise.

The principal divisions are: Broadcasting that includes seven TV channels, eight AM and eight FM radio stations; News-papers, composed of 81 publications, of which 28 are daily papers, 22 weekly and 31 'shoppers'; and RHP Inc. that has charge of outdoor advertising, a real estate department and other varied interests. The most recent acquisition was AM & FM station WPAT in New York City.

It is always supposed that when an entrepreneur takes control of communications media his philosophy will be dominant. William Randolph Hearst was probably responsible for this interpretation.

On the contrary, Park Communications is the exact opposite. Where Hearst reigned over big city papers, Park has specialized in papers with less than 20,000 circulation. "We just bought the 8,000-circulation Osceola (AR) Times", Roy says. "We had to tell our people: Don't change it. Don't try to citi-fy it. Fill it with names and faces, and then people just plain have to have it."

A local publisher states that, "we get the feeling that they (Park Communications) are really interested in what we are doing, not just the bottom

Here is a state-by-state list of Roy Park's properties.

- Alabama — WBMG-TV, Birmingham.
- Arkansas — *Courier-News*, Blytheville; *Helena World*, Helena; *Twin City Tribune*, West Helena; *Times*, Osceola; three shoppers.
- Florida — *Daily Sun-Journal* and *Spring Hill Sun*, Brooksville; *Avalon Citrus Associates, Inc.*, Orlando; two shoppers.
- Georgia — *Daily Sun*, Warner Robins; *Houston Home Journal*, Perry; one shopper.
- Illinois — *Daily Journal*, Macomb; one shopper.
- Indiana — *Pilot-News*, Plymouth; *Enquirer*, Bremen; *Advance News*, Nappanee; one shopper.
- Michigan — *Daily Reporter*, Coldwater.
- Minnesota — KRSI-AM, KJJO-FM, Eden Prairie.
- Nebraska — *News-Press*, Nebraska City; one shopper.
- New York — *Union Sun & Journal*, Lockport; *Journal*, Ogdensburg; *Evening Sun*, Norwich; *Observer*, Massena; *Courier-Freeman*, Potsdam; *St. Laurence Plaindealer*, Canton; *WUTR-TV*, Utica; *WHEN-AM* and *WRRB-FM*, Syracuse; *Park Outdoor Advertising*, Park Broadcasting, Park Newspapers, Ithaca.
- North Carolina — *WNCT-TV*, *WNCT-AM*, *WNCT-FM*, all in Greenville; *Record & Landmark*, Statesville; *Tribune*, Concord; *Sampson Independent*, Clinton; *Robesonian*, Lumberton; *McDowell Express*, News, Marion; *News Outlook*, *Sandhill Citizen*, Aberdeen; *News Herald*, Morganton; *Observer-News-Enterprise*, Newton; *Daily Independent*, Kannapolis; *Times*, Maiden; *Mecklenburg Gazette*, Davidson; *Bladen Journal*, Elizabethtown; *Record*, Robbins; six shoppers.
- North Dakota — *Daily Journal*, Devil's Lake; one shopper.
- South Dakota — *WNAX-AM*, Yankton.
- Oklahoma — *News-Capital & Democrat*, McAlester; *Daily Ledger*, Broken Arrow; *Herald*, Sapulpa; *Sun*, Hartshorne; *Bulletin*, Bixby; *Journal*, Jenks; five shoppers.
- Oregon — *KWJJ-AM*, *KJIB-FM*, Portland.
- Pennsylvania — *Park Outdoor Advertising*, Scranton.
- Tennessee — *WDEF-TV*, *WDEF-AM-FM*, all in Chattanooga; *WJHL-TV*, Johnson City.
- Virginia — *Journal Messenger*, Manassas; *WTVR-TV*, *WTVR-AM-FM*, all in Richmond; *WSLS-TV*, Roanoke; one shopper.
- Washington — *KEZZ-FM*, Seattle.

line." And Roy emphasizes: "We have a very strong policy of not dictating editorial direction from this office. We want local autonomy and hold them responsible for their operation so in turn, we have to give them some freedom of action."

In terms of number of daily newspapers, Park ranks 9th in the United States among group publishers. The total circulation at present approaches 3/4 million. A five year study (1978-1982) of 22 publicly held newspaper companies

showed Park Communications with an impressive record. They were the fastest-growing company in newspaper revenues as well as in operating income. For 1982 alone, Park came in with the highest newspaper pretax margin. Obviously it is a well managed and stable business!

Of course their TV and radio stations reach a much wider segment of the population, roughly 8% of the United States. In 1977 Park Communications Inc was the first licensee to own the 21-station limit (7AM 7FM 7TV) sanctioned by the Federal Communications Commission. In addition to this Roy Park filed 41 applications for low power TV stations for small communities.

Then in 1984 the FCC increase the limit to 36 stations permitting Park to look for others to add to his corporate structure of which WPAT is the first. More are likely to be added this highly successful organization.

John (VA - 1735) - George²

When the article on Roy Hampton Park #236 appeared two years ago (Vol XXI p1), his ancestry was known only back to his grandfather: Isaac Addison Park 1824-1899. That he and his family were North Carolinians gave a clue that he might be related to one of the several names mentioned in a later article (Vol XXI p40), who lived in Rowan Co. (now Davidson Co.) near the Yadkin River.

Since then, through the research of Patricia Beck #564 of Salisbury NC, this lineage has been expanded. Roy is now known to be a 6th generation descendant of George Park, who came to Rowan Co. from Frederick VA in 1759. George settled in the Cabir Creek area near Allen and Moses, both of whom were

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witnesses to his will in 1782. There is much evidence that three were the sons of Park (VA 1735), an immigrant from Essex Co. England via Ireland. He first settled in Stafford Co VA, later moving to Fairfax Co and Frederick Co (Vol XXII p27).

As facts are compared: the proximity of abodes - witnessing of marriage vows and wills - military records - and tax listings - it appears that there were possibly six men who could be sons of this John of Frederick Co VA. They are:

- John Jr. c1734-1816
m Susannah Elrod
- Moses 1738-1828
m 1770 Mary Hill
- George c1741-1782
m 1762 Agness Nichols
- Noah c1743-1820
m 1767 Anna Reed

- Allen 1745-1805
m c1772 Elizabeth Giles
- Ebenezer 1747-1839
m 1772 Tabitha Mills

There is also Timothy, m 1773 Esther Shipton, who is a likely close relative if not a brother to the above. Then we find Nathan, c1715-1784 m Mary, moving to nearby Flat Creek in Rowan Co in 1775 from Hunterdon Co NJ with his son Charles. They were members of the Jersey Baptist Settlement. Dates of birth indicate that Nathan was a contemporary of John. Could he be a brother or cousin?

As we uncover more facts, it is hoped that the relationships will be clarified. Should anyone have information that will confirm or shed doubt on the foregoing, please share it with our Historian, Tad Parks, #425. Those who have already

shared their research on this project are:

- Betty Northcutt #589 (MOSES)
copies of her voluminous files have been given to the Society.
- Alice Crandall Park #466 (NATHAN)
author of Park/e/s & Bunch on the Trail West.
- Patricia Beck #564 (NOAH)
resident researcher in Rowan County NC.
- Everett A. Parke #557 (TIMOTHY)
- Evelyn Potter Park & Warren R Park #565 (ALLEN)
author of Allen Park 1745-1805.
- Nell Marshall Park Gum (EBENEZER)
author of Ebenezer Park, Pioneer to Madison CO KY.

John c1763-1817
m 1788 Elizabeth Owen

George c1789-
m 1813 Betsy Winders

Joshua c1765-

Humphrey c1791-
m 1811 Nancy Orr

Jacob Nichols c1767-

Joshua c1794-
m 1821 Catherine Palmer

(IMVI)

George c1740-1782 - Elizabeth c1769-
m Agness Nichols
in Rowan Co NC
1759

John Jr 1797-1827
m 1816 Jane Wiseman

Sarah C 1818-1901
m Alexander Rowan Craver

Mary c1771-
m 1802 Edward Butner

Elizabeth c1799-
m 1816 Edmund Palmer

Armisted Wiseman 1821-1822

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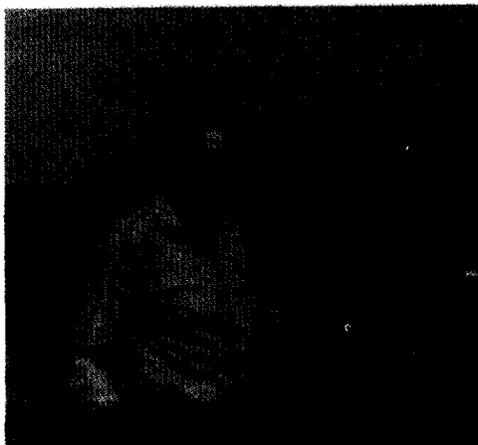
Isaac Addison 1824-1899
1m 1842 Elizabeth Cornish
2m 1863 Sarah Ann (Powell)
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Huldah c1775-
m 1803 William Burrage

We'd like you to know -

Glenwood Charles Parks #575 is the fifth of six children born on a small farm near Lancaster NH to Arthur Walter and Bertha Viola (Rogers) Parks. During World War II while serving in the Air Force he married Lorene Rogers, his 'hometown girl'. They have had two daughters and a son.

Glen has been an efficiency and time-study expert working in Illinois, Indiana and Penn-



sylvania for paper converters, later as a factory manager. For a change he leased a service center in 1970 on the newly completed Interstate 80. The death of his son Kevin in 1975 was such a blow to the family that Glen sold the business and moved to Florida, where he and his wife are now managing a mobile home park.

An avid genealogist, Glen has traced his Parks line only as far as his grandfather Robert. He has been success-

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Ancestral Safari

The First Capetian King

by William G Cook #66

In the heirarchy of Christian saints, Martin of Tours ranks high. This "soldier saint" was serving in the 4th Century Roman army when the incident occurred which led to his conversion to Christianity and ultimately to sainthood.

One day during a hard winter in Gallic Amiens, he was so appalled at the plight of a nearly naked beggar at the city gate, that he drew his sword, cut his cloak in half, gave one piece to the freezing beggar, and wrapped himself in the other. He is said to have had a vision of Jesus wrapped in the same garment. The remnant was preserved for centuries in the oratory at Tours. When Hugh, Duke of the Franks and Count of Paris, became lay abbot of St Martin of Tours, the nickname Capet (capa = cape) was attributed to him.

The Carolingian kings - Charlemagne's breed - had come to the throne of France by usurpation. When Charlemagne's descendant, King Louis V, died in 987, a similar thing happened. Duke Hugh had first supported, then opposed Carolingian

rule. When the throne became vacant, the great feudal magnates of the little kingdom, helped a little by Archbishop Adalbero of Reims, decided to make the kingship elective. They chose the 48-year-old Hugh, apparently expecting that his successor would be chosen the same way.

Hugh Capet had other ideas. A few months after his election he had his son Robert crowned and associated with him on the throne. His descendants followed the same system and so between 987 and 1328 13 successive kings, all of the same family and descended in direct line from the same ancestor, ruled the kingdom.

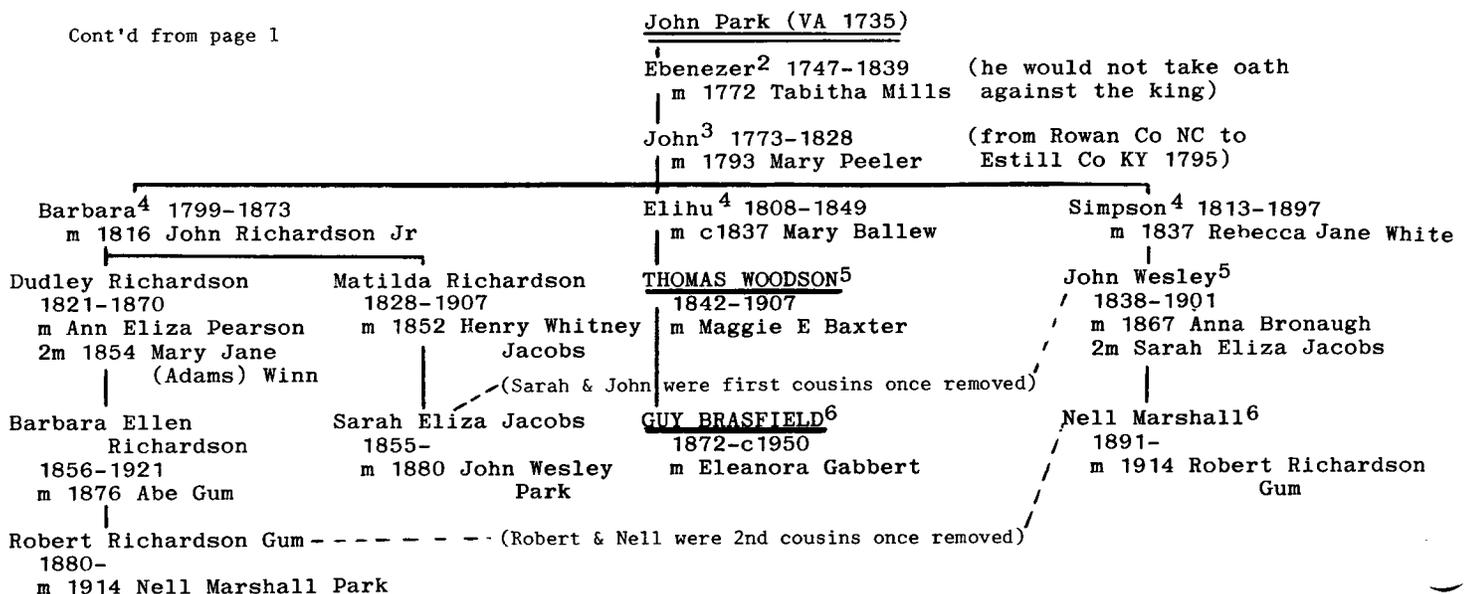
The dispossession of the legitimate line of Charlemagne needed a little rectification. The friends of the Capetians spent a lot of years in this effort, most of it amounting to faulty claims of one kind or another. Hugh himself had remedied this to some extent choosing for his mother Hedwig of Saxony, a daughter of Emperor Henry I the Fowler, himself a gt gt grandson of Charlemagne. Hugh also had married Adelaide of Poitou (945-c1004), daughter of Duke William III of Aquitaine, another of Charlemagne's lineal descendants.

Of this first Capetian, next to nothing personal is known. Scholars say he was pious, enjoyed the company of monks, disliked ostentation, was more the diplomat than the warrior, and a survivor in a time of feudal disorder. He was able to take the throne from the Carolingians, keep what he had taken and pass it on to his son. One writer says not all of this was mere luck.

Alice (Freeman) Thompson Parke descends from Hugh Capet through his daughter, Edith of France, who married Regnier IV, Count of Hainaut in the Low Countries. The line then runs to the Anglo-Norman family of Clare and ultimately to Alice Parke, as shown in previous 'Ancestral Safaris' (see Vol XXI p20 and Vol XXII p38).

Ref: American Ancestors and Cousins of the Princess of Wales, Roberts & Reitweisner, pp143-4; The Capetian Kings of France, Robert Fawtier (in translation), pp8, 10, 13-15, 5; Butler's Lives of the Saints, Herbert Thurston, S J and Donald Attwater, eds.; Vol IV p310; Encyclopedia Britannica, 1969 Vol 11 pp811-12; Royal Highness, Sir Iain Moncreiffe, p20.

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Parks Pioneers

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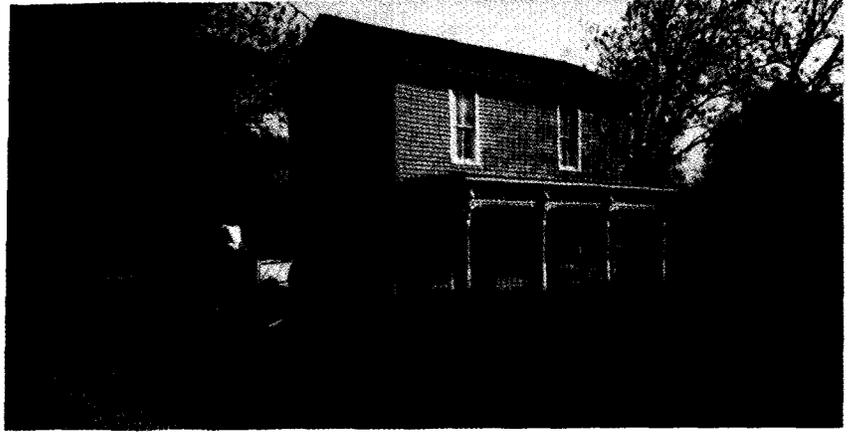
Much attention is being given to Texas this year as it celebrates the 150th anniversary of its independence from Mexico in 1836. Elsewhere in this issue recognition goes to George Shephard Park who fought with Sam Houston in the victorious Battle of San Jacinto. For the next nine years Texas was an independent republic until its annexation to the United States as the 28th state, which in turn led to the Mexican War.

Among the Parks migrating to the new state were descendants of Thomas (VA c1700). William Woodruff⁵Parks (Thomas⁴, Aaron³, Thomas²) brought his family - a wife and four children aged 6 to 1 - to Waxahachie, Ellis Co in 1853 from Fayetteville, Lincoln Co TN, ten miles from the Alabama border.

Land was purchased in 1856 and a house constructed the following year. The main part was built of heavy hand-hewn beams. An old photo reveals that a small one-story house next door was once the rear wing of the Parks' house. In 1900 it was divided and moved to its present location on Hawkins St.

William Parks was a surveyor and served as the District Clerk until the Civil War. In 1862 he organized Co. A, 19th Regiment of Texas Cavalry made up of 5 officers and 134 men from Ellis and Dallas Cos. The Company left Waxahachie in August and spent the remainder of the year in Arkansas, on occasion clashing with Union Troops. Captain Parks was stricken with typhoid-pneumonia and died in December at DeValls Bluff, east of Little Rock.

Leaving a family of five daughters, aged 16 to 3, plus the privations of post-war conditions, were a great burden on William's wife Sophia Ann (Koonce). She died in the spring of 1868 placing the responsibility on her second daughter Laura Jane who was married later that year to John Henry Spalding. Laura taught school and took over as



Parks' home in Waxahachie TX as it is today

head of the household.

She was the inspiration for the academy award winning screenplay "Places in the Heart" written by her gt grandson, writer-director Robert Benton. Laura had been left a widow in 1882 when her husband, then the City Marshal, was killed as he attempted to disarm a drunk. With four children to support she went back to teaching in addition to managing the uncertain income from a 400 acre farm.

The Victorian house built in 1857 is still owned by the family. William A. Spalding, Laura's grandson, is responsible for the restoration to its original beauty. The house was used for the Horton Foote film "1918" released last year. It is likely that Mr. Spalding will be happy to show this historical home to Society members.

Thomas (VA c1700) c1680-c1761

Eng. to Albemarle Co VA

Thomas²Jr c1701-1790

Essex Co to Wilkes Co NC

m Priscilla

Aaron³ 1758-c1820

Amherst Co Va to Lincoln Co

m Ona Stubblefield TN

Thomas⁴ 1788-1847

Wilkes Co NC to Lincoln Co

m Sarah Woodruff TN

William Woodruff⁵ 1818-1862

Lincoln Co TN to Ellis Co TX

m Sophia Ann Koonce

their children:

Martha Emily⁶ 1847-1932

m Harland Rowen

Laura Jane⁶ 1848-1927

m John Henry Spalding

Nancy Ann⁶ 1850-1921

m George Pleasant Bullard

Sarah Frances⁶ 1852-1890

m David William Morris

Mary Eliza⁶ 1859-1933

m Benjamin Franklin Spalding



Parks' home in Waxahachie TX in 1895. Laura Jane Parks Spalding is standing at the end of the porch.

The Oblong-border between New York and Connecticut

The area of northeastern Connecticut and across the line into Dutchess County NY was the home of several Parke families before the Revolution. During our research some interesting bits of history have come to light, more particularly the dispute over the boundary between the two states. This was carried on for over 200 years and caused more confusion than perhaps any other boundary in United States history.

As early as 1650 an effort was made by Commissioners representing the United English Colonies and New Netherlands to establish a line. It was agreed that "the bounds upon the main" should "begin at the west side of Greenwich Bay ... and so run a northerly line twenty miles up into the country, and after as it shall be agreed by the two governments ..., provided that the said line come not within ten miles of Hudson River."

The inhabitants of Greenwich were to remain under the Dutch Government, and the Dutch were not to build within six miles of the line. The ensuing encroachments by the Connecticut colonists proved a vexing problem for the Dutch. By 1664, when the English superseded the Dutch in New York, the settlements on the coast had extended within ten miles of the Hudson.

In 1683 an agreement was drawn up as a result of a dispute between the towns of Rye and Bedford. The line would now begin at Lyons Point on the east bank of the Byram River ... to a point eight miles into the country, thence twelve miles north-north-westerly (covering an area of roughly 96 sq. mi.). This was to be part of Connecticut. An equivalent piece of land should be taken from Connecticut, a narrow strip (580 rods or 1.81 miles wide by approximately 53 mi.) extending along the eastern borders of Dutchess,

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The Rev. Jonathan Lee & his 18th century Salisbury Parish 1957

The early History of the town of Salisbury CT by Julia Pettee

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voted in habitant 25 Dec 1744

- Robert Park	Zachariah Eddy	Josiah Stoddard
Benajah Williams	John Wilson	Thomas Reed
Thomas Chipman	Azariah Smith	Isaac Vosburg
Samuel Moore	Samuel Goodrich	Jacob Vosburg
- Joseph Park	Obed Harvey	Ephraim Colver
John Hutchinson	Caleb Woodworth	

plus 44 other heads of families in Salisbury on tax list.

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"an agreement with the Lord binding themselves in the presence of God to walk together in all his ways according as he has revealed Himself unto us in his blessed word of truth."

signed by Joseph Park and 13 others

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"In the district west of Twin Lakes now called Taconic, Bacon & Daniel Parke in 1748 built a gristmill and forge upon Succunops Brook, the outlet of the pond Washinee.

From Salisbury, Connecticut, Records (ref Vol XXI p5)
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OBED HARVEY of Sharon to JOSEPH PARKE of Salisbury: quitclaim to land Joel Harvey bought of Tom Lamb near sawmill, reserving 1/2 of sawmill and 1/2 privilege of stream. 7 Nov 1746 (rec 15 Aug 1747).

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ROBERT PARKE of Salisbury to JOS. STODDAR, quitclaim to NW part 11 Apr 1748 (rec 12 Apr 1748)

JOS. STODDAR of Salisbury to ROBERT PARKE of Salisbury quitclaim to south part near Sharon line. 11 Apr 1748 (rec 12 Apr 1748)

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JOS. PARKE of Salisbury to JOS. LEE Jr. of Salisbury for 500: 1/2 of sawmill I bought from Joel Harvey, plus priv. of dam, pond, & logway. Also 4 parcels of land. 2 May 1748 (rec same day)

BENJ. WHITE of Salisbury, yeoman, to DANIEL PARKE & JACOB BACON, both of Salisbury for 72, my right to a sawmill standing on the brook that runs out of South Pond, with 1/4 of logway & dam & liberty of raising dam 12 ft high, & 1/4 part of all utensils belonging to sawmill. 12 Oct 1748 (rec 2 Jan 1749)

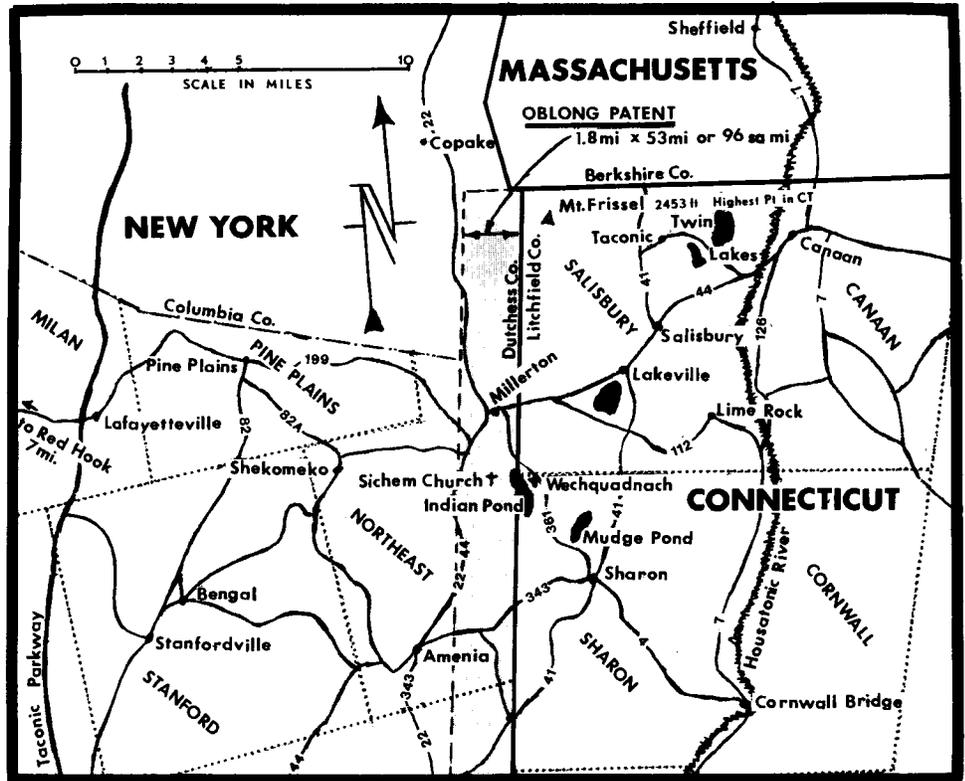
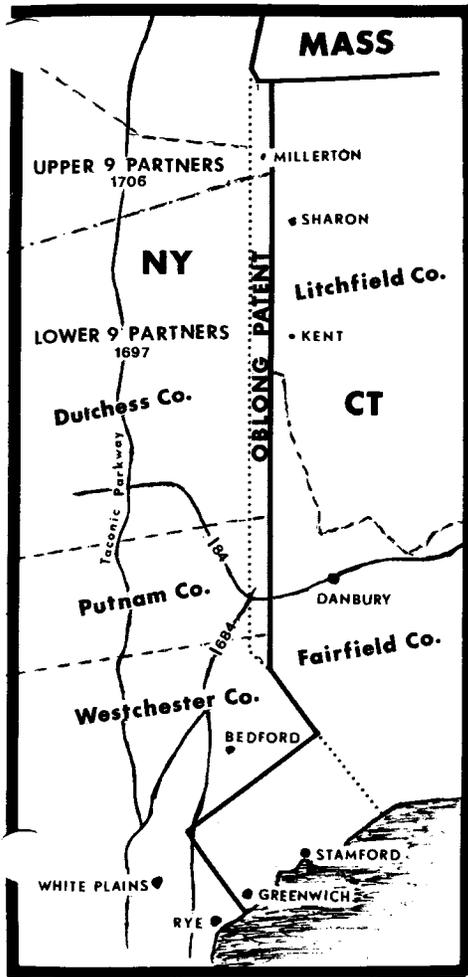
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WM. SPENCER & JAMES FITCH, both of Salisbury, to DANIEL PARKE of Salisbury for 1100: 1) 225 acres laid out to Thom. Newcomb in 4th div., adj. Capt Sam Beebe. 2) 238 acres adj. Hez. Camp's house. 3) 30 acres, being land said Newcomb bought from Abel Wright & part of Lot 13, 1st div.. 4) 3 acres adj. Jos. Lee Jr, easterly from said Lee's house & purchased from said Newcomb. 1 Feb 1749

OBED HARVEY of Salisbury to JOS. LEE Jr for 1148: 5 parcels 1) 20 acres, being part of land Jos. Parke & I bought in partnership from my brother Joel Harvey of Sharon, which we divided (see Book 2:65) & Parke quitclaimed to me, except 1/2 of gristmill with rt. & priv. which I sold to James Parke. 2) 1-1/4 acre at the mouth of a large pond on Tockonnuck Mt which I bot from my broth. Joel Harvey. 4 Feb 1749 (rec 14 Feb 1749)

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DANIEL PARKE of Salisbury to HEZ. CAMP of Salisbury for 350: 1/6 of iron works at north end of town & 1/6 of all ut., with liberty of improving the water, 1/6 part of time sd iron works can go, plus building a coal house, & 1/6 of the oar bed containing 4-1/2 acres of land, being the ore bed sd Parke & Jacob Bacon bot from Thom. Newcomb on 5 Aug 1748. 3 Jan 1749 (rec 24 Oct 1749)



Putnam, and Westchester counties (61,440 acres or 96 sq. mi.). This was originally designated the 'Equivalent Land' and is so referred to in colonial documents. It later became the 'Oblong Patent' and was called 'The Oblong'.

Evidently this arrangement lasted less than 15 years, for in 1697 the towns of Rye and Bedford "revolted from New York to Connecticut" to avoid payment of some arrears in taxes. The English Crown was called upon to settle matters.

A survey was finally contracted for in 1725 and supposedly a complete settlement made in 1731. In that year a patent designed to convey the whole of the Oblong Tract was granted in London. Previous to this a local grant was made and so another conflict developed. The Oblong was consi-

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LITCHFIELD COUNTY CT Records

SALISBURY

- Joseph Parke b 1682 Groton CT (4T31) FSP CT #40
d 8 Sep 1760 Salisbury CT
to Sharon CT 1736, to Salisbury CT 1746
One of the original members - Congregational Church
- Daniel Parke bpt 12 Apr 1719 Preston CT (5T195) #119
d summer 1779 Moreau NY (lived in Sharon)
- Smith Parke bpt 5 Nov 1721 Preston CT (5T196) #120
d 12 Feb 1807 Canaan NY
- James Parke bpt 14 Jan 1724 Middletown CT (5T197) #121
- these three youngest sons of Joseph came with him in 1736.
- Nathan Park bpt 22 Dec 1722 Preston CT (5T96) #101
d 1811 Canaan NY
came to Salisbury 1756
- James Park bpt 26 Sep 1731 Preston CT (5T119) #108
came to Salisbury c1760
- Robert Parke "of Salisbury" may be brother of Nathan #101
was a surveyor in Westfield MA c1760
records show deed 1744 from Theophilus Williams
deed 1744 to Isaac Fellows

SHARON

- Robert Parks m 1793 Lydia Herrick
- Joel Parks b 1775 d 1800 Sharon possibly son of Daniel #119
- Nathaniel Parks m Lydia () 1744 - 1798 Sharon
possibly son of James #121

Moravian Church in the Oblong

It is safe to say that most of the Parkes migrating to this country from the British Isles in the 17th and 18th centuries were Puritans or Quakers fleeing from English persecution, or were Presbyterians from Scotland, some via the Ulster Province of Ireland. Over the years that followed they were exposed to ardent pastors of various persuasions. Some became followers of John Wesley (Methodists), some joined with Roger Williams (Baptists), and still others accepted the teachings of Joseph Smith (Mormons). But there is an interesting group who organized a church in the Oblong under the guidance of the Church of the Brethren (Moravians), based in Bethlehem PA.

Among these was Joseph⁴ Parke (Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert (MA 1630), a weaver by trade, living near Salisbury CT by 1746 and then a member of the Congregational Church. With him were his sons Daniel⁵ and James⁵. The accompanying land records show them involved in a sawmill, a gristmill and an ironworks.

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dered the most desirable ungranted land in the province at the time and so was open to speculation. The Hon. George Clarke, President of the NY Council (later NY Lt Gov. 1736-43) had bought shares in both the royal and the local grants resulting in the whole matter becoming a political football.

More bickering continued before and after the Revolution. It was not until 1860 that the New York Legislature passed a law directing their commissioners "if after further suitable efforts, no agreement should be reached (with Connecticut), to proceed alone to survey and mark the line." The resultant line was generally accepted by Connecticut, but not formally adopted by that State for another 20 years.

Ref: History of Dutchess County pp52-55, History of Cosby & Clarke - Colden pp305-12.

The Moravian missionary activity began in 1742 through a visit by Count Zinzendorf, one of the principal leaders of the sect, when he sought to minister to the Indians. There was an Indian village some five miles south of Salisbury called Wechquadrach, with 200 to 300 inhabitants. Another such village, Shekomeko, was five miles west in the Province of New York. This latter was the first congregation of believing Indians gathered in North America under Moravian auspices. The civil and religious authorities disagreed with their teachings and subjected their leaders to such persecution that they were arrested. They were hauled into court, but were soon released, for they proved themselves vastly superior to their examiners in purity of intention, in scholarship, and in the discussion of controversial religious and political questions of the day.

Soon after the failure of the missions, a group of 34 English settlers in the Oblong in the vicinity of Indian Pond wrote to Bethlehem, asking that

one of their preachers be sent to them. It would appear that they had heard the preaching of the missionaries and found it entirely acceptable.

Among those signing the letter were James⁵ and his wife Sara (see Vol XXI p4). They promised to build a church and a home for the pastor. The first to be sent was Abraham Reinke in 1753. He stayed two months. Other pastors' names appear in birth, marriage and death records, notably Ernest Gambold and Joseph Powell. The latter remained until his death in 1774.

Joseph Parke's name appeared in later communications. His death was recorded in 1760. Ruby Anderson's Parke Scrapbook II p48 states that he was buried 8 Sep 1760 in Northeast. His grave has not yet been found. However, from the map it is evident that the town of Northeast covers an area of over 60 sq. mi. Since the Sichem Church, as the local Moravian Church was named, situated west of Indian Pond in the Oblong, it is possible that there is a small cemetery

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From Moravian Church Records Bethlehem PA

"our designs in building a meeting house and also a dwelling for the brethren and sisters ... we have agreed to proceed to build on the 22nd day of this instant and to build it on the piece of land that we have given the description ..."

Oblong 11 Dec 1755 signed: John Harris, Azariah Smith, James Alworth, James Parks, William Enos, Elisha Culver.

(land description on back of letter) "... being part of the lot number twenty four in the Equivalent Land or Oblong, so called. This adjoins property of Elisha Colver and consists of a bit less than an acre (19 rods x 8 rods) on Oars Rode."

4 Nov 1757 Society at Sichem lists 34 members among which were James Parks and his wife Sarah Parks. This upon the arrival of Pastor Gambold.

11 Oct 1758 List of this date shows 42 members with Joseph Parks and wife, James Parks and wife plus "children in our care" including James Parks age 6. (James the son of the above James would have been 12 so it is not clear who this young boy is.)

26 Feb 1760 Deed from Elisha Colver of North east precinct, Province of New York, shoemaker and Hannah his wife, sum of three pounds lawful money of New York paid by Hector Gambold (Pastor)... "a certain small piece or lot of ground in the Equivalent Land or Oblong..." (2.175 acres)... (it being part of 100 acres of land called the second hundred acres in a certain great lot of land No 74 in aforesaid Equivalent Land which James Parks by deed of the fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty five granted to the said Elisha Colver in fee.)

there yet to be discovered.

In reviewing the history of the missionaries a hundred years later in Bethlehem, the church elders were inspired in October 1859 to send a delegation to the Oblong to dedicate two monuments. One was placed at each of the Indian villages, of which there is no longer a trace; nor is there evidence of the Sichem Church.

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ful on his mother's side, which has been traced to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and his wife's to a martyr, John Rogers, burned at the stake in 1555.



Warren Russell Park #565 and his wife Evelyn are both active genealogists, combining travel with their research. He is a descendant of John¹ of Virginia through his son Allen², a Revolutionary War patriot from Rowan Co NC. With the help of their daughter, Margaret Kay, they published in 1970 Allen Park 1745-1805 of Rowan Co NC and Madison Co KY. (A genealogy of another of John's sons, Ebenezer, was published in 1929 by Nell Park Gum). Warren's lineage from Allen² is Richard³, William⁴, John Richard⁵ to his father, Alford Roby⁶ who married Tula Roberta Goodwin.

Warren was born on land
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Dutchess County, NY Tombstones

RED HOOK Dutch Church at Madalin
 Abijah Park b 16 Nov 1762 Preston CT (6T518) FSP CT #242
 d 29 Nov 1834 Red Hook NY
 Nathan Park b 5 Jan 1772 Preston CT (6T522) #246
 d 28 Oct 1843 Red Hook NY
 William Park b 5 Feb 1804 son of Nathan ?
 d 15 May 1843 Red Hook NY

PINE PLAINS Knickerbocker Cem. 2 mi. east on south side of Rt 199
 Polly () 1750-21 Feb 1829 m Whitney Parks

BENGALL Town of Stanford Baptist Church
 Jonathan Parks b 28 Feb 1728 Concord MA (5R61) FSP MA #69
 d 6 Dec 1802 Stanfordville NY
 David Parks b 12 Sep 1762 (6R586) #196
 d 11 Apr 1843 Stanfordville NY
 married
 Catharine North b 18 Apr 1759
 d 4 Apr 1846 Stanfordville NY
 children
 Deborah Parks b 1786 Stanfordville NY (7R) #
 d 2 Aug 1850 Stanfordville NY
 Lydia Parks b 4 Aug 1801 Stanfordville NY (7R) #485
 d 28 Oct 1871
 m 1824 Henry W Bartlett
 Benjamin Parks b 20 Apr 1809 Stanfordville NY (7R) #
 d 30 Jul 1848 ? youngest son of David
 Catharine Parks b 19 Jul 1759 (6R) #
 d 4 Mar 1844 Stanfordville ? sister of David

MILLERTON Irondale Cemetery
 Hattie M () b 29 Jan 1842 wife of John J Parks
 d 10 Oct 1869
 2 small stones in same plot marked: Hattie - Henry

AMENIA Burying Ground
 Abigail Parke b 25 Aug 1704 Preston CT (5T50) FSP CT #80
 d 20 Oct 1754 Amenia NY
 m 1722 Norwich CT Tristram Brown
 Elijah Park b 8 Jun 1744 Preston CT (6T359) #213
 d 14 May 1795 Amenia NY
 Ebenezer Park b 2 Mar 1750 Canterbury CT (6T361) #215
 d 22 Sep 1821 Binghamton NY
 Mary Park b 22 Sep 1751 Canterbury CT (6T362) #216
 d 29 Mar 1830 Amenia NY
 m 1777 Sharon CT Elihu Paine
 Olive Brown b 14 Sep 1752 wife of Elijah #213
 d 7 Dec 1843 Amenia NY
 Elijah B Park b 20 Aug 1778 Amenia NY (7T) #448
 d 6 Jun 1832 Amenia NY son of Elijah #213
 Olive Park b 17 Jan 1787 Amenia NY (7T) #
 d 30 Jun 1803 Amenia NY dau of Elijah #213
 Mary Park b 23 Nov 1812 Amenia NY (8T) #
 d 4 Jul 1813 Amenia NY dau of Elijah #448
 Sarah Ann Park b 23 Aug 1818 Amenia NY (8T) #
 d 11 Feb 1820 Amenia NY dau of Elijah B #448

Miscellaneous additional records in the area
 Rachel Parks b 17 Nov 1784 Cambridge NY (5H884) FSP CT #29
 d 23 Jun 1870 Buffalo NY
 m 15 Feb 1803 Amenia NY Edward Sutherland
 Richard Parks b
 d
 m Phebe () b 1760 d 22 Oct 1823 Pauling NY

Widow Parks of Upper (Little) Nine Partners
 m 20 Nov 1816 Samuel Ingham of Stanford

Richard J Parks b Jun 1833 London Eng to US in 1851
 m c1855 Hannah () to Poughkeepsie NY
 father of to Highland NY
 George E Parks b 20 Jun 1860 lived in Stanford NY
 m c1885 Carrie E Vail Hibernia NY
 father of Clinton NY

Charles E Parks b 19 Apr 1886
 Roy I Parks b 17 Jul 1887 (Ref. History of Dutchess Co.)

? Whiting Parks c1777-c1801 Pine Plains NY (5R63) FSP MA #200
 m Mary Sutherland

Confusion on Entries 5R63 vs 6R67

George Shephard Park

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in March at the Battle of Goliad on the San Antonio River, George and two other soldiers were the only survivors of the ensuing massacre. A few weeks later the Mexican General (and President) Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was captured at the Battle of San Jacinto, thus opening the way for the founding of the Texas Republic. In December 1836, George was discharged with the rank of Colonel, aged 25.

Before leaving Texas, he was inspired to buy some land, believing it had great potential. He returned to Missouri and taught school in Jackson Co. outside of Kansas City. Then, following the formation of Platte County a few miles to the north in 1838, he took an interest in a settlement on the banks of the Missouri River named English Landing. George set to work building a house (see picture - it is now a museum at Park College.)

The next year he took over from David English additional lands that gave him river frontage. It was "rented or leased for 99 years for the sum of \$200." It was on this English property that he founded Parkville. President Polk appointed him its first postmaster.

In the next few years he began developing his dream of a great city... river steamers stopping at his landing for passengers and produce... a railroad extending to Chicago... a church and a college. He sold many properties and brought in a number of enterprising businesses. Hemp was the major commodity shipped from his landing.

Then on 14 Oct 1847 he married Eliza Ann Vore of Clear Creek IL. During the next seven years she bore him three children, all of whom died young. She herself died at Parkville in 1854. The next year George went back to Magnolia IL and married Marie Louise Holmes, who had come from New York City. On 13 May 1857 their daughter Ella was born.

George's interests were not limited to Parkville. He made trips back to Texas to see about his land investments. 750 miles was a long way on horseback, especially where in many parts there were still no roads. In 1854 he built a cabin on property he bought near Manhattan KS. As a farmer he saw the need for better training (probably for his tenant farmers), so he proposed that an agricultural school be started, and supported the idea financially. The school came into being in 1863, and was the forerunner of Kansas State University.

A local newspaper was needed in Parkville, so Col.



Home built by George S Park - now a museum at Park College, Parkville MO

Park purchased a press and introduced The Industrial Luminary in 1853. In this he expressed his abolitionist views, which certainly did not sit well in the pro-slavery State of Missouri. This resulted in an angry mob dumping his press in the river and demanding that Park leave! He did go to Texas for a time, but returned and was elected a representative to the state legislature.

The year he started the paper, Park had built the three-story Missouri Valley Hotel, part of his dream of grandeur that was not to be. When this fact became evident, he looked for another use for the hotel. He approached the Presbyterian Church regional

officers with the idea of starting a college in Parkville. He was prepared to give land and funds as well as the building, but his proposal was rejected.

Then in 1875 he was introduced to the Rev. John A. McAfee. Here was a man with vision. With his guidance and George Park's support, Park College for Training Christian Workers was established. In the coming years it grew, adding much to the development of its students and the community. By coincidence both Park and McAfee died within a week of each other in June 1890, at the time of the school's 15th commencement.

Another \$3,000,000. has since been left to the college by Park's granddaughter, Ella Rebecca Lawrence (1891-1975), the only child of his daughter Ella and George A. Lawrence. She also left \$15,000,000. to her alma mater, Vassar (see Vol XV p17). Thus it is evident that the farming ventures of George Park in Texas, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri were very successful.

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homesteaded by his father in Tillman Co OK. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University in Civil Engineering. For 21 years he was employed by the United States Soil Conservation Service as Engineer and District Conservationist. In 1954 he resigned to buy Potter Oil Co in Chandler OK. He renamed it Park Oil Co and operated it until he sold it in 1975.

Business interests included the OK Oil Marketers Association and Petroleum Council. On the local front he has served the Boy Scouts of America, for which he received the silver beaver award, the Lions, the University Alumni Ass'n, and the United Methodist Church.

Lineage of George Shephard Park

The lineage of George Shephard⁷ Park is from Robert (MA 1630) through Thomas², Robert³, Robert⁴ to Hezekiah⁵ (1740-1776) who married Martha Keyne (or Kinne). He was a farmer in Groton CT, served in the Revolution (see DAR record) and was fatally wounded in the Battle of White Plains. The off spring of his son Thomas Kinne⁶ is especially interesting and will be enumerated here. It seems evident that his first wife Rebecca had a problem with the Rh factor. There were 14 children born in as many years following the birth of Hezekiah⁷, George's father.

1st marriage 5 Dec 1785 to Rebecca Gibson		yr	mo	da
Hezekiah ⁷	b 3 Feb 1787	d 30 Aug 1846	59	6 27
2nd son	19 Feb 1789	21 Oct 1789		8 2
3rd son	12 Feb 1790	20 Feb 1790		8 2
4th son	12 Nov 1790	15 Nov 1790		3
1st dau.	12 Aug 1792	17 Aug 1792		5
5th son	3 Dec 1793	6 Dec 1793		3
6th son	23 Mar 1794	31 Mar 1794		8
2nd dau.	5 Mar 1795	7 Mar 1795		2
Thomas K Jr	30 Mar 1797	15 May 1804	7	1 15
3rd dau.	3 Jul 1799	6 Jul 1799		3
8th son	5 Jun 1800	8 Jun 1800		3
4th dau.	24 Jul 1801	27 Jul 1801		3
9th son	9 Jul 1802	11 Jul 1802		2
5th dau.	2 Sep 1803	5 Sep 1803		3
10th son	2 Sep 1803	7 Sep 1803		5
	Rebecca	23 Sep 1803	40	
2nd marriage 2 Apr 1804 to Rebecca Thatcher				
Rebecca Gibson	1806	-		?
	2nd Rebecca	28 Dec 1811		?
3rd marriage 9 Jun 1812 to Anna Benjamin				
Benjamin	22 Apr 1813			?
Thomas K Jr	13 Sep 1815	25 Jan 1887	71	4 12
Benjamin	19 Dec 1819	1841	21	
Isaac	10 Jul 1823	after 1902	79+	
	Anna	28 Feb 1838		

The above record is taken from American Gravestone Studies letter Spring 1985 and was sent in by Fred Youngren #99.

George Shephard⁸ was the first born of Hezekiah⁷ and his wife Hannah Thatcher, 28 Oct 1787 in Grafton VT. Following her death in 1824 Hezekiah moved his family of five children to Magnolia IL where he died in 1846.

The following bible records are from the National Genealogical Society, supplied to them by Margaret H. Pearre, 7011 Sharpview, Houston TX 77074 in 1982. The pages were copied by Clara Cammack Park in 1969 from the Moses Park (born 1780) family Bible.

MARRIAGES

Moses Park and Polly Wier was married 12 Jan 1802
Joseph Nichols and Nancy Park was married 24 May 1821
John B. Cowden and Parthenia Park was married 4 March 1830
Thomas Park and Patsy Kincade was married 20 October 1826

BIRTHS

Moses Park was born in the Year of Our Lord 1780 March 12th
Polly Park was born January 26th Day in Year of Our Lord 1779
Nancy Park was born 12th Day of October in Year of Our Lord 1803
Thomas Park was born 29th Dec^m in year of Our Lord 1805
John More Park was born 19th Feby in year of Our Lord 1808
Isaac Park was born 22nd Dec^m in year of Our Lord 1809
James Hill Park was born 15th January in the year of Lord 1812
Parthenia Park was born Feby 13th in year of Our Lord 1814
George Park was born Jany 24th in year of Our Lord 1816
Moses Park was born 16th March in year of Our Lord 1818
Father & Mother Park
Father 25th Nov 1738
Mother 3rd June 1749

DEATHS

Patsy Park departed the Life 9th Sept 1835
Polly Park departed this Life 22nd Sept 1835
John B. Cowden departed this Life 28th Sept 1835
John Park departed this Life Jan 19th 1859
80 years of age lacking Seven Days

Bible Records see page 16 for chart

Two bible records have come to light that add to our information on the Moses² line (John VA 1735). The first came from Footprints, newsletter of the Ft Worth Genealogical Society, Vol 13 No 2 May 1970. The title page of the bible printed by the American Bible Society, 1865, has the following notation: "D.E. Park book bought 1866. August 27 1921 I gave this book to Ben." The records and accompanying biographical information were made in 1969 by Jean Park (Mrs. Fred) Hazlewood of Ft Worth TX. The bible is in the possession of Mrs. May Caldwell Wheeler, Union City, Obion Co. TN.

MARRIAGES

D.E. Park(1) and Ann E. Good(2) was married the 21 of May 1865
Jennie B Park(3) & J.C. Caldwell(4) was married Feb 16th 1888
Willie May Park & E.B. Kersey was married Feb 20th 1889

BIRTHS

James Money(5) was born the 10 June 1782
John Park(6) was born the 14 Nov 1774
Isaac Park(7) was born the _____
Matilda Money was born the 15 July 1806
B.E. Park was born the 2 December 1844
Ann E. Good was born the 9 June 1843
Amanda Jane Park was born the 12 Feb 1866
Willie May Park was born 25 Feb 1872
Maggie May Caldwell was born Dec 22nd 1888
Roger P. Caldwell was born Feb 6th 1891
Noel Caldwell was born 1894
John Good was born the _____
Charlotte Hubert was born the _____
L. Kersey was born Sept the 2th 1891
Noel James Caldwell was born July 20 1894

DEATHS

John Park(8) departed this life the _____
Isaac Park(7) departed this life the 10 of April 1864
James Money departed this life the 21 of Nov 1865
John Good departed this life the _____
Charlotte Good(8) departed this life Jany 1847
Matilda Park(9) departed this life August 25th 1879
A. E. Caldwell departed this life February 6th 1879
J. S. Park departed this life July 24 1887
D. Kersey departed this life Jan 15th 1892
Jennie B. Caldwell departed this life Nov 15 1895

MARRIAGES

E. B. Kersey of Fremont and May W. Park of _____ on Feby 20th 1889 _____ by Dr. C. P. Glover. Witness: A. E. Caldwell and Emma Cook.
Ruby Kersey and Johnnie Wheeler married Dec 12 1917

BIRTHS

May Park Kersey born Feb 25 1872
R. Dee Kersey was born September the 2nd 1891
Rubie Kersey was born March 6th 1893 in Obion Co TN
Annie E. Park was born June 9 1842
John F. Kersey was born May 22 1865

DEATHS

R. Dee Kersey died January the 15th 1892
D. E. Park died May 10 1936
Mrs Annie E. Park died July 23 1921
John F. Kersey died May 16 1934
E. B. Kersey died Jan 20 1947
May Park Kersey died Dec 24 1953
Johnnie H. Wheeler died Dec 23 1963

The above is from a second bible also owned by Mrs. May Caldwell Wheeler. She was the daughter of John C. Caldwell and Jennie Betty Park. This Kersey Bible was given to Mrs. Wheeler by her aunt Willie May Park (Mrs. Thearon).

- (1) William Edward (Dock) Park
- (2) Ann E. Good was the daughter of John Good. The family was enumerated in the 1850 census of Obion Co TN Dist 3 Dwelling 722: John 38 TN, Ann 32 KY, Ann 7, Wilson 5, John 1.
- (3) Jennie Betty Park born 12 May 1866 (mother of May Wheeler)
- (4) John Clayborurn (sic) Caldwell, father of Mrs Wheeler.
- (5) James Money is buried at the Old Republic Cemetery on Logan Hill, west of Union City, Obion Co TN. His known children were: Matilda, Upton, John and Pearson Money. Pearson Money moved to Montague Co TX in 1871 and died there 31 Dec 1893.
- (6) John Park 1m Mecklenburg Co NC 2 Nov 1797 (bond) Jennet Crockett and 2m Martha L (Patty) Parham. He was the son of Moses Park, Revolutionary Soldier of Rowan Co NC. John Park died 11 Jun 1862 and is buried at Beechwood Cemetery Cornersville, Marshall Co TN. Cont'd page 16

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More of our ROGER(S)

Turning back to the immigrant Roger Parke of New Jersey, I should like to give you an overview of the Society's current position on this line, and where we believe this to be heading. I remind you that none of this is 'carved in stone', and is subject to change as new evidence is presented. You may find the accompanying chart to be helpful in following along.

The major problems in this line are the lack of abundant direct evidence to ascertain relations between the different parties referred to, and the unfortunate propensity for there to be Rogers in succeeding generations, to add to our confusion. This, combined with some late 19th century 'genealogical' writing, has muddied the waters considerably.

According to the current scenario (which I do not find fully satisfying) there was an immigrant Roger (1K1) c1638-1690 who supposedly came to the West Jersey area with his son Roger (2K1) 1664-1755, oftentimes referred to as 'Dr Roger', in the latter part of the 17th century. Good solid proof for this scenario is lacking, but it has been supported by inferences from land records, wills, baptismal records and one gravestone of vague nature.

The lack of any kind of ship's list is the biggest stumbling block in this scheme, but perhaps that vital document is forever lost. In Nelson's New Jersey Patents and Deeds, 1664-1698 (graciously loaned to me by Oma Mills #436) we find nine references to Roger Parke in various capacities during the period 1682-1698. While this establishes that a Roger was late of Hexham, now of Crosswicks Creek, there is no clue to whether these references are to one, two, or even more different persons. It is curious that no Senior/Junior

references are found or any reference to Roger as son or father of Roger.

The will records refer to a Roger Junior in connection with the estate of one Thomas Robinson, but no hint is given as to the relationship, if any, between Roger and this Robinson. The baptismal records do name three of the children of Roger, but compiled works have named nine, with no indication as to a source for this data. Finally, there is the gravestone referred to by Ralph Ege in his Pioneers of Old Hopewell as "the rough sand stone marker in the old family graveyard, which bore the very vague inscription 'R. P. 1755, A 91'". It is this one inscription upon which hangs Dr. Roger's dates, and the assumptions concerning many of the Rogers in the land records. But I wonder who this R. P. really was? Roger Parke or ...? It might even be the remains of the inscription 'R. I. P.' with the name lost to posterity now.

Referring to the chart, the dates assigned to the supposed Roger (1K1) are based on assumptions derived from the gravestone dates and other compiled works. While it has been stated in some works that this first Roger (1K1) later moved to Rye NY, remarried, and had another two children, I will go on record here and now that I really do not think this is so. Basically I am treating this 'Rye' Roger as a different person of uncertain origin. (F S Parks in his Parks Records published in 1925 states: "Roger Park, according to the family tradition, fled from France at the time of the persecution of the Protestants upon the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.") I will gladly entertain evidence to the contrary.

As to these early Rogers, the dates usually given are based on assumptions drawn from existing records. The names of wives are uncertain, although it has been thought that Dr Roger married a

Robinson. (see the estate Thomas Robinson referred to above.) As to Dr Roger's children, while three are definitely named in baptismal records, a total list has grown to nine (3K1 - 3K9). Information on some of these is very sketchy. John (3K5) is about the most solid line of descent or at least it has the most documentation. Other lines for which we have descent are Grace (3K7), William (3K8) and Kesiah (3K9). However, this last line is based mainly on an early DAR Lineage Book, and hence is not as strongly supported.

Before closing, I should like to mention some other possible connections. In our system, those ancestors who appear not to be immigrants, but for whom we have no immigrant connection at this time, are referred to as 'disconnected' lineages. We have a large number of them at present, over 100 in all. We hope, in time, to be able to identify the proper lineage connections.

One of these is the 'FX' line of MacCagio (or Micajah, McGaetschy and other variant spellings.) The first generation of this line is very sketchy, but we believe that he was born around 1760, and because of certain similarities, we think there may be a connection to Roger, perhaps a grandson or great-grandson to our Dr Roger. Since we find some Parkes in Huntingdon Co PA (interesting similarity to Hunterdon Co NJ of Roger?) with New Jersey birthplaces noted in the various records, we tend to think that there may be a Roger connection here also. At this point that is all conjecture, but it may be possible.

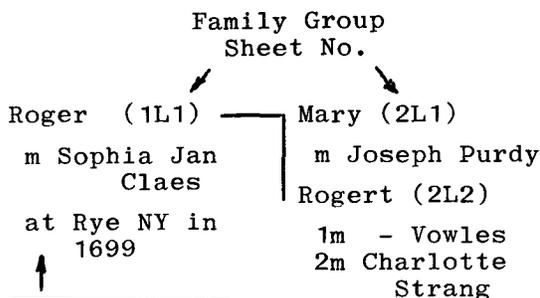
There is also Rodger (1LL1) who supposedly came to Asbury, Hunterdon Co NJ in 1668, but the research on this line is extremely bad. The one volume that is out on Rodger is undated, and was poorly done the first place. The Park Family Tree by Alice McDowell,

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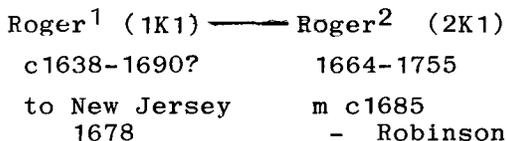
Immigrant: Roger Park (NJ - 1678)

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(*) Nothing further known



Currently thought to be different people



Roger (3K1) (*)
bpt 1704
Anna (3K2) (*)
bpt 1702/3
m William Mettitt
Thomas (3K3) (*)
George (3K4) (*)
m Lydia ?
John (3K5)
bpt 1702/3
m Sarah Smith
Sarah (3K6) (*)
m Thomas Schooley

Grace (3K7)
m Jacob Stout

William (3K8)
m Sarah Jewell

Kesiah (3K9)
m James Larison
(data from DAR Lineage Book Vol XII p315)

John (4K41)
m
Andrew (4K42) 1709-1790
m Rachel Mosely
Roger IV (4K43) -1783
m Hannah -
George (4K44) bpt 1712?
m Elizabeth
Anne (4K45) c1732-1754
m Janes Smith
Abigail (4K46)
m - Thompson
Sanner Stout 1746-
Aaron Stout
Annie Stout 1754-
William Stout
John Stout 1759-
Elizabeth Stout
Sarah Stout
Catherine Stout 1762-
Penelope (4K70) m Richard Stout
Elizabeth (4K71) m Thomas Roberts
Rachel (4K72) m John Sexton
Benjamin (4K73) 1m Lucy -
2m Anna (Larison) Sexton
William Jr (4K74) m Rachel Rowland
Sarah (4K75) m David Stout
Naomi (4K76) m Joseph Bonham
Anna (4K77) m William Chamberlain
Zebulon (4K78) m Jane Burroughs
John (4K79) m Charity Stout
Margaret (4K80) m William Chamberlain
John Larison 1737-
Andrew Larison c1739-
William Larison 1741-
Anne Larison 1743-
Roger Larison 1745-
Elizabeth Larison 1747-
Catherine Larison 1750-
Aclsah Larison 1752-
Elijah Larison 1754-
David Larison 1757-

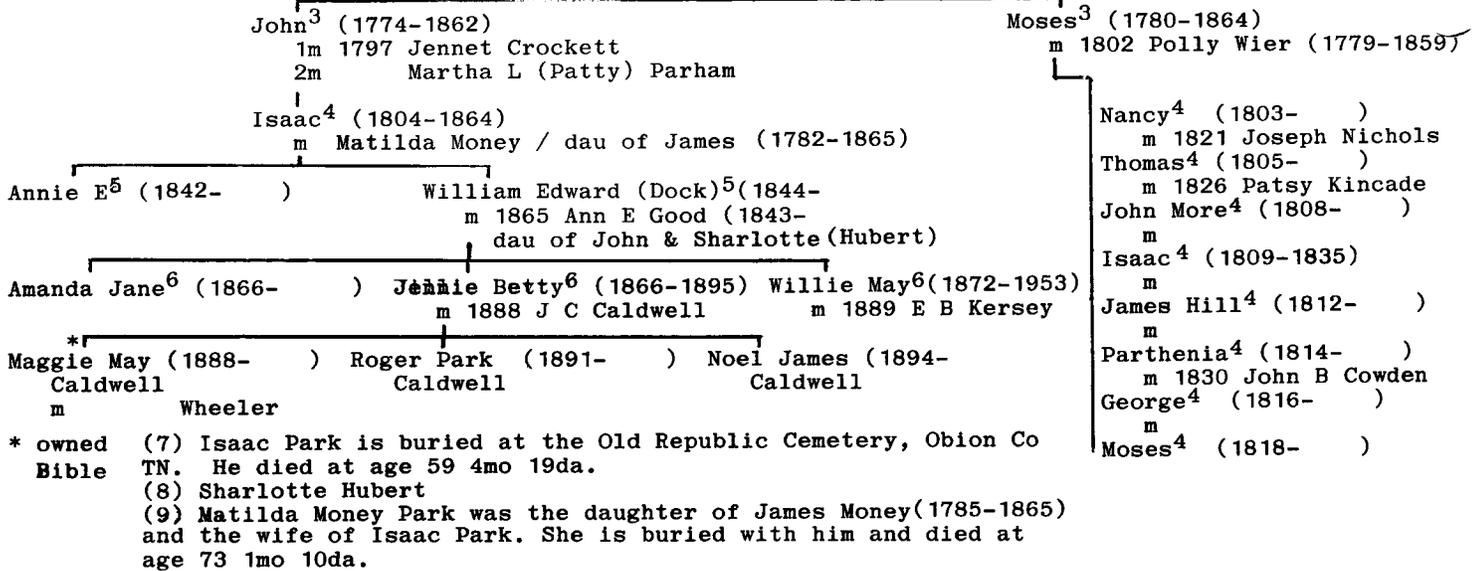
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1940, lacks almost all the expected genealogical data one expects to find. But again, there is an interesting coincidence in the name, and if there is a Rodger, perhaps some of the land entries mentioned above belong to him.

In my next piece we shall work back from evidence we currently have to see just where the line starts to break down from fact to draw conclusions. Until then,

Peace
Tad
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John Park (VA 1735) → Moses² (1738-1828)
m 1770 Mary Hill (1749-1829)



Descendants of Robert (MA 1630)

Family Group Sheet No.	Member Descendants
Martha (3T1) lineages in Vol XXII p16	Daniel (6T1360) 1758-1836 1m Esther Ranney 2m Catherine (Clark) Hurlbut 115,201,202,(203) 204,205,237,261, 288,295,717.
Thomas (3T2) lineages in Vol XXII p32	John (6T1361) 1760-1819 1m Bethiah Smith 2m Sarah Smith 13,38,41,52,56,61, 62,162,185,200, 256,420,650,(240).
Robert (3T3) lineages in Vol XXII p48	Mary (5T193) 1715- m John Adams 329,400.
Nathaniel (3T4) 1650-1718 m Sarah Geer	Elizabeth (5T194) 1717-1791 m Nicholas Baylies 627.
Dorothy (3T5) lineages in Vol XXII p16	Joseph (4T31) 1682-1760 1m Mary (Smith) Paine 2m Sarah - Daniel (5T195) 1719-1779 m Anna Chapman Daniel (6T1378) 1742-1818 m Lydia Marvin Anna (6T1380) 1747- m Isaac Doty 4, 14,16,18,40,73, 78,85,87,89,105, 112,139,161,186, 190,272,273,332, 333,334,365,398, 484,513,518,520, 521,522,523,540, 560,561,562,615, 616,704. 290.
William (3T6) lineages in Vol XXII p48	Smith (5T196) 1721-1807 m Mary Davis 63,72,119,212,297, 307,308,366,486, 541,542,543,544, 696,697,(710),711.
John (3T7) lineages in Vol XXII p48	James (5T197) 1724- m Sarah - 210,231,301,341, 419,445,507,556, 608,700,701,702.
Alice (3T8) lineages in Vol XXII p16	Ezekial (4T32) 1687-c1726 1m Alice Larrabee(4T56) 2m Mary Safford 66,130,182,532.
	Jacob (4T35) c1689-1752 1m Martha Geer 2m Prudence Fanning 93,311,529,673, 674,675,676,677, 678,707.
	Phoebe (4T36) 1692-1777 m Thomas Beman 11,69,71,211,257, 350,449,515,645.
	Margaret (4T37) 1697-1772 1m Jabez Spicer 2m Benoni Horton 34,42,47,50,68, 208,230,502.