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Parke Family in York Co. PA

Society's Family Group Sheets Questioned

Recently Robert Leon Parke #755, our Trustee for Region 4, requested some research from Lineages Inc of Salt Lake City. This, in part, concerned an evaluation of the Society's Family Group Sheets that are now on microfiche.

The descendants of Robert (MA 1630) through his son Samuel were input into the Personal Ancestral File to detect any inconsistencies. To quote the report, "this showed the microfiche to be full of obvious errors."

This has made me realize that an explanation should have been given with the issuance of the microfiche. The Family Group Sheets were started more than 15 years ago to provide a source for my own research when I was asked to serve as the Society's Historian following the resignation of Ruby Parke Anderson, the founder of the Parke Society.

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David L. Parke #13

The name PARKE appeared on a map of York County. This prompted me to visit the area last year. It would seem that it was named for some individual named PARKE and I wanted to learn who he was.

As can be seen in the picture page 29, there are only 12 to 15 houses and buildings in the village. It is situated beside the North Branch of the Muddy Creek at the right. A railroad paralleled the creek. It was originally the Peach Bottom RR and later the Maryland & Pennsylvania RR. That in turn was referred to as the MA & PA RR.

The 1850 Census gave the clue to the owner whose name the village honored. The only PARKE in York Co was the Rev Samuel Parke who was pastor of the Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. The ages for the family shown in the census are not in agreement with the family bible:

	bible	census
Samuel Parke	25 Nov 1788	60
Martha (Grier)	1 Dec 1794	50
Susannah	27 Dec 1815	30
Martha	27 Apr 1819	31
Joseph M	14 Aug 1822	28
Robert S	10 Feb 1827	23
Harriet N	7 Jan 1829	20

The girls evidently wanted to be younger than they were! There were three other children not mentioned in the census:

Ann Grier	23 Apr 1817
m 1838 Christopher Geiger	
Nathan Grier	16 Dec 1820
m 1847 Eliz. Gildersleeve	

'Sarah 19 Sep 1824
 died 12 Sep 1825

Samuel was a descendant of Arthur (PA 1720) through John(2), and Joseph(3) by his 2nd wife Ann Maxwell. Each of the bible entries was written as: "Samuel Parke, son of Joseph Park and Agnes (sic) his wife was born on Tuesday the 25 Day of November 1788 at 3



Samuel Parke

of the Clock in the morning the 28 Day of the moons age" You can't ask for more accuracy than that!

Samuel was prepared for college at the Academy at the Forks of the Brandywine run by the Rev Nathan Grier, his future father-in-law. He went on to Dickinson College in Carlisle PA where

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Congratulations



Cyrenius Parke descendant celebrates 68th wedding anniversary in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

A note from Lila Pearl Campbell Hutchings #556 of Tugaske, Saskatchewan brings news of her elder brother Nelson and his wife Lilian celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary. They were the first couple married at the Vantage United Church, 21 Mar 1923. Vantage is 55 miles south of Moose Jaw and Tugaske is as far northwest of the city.

Nelson and his wife farmed for 45 years and moved to Moose Jaw in 1970.. They have 3 children, 9

grandchildren, 11 gt grand children, and 1 gt gt grand child.

Lila reports that Nelson was born in 1900, brother Garnet in 1903 and she in 1909. Their lineage from Robert (MA 1630) is through Thomas(2), Nathaniel(3), Joseph(4), James(5), Cyrenius(6), David(7), Sarah Elizabeth(8), to their mother Carrie Windover who m William Campbell.

[for family records of the Cyrenius family in Ontraio see v17pp23—26]

Welcome

1006 John Parke Sager 1007 Kenneth Flotian Lux 1008 Mrs Pennie J Martin 1009 Sergel Irving Peck

It was nice to receive the news of Donald George Pray #107 of Ft Worth being installed as State Governor of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants at their 60th Annual State Meeting in Dallas on April 6th.

He and his brother Dr Ralph E Pray #144 and uncle Harold E Pray #128. are descendants of both Robert (MA 1630) and Richard (Ma 1635).

Who's Who in the South and Southwest 22nd Ed includes Robert Leon Parke #755, Trustee of Region 4.

In Memory

Word has been received from the wife of Ernest Dudley Parke #639 of Orange VA that Ernest died 17 Nov 1989. He was a descendant of Timothy Parke & Esther Shipton of VA & KY.

Newsletter copies available

There have been requests for copies of back issues of the NEWSLETTER. Many issues are still available for \$1 each. Those not in stock can be copied for \$2 each Postpaid. Forward your requests to the NEWSLETTER Editor, David L Parke 805 Evergreen Dr, Reading PA 19610.

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Antoinette Seagraves, noted speaker for symposium

Book Review

A book helps youth develop interest in Family History

My Backyard History Book, by David Weitzman 1975, Little, Brown and Co. \$8.95.

To date our junior members have not been an active part of our Society. Those who have reached 18, the age when they can become active members, have not shown a desire to continue their membership. This may be due to the wrong approach on our part.

My Backyard History Book does not mention "genealogy" nor is it the usual "how to" book to deal with family history. Rather, it is a book filled with ideas for doing things that are FUN. There is even a test that will indicate how much a youngster knows or doesn't know, about his or her surroundings and family.

A good beginning is found in the chapter "Getting a Line on Your Past". This shows how to put down what has happened in the life of a person not yet 15: your first memories, your travels, your best friends, your experiences.

A ten year old who isn't too engrossed in TV and comic books, who has an inquiring mind should be a likely candidate for this venture. (ie An exciting undertaking involving uncertainty as to the outcome).

Yes, it is a venture, for it will encourage asking questions, using a camera, collecting, and even promote some research in a library. Let's see if we can't arouse some budding young family historians and at the same time develop some potential active members for the Society.

Banquet to hear Archives Director

We are fortunate this year to have Antoinette Jones Seagraves as a principal speaker at our Saturday symposium during the 28th Convocation at Cherry Hill NJ. Mrs. Seagraves is the Executive Director of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and a speaker in great demand throughout the country.

Since emphasis this year has much to do with Park/e/s from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, it seems wise to hear from one who can shed light on much of our research in this area. Although Mrs Seagraves hails from Alabama and has connections to genealogical societies in the South, her credentials indicate that she has majored in Archaeology, and attended graduate seminars at the Stamford University's, Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research. Her services with the National Genealogical Society include her present term as Councilor, and Lecturer at their Annual Conferences for six years.

Also during the convocation, members will have access to the family group sheets of the major known Park/e/s immigrants and their descendants. Many of the important books from the Society's library will be available, including some of those from the Dana Parks Memorial Collection. Micro-fiche readers to view the many Society records and a copier will be ready for use.

Prior to the Trustees' meeting on the opening evening there will be a researchers' session led by Historian Tad Parks to acquaint you with the multitude of research opportunities available.

A special feature at our banquet Saturday evening will be a talk by Dr Robert Plowman, Director of the



Antoinette Seagraves

National Archives, Mid-Atlantic Region in Philadelphia. He will share a few of the strange and unusual inquiries he has received from those searching for their ancestors. If yours is one of them you are safe. He won't mention names!

Mark Your Calendar

1991 CONVOCATION July

11 to 14

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

1992 CONVOCATION

August 6 to 9

Vacation Inn (Old Town) San Diego CA

Cemeteries of Ontario

This continues the records taken from Inventory of Cemeteries in Ontario 1987 supplied by Diana Katherin Park #931 of Toronto. The first part is found in v27 p25-5. Only those cemeteries are included where there is a Park/e/s.

Carleton County - continued Huntley Township Christ Church Cemetery, Anglican

Parks, Elizabeth Jane 1880-1961
w/o Nathiel Mulligan 1886-1947

Rideau Township

In 1973, this new township was formed out of parts of Marlborough and N Gower. Elmview, Kars, Pts lots 24-5, Con 1

Park, Donald
wife - Jean Brown 1835-1923
Rideauvale Cemetery, Kars Lot 22 Con 1
Parks, Russell Edward 1898-
wife - Ann Jamieson 1904-
dau. - Adriann Mary 1936-1936
Malakoff United, lot 6 Con 6
Parks, Lillie E 1882-
w/o Albert E Wilson 1876-1963

Nepean Township

Bell's Corner Union, Richmond Rd.
Parks, Robert 1839-1913
wife - Jane McCooley 1836-1911
Parks, Nancy 1854-1939
w/o James Craig
Elsie Craig 1895-1932
Parks, William 1854-1940
wife - Susanna Deevy 1867-1949
Parks, Della May 1910-1915
Parks, Robert 1807-1887
wife - Ann Atcheson 1833-1906
Parks, Mary 1865-1925
w/o Andrew M Deevy 1862-1945

St John's Anglican, Merivale
Parks, Elizabeth 1835-1875
w/o John Robson
John Robson 1871-1901
(son d Duluth MN)
Thomas Robson 1868-1933
(son d Salinas CA)

Merivale Cemetery - non-denominational Park,
Agnes 1877-1955
w/o Moffatt

Osgoode Township

St John's RC Ennisberry
Parks, Mary 1799-1873
w/o Alexander Herbert
from Co Sligo Ire
Mary Herbert 1822-1893
Springhill Cemetery -formerly Presbyterian
A Park, Russell Stuart 1917-1973
wife - Bertha Ellen 1914-

Park, Louise T 1886-1976
w/o Dr John R Hardinge
Park, Margaret J E 1874-1878
C Park, Fred W 1877-1965
wife - Abigail G Stearns 1885-1968
Park, F Gordon 1910-1927
Park, Morgan W 1912-1972
wife - Lillian E Loney
D Park, Isabel B 1933-w/o Clarence A
McDiarmid 1930-1972
E Park, James Stewart 1882-1949 wife -
Edith May McIntosh 1889-1970
F Park, Edith M 1921-1979
w/o Frederick Morrison 1902-1957
G Park, Jessie 1880-1966 w/o Russell
Boland 1868-1959
H Park, Samuel A M 1873-1951
wife - M Jane Wilson 1869-1957
Park, Donald John 1898-1969
Park, Della Elizabeth 1895 1976
I Park, Elizabeth 1884-1962
w/o John H Stearns 1880-1957
J Park, Stanley Austin 1923-wife Mary
Helen McDonald 1923-1975
K Park, James Arnold 1919-1978 wife -
Agnes Annie Fader 1919-

Ottawa City

Beechwood Cemetery - Mormon
Mauseleum Panel 79 No 1
Park, Edward 1865-1946
Section F Range 9 No 17
Park, Elaine 1950-1950
Section 14 Plot 45 No 4
Park, Margaret 1827-1876
w/o Gordon Gilchrist 1812-1875
Janet Gilchrist 1861-1876
William Gilchrist 1849-1937
Margaret Gilchrist 1861-1940
Isabella Gilchrist 1856-1950
Section 17 Plot 134 Stone 1
Park, Andrew Alexander 1879-1930 b Glasgow
Scotland
wife Agnes Dunlop 1882-1968
Park, Mary Irving 1906-1982
Section 17A Plot 138-1
Park, Annie I 1892-1976 w/o Jason Samuel
Davidson 1882-1957 Donald Lindsay
Davidson 1949-1949
Section 19 Plot 193 Stone 1
Park, Catherine Allen 1858-1934
w/o William G Bradley 1859-1929
William George Bradley 1886-1931
Daisy I Bradley 1884-1944
Delbert D Bradley 1891-1953
Elsie A E Bradley 1892-1967
Section 19 Plot 99 Stone 2
Parks, Sarah Ann 1870-1955
w/o Malcolm Naughton MacGregor

Section 24 No 6 Stone 4-1A		Section 25 Plot 26 Stone 3	
Parke, Boyd	1913-1969	Parke, Edward	1893-1931
Myrtle	1924-	(connected with Cameron family) Section	
Section 25 Plot 26 Stone 3		27 27-G93 (Military)	
Parke, Edward	1893-1931	Parkes, S/L Leonard C	1902-1949
(connected with Cameron family) Section		(Squadron Leader - RCAF)	
27 27-G93 (Military)		27-Dill	
Parkes, S/L Leonard C	1902-1949	Park, Mjr Robert G CD	1929-1982
(Squadron Leader - RCAF)		Section 29 Plot 37 1/2 Stone 1	
27-Dill		Parks, Joseph	1849-1919
Park, Mjr Robert G CD	1929-1982	wife - Harriet Courtney	1857-1942
Section 29 Plot 37 1/2 Stone 1		Parks, Eastman son	1887-1912
Parks, Joseph	1849-1919	Parks, John W son	1884-1955
wife - Harriet Courtney	1857-1942	Section 29 Plot 37 Stone 2	
Parks, Eastman son	1887-1912	Parks, Sarah J	1881-1955
Parks, John W son	1884-1955	w/o Clarence E Butler	1882-1972
Section 29 Plot 37 Stone 2		Edith Emmons	1884-1955
Parks, Sarah J	1881-1955	(also his wife)	
w/o Clarence E Butler	1882-1972	Edith L Butler	1919-1924
Edith Emmons	1884-1955	Section 29 Plot 124	
(also his wife)		Park, Annie J	1884-1915
Edith L Butler	1919-1924	w/o Fred W S Galbraith	1883-1956
Section 29 Plot 124		Park, William	1861-1939
Park, Annie J	1884-1915	wife - Christina Watson	1864-1969
w/o Fred W S Galbraith	1883-1956	Section	
Park, William	1861-1939	37 Plot 24 1/2 Lot 3	
wife - Christina Watson	1864-1969	Park, Edith I	1898-1972
b		2nd w/o Charles Henry Juvet	DDS
Glasgow Scotland		Section 30 West Stone 17	
wife Agnes Dunlop	" 1882-1968	Park, Margaret Jane	1867-1945
Park, Mary Irving	1906-1982	w/o Michael Farrell	1859-1942
Section 17A Plot 138-1		dau Elsie Farrell	1902-1961
Park, Annie I	1892-1976	Section 34 Plot 45 Stone 3	
w/o Jason		Parke, Jessie Marion	1857-1946
Samuel Davidson	1882-1957	Parke, Maude Catherine	1874-1879
Donald		erected by John C Parke	stonecutter
Lindsay Davidson	1949-1949	Section	
Section 19 Plot 193 Stone 1		40 Plot 103 Stone 1	
Park, Catherine Allen	1858-1934	Parks, Annie	1856-1921
w/o William G Bradley	1859-1929	w/o Charles W Close	
William George Bradley	1886-1931	Charles E Close	1884-1917 (
Daisy I Bradley	1884-1944	died Cordova AK)	
Delbert D Bradley	1891-1953	Section 40 Plot 115 Stone 3	
Elsie A E Bradley	1892-1967	Parks, Phoebe	1861-1953
Section 19 Plot 99 Stone 2		w/o Cyrille Aylen	1854-1923
Parks, Sarah Ann	1870-1955	Frederick Aylen	1893-1976
w/o Malcolm Naughton MacGregor		Alexander Mason	1874-1936
	1859-1925		
Olive M Yeomans dau.	1907-		
w/o LeRoy Hamilton Yeomans	1906-1970		
Section 24 No 5 Stone 4			

Park Trivia

Ben Parks #903 has been having a tough time tracing his Parks ancestors in southern New Jersey. Along with Percy Park #140 he is looking for the father of his Noah.

But he did come across an interesting item in a book, Forgotten Towns of Southern New Jersey 1961 by Henry Charlton Beck. This is the story of how Red Lion got its name. It is a small town in Burlington Co at the junction of Rts 70 and 206.

"The original settlers were people by the name of Parks. No one seems to know from where they came nor exactly when. It was long before the present inhabitants can remember, but the story of how the
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Charlemagne, the Great Great Grandfather of Europe

by William G. Cook #66

Queen Victoria has been called the Grandmother of Europe, by virtue of the many Royals and assorted commoners who have descended from her. By the same metaphor, the Emperor Charlemagne can be called the Great-Great-Grandfather of Europe, whose progeny include not only the House of Windsor but **also** William the Conqueror, Richard the Lion Heart, France's Capets, **Valois** and Bourbons, some Hapsburgs, rulers of Spain and Portugal, Belgian and Hungarian rulers, some Prussians and even Marie de Medici. And on this side of the Atlantic the list includes John Adams, Cal **Coolidge**, Franklin Roosevelt Ethan Allen and Nathan Hale; **Gloria** Vanderbilt, J P Morgan and Nelson Rockefeller; Orsen Welles and Humphrey Bogart - all of whom are Parke cousins by descent from one or more daughters of Alice (Freeman) (Thompson) Parke, as are of course, a sizable number of Parke Society members.

At least **one** authority puts Charlemagne's birth at 2 April 742, the illegitimate first son of Pepin III the Short, Mayor of the Palace, and Bertha Broadfoot, a count's daughter. He was 9 when his father was anointed King of the Franks (v26p6-7), and grew into a strapping blond 6-foot, 3-1/2-inch princeling, presumably trained in the use of the lance, the throwing-axe and great sword. Despite legends to the contrary, there is evidence that he had the equivalent of a college education including Latin, the **official** language of the courts and the Church.

When his father was



CHARLEMAGNE, the warrior emperor Louvre Museum, Paris

Franks at St Senis on 28 July 754, Charles and his younger brother Carloman, were anointed ostensible heirs to the kingdom. But when Pepin died in 768, trouble between the two sons broke out and the usual threat of fraternal warfare arose. Pope Stephen III tried to intervene with admonitory letters, in one of which he reminded them that the Carolingian family had produced 10 saints: "Your family is holy--sancta gens", he wrote. The problem was solved by Carloman's death in 771 and Charles became sole King of the Franks.

Trouble on his borders flared continually. He campaigned against the

a decisive triumph in 774 he assumed the Lombard's iron crown, which may still be seen in Monza, near Milan. He quelled the rebellious Aquitanians. He campaigned as far north as Northern **Croatia** and Carinthia and extended his kingdom to include the unruly Saxons and Frisians. He was troubled by the Basques and finally invaded Spain where he suffered his greatest humiliation--the ambush of his rear guard while withdrawing through the Pyrenees. The rout is commemorated in the literature of the Middle Ages, notably the "Chanson de Roland".

Charles had at least five wives of whom the first, Himiltrude, a common law spouse, gave him a son Pepin. Here began one of the major tragedies of his life. The child was a hunchback and within a year Charles renounced Himiltrude, rendering the boy **illegitimate and** ensuring his lifelong enmity. Years later, while Charles was beyond the Danube, fighting the Avars, Pepin led a revolt which could have been fatal. The loving father spared Pepin's life but had him scourged, tonsured and sent to a monastery where he died in 811. Charles had several other bastards but had three legitimate sons by his third wife Hildegarde of whom Louis I the Pious alone survived to inherit the Imperial crown.

A staunch patron of the Church, Charles divided the kingdom into bishoprics and effected rapid if superficial conversion to

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: a1850= after b 1850=before, c 1850=circa or around that date.

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

Charlemagne - from page 22

on Christmas Day, 800, Pope Leo III crowned him as first Emperor of the Holy (or western) Roman Empire.

There followed a transition from conquest to administrative reorganization. He fostered a generation of churchmen whose morals and education were of a higher standard than before.

His zeal for education peaked when he brought in the scholarly Anglo-Saxon cleric, Alcuin and others to establish a school in the palace precincts, and under whose direction the lovely Carolingian Miniscule was developed to supplant the ugly, spiky Merovingian script.

From contemporary sources we have a pretty good description of Charles the Great. He had a protuberant belly and a long neck. His eyes were large and vivacious, his nose long. In old age he had beautiful white hair. He could be jovial and cordial, but

fierce in anger. He dressed simply in the Frankish mode: Linen undershirt and breeches, a silk tunic and over-breeches, leather bands on his legs and feet and a jacket of otter or rat skin. He was not a drinker but loved company and sports, especially swimming.

The Frankish rulers never established permanent capitals, moving around the realm as the season or political necessity might dictate. Charles, however, fell in love with the ancient thermal springs of Aquae Granni (Ger. Aachen) where he built an entire town, including the chapel, whence the French name, Aix-la-Chapelle. He made it his official capital, and was buried there on 24 Jan 814, at age 71. It became the official crowning place for German kings and is still used today for special ceremonies. Charlemagne's marble throne with a plain wooden seat is still visible.

The French would claim

him as theirs (Karolus Magnus = Charlema^sne) but he was almost pure German and spoke the language of his forebears. To modern Germans he is still their Karl der Grosse.

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Next: Son of Charlemagne: Louis I the Pious, Hard Luck Emperor.

Group Sheets - from page 17

What I had to work with was Ruby's three Parke Scrapbooks published in 1965, 1966 & 1970. Also I had access to Frank Sylvester Parks' four volumes: 1 Parke Families of Connecticut 1906, 2 Parke Families of Massachusetts, 1909, 3 Parks Records 1925, and the Supplement to the Parke Families of Connecticut 1934.

The information in these volumes was transferred to Family Group Sheets designed to provide room for additions and corrections as time permitted and as new facts were discovered. None of the information was checked for accuracy at the time. Most of the content found in Ruby's "Scrapbooks" had been drawn from correspondence with friends since she was not physically able to do independent research and verification. This was evident when the

same family appeared sometimes twice and even three times in the same volume.

Since the preparation of the Group Sheets, many new facts have come to light as a result of dedicated research by over a thousand members of the Society. This does not mean that all errors have been corrected! It does mean that many of the Group Sheets have been up dated, at least those related to the members.

In 1980 our present Historian & Registrar, Theodore E Parks #425, took responsibility for checking and verifying applicants' papers. He has done an excellent job. At times an applicant has thought him quite fussy when he required SOURCES and other evidence to prove their lineage to a Park/e/s. Family Bibles have come to light and other family records. Though

they were often helpful, they were not primary evidence.

The advent of computerized records will certainly help to ferret out many errors. This is only getting under way. This will catch obvious errors such as parents under age 10' or over 80 having children. Lineages, Inc did question a marriage of a wife 19 years younger than her husband even though she was his 4th. It was correct in this case.

Only yesterday there was a notice in the paper of a man 84 marrying a woman 102! And the father of one of our members was 73 when his 2nd wife bore him a son. Then there is Strom Thurmond whose wife is about 40 years his junior who has given him several children. So there are always exceptions and it is well to check them out.

Clues to Parks in Parkstown Wayne Co. NC



Crossroads of Parkstown Rd and LaGrange Rd

David L. Parke #13

Hunting for Parks can be fun! Last Fall Jill and I stopped overnight at Goldsboro NC so we could investigate a suburb named Parkstown. Surely there must be Parks in the area.

I inquired at a small market and was referred to a store about a mile up the road where a group of men were seated around a pot-bellied stove. Dick Daniel, a man in his 80s said that a contemporary, Roland Hill lived just down the road, and his mother was a Parks.

Unfortunately Mr Hill wasn't home, but I called him later and found that he could give me his lineage back to a Major Parks who came to Wayne Co in 1800 from Greensville Co VA (about 100 miles up 195 - though I suspect without the convenience of the interstate!).

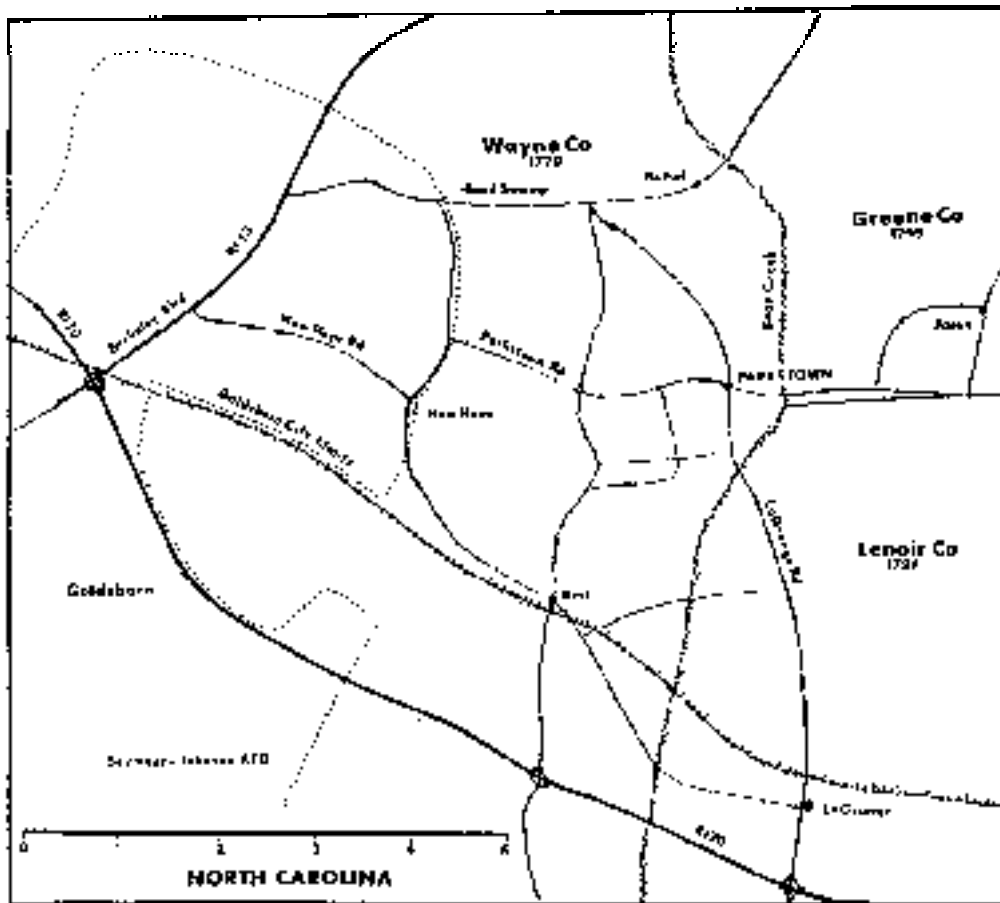
Three Parks Brothers

	2	3	4
ref Margie Ellis Howell Wm & Synah (Perry± Parke v1 sec 6-4:	William c1735-	WILLIAM 176E- 1825 s 1787 SYNAH PER	B Y
5 John c1710-1766	John c1737-	John c1765- m 1789 Jane Nailing	
bot land Granville Co NC 1746 will made in Halifax Co NC 1764 see v23p20 proved 1766 mentioned brothers Joseph t Aaron	Moses c1739 -Joseph c1741-	Mary c1767- m Solomon Thompson	James c1795- m Rebecca
Joseph c1712-1785 will made in Brunswick Co VA 1780 proved in Greeneville Co VA 1785 (created	Major c1740- Greenville Co VA Henry	MAJOR c1770- a1830 m to Wayne Co NC c1800	Henry c1797- m Elizabeth
1780) Aaron c1714-	c1743 Jeconias c1740- 1888. m Keziah Chan a Aaro n Ingod	Aaron c1765- Arthur c1768- John c1770-	ref: Memorial
c1783			

A Major Parks was mentioned by Margie Howell #88 in her genealogy on the descendants of William & Synah (Perry) Parke. Margie has found strong evidence that John, the uncle of a Major Parks, was the grandfather of her William. John, in his will, designated his brothers Joseph & Aaron as executors.

Joseph, in turn, in his will named sons Major, Joseph and Henry. If John was grandfather of William who was born in 1762, then John must have been born around 1710 and his brother Joseph perhaps 1712.

Major must then have been born about 1740 and is likely the father of Mr Hill's earliest known forebear. Another family found in the Memorial Book of Wayne Co are probably cousins. Here is an opportunity for much more research!



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Parks in Wayne Co NC

— Aaron c1820-
a Elizabeth Davie

— Joseph E1850-
— Barry Aaron c1853-
a nary Elizabeth Smith

— James
Henry Edgar
Amaziah
Barry Aaron Jr
Fannie Lucy
Betty
m Hart
Addie Gertrude c1880-
m Zeb Vance Hill
Ella

— Roland R Hill

— Major 1824-v1852 a
Martha Sutton 1829-
1922

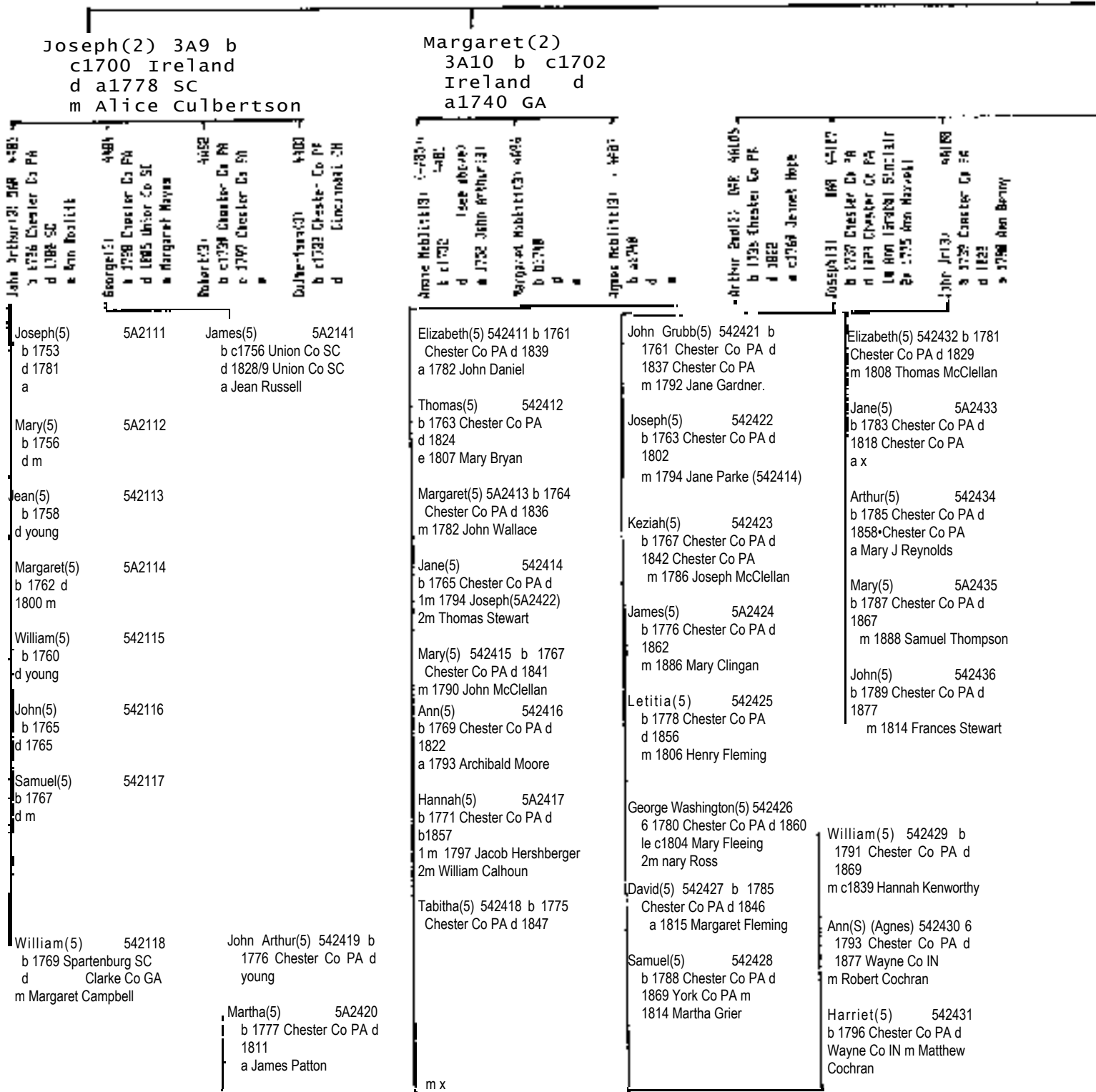
— Elizabeth Ann 1848-1902
m 1865 Thomas Wood
Uzzell

— Dempsey Wood 1850-1915
e 1872 Elizabeth Williams

— Martha Jane 1852-1875 It
Alonzo Harold Sutton 2m
John Franklin Barwick

— Molly Bertha 1873-1951
a Jim Parker
Martha Alma 1874-
1973 a Daniel Jones
Mack David 1875-1951
m Sallie Beatrice Sutton
Gertrude 1878-
m George Baker

Immigrant: Arthur (PA 1720) c1677 -1740



John(2) 3A12
 b c1706 Ireland
 d 1787 Chester Co
 PA m Elizabeth

Samuel(2) 3A11 b
 c1704 Ireland
 d b1740
 m

John(3) 4A112
 b 1742 Chester Co PA
 d 1866 York Co PA
 m Frances Brag

Mary(3) 4A113
 b 1744 Chester Co PA
 d 1807
 m John Kyle

Elizabeth(2) 4A114
 b 1748 Chester Co PA
 d b1727
 m David Cowan

James(3) 4A115
 b 1749 Chester Co PA
 m McKnight

John(3) 4A116
 b 1751 Chester Co PA
 d 1798 Philadelphia PA
 m Elizabeth Cowan

Samuel(3) 4A117
 b 1753 Chester Co PA
 d 1808

Joseph(5) 5A2441
 b York Co PA
 d m

Isaac Kyle(5) 5A2451
 b Chester Co PA
 d
 m

David Cowan(5) 5A2461 b
 d
 m 1795 nary

James McKnight(5) 5A2471
 b
 d
 m

John(5) 5A2481
 b
 d 1797 Philadelphia PA m

Elihu(5) 5A2442
 b York Co PA
 d York Co PA m

William McKnight(5) 5A2472 b
 d Hamilton Co OH a
 Tabitha Stewart

Mathew(5) 5A2482 b
 d Washington Co OH

Agnes(5) 5A2443
 b York-Co PA
 d a

Mary(5) 5A2444
 b d
 a

Frances(5) 5A2445
 b d
 a

Elizabeth(5) 5A2446
 b d
 m More

Parke Families in Southeastern Pennsylvania

When researching Parkes in eastern Pennsylvania there are two families that stand out. The first was Arthur Park who landed in Chester Co in 1720, a staunch Presbyterian whose forebears had come from Scotland to co Donegal, Ireland around 1610. His first four generations, as far as are known, are shown here. The second was Thomas Parke, a Quaker from co Carlow, Ireland whose lineage chart appears on page 48 of Vol 25. The book Thomas Parke & Rebecca Hooper 1982 by Ernestine Moss #517, is still available from the author: 658 Stonewall, Memphis TN 38107, \$17.50.

Arthur was the second of five children of William

Park born in Ballybegley. They were: William, Arthur, David, Jane and Samuel. William the father did not come to America, nor did William, but William's son Robert Hood Park came to Chester Co in 1724. Arthur, Jane, David and Samuel all came in 1720. Their name was spelled Park until someone during the early lifetime of Joseph(4) [Arthur(1), Joseph(2), John(3)] added the 'e'. Joseph having 11 children, helped to introduce it. Many of the descendants of this family are still to be found in Chester and other counties around Philadelphia. The Parke-Gildersleeve Genealogy by Nathan Grier Parke II tells of this family.



he graduated in 1809. His theological studies were completed under the Rev Mr Grier. He was founder of the Slate Ridge Academy where his children received their early education.

His son Nathan followed in his footsteps serving 59 years in Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and as founder and first pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Scranton PA.

Two lineages are interesting to note. One is through the Rev Samuel that later connects with the Robert (MA 1630) family. The other is through his half sister Keziah 1767 - 1842 that connects with the Thomas (PA 1724) family. This last connection is through the marriage of the parents of Polly Parke Ostheimer #886.

Robert (MA 1630)

william(2) Robert(1)williams

Martha(3)- m -Isaac(2)

Isaac(3)

william(4)

Arthur (PA 1720)

Phinehes(5)

John(2)

Jesse(6)

Joseph (3)

Norman (7)

SAMUEL (4)

Edward Higginson(

Nathan Grier(5)

Edward Higginson(

william Gildersleeve(6)

olive Bemis(10)- m -

Nathan Grier II(7)

children: Nathan Grier III(8)

olive Daniels(8)

william Gildersleeve(8)

David Maxwell(11)

connections between

Parke lines

Arthur (PA 1720) Thomas (PA

1724) Robert (MA

1630)

QUAKERS

Thomas Parke (PA 1724)

m Rebecca

Jonathan(2) 1700-1767

m Deborah Taylor

Abiah(3) c1733-

1800 m Ruth

:Jones

Thomas A(4) 1767-

m Ann Edge

John Edge(5) 1808-1887

m Ann Bryan Graves

Thomas Edge MD(6) 1851-1913

m Mary Ann Bacon

Thomas MD(7)

children: Martha Hoopes(8)

1m Erwin Lee

Schneider 2m Paul

Gibian

Mary Bacon(8) #886

m Anthony McIlvain

Ostheimer Thomas Edge(8)

1m Lois

wahlgemuth 2m

NJ Parks in Revolution

There were a number of Parks in New Jersey during the 17th and 18th centuries. Tax Records show the following:

1684	
Roger Parke	Burlington Co
1685	
George Park	Essex Co
Jeremi Park	"
Benjamin Park	"
1693	
Roger Park	Burlington Co
Roger Park	"
1708	
Roger Parke	Burlington Co
1741	
William Park	Hunterdon Co
John Park Jr	
Roger Parke	
1758	
Thomas Park	Cumberland Co
Thomas Parke	
1773	
Joseph Parke	Burlington Co 1774
John Parks	Burlington Co
Paul Park	Gloucester Co
1779-97	
Noah Park	Gloucester Co

And there were those from New Jersey who served in the Revolution:

William Parke, Lt
Daniel Parkes, Pvt
Joseph Parkes, Pvt
Noah Parkes, Pvt

Paul Parkes, Pvt

PRESBYTERIANS

Arthur (PA

m Mary

John(2) c1706-1787

m Elizabeth McKnight

Joseph(3) 1737-1823

1m Ann (Grubb) Sinkler

KEZIAH(4) 1767-1842

m Col Joseph McClellan

Ann McClellan 1787-1860

m William Hemphill

Elizabeth Hemphill 1810-

m Wm Worthington MD

Malinda Marshall Worthington

m Abner Hoopes

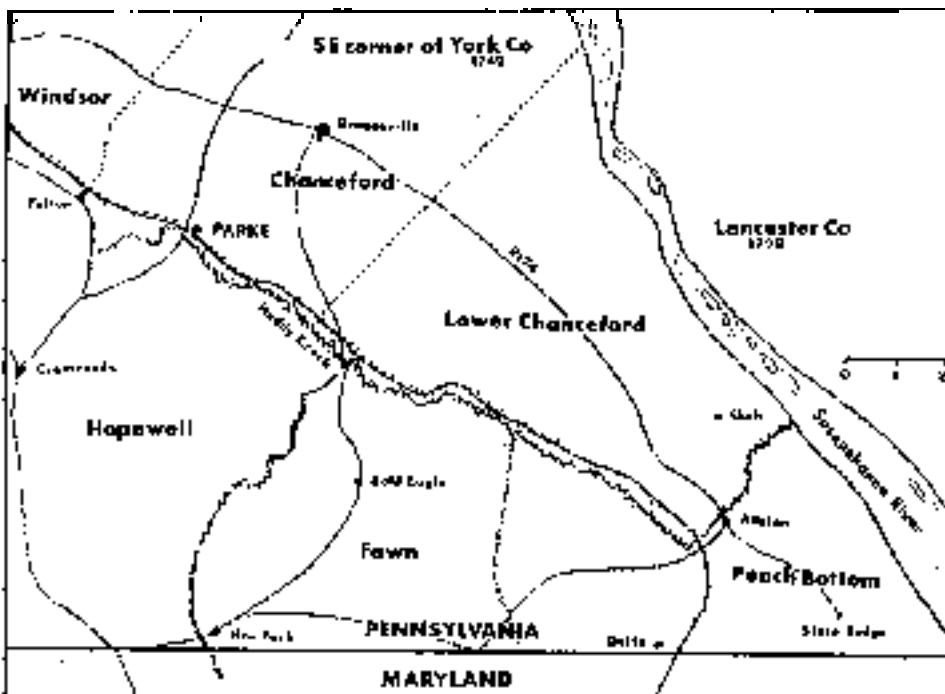
Wilmer Worthington Hoopes

m Martha P Lippincott

Caroline Lippincott Hoopes - m -Thomas MD(7)



The Village of PARKE, York Co PA (now Brogue) on Muddy Creek (right)



Episcopal: Library & Archives of the Church History Society, 606 RATHERVIEW P1, AUSTIN TX 78767.
 Society of Friends: Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA 19081.
 Lutheran: Archives of the Lutheran Church in America Lutheran School of Theology 1100 E 55th St, Chicago IL 60615.
 Archives of the American Lutheran Church, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 WARTBURG P1, DUBUQUE IA 52001.
 Methodist: Commission on Archives & History of the United Methodist Church, 36 MADISON AVE, MADISON NJ 07940.
 Presbyterian: Presbyterian Historical Society, United Presbyterian Church, PO Box 847, Montreat NC 28757. United Church of Christ: (Congregational) Congregational Library, 14 Beacon St, Boston MA 02108. Theological Seminary, Congregational Historical Records, 5757 University Ave Chicago IL 60637.
 German Reformed: Phil Schaaf Memorial Library, Lancaster PA 17603.
 Evangelical & Reformed: Eden Archives, Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E Lockwood Ave Webster Groves MO 63119.
 (The above addresses from the Oregon Gen. Society)

Church Archives,

a Good Source

In reviewing many names in our records it becomes evident in what church our ancestors were members. Children were often named for those whom the parents admired: ie Francis Asbury, first bishop of the Methodist Church, John Henry Hobart, Episcopal Bishop of New York. Your editor was named for David Livingstone, a Presbyterian missionary!

You should already know where to look for Mormon records. The following addresses may be helpful in locating information about

your ancestors. Church records can tell when a family joined, when children were baptized, married, died. Be sure to include a large self addressed stamped envelope for the reply. Clearly spell out the known facts that will help to identify the information you need.

Baptist: American Baptist Historical Society, 1100 S Goodman St, Rochester NY 14620.

Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention 127 9th St, Nashville TN 37234.

Theodore E. (Tad) Parks
P. O. Box 590, Milwaukee, WI 53201
Phone: (414) 445-8894 (evenings)

on Genealogy

As we move into summer months, many of us will again be getting into high gear for doing some serious genealogical research. It is my firm belief that those of us who call this a hobby, and who are serious about the truth, come in two major flavors with all shades in between,

On the one hand are the ORBS, those who strive to out do the professional genealogists at their own game, both in methodology and finished work. They will document until the cows come home, take pains with the quality of their evidence, and try to produce a completed work of museum quality. Almost no expense is too great to obtain proof and their eye is so jaundiced, looking at other people's work, that they could pass for the yellow bird of paradise.

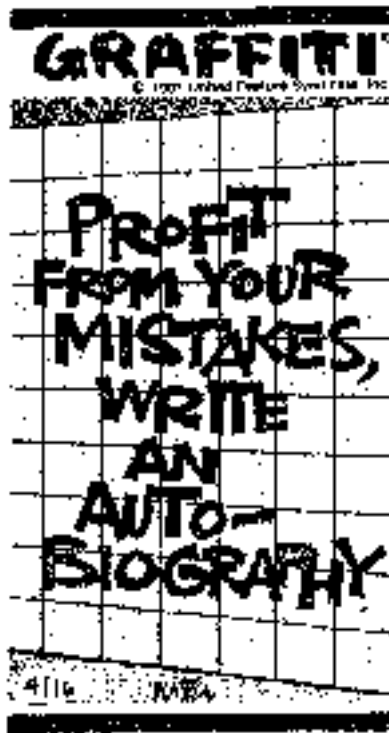
And then there are the FREE-FLOWS, who want to learn about their ancestry, but set limits on just how far they will go to prove a point. Their work may not be "crisp, terse, or concise", but it will have the essential truth of the matter. The completed work will be more "a story for my children" than a juried manuscript, but again the spirit of the writing will be to convey the family story.

In either case we are still striving for the same goal, to convey the story of our ancestors as best we can. There is already enough confusion without adding more. So, as you go about your ancestor hunting this summer, please keep these few simple golden rules in mind:

1. First and foremost, don't try to weave a complete story. No genealogy is ever complete. There are always some unanswered questions, and there always will be. Face

that fact now and get comfortable. Leave the questions in. It gives you, or someone else something to do in the future.

2. Be ever so careful with your dates; record them as you see them without trying to interpret them. There are far too many variations on dates now, so don't add any more. If you find alternative dates for the same event, show those in a footnote. Perhaps there, and only there, you can discuss the relative merits of the various dates.



3. Watch your place names and locations. It's rather unlikely that there is more than one "Hamstring Kentucky". County boundaries and even state boundaries have been known to change. Don't assume your ancestor moved just because a different county name appears. Check the date a county was created. (see Handy Book for Genealogists) Most likely the family has been in the same place all along.

4. Have a questioning attitude about everything you see. Read your source

material carefully. Writers _ make honest mistakes.

Sometimes new evidence comes to light completely changing the picture that was previously considered right. Don't be upset if someone questions your work. Correspondents are only trying to evaluate your work against theirs. When you come across words like "assuredly" or "without doubt", you should be prepared to put a red flag on the content and look for other sources.

5. Finally, there's the old saw, "if it's worth doing, it's worth doing well." Genealogical research is no exception. No matter what your approach to the hobby, it does take a certain amount of effort. There is no simple way to discover your roots short of paying someone to do it for you. And of course that would be doing it the easy way and missing all the fun. Learn how it ought to be done. Do your homework, and put your best efforts into it. Those who come after you will really thank you for what you have passed on to them.

Speaking of "the easy way", I decided to check out one of the tantalizing offers making the rounds that will send you everything about Park, Parks or Parke, postpaid for only \$29.95 with a 30 day money back guarantee if you're not satisfied. (Of course only one of the names mentioned above for that price!)

The valued book has arrived. What did I get for my \$30., quite honestly, not very much. The "Genealogical and Historical Sketch", a pamphlet, consists of less than 30 pages of double spaced, single sided, typewritten copy. In the business world we call that "boiler plate". The first half of the personalized manuscript, including

bibliography, covers the origin of the Park/e/s name. It lists several "immigrants" to the Colonies with some basic facts about each. The writer has been careful not to state too much, thus avoiding possible errors.

Page 11 states: "Those of the name in America have, in general, been characterized by courage, integrity, higher than average intellectual ability, and capacity for leadership. Of one line it has been said that they were generally 'sound and discriminating, well disciplined and educated'. They may have been outstanding as statesmen, public officials, educators, and business executives." I do believe that could be said about any family, don't you?

The section ends with a listing of "prominent Americans" of the Park/e/s surname and finally the obligatory description of the "Family Coat of Arms" illustrated on page 16. Incidentally, it is not one that we currently recognize as belonging to any of our known lines.

The remaining seven pages are given over to an essay on the origin of family surnames, not very edifying. You could do far better by going to the local public library and digging into any major encyclopedia.

Well, my curiosity has been satisfied, at \$1.30 per page. It's sad that this material can be sold to people who think this is "genealogy". I wonder if the periodicals that carry these ads realize the worthlessness of the product. Now, let me see if the guarantee is of value, then perhaps a letter to the editor.

Person
Tad

The listing for all Park/e/s families in Pennsylvania shown on the Federal Census of 1850 has been completed. This continues the program started with the New York Census prepared in 1989 (see v26p27). These are by far the two state with the largest number of Park/e/s at that time. Marjorie Isaac #825, Trustee for Region Three, has done much of the work. As with New York where we found over 60 immigrants of whom we were unaware, the Pennsylvania census has over 40 Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles.

IMMIGRANTS from England

Alleghney Co
Samuel Parks 30/Martha 30
Cambria Co
Isaac Parks 55/ 6 ch
Philadelphia Co Richard
Parks 28/Elizabeth 27 Ingram
Park 50/ 5 ch Thomas Parks
25/Mary 25
Westmoreland Co Isaac Parks
30/Margaret 24

IMMIGRANTS from Scotland

Alleghney Co
James Parks 30/ 1 ch
Bradford Co
Margaret Park 60/ 2 ch John
Parks 33/Merry 33 Andrew
Park 30/Mary A 26
Westmoreland Co
Jamy Park 57/Ann 49

IMMIGRANTS from N Ireland

Huntingdon Co
Alexander Park 58/Mary 45
Andrew Park 39/Margaret 34
John Park 76/Margaret 76
Smith J Parks 36/Jemima 36
William Park 65/ 11 ch
Westmoreland Co
William Park 78/Mary 68

Single men from England

Cambria Co Benjamin Parks 26
Joseph Park 36
Schuylkill Co George Park 40
John Park 30
James Parks 21

Single person from N Ireland

Philadelphia Co Jane Park
73/ 3 ch

Single man from Scotland Mercer
Co David Parks 21

Help is needed!

It is our goal to give the same treatment to every state that existed in 1850. The indexes are ready and instructions will be provided for those willing to give their time to this project. You will have access to the microfilm if you live near one of the branches of the National Archives or a Family History Center of the Mormon Church. The latter will have micro-film for counties within their vicinity, while the National Archives have all the states covered.

IMMIGRANTS from Ireland

Alleghney Co
Alexander Park 70/Jane 66
George Park 55/ 2 ch James
Park 36/Jane 29 John Parke
66/ Hannah 65
Armstrong Co
John Parks 46/Sarah 46 Butler Co
William Parks 75/Margaret 59
Cambria Co
John Parks 36/Mary A 33 Chester Co
James Parke 32/Catherine 22
Matthew Park 73/Jane 73
William Park 35/Nancy 32
Crawford Co
John Park 55/Sarah 50
Cumberland Co
William Park 42/Barbara 37
Philadelphia Co James
Parkes 42/Mary 42 Arthur Park
35/Catherine 36 Robert Park
28/Margaret 20 George Parks
40/Catherine 31 James Parks
30/Sarah 28 Joseph Parks 65/
Eliza 62 Robert Parkes 37/ Jane 40
Robert Parkes 38/ Sarah 38
Andrew Park 49/ Sarah 46 Richard
Park 39/ Elizabeth 29 James A Park
25/Emma 20 William Park
25/Margaret 24

Single men from Ireland

Alleghney Co Adam Parks 26
Carbon Co James Parks 50
Chester Co Patrick M Parke 45
Luzerne Co Daniel Park 14
Montour Co Russel Park 54
Philadelphia Co Robert Park 35
Alexander Park 27
Elijah Park 30
Robert Parks 23
Thomas Parks 50
Washington Co William Parks 55



**Family Crests
offered in
Copper**



The crest shown in the last issue on page 4 has the three stag heads as found on many Park coats of arms. The motto seems to vary; this one "Usque ad mortem", others, "True & Fast", "Justitiae Tenex", "Providentiae Me Committo". These are coats of arms other than that assigned to the Parkes of Gestingthorpe Essex.

The above shield was of special interest to Polly Parke Osteimer #886 a descendant of Arthur (PA 1720). She suggests that the shield is a way of



preserving our heritage in forms that will be understood by our children's children. Polly has enclosed photos of work done by a Sri Lanka-born coppersmith who can reproduce Parke crests in your desired design and motto on copper.

His charge for a 12" dia. plate is \$150 and for 16" dia. is \$200 Postpaid. You may contact him directly, sending him your chosen design.

M. Sooriyakumar
84-770 Upena St

Trivia from page 21

town was named has been handed down from the Parks, father and son, for several generations."

"About half a mile from the settlement is what is known as the Bear Swamp. Bears were plentiful once through this locality and were hunted, in season and out of season, by earlier inhabitants. This town, before it had any definite

name was supposed to be a base for such hunters. On one occasion the huntsmen failed to find even a bear."

"However, after the "posse" departed, the same conditions prevailed and Old Man Parks resolved to do a little hunting himself. He thought he was going out in search of a bear. Actually he was to meet a lion and get a name for his town."

"He came upon the

mountain lion crouched at the edge of a cedar swamp. Parks shot at the lion and wounded it. He was compelled to grapple with the animal hand-to-hand. He clubbed at its head and it clawed at him. Blood flowed freely. The yellow beast, covered with gore, seemed to turn red, as it expired. Parks finally brought his kill to town and the town became Red Lion."