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## New evidence on John Park of Virginia

David L. Parke #13

It has been six years since I published the names of several men in Virginia and North Carolina that were believed to be related, possibly brothers. (v21p40-42)

The article on William Parks of the Alamo in the last issue (p17) inspired Evelyn Potter Park, wife of Warren R Park #565, to send in the results of her on-going research. In 1970 she had published Allen Park of Rowan Co NC & Madison Co KY.

In this she referred to Ebenezer Park, Pioneer to Madison Co KY 1929 by Nell Park Gum showing Allen and Ebenezer to be brothers. Also quoted that "there is a family tradition that they were sons of John Park of VA". Finding this "John" Park among so many is no easy task and it has kept Evelyn searching for the past 25 years.

Although she hasn't uncovered all the evidence she'd like, there is much that she wants to share at this time. She has been trying to prove that Allen was the son of a John Park

of Hampshire Co VA. (This county, just west of the Shenandoah Valley, has been part of West Virginia since it became a state in 1863. However, in this issue we will show VA since all the dates are prior to 1863.)

Several others in the Society have also added their findings including Dorothy Becker #368, Betty Bryant Northcutt #589, Col Percival D Park #140, Alice Crandall Park #466, Everett A Parke #557 and Patricia B Beck #564. The McCubbin File at the Salisbury (NC) Library and the work of Wilmer L Kerns PhD of Arlington VA have added much evidence. The latter published a most helpful article last June in The West Virginia Advocate a monthly publication issued at Capon Bridge WV. Dr Kerns has graciously consented to my quoting from it in this report. Not being related to the Park families possibly allows him to be more objective.

Dr Kerns states, "Focus of this article is on Parks family roots in Hampshire Co. Scope of the presentation will be expanded, when it appears as a chapter in a forthcoming book Settlements and Settlers in Old Frederick and Hampshire Counties, Virginia." (He expects a publication date two years hence.)

"Maud Pugh stated (in her book Capon Valley: Its Pioneers and Their Descendants, Vol II pg 171) that John Parks I and his wife Susanna Elrod were the first of the name to settle in this region. However,

research in Fairfax land records reveal that this man was not John Parks I, but John Parks III. His grandfather, John Parks I (c1674-1757) was the settler who received a 1753 land grant, surveyed by George Washington in 1750. John Parks II (c1705-c1758) settled on Fairfax land adjoining his father, in Parks' Hollow. John Parks III (c1736-1816), who later married Susanna Elrod, inherited land from his father, John Parks II."

Evelyn Park is now working on the possible connection of this family to Dr Roger Park of Hopewell Township NJ (first in Burlington Co, then Hunterdon Co and now Mercer Co due to changes in the county boundaries)

The lineage chart on page 40-41 shows the lines as she believes them to be. She and Dr Kerns will welcome all the input that will add or correct what is shown. Family Group Sheet numbers are beside each person. When corresponding, please identify the individual you are referring to as there is a considerable duplication of names.

- ie John Park(3) I 3K5
- John Park(4) II 4K1
- John Park(5) III 5K2
- John Park(6) IV 6K1

There are many birth dates that need to be verified as well as counties.

Evelyn has found recently the abstracts for the Fairfax Land Grants in the Northern Neck of Virginia 1987 by Peggy Shomo Joyner. The significant items from

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## In Memory



Mrs Firestone (1948)

Elizabeth Parke Firestone died in Newport RI on October 13th aged 93. The burial was at Columbiana OH. Born in 1897 at Decatur IL, she was widow of industrialist Harvey Samuel Firestone Jr. She was a 10th generation descendant of Robert(MA 1630) through Thomas(2), Nathaniel(3), Joseph(4)(5), Daniel(6), Elisha(7), Virgil Hickox(8), to her father Guy James(9) who married Gertrude Newton Chambers.

Mrs Firestone was married in 1921. Her husband died in 1973. She was the sister of William Chambers Parke who died in 1980, and Gertrude (Parke) Cruikshank. Her children: Harvey Samuel Firestone III died in 1960, Elizabeth (Firestone) Willis died in 1989, Anne(Firestone) Ball, of Greenwich CT, and Martha Parke(Firestone) Ford of Grosse Pointe MI, wife of William Clay Ford (grandson of Henry).

For their wedding trip in

1921, Mr & Mrs Firestone went to Banff and Lake Louise in Alberta, Canada. Following the trip, they camped with President & Mrs Warren Gamaliel Harding, Mr & Mrs Thomas Edison, Mr & Mrs Henry Ford and Bishop & Mrs Charles P Anderson (Episcopal Bishop of Chicago).

(Editor: I wrote to Mrs Firestone 15 years ago noting that her grandfather and mine had corresponded regarding family history, as well as our fathers (1904). She did not respond. I spoke to her brother in the late 1970's and he showed no interest in family history.)

Edna McMillan, an 11th generation descendant of Robert(MA 1630) died June 16th in Oklahoma City OK. Born 28 Jun 1897 in Union Center IL the only child of Charles and Clara McMillan. In 1926 she married Wayman Thomas who predeceased her. She is the mother of Mary Lois (Thomas) Scott #479.

Edna and her parents moved to Oklahoma City in 1900, seven years before statehood was granted. They settled on a farm west of the city near Lake Overholser. She was a living history book on the early days of Oklahoma. Besides her daughter she leaves a son Earl W of Yukon OK, and four grandchildren.

Dorothy West Bowden #4, a charter life member died 26 July in Manchester VT, aged 96. She was a Trustee for the Society's first six years and received the Dedicated Service award in 1977.

Dorothy was a descendant



Dorothy Bowden (1966)

of Robert(MA 1630) through Thomas, Nathaniel, Joseph, Daniel, Daniel, Solomon, Barzilla, Solomon Augustus, to her mother Julia Amelia who married Egbert Watson West. Her Park ancestor Daniel (5) was one of the first to settle in the Glens Falls NY area in 1766. Thus she was the 7th generation to live there.

In 1919 Dorothy married William McEchron Bowden in New York City. Their three daughters, life members of the Society, are Elizabeth Day #16, Julia (Bowers) Parke #14(wife of David L Parke #13), and Margaret Krarup #18.

Dorothy gave much of herself to the Girl Scouts program, was a charter member of the Glens Falls Hospital Guild, was a docent for the Hyde Collection, a member of the DAR, and the Presbyterian Church. She was a graduate of Dana Hall School, Wellesley MA and Mt Vernon Seminary, Washington DC.

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## Parksville, British Columbia

Harold Park #325 did a little research for the Society when visiting his cousin in Parksville on Vancouver Is. British Columbia. The town is on the east coast facing the Strait of Georgia, roughly 75 miles north of Victoria.

The early settlers included a family named Craig at French Creek, a few miles north of the present Parksville. In 1874 Nelson Parks arrived and became the first Postmaster when a new Post Office was established there. He was evidently responsible for naming the town.

Nelson is reputed to have been a surveyor with an interest in promoting the construction of a railroad in 1880. This was before a wagon road had been opened to the town. Harold reports that those people to whom he spoke were not too certain of the town's history. Present active churches include an Anglican (St Edmonds) and a Pentecostal.



Person power - Fourteen-year-old Stefan Budrow at the Mount Snow New England Championships in August, where he was 2nd by only 6 seconds. Budrow competes in the National Championships this month. (Mount Snow photo)

## Queries

Need relationship of Daniel, Joseph, Noah, and Paul Parkes, all fm Gloucester Co NJ Militia in Rev. War. Also want descendants of Noah. Searching for parents of Noah Park(s), m Elizabeth (?) c1795 Franklin Twp NJ. Benjamin F Parks #902

Need parents of Hugh Parks b 1747 SC, m Elizabeth Barnhill c1781 Rutherford Co NC. Served Revolutionary War Dolores Parks Purcell #970

Searching for Charles Parke mentioned in will of Robert Hazlett 17 May 1788, Rowan Co NC. "Left gift to Martha Parke, dau of Charles. Also Elizabeth Parke who m Robert Hazlett at Christ Church, Philadelphia 1723. James A Hazlett #383

Need names for children of Phobe(6)Park [Simon(5), Eleazer(4), Thomas(3)(2), Robert(MA 1630)]. She was b 1763 d 1852, m Palmer Davis. She was buried Canterbury CT. Davis in Preston CT. Louise Ball Caccamise #968



HENRY THOMAS PARK

Need parents of Henry Thomas Park b May 1827 Breathitt Co KY. Both parents b KY (possibly Madison Co). m Sarah Ann Crawford 1849 Swan Twp Warren Co IL. c1870 to Prairie City McDonough Co IL. Children: born  
Francis Marion 1850  
Angeline (Bennett) 1852  
Mary Elizabeth (Wylie) 1854  
Henry H 1860  
Warren 1864  
Ollie (DeForest) 1866  
Ella (Harrison) 1869  
Katherine L (McInike) 1872  
Donald E Park #527

## Young cyclist

Stefan Budrow #637, an 8th grader in Williamstown MA is competing on a big scale in mountain bike racing. He is too young to compete in some of the races since he won't be 15 until January 18th. This is probably just fine for the other competitors since in the past four months he has come in first at several races and was in the top five in all others.

Mountain biking, as opposed to dirt biking, relies totally on person power, and Stefan's skinny frame seems to have the appropriate leverage to peddle up and down steep, off-road hills at prodigious speeds.

Stefan is the son of Region 1 Trustee Stephen Budrow #619 and his wife Jean.

## Mark Your Calendar

1991 CONVOCATION

July 11 to 14

Cherry Hill Inn  
(Cherry Hill NJ)  
near Philadelphia, PA

1992 CONVOCATION

date to be set later

Southern California



Clarence David Stephenson #949

A noted Historian and Author of Indiana Co PA is Clarence David Stephenson #949. He has recently completed a monumental five volume history, Indiana Co 175th Anniversary History.

Stephenson has lived most of his life in that county both as student and writer. He graduated from Indiana University of PA in 1941 (when it was still a teacher's college) and then served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II as a Link Trainer instructor.

Following his graduate studies Stephenson was with the PA State Department of Public Instruction, then a Caseworker with Dept of

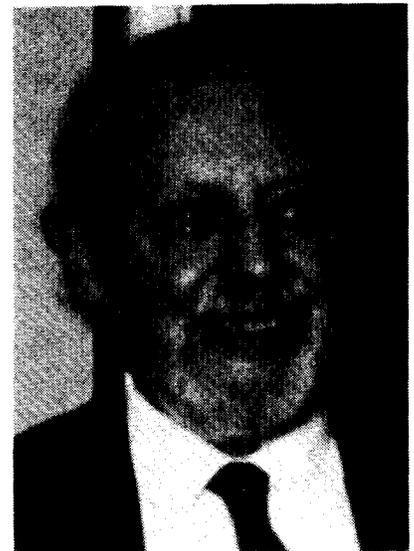
Public Welfare in the county. He has authored numerous articles, brochures and pamphlets.

He was a founder of the Pennsylvania Canal Ass'n, a charter member of the Marion Center Lions Club and Chairman for the local Bicentennial Committee.

Stephenson married Marcella Helen Manner in 1945 at Florence SC. They have four children. His lineage is from Robert (PA c1790) through John(2), Jane Rebecca(3), Rufus Sutor, to Grace Sutor his mother. The immigrant Robert was born in Ballywalter, Co Down, Ulster and came to Philadelphia. (see Linton Park v19p39)

Dr David Allen Park #149, Physics Professor at Williams College received a \$2500. award for his book The How and the Why by the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. In presenting the Science Award, it was noted that Dr Park, "makes a habit of writing marvelously on complex and sophisticated topics." The book presents "a coherent picture of the development of understanding about the physical universe, from elementary particles to galaxies." Dr Park is only the second to have won two such prizes, the first being for Image of Eternity: Roots of Time in the Physical World, received in 1980.

Professor Park is the son of the late Edwin Avery Park, a Trustee of the Society from 1965 to 1968 (see vXIIp37), and formerly Professor of Architecture at Yale and Princeton. David's lineage from Robert (MA-1630) is through Thomas(2), Robert(3), Hezekiah(4), Rev Paul(5), Elisha(6), Benjamin Franklin(7), Edwin Avery(8), Franklyn Allen(9), to his father Edwin Avery(10).



David Allen Park #149

Beware the genealogist who won't be bothered with details.

## French & Indian Wars hurt Colonists many ways

David L. Parke #13

As I reviewed some of the records in this issue identifying descendents of Roger of New Jersey and Thomas of VA, I became more conscious of the hardships of the colonists under British rule.

Evelyn Park mentioned several who were killed during the French & Indian War (1754-1760). Others were deprived of their homes as a result of British laws permitting a person, granted many thousands of acres by the English Court, to ruthlessly deal with settlers on that land.

The French & Indian War is not as clearly understood by us today as the Revolution, the Civil War or World War I & II. We are aware that a cause of the Revolution was taxation without representation. But what prompted the tax in the

first place?

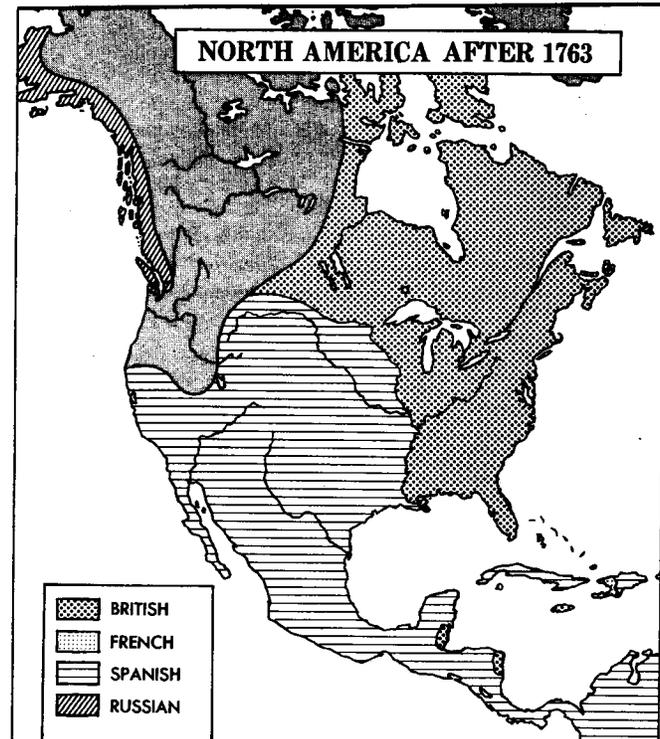
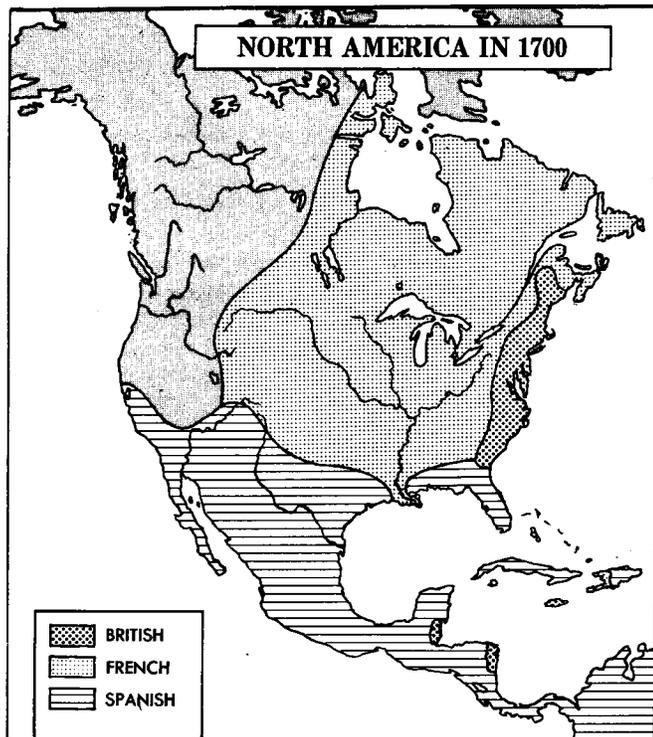
In order to gain perspective, we must realize that the French & Indian War was only a small part of a major conflict in Europe called the Seven Years War. On one side was France, Austria, Russia, Saxony, Sweden, and eventually Spain. On the other side was England, Prussia and Hanover.

By 1763, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, the British treasury was burdened in debt. As the British statesmen saw it, our French & Indian War had benefited the colonists and therefore "they should pay their fair share". They voted the Stamp Act of 1765, putting a tax on all legal and commercial documents.

But even worse these British statesmen decided that all western territories between the Alleghenies and

the Mississippi from Florida to Quebec were for Indians only. Colonists were forbidden to make any purchases or settlements in that region. So, in one stroke all western land claims cherished for years were wiped out.

In 1774 the Quebec Act was passed, but only made matters worse. This said that all lands north of the Ohio River were to be annexed to Quebec, thus sweeping away all claims by the four colonies. Thus it can be seen that the Revolution starting in 1775 was a matter of life and death to the colonists. The French & Indian War may have helped the colonists from the British viewpoint, but it was the real beginning of the domino effect.



## Pippins on the Family Tree

by William G Cook #66

PIPPIN (pip'in) n. (ME pipin from OFr pepin, seed, pip).  
1. Any number of varieties of apple, esp. those valued as dessert. 2. (Brit. Dial.) A small pip or seed. 3. (Slang) A person or thing much admired. -- (Webster's New World Dictionary, 1988).

First there was this Pippin or Pepin of Landen, scion of a powerful Germanic land-owning family whose estates centered in modern Belgium. How he came by his name we'll never know, for we have no record of his antecedents. Modern French definitely uses the word in sense No 2 above. As to No 3 read on.

We first meet him as Mayor of the Palace in Austrasia (East Francia or Frankland) and co-author in 613 AD of the coup d'etat by which Lothair II of West Frankish Neustria, another of Alice Parke's ancestors, became King of the Franks. (v26p22,26). Pepin's colleague in this daring venture was another richly landed seigneur, Arnulf (Arnould), Bishop of Metz (v27p6). Their role in the above affair and the brutal execution of the overambitious Merovingian Queen Brunhilde has been related in the above references.

Together they ruled the Franks in Lothair's name, a period of peace set in and Bishop Arnulf was finally able to retire in 626. But Lothair himself died in 629 and his strong son Dagobert I became king (v26p38). Mistrusting the wise counsel of that old war horse, Pepin, Dagobert sent him into exile and Arnulf's son, Duke Ansegisel, took and kept the power in the family until Dagobert's death in 638. Then Pepin resumed the mayoralty. But he died at Landen two years later and

his son Grimoald briefly held the office.

Both Arnulf and Pepin were men of distinguished piety. Arnulf became a saint and posterity later called Pepin one, but it never became official. Pepin destined two daughters for the cloister. One of them, Gertrude, founded a convent at Nivelles; the other, Begga (Beque), set one up at Andenne, both on family lands near Liege. Their mother, Itta, was a daughter of Arnouldus, an earlier Bishop of Metz.

Arnulf and Pepin had cemented their alliance by the marriage of Arnulf's son Duke Ansegisel to Pepin's daughter Begga, and they became the founders of the Arnulfian or Pippinid Dynasty which reached its peak in Charlemagne (of whom more later).

Ansegisel, who was born in 602 and died in 685, had an unremarkable record save for his brief service as Mayor of the Austrasian Palace. His wife Begga was a woman of great virtue who retired to her convent when her husband died. After her own death there in 694 she too was made a saint. Her canonical day is December 17

Ansegisel and Begga produced a worthy son whom they named Pepin after his grandfather. Chroniclers now refer to them as Pepin the Old and Pepin the Young, or simply as Pepin I and II. Pepin the Young inherited his mother's strength and goodness and acquired wisdom and military skill as he joined other magnates in the management of the Frankish kingdom.

And just in time too. This 30-year span of Frankish history is a tangle of destructive quarrels among ambitious Mayors of the Palace competing to rule in the name of a succession of weak, dissolute, do-

nothing kings. Pepin's own brother Grimoald had even used his position as mayor to put his own son on the throne, but the magnates had seized and executed both father and son.

So Pepin the Young was chosen by his fellow Austrasian aristocrats to take the helm of their troubled land. He inspired loyalty rather than fear and soon the neighboring Neustrians were begging his help against their own incompetent and destructive mayor, a man named Berthar. Pepin's little army sped westward while a messenger went separately with a proposal for a peaceful settlement. Interpreting this as a sign of weakness, Mayor Berthar scornfully refused and the war was on. During the night Pepin broke camp, crossed the Somme to Tertry (near St Quentin) and deployed east of the enemy camp so they would be facing the rising sun. When spies told the West Franks that Pepin had fled, Berthar sent a force to finish him off. Pepin was ready and defeated them piecemeal.

Pepin was now Mayor of a reunited kingdom and he set about the business of repair. He delegated his two sons as Mayors of Neustria and Burgundy (the third Frankish kingdom) and made the office hereditary, thus founding a new ruling dynasty. He kept the overall Austrasian office for himself and ruled in the name of four Merovingian kings. He repaired his boundaries and kept his troublesome neighbors at a respectful distance. He encouraged missionaries to his unconverted neighbors and established fair taxation. Francia prospered. Foreign rulers sought alliances and exchanged ambassadors with him. the

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The Ancestral Safari by William Cook is based on the royal ancestors of Alice (Freeman) Thompson whose daughter Dorothy married Thomas Parke, son of Robert (MA 1630). Park/e/s immigrants are identified in the NEWSLETTER as above. MA 1630 indicates that Robert first landed in Massachusetts in 1630.

Meaning of abc connected with dates are as follows: a 1850 = after b 1850 = before, c 1850 = circa or around that date.

Numbers such as 4K1 identify Family Group Sheet Numbers. 4 = 4th generation from immigrant, K = Roger (NJ 1678), 1 = first person born in that generation.

## Cont'd from page 33 - New evidence on John Park of Virginia

this give sufficient proof that Allen and others are indeed sons of a "John Park of Virginia". They are quoted in this issue.

Evelyn has included four names as possible sons of John Parks II: Moses, Timothy, George, and Noah. There appears to be some connection since they lived near one another and signed as witnesses for each other. However, she feels that more evidence is needed.

The records of Betty Northcutt #589 identify her Moses' father as John Park who came to Virginia about 1735. He made oath in Nov 1736 "that he was immediately imported from Gt Britain and Ireland. His wife Mary and at least one child, John Jr, (she believes) came with him. Mary had been raised in Sweden. They lived in Stafford Co VA. A son Moses was born 23 Nov 1738 in that county."

This would seem to show that there were clearly two John Parks and that Moses is not the son of John II 4K1. Her John bought land in Fairfax Co in 1745 stating that he "was late of Stafford Co, now of Fairfax." At this point, I believe, Betty ties her John to Evelyn's John in Hampshire & Frederick Cos to the west. That their sons were later in Rowan Co NC adds much confusion!

Now, back to Evelyn's first John 3K5 "born not later than 1685 since he had a child born circa 1705. He is believed to have died in 1757 at about the same time as his sons, John Jr and George." This was "during the French & Indian War that ravaged the pioneer western settlements. He was certainly deceased before 1762 when his grandson, John (5K2 son of John 4K1) tried unsuccessfully to inherit the 400 acre grant of John Park Sr assigned to his son George."

Evelyn continues " It is believed... that he married Sarah Smith about 1703 in Hopewell NJ. Sarah was the daughter of Andrew & Olive Smith. If that is true, then he probably was the son of Dr Roger Park of Hopewell though no documentary proof has been found."

"A John Park Sr & Jr appear on the list of 50 names of settlers there who were protesting the ejection notices served on them by Daniel Cox, who had been granted 30,000 acres in that area...After more than 30 years spent improving their land and building homes, they were forcibly ejected and their land resold by Daniel Cox. Dr Roger managed to keep his home and a small acreage but practically all the rest of the family had to search for a new home."

"Some of them went north into northern West Jersey, but others went into Pennsylvania and Virginia. Other names

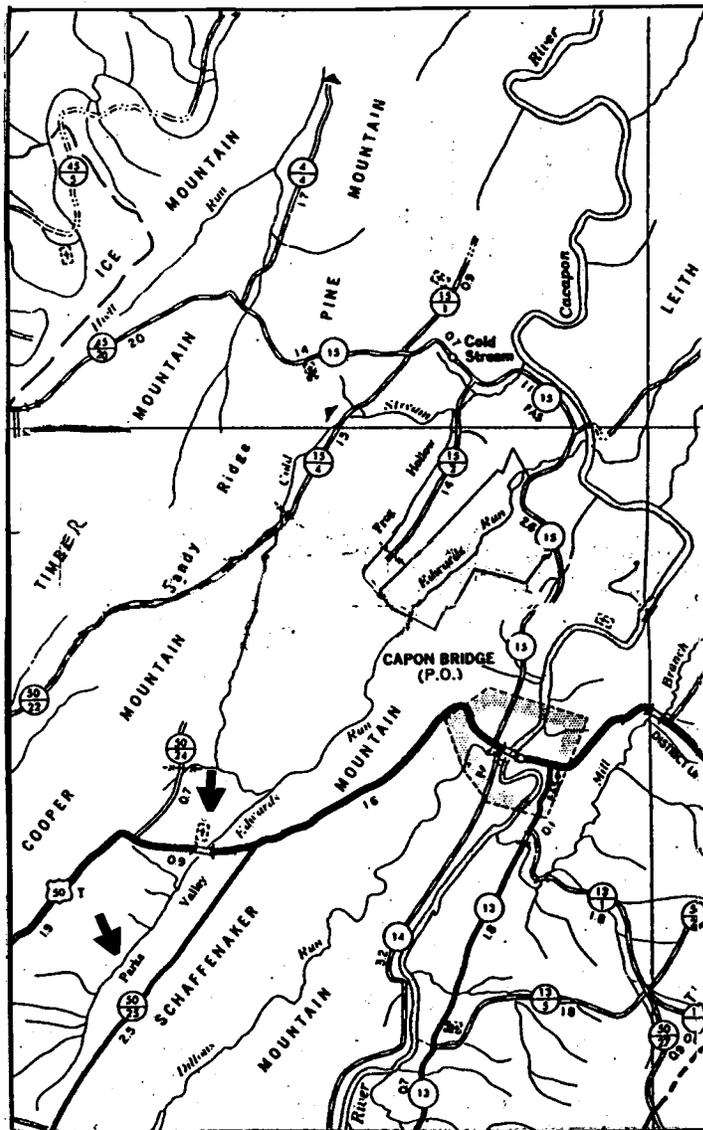
appearing on the ejection suit were Roger Sr & Jr, Joseph and Andrew Park. I have not identified Joseph, but John Sr & Jr and Andrew were in Hampshire Co by 1750 based on the references given."

- Take Notice -

(All comments & questions concerning this article and accompanying chart should be sent to the NEWSLETTER Editor. Copies will be forwarded to Evelyn Park, Dr Kerns and others as necessary. These may be published in succeeding issues. The Society has placed a subscription to The West Virginia Advocate.)

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The above map covers an eastern portion of Hampshire Co WV roughly 20 miles west of Winchester VA. Lower arrow points out the Parks Valley, the other the Parks Cemetery.

# Immigrant:

## Roger (NJ - 1678)

Roger(1) 1K1  
 b c1638 Hexham  
 Northumberland Eng  
 d after 1699 NJ  
 ■

To America 1678  
 on "Shield" with son

Dr Roger(2) 2K1  
 b 1664 Hexham Eng  
 d 1755 Burlington Co NJ  
 ■ Robinson ?

Sarah(3) 3K6  
 b c1685 Burlington Co NJ  
 d  
 ■ Thomas Schooley

John(3) 3K5  
 b c1687 Burlington Co NJ  
 d c1757 Hampshire Co VA  
 ■ 1703 Sarah Smith

Roger(3) 3K1  
 b c1689 Burlington Co NJ  
 d  
 ■

Thomas(3) 3K3  
 b c1691 Burlington Co NJ NJ  
 d  
 ■

Anna(3) 3K2  
 bpt 1702 Burlington Co NJ  
 d  
 ■ William Merrill Jr

George(3) 3K4  
 b c1693 Burlington Co NJ  
 d  
 ■

Keziah(3) 3K9  
 b c1698 Burlington Co NJ  
 d  
 ■ James Larrison

William(3) 3K8  
 b 1711 Hunterdon Co NJ  
 d 1764 Hunterdon Co NJ  
 ■ Sarah Jewell

Grace(3) 3K7  
 b 1721 Hunterdon Co NJ  
 d 1785 Hunterdon Co NJ  
 ■ Jacob Stout

John(4) II 4K1  
 b c1705 Burlington Co NJ  
 d 1758 Hampshire Co VA  
 ■ Mary

Roger(4) 4K2  
 b c1707 Burlington Co NJ  
 d 1773 Hampshire Co VA  
 ■ Hannah

Andrew(4) 4K3  
 b 1709 Burlington Co NJ  
 d 1790 Hampshire Co VA  
 ■ Rachel Moseley ?

George(4) 4K4  
 b 1712 Burlington Co NJ  
 d 1757 Hampshire Co VA  
 ■ Elizabeth Arnold ?

Ann(5) 5K1  
 b c1732  
 d 1754 Hampshire Co VA  
 ■ James Smith

John(5) III 5K2  
 b c1735  
 d 1816 Hampshire Co VA  
 ■ Susannah Elrod

Allen(5) <sup>293</sup> 5K6  
 b c1742  
 d 1805 Madison Co KY  
 ■ Elizabeth Giles

Ebenezer(5) <sup>291</sup> 5K8  
 b 1747  
 d 1839 Madison Co KY  
 ■ Tabitha Mills

Rachel(5) <sup>292</sup> 5K9  
 b  
 d  
 ■ Daniel Huffman

(the following are not  
 proven but evidence is  
 strong they are related)

Moses(5) 5K4  
 b 1738  
 d 1820  
 ■ Mary Hill

Timothy(5) 5K5  
 b 1740  
 d 1832 Madison Co KY  
 ■ Esther Shipton

George(5) 5K3  
 b c1738  
 d 1782  
 ■ Agnes Nichols

Noah(5) 5K7  
 b c1745  
 d 1820 Rowan Co NC  
 ■ Anne Reed

*mx*

*qx*

*mv*

*m*

Hannah(6) 6K61  
b c1768 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m John Wiatt Jr

Ebenezer(6) 6K62  
b c1770 Rowan Co NC  
d 1854  
1m Elizabeth Wiatt  
2m Sarah Pool

Rachel(6) 6K63  
b c1773 Rowan Co NC  
d 1850  
m Thomas Wiatt

Mary(6) 6K64  
b c1775 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m Leonard Kaler

Amos(6) 6K65  
b c1777 Rowan Co NC  
d 1856  
m Molly Briggs

Noah(6) 6K66  
b 1779 Rowan Co NC  
d 1829 Rowan Co NC  
m Joanna

Elizabeth(6) 6K67  
b c1780 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m Nathan Morgan

Jesse(6) 6K68  
b 1781 Rowan Co NC  
d 1837  
m Sarah Todd

Sarah(6) 6K69  
b c1783 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m James Morgan

John(6) 6K51  
b c1763 Rowan Co NC  
d 1817  
m Elizabeth Owen

Joshua(6) 6K52  
b c1765 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m

Jacob Nichols(6) 6K53  
b c1767 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m

Elizabeth(6) 6K54  
b c1769 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m

Mary(6) 6K55  
b c1771 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m Edward Butner

Agnes(6) 6K56  
b c1773 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m

Huldah(6) 6K57  
b c1775 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m William Burrage

John David(6) 6K70  
b c1785 Rowan Co NC  
d 1838  
m Mary Bean

Elizabeth(6) 6K41  
b c1778  
d  
m John Stone

Margaret(6) 6K42  
b c1780  
d after 1874  
1m Harris Rogers  
2m Richard Park/Allen 5K3

Shipton(6) 6K43  
b 1784  
d  
m Margaret Brown

Sarah(6) 6K44

Benjamin(6) 6K45

Kezia(6) 6K46

Charles S(6) 6K47

Esther(6) 6K48

Mary(6) 6K49

Ann(6) 6K50

Thomas(6) 6K31 <sup>2.7</sup>  
b 1772 Rowan Co NC  
d c1823 Mecklenburg Co NC  
m Elizabeth Felts

Olivia Park(6) 6K32  
b 1773 Rowan Co NC  
d 1857  
m John Moore

John(6) 6K33  
b 1774 Rowan Co  
d 1862 TN  
1m Jennet Crockett  
2m Martha L Parkham

Moses(6) 6K34  
b 1780 Rowan Co NC  
d 1864 TN  
m Mary Weir

George(6) 6K35  
b 1783 Rowan Co NC  
d 1827 Mecklenburg Co NC  
m Elizabeth Sharp

James(6) 6K36  
b 1785 Rowan Co NC  
d 1866 GA  
m Martha Vandell

Mary(6) 6K37  
b 1791 Mecklenburg Co NC  
d 1875 SC  
m James S Miller

John(6) 6K21  
b 1773 Rowan Co NC  
d c1828  
m Mary Peeler

Ebenezer(6) 6K22  
b 1775 Rowan Co NC  
d 1860 Estill Co KY  
m Katurah Turner

Jonathan(6) 6K23  
b c1777 Rowan Co NC  
d 1814 Estill Co KY  
m Catherine(Park)Turner

Asa(6) 6K24  
b 1780 Rowan Co NC  
d 1839 Estill Co KY  
m Susannah Park/Allen 5K3

William(6) 6K25  
b c1784 Rowan Co NC  
d 1851 Estill Co KY  
m Sallie Richardson

Eli(6) 6K26  
b 1787 Rowan NC  
d 1858  
m Winifred Dillingham

Jesse(6) 6K27  
b c1790 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m Ollie Dent

Rebecca(6) 6K28  
b c1792 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m Joseph Jones

Mary(6) 6K29  
b c1794 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m John Scrivner

Amos(6) 6K11  
b 1777 Rowan Co NC  
d 1847 Madison Co KY  
m Sallie French

Susannah(6) 6K12  
b c1779 Rowan Co NC  
d 1856 Estill Co KY  
m Asa Park/ Ebenezer 5K4

Richard(6) 6K13  
b c1783 Rowan Co NC  
d 1844 Madison Co KY  
1m Nancy Jane Kindred  
2m Margaret(Park)Rogers  
/Timothy 5K7

Allen(6) 6K14  
b 1786 Rowan Co NC  
d 1860 Clinton Co MO  
m Frances Jones

Sarah(6) 6K15  
b c1788 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m Uriel Mallory

Elizabeth(6) 6K16  
b 1790 Rowan Co NC  
d 1861 Greene Co IL  
m John Hubbard

(daughter)(6) 6K17  
b Rowan Co NC  
d  
m Gilman Johns(or Jones)

Charity(6) 6K30  
b c1795 Rowan Co  
d young

John(6) IV 6K1  
b 1762 Frederick Co VA  
d 1816  
1m Lettice Moseley  
2m Mary Darnell

Sarah(6) 6K2  
b c1764 Frederick Co VA  
d  
m John Cox

Timothy(6) 6K3  
b c1765 Frederick Co VA  
d  
m Charlotte ?

Joanna(6) 6K4  
b c1767 Frederick Co VA  
d 1827 Hampshire Co VA  
m Samuel Dew

George(6) Col 6K5  
b c1768 Frederick Co VA  
d 1842 Hampshire Co VA  
m Hannah Millslagle

Amos(6) 6K6  
b 1770 Frederick Co VA  
d 1844  
m Amy Griffith

Samuel(6) 6K7  
("of Tearcoat")  
b 1773 Frederick Co VA  
d 1851  
m Susanna

Solomon(6) 6K8  
b c1778 Frederick Co VA  
d 1815 Hampshire Co VA  
m Rhoda Dillingham

## Evidence on John Park of Virginia

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REFERENCES to identify John Park of Hampshire Co VA between 1750 and 1771.

George Washington's Survey Book -  
Library of Congress. "Survey"

Fairfax Land Grants in Northern Neck of Virginia - Warrants & Surveys, 1987 by Peggy Shomo Joyner. "Fairfax"

Hampshire Co VA Land Records. "Records"  
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"Survey" 10 April 1750 For John Park Sr 400 acres surveyed by George Washington on Thomas Edwards Mill Run. (See map p48)

"Survey" 30 October 1753 For John Park Jr 182 acres surveyed by George Washington on Thomas Edwards Mill Run.

"Fairfax" 11 August 1762 p50 Hampshire Co Vol 1 George Parke & Elizabeth Ashbrook, assignees of John Park Sr 400 acres surveyed 10 April 1753. Assignment to George Park Sr, his son, August 1762. John Park, grandson of said John Park Sr decd, summoned to appear to show cause why deed should not issue in name of Elizabeth Ashbrook and George Parke who claim same by an assignment from John Park Sr, Decd.

"Fairfax" 16 August 1762 Deed from Fairfax to George Parke, the son of George Parke decd of Hampshire Co reserving one third to Elizabeth Ashbrook, widow of said George Park decd a certain tract of land containing 400 acres. Given at Frederick Co dated the 16th day of August 1762. (Note: This land was sold while they lived in Botetourt Co VA. Deed signed by George Jr and his wife Lydia, and his mother Elizabeth Ashbrook, wife of Aaron Ashbrook, formerly of Hampshire Co VA.)

"Records" 18 August 1762 Book 1 p159 Hampshire Co VA. John Parks purchased 250 acres on the Waters of Cacapon (River) in Hampshire Co VA.

"Fairfax" 9 February 1770 p52 Land Warrent to John Parke states John Parks being Dead his son John Parks is proved heir-at-law. Deed to issue in the name of said John reserving one third to Mary Davis, the widow of John Parks. Deed to John Parke from Lord Fairfax in Frederick Co dated 15 November 1771 for 182 acres (originally granted to his father, John Park Jr in 1753). John Park certifies "I am eldest son and heir of a tract of land of my father's John Parks Sr Decd, he dying without a Will." Witness Roger Park.

Affidavits attesting to above taken from Joseph Edwards and Alexander White said he had known John Park Sr and his family from his earliest memory and John Jr was son of John Sr.

(Note: Here John Park III (5K1) is calling his father John Park Sr and himself John Park Jr)

Also an affidavit dated 1771 by James Smith before Adam Stephen JP, said he was married to Ann(5K1), daughter of John Park Jr(4K1) and that his father-in-law made no Will. Another affidavit with no date states "Reserve 1/3 to Mary Davis, widow of John Park Jr.

(She presumably remarried a Mr Davis).

"Fairfax" 7 May 1762 p5 Bryan Bruin, assignee (in 1764) of Allen Parks; 3 May - 7 May 1762; 222 Acres on Dillon's Run on head of Thomas Edwards Mill Run, a branch of Cacapon (River), adj. in wart between his (Allen's) brother John Parks and in survey adjoining his (Allen's father's last survey of 182 Acres -originally warrented to his father John Park Jr in 1753) Chain Carriers: John Park & John Roussau. Surveyor: John Mauzy.

(Note from Evelyn Park: It takes all of the above documents to piece the story of these men together as John I, John II, George, who all died before 1762, did not make Wills. This does not give a complete picture of their entire families, but it does prove the relationship between these men who settled in what is now Hampshire Co West Virginia. John Park II must have been the eldest son of John Park I in order for John Park III to try to claim John I's land under colonial English law which allowed the eldest son to inherit all when there was no Will. John I probably died in 1757, John Park II in 1758 and George also sometime during that period of the Indian wars. It also proves that Allen Park and Ann, who married James Smith were children of John Park II. The book on Ebenezer Park by Nell Park Gum also names Ebenezer as a brother and Rachel, who married Henry Huffman in Rowan Co NC, as a sister. Others still need additional proof.)

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LEAVE GOOD RECORDS - If you think researching is difficult today, pity your grandchildren and great grandchildren. Leave good records (and identify your family pictures)!

## New lines from Thomas (VA - 1670)

During the Austin Convention late April the copier, provided by Joe Parks, was in constant use. Among the interesting records brought to the meeting by Phyllis Kumler #525, were a diary and article written by Elijah Moore Park, a fifth generation descendant of Thomas (VA 1670). [Thomas(1), John(2), George(3), to his father James(4)].

Of importance also was the lineage of Thomas' sons John and Charles. Seven years ago the NEWSLETTER had a book review of Joe Parks' Aaron Parks: His Ancestors & Descendants (v20p27) along with a lineage chart. At that time only the children of Thomas(2) and his sister Elizabeth(2) were shown, but little was known of the other children.

Now, on pages 44-5, we have John(2) and his 17 children plus 2 generations, and Charles(2) and his three sons. Of special interest is the identification of Thomas of Burke Co NC and his family found in Heritage Book of Burke Co NC by Betty Northcutt #589 (see v27p11). As was suspected, Thomas was related to the Parks family of Wilkes Co NC.

The diary of Elijah shows that he was the family genealogist, being an active traveller, visiting not only his immediate family, but many of his cousins. The article about his father gives a clear picture of a most unusual pioneer.

- Take Notice

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From the diary of Elijah Moore(5)Parks  
[c1820-1905]

[James(4), George(3), John(2), Thomas(1)  
graduate of the Jefferson Medical College  
Philadelphia PA, 28 March 1849.

Transcribed by Daniel Adrian Norton(9),  
his gt gt grandson. Page 1 states, "this  
book was wet, damaged Spring 1853 when  
returning from Texas trying to swim, on  
horseback one of the bayous in the north  
of Louisiana. And also had myself plus  
all my belongings wet and damaged!

Adams Co, (MS near Natchez) a journey.

I left home Tuesday evening (by boat up  
the Mississippi) Oct 21st 1845. Arrived  
at Louisville Friday evening the 24th. At  
the Mammoth Cave Tuesday the 28th 9am. At  
William Parks' (Fayetteville TN) Sunday  
Nov 2nd, remained two nights. At  
Huntsville (AL) Thursday the 4th. At  
Brown's Tavern 4 miles north of Tuscalusa  
Sunday the 9th. At Wedkins Esq. Sunday  
the 16th. The next night at Caneday's and  
left my friend Moore there. (Left) Tuesday  
the 18th 2pm. At Thomas J Coffey's Sunday

the 23rd and remained there three nights.  
Arrived at Thomas Parks' the 28th, tarried  
until Dec the 3rd. Landed at Wm K Collins  
Dec the 6th on Saturday morning.

### AN OLD CHRISTIAN

(An article published in the Baptist and Reflector by Elijah M Parks in the 1880's.

My father, James Parks [1781-1883], was born in Burke County, North Carolina, just before the close of the Revolutionary war. When of mature age, having a small family, he with his father (George Parks 1759-1837) brothers (Samuel, Benjamin, Pleasant) some other relatives and friends, migrated to Indiana before she became a state (before 1816), where white men were few and wild beasts and Indians many, and settled in what is now Monroe County, near the present town of Ellettsville. He was one of the Commissioners who laid off Bloomington, the seat of the county, and also of the State University. His business was farming, though at times in an humble way he served his country.

As he and the first settlers grew in age they organized what was called the Old Settlers' Association. My father, being the oldest man in the community, was honored by having the anniversary of the Association fixed on his birthday, September 26th. These anniversaries were times of rejoicing, times for neighbors and friends to assemble, basket dinners to be spread out, speeches to be made and reminiscences indulged in to heart's content. I was present on one of these occasions when they called on my father for a speech. I remember among other things he said, "I voted for Thomas Jefferson and every Democratic President down to the present time and have been a Baptist for more than seventy years, and believe I'll never change my politics or religion."

When he was a hundred years old his Association concluded to give him a grand centennial, which was widely published, inviting all relatives and friends to be present. There were present on that occasion five generations of his immediate family, other relatives from about ten states, and friends ---- well, "the woods were full of them." There were speeches from the representatives of his five generations, but the principal orations of the day were delivered by Dr Moss, President of the State University at Bloomington, and Governor Hendricks from Indianapolis. The theme of the last speaker was, "What has happened since this man was born." He died some two years later, not, however, from age, but pneumonia, brought on by exposure working in his garden. His last words were, "Lord Jesus, help me!"

Thomas(1) Parks  
c1680-1761  
1C1

Presbyterian Church  
list Thomas of  
Orange Co VA from  
Gt Britain & Ire.

in Spotsylvania  
County VA 1728  
bought land in  
Orange Co 1736

bought land in  
Albemarle Co 1751

will probated  
in Albemarle Co  
12 Mar 1761

Thomas(2) 2C2 ✓ b c1701 Essex Co VA d 1790 Wilkes Co NC m Priscilla (see V20p26)	Martha(2) 2C5 ✓ b c1703 Essex Co VA d 1779 m Russell	John(2) ✓ 2C1 ✓ b 1706 Essex Co VA d 1793 m 1732 Mary Sharp	Mary(2) 2C6 ✓ b c1707 Essex Co VA d a1752 m John Bond	Samuel(2) 2C4 ✓ b c1709 Essex Co VA d a1752 m Mary North	Charles(2) 2C3 ✓ b c1714 Essex Co VA d a1784 m Susanna	Elizabeth(2) 2C7 ✓ b c1720 Essex Co VA d a1752 m Christopher Hutchins (for children see V20p27)
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Rachel(3) 3C1  
b 1733 VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m Stamper

Betsy(3) 3C4  
b 1735(4?) VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m Gray

Mary(3) 3C3  
b 1736 VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m Carrell

William(3) 3C2  
b 1738(7?) VA  
d 1776 Lee Co VA  
1m Tabitha Ware  
2m c1766 Martha Dawson

John(3) 3C5  
b 1739 VA  
d 1778 Wilkes Co NC  
m

Thomas(3) 3C6  
b 1740 VA  
d 1819 Burke Co NC  
m Rachel White

Ann(3) 3C7  
b 1742 VA  
d  
m Bichel/Bickrel

(by 1m)  
John(4) 4C23  
b c1760  
d 1786  
1m  
2m 1785 Elizabeth  
Thurman  
(by 2m)  
Sarah(4) 4C24  
b 1768  
d  
1m William Tinsley  
2m 1792 James Waugh

John(4) 4C40  
b 1768 Burke Co NC  
d 1795  
m

Larkin(4) 4C41  
b 1770 Burke Co NC  
d  
m Rachel Branch

Permillia(4) 4C42  
b 1772 Burke Co NC  
d  
m Charles Collett

Margaret(4) 4C43  
b 1774 Burke Co NC  
d  
m Peter Tiew

Martin(4) 4C25  
b 1768  
d 1840  
m Nancy Goode

William(4) 4C26  
b  
d  
m Milly Burks

Frances(4) 4C44  
b 1776 Burke Co NC  
d 1857  
m James Marler

Thomas(4) 4C45  
b 1778 Burke Co NC  
d  
m Elizabeth Rede

Reuben(4) 4C46  
b 1782 Burke Co NC  
d 1786  
m X

Mary(4) 4C47  
b 1784 Burke Co NC  
d  
m Thomas Scott

Margaret(4) 4C27  
b c1774  
d 1864  
m 1789 Samuel Burks

Elizabeth(4) 4C28  
b 1776  
d 1854  
m 1799 Ambrose Rucker

William(4) 4C48  
b 1787 Burke Co NC  
d  
m Elva Beth Henderson

Rachel(4) 4C49  
b 1790 Burke Co NC  
d  
m Joseph Scott

Ambrose(4) 4C50  
b 1792 Burke Co NC  
d  
1m Eliza Carlton  
2m Martha Parks  
3m Sarah Reed

John(4) 4C51  
b 1795 Burke Co NC  
d 1865  
m 1819 Elizabeth Moore

Charles(3) 3C25  
b c1744 Halifax Co VA  
d 1805 Elbert Co GA  
1m 1771 Sarah ?  
2m Mary ( ) Salmons ?

John(3) 3C26  
b c1750  
d Rutherford Co TN  
m Bradley

Reuben(3) 3C27  
b c1760  
d  
m 1794 Charity Johns(t)on

John(4) 4C241  
b 1774 Elbert Co GA  
d 1854 TN  
m 1799 Mary Clara Mills

Charles(4) 4C242  
b 1776 Elbert Co GA  
d  
m

Abraham(4) 4C243  
b 1778 Elbert Co GA  
d 1853 Elbert Co GA  
m 1806 Nancy Self

Theophilus(4) 4C244  
b 1780 Elbert Co GA  
d  
m 1807 Mary Lyons

Mary(4) 4C245  
b 1783 Elbert Co GA  
d c1850 AR  
m 1804 Lewis Robo

Marshall(4) 4C246  
b 1787 Elbert Co GA  
d 1870 Reynolds Co MO  
m 1822 Mary H Williams

Winfield(3) 3C8  
 b 1744 VA  
 d  
 m (twins)

Milly(3) 3C8  
 b 1744 VA  
 d  
 m

Benjamin(3) 3C9  
 b 1746 VA  
 d Hawood Co NC  
 m

Franky(3) 3C10  
 b 1747 VA  
 d VA  
 m John Mays

Charles(3) 3C11  
 b 1749 VA  
 d GA  
 m

Susannah(3) 3C12  
 b 1751 VA  
 d Wilkes Co NC  
 m William Garrell

Linchfield(3) 3C13  
 b 1753 VA  
 d NC  
 m

Sally(3) 3C14  
 b 1755 VA  
 d Wilkes Co NC  
 m Cornelius Sail Sr

Samuel(3) 3C15  
 b 1757 VA  
 d 1844 Burke Co NC  
 m 1785 Eliz Harbison

George(3) 3C16  
 b 1759 VA  
 d 1837 Monroe Co IN  
 1m Millicent Davis  
 2m Catherine Reed

William(4) 4C100  
 b 1778 Burke Co NC  
 d 1862 IN  
 m 1798 Jemimah Branch

George(4) 4C101  
 b 1783 Burke Co NC  
 d 1860  
 m 1808 Mary Moore

James Ransom(4) 4C102  
 b 1801 Burke Co NC  
 d 1890 IN  
 m 1820 Eliz Harbison

Benjamin(4) 4C103  
 b 1785 Burke Co NC  
 d 1852 Putnam Co IN  
 m 1805 Mary Parks

John(4) 4C104  
 b 1797/8 Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m Mary

Martin(4) 4C105  
 b Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m

Gabriel(4) 4C106  
 b 1798 Burke Co NC  
 d 1880  
 1m Davis  
 2m Hardie  
 3m Martha Jernigan

Mary(4) 4C107  
 b Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m Alexander

Elizabeth(4) 4C108  
 b 1795/6 Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m Henry Penland

James(4) 4C110  
 b 1781 Wilkes Co NC  
 d 1883  
 1m 1806 Nancy? Moore Parks  
 2m 1830 Frances Kendricks  
 parents of Elijah ←

Samuel(4) 4C111  
 b 1783 Wilkes Co NC  
 d  
 m

Mary(4) 4C112  
 b 1786 Wilkes Co NC  
 d 1878  
 1m 1805 Benjamin Parks  
 2m 1860 T N Howard

Benjamin(4) 4C113  
 b 1787 Wilkes Co NC  
 d  
 m Polly Parks

Pleasant(4) 4C114  
 b 1789 Wilkes Co NC  
 d 1862  
 1m 1814 Eastha Cariton  
 2m 1838 Clarinda Hooks  
 3m 1855 Sophronia Crooke

Nancy(4) 4C115  
 b 1791 Wilkes Co NC  
 d 1879 Ellis Co TX  
 m 1816 Josias Baker

Millicent(4) 4C116  
 b 1793 Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m 1815 Roderick Rawlins

Hannah(4) 4C117  
 b 1797 Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m 1819 William Puett

Meredith(4) 4C118  
 b 1800 Burke Co NC  
 d 1849  
 m 1820 Melinda Sharpe

Alfred(4) 4C119  
 b 1802 Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m 1824 Martha Noel

Carlton(4) 4C123  
 b 1807 Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m

Curtis(4) 4C120  
 b 1809 Burke Co NC  
 d 1868  
 m 1829 Amelia Sharpe

Sarah(4) 4C121  
 b 1811 Burke Co NC  
 d  
 m 1840 Thomas J Sharpe

Rebecca(4) 4C122  
 b Lawrence Co IN  
 d  
 m

## More on John Rockey Park (1833 - 1900)

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A few weeks ago, I finally made the pilgrimage to the Newberry Library in Chicago. It's hard to believe that I've been here in Wisconsin for over 20 years and yet have never had (or taken) the time to make my acquaintance with one of the best libraries in the Midwest. Another time I will be talking about libraries in general and in particular. For now, I would like to share with you some additional information I found concerning John Rockey Park who has been listed as a descendant of Roger Park (NJ 1678). This has now been proven wrong.

Dr Park's biographical sketch was in the NEWSLETTER 12 years ago (v15p6) showing him to have been the founder and first President of the University of Utah (1869-1892). A question was posed 3 years ago by documentation supplied by Mrs Homer Parks #328 concerning Dr Park's father (v24p14).

I found, in the Newberry collection, a nice volume of recollections on Dr Park entitled Memories of John Rockey Park 1949 edited by Ralph V Chamberlin, and published by the University of Utah Alumni Association Emeritus Club. Much information must have come from archival sources since Dr Park died nearly a half century earlier. It is an interesting book and deserves a full reading. On my next visit, I will do just that. This time around I wanted to get at a problem concerning his ancestry.

Evidence exists that John Rockey Park was born in Tiffin OH, the son of John and Elizabeth (Waggoner) Park. We first believed that this John was the son of Zebulon Park 5K78 living in Ligonier, Westmoreland Co PA, a descendant of Dr Roger Park of New Jersey through his son Roger, and grandson

JOHN PARK  
 of Northumberland Co PA  
 to Tiffin OH c1830  
 to Clinton OH 1844  
 b 2 Sep 1788  
 d 9 Aug 1868 Clinton OH  
 m c1822 Elizabeth Waggoner  
 her mother's name was Rockey  
 children:  
 Lydia A 1823-  
 m Williams  
 William Henry 1825-1899  
 m Clara Rupert  
 George Waggoner 1827-1850  
 m  
 Christopher Columbus  
 m 1829-1915  
 Sarah A 1831-  
 m  
 John Rockey 1833-1900  
 m Annie F Armitage

JOHN PARK 5K394  
 of Westmoreland Co PA  
 b 24 Feb 1787  
 d 18 Jun 1860 \*  
 m c1809 Mary Hagerman \*  
 children:  
 Jane ? 1810-1860  
 m James Thompson  
 Zebulon 1811-1877 \*  
 m Nancy Fegler \*  
 Cornelius 1813-  
 m Catherine Hagerman  
 Margaret c1815-1853\*  
 m John Carns  
 Joseph 1818-1892 \*  
 m Jane McCarty \*  
 Isabella c1822-  
 m William Thompson  
 Martha c1825-  
 m William Duncan  
 John 1827-1846 \*  
 m X  
 Eleanor 1830-1846 \*  
 m X  
 William 1833-1851 \*  
 m X  
 Mary 1838-1856 \*  
 m X  
 Sarah 1840-  
 m William Wissinger  
 \* buried Stahlstown  
 Westmoreland Co PA

William. Now we have evidence that this John's wife was Mary Hagerman, not Elizabeth Waggoner. (See the two families listed) There has been no evidence that John married twice. Furthermore, we know that he lived near his father Zebulon and is buried in Stahlstown, Westmoreland Co, and remained in Pennsylvania all his life.

As time has passed, we have become more solid in our belief that the other John and his wife Margaret (Waggoner) didn't belong in the Roger line. So the question remains, just who are they, and who are their parents?

Though this little book didn't answer that question, it did add some more facts to enhance the picture of Dr John Rockey Park. He was the youngest of six children and the only one born in Ohio. There are some "memories" from two of Dr Parks' nieces.

In perusing this part I came across an interesting story that is worth relating here. It is said that Dr Park never married, and this is true....to a point. The story goes that he was returning from Europe in late 1872 aboard the Minnesota when a young girl, Annie F Armitage was taken seriously ill and was believed to be at the point of death. She was much grieved that she would be leaving this life having never married. Was there any way this catastrophe could be avoided?

After a considerable discussion Dr Park was persuaded to partake in a celestial marriage, being assured the Annie's chances of survival from this illness (not identified) were nil. So, on 5 December 1872, Dr John Rockey Park was sealed (the LDS 'marriage' ceremony) to Miss Armitage by Daniel H Wells.

Miracles of miracles,

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upon landing, Miss Armitage "straight way recovered fully her former good health." Where upon Dr Park requested an immediate divorce. In due time this was accomplished through the auspices of the Mormon Church, and he was again a single man. It seems quite clear that this was never a consummated marriage (conjugal). Rather it was one of expediency for a young maiden in distress.

All of this would have been lost in time, had Miss Armitage, later married and with family, predeceased Dr. Park. Such was not the case. Upon Park's death, Annie sued for part of his estate based on the fact that she was his rightful widow.

Surprisingly, the Utah Supreme Court found for Miss Armitage, stating in part that although the church may have the power to solemnize marriages, it did not have authority to dissolve them. Hence, the ecclesiastical

divorce had no standing in the eyes of the law in Utah. Therefore, Miss Armitage was indeed the rightful widow of Dr Park and entitled to one-third of his estate. [Estate of John Rockey Park, 21 July 1902, 69P671, 24 Utah 771]

Annie did collect on that case to the loss by the intended beneficiary, the University of Utah. Apparently she also tried the same course of action on holdings of the Estate in Idaho. However, there the court accepted the church divorce, so she lost. Well, one out of two isn't too bad. (I have searched for a citation in Idaho to no avail. Counselors, can you help me?)

Little more is found in the record, but one wonders if all was on the up and up at the death bed scene aboard ship. I'm sure this case was a object lesson to others at the time. It should be fair warning to all, even today. (Yes, that could work both ways!)

There is another point to be learned from this tale. Genealogical source materials can be quite varied. Here is a source of genealogical records often missed, even by experienced researchers. True, such court cases are not the norm, but when they occur, they often contain data not found elsewhere.

Like Title Abstracts, of which I have previously covered, they are not indexed in the conventional way and are therefore difficult to find. This discovery, I have to admit, was on the verge of serendipity. It did open a new aspect of Dr Park that I would never have been able to verify otherwise.

So, with the telling of that wonderful little tale, we again take leave of John Rockey Park, still wondering, if Zebulon isn't his grandfather, who is?

Peace



Tad

### IGI now on CD ROM

Most of our members will not have a clue to the above heading - unless they have a

passing acquaintance with the Family History Centers and computers.

IGI stands for International Genealogical Index. This index is

presently on microfiche with nearly 155 million names plus their birth and marriage. It covers a period from the 1500's to 1900.

The LDS Library in Salt Lake City is now placing their microfiche cards on a CD ROM. This is similar to a compact disc used for music except that it is played on a special computer. This optical laser disc holds the equivalent of 2000 microfiche cards.

When you consider that all the pages of the Society's NEWSLETTER covering 25 yrs fit on 14 cards, this new compact disc can put a tremendous amount of information at your finger-tips. Local Family History Centers are in the process of acquiring computers for CD ROM. Their volunteers are there to help you learn how to use it.

### Comic relief!

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with SILVER in their hair, GOLD in their teeth, STONES in their kidneys, LEAD in their feet, and GAS in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up, WILL POWER helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see JOHN. Then CHARLIE HORSE comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my

time and attention. When he leaves ARTHUR RITIS shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with BEN GAY. What a life!

PS The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the **HEREAFTER**. I told him, Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself, What am I **HERE AFTER**?

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The above ad was sent in last year by Dana Parks Jr #44. The designer of the unusual chair was his grandfather Dana Parks II (1846-1894).



The pastor of a church in Eye, England, spent eight years searching the parish register for the name to match the initials HWP on the stone slab in his church (no doubt expecting to find another Parke!) He finally solved the mystery. The initials stood for 'Hot Water Pipe'.



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office of Mayor of the Palace began to look more important than the royals it protected. Yet Pepin never yielded to the temptation that had brought down some of his predecessors.

Pepin died of a fever in 714 at his villa in Jupille on the Meuse after 27 years of governing. His two legitimate sons having died

before him, he willed the office of mayor to his grand children, with his widow Plectrude as regent. But his illegitimate son Charles Martel supplanted them and took the office himself as related in the last issue of the Newsletter (v27p22).

Next, more Pepins including Pepin III the Short, the Man Who Would Be King -- and was.

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