

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

Immigrant Ancestral Lines to be Researched in UK

David L. Parke #13

As I planned my trip to England this Fall I realized that most of the immigrants from whom our members are descended are unknown other than in name. Where did they come from and why? Who were their forebears?

This has led me to make contact with genealogists in the UK and to consider the value of joining one or more Societies over there. Ancestral research is as active there as it is here. Park/e/s are being researched just as avidly throughout the British Isles as they are in America.

What we need now is to be aware of their work and for them to help us with ours.

A lot has been discovered in this century about Robert (MA 1630) since the publication of Frank S Parks' book The Genealogy of the Parke Families of CT in 1906. All it stated was "he was born in Preston Eng and came in the Winthrop Fleet." Through the last 50 or more years of careful digging by Harwood E Park #415, also a

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Parke Memorial Panel in Preparation

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For several years I have had correspondence from Harwood Park #415 of Los Angeles concerning the memorial 'brass' that was at one time in St Mary's Church at Gestingthorpe, Essex England. It seems that it was placed around 1400 and the 'brass' was evidently removed more than 200 years ago. Harwood has been trying for years to learn how this might be replaced. When he heard that I was going to be in England he hoped I could get the matter settled. He sent me much of the research he had done.

Here is a quotation for the Church's History.

"The Domesday Book tells us that Ghestingetorp was held by Ledmar, a priest, in the time of Edward the Confessor. Thus it is

possible that there was a church here before the Conquest of 1066. The oldest part of the present building is 13th century, a blocked up window in the north wall of the chancel. The remainder is 14th century.

On the floor of the tower are three tombstones moved there from the nave. The oldest is that of Robert Parke who died in 1400, the second that of John Coo who died in 1520 and the third of John Elliston buried in 1691."

The History of the County of Essex, Vol II p309 by Philip Morant 1767 refers to the Parish of Gestingthorp, PARKS

"In another estate in this parish, which derived its name from the family existing here from the time

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Congratulations

Roy Hampton Park III and Laura Ann Singer were married on 24 Nov 1990 in Raleigh NC. Roy is the grandson of Roy Hampton Park #236 of Ithaca NY. He is associate art director for Burnett Advertising, Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Mr & Mrs Richard Gregg Singer of Raleigh and granddaughter of, Dr C Gregg Singer of Salisbury NC. The couple are living in Winnetka IL.



Tom Park

Patricia Bonds Beck #564 reports the birth of another grandchild, James Beck Lyerly born 21 Nov 1990 named for his grandfather, James Thomas Beck (dec'd). The parents are Robert D Lyerly Jr and Sandra Jane Beck #744. Young James has a brother, Robert Doughton III, 3 and sister Elizabeth Jane, 5.



J Douglas Park #749 with father & son at Convocation

Thomas Frank Park Jr #306 has made news at the Westerville (OH) Athletic Club. As he approached his 75th birthday in 1989 he was challenged by the locker room chums and staff to swim 75 miles in 75 days! After a 35 year lapse in swimming he at first could swim only half a lap. Tom reached his goal last 4th of July. He says he is to be interviewed by Ed McMahon on NBC at Christmas time.

Tom is a Past-Trustee of Region 5, who has traced his Park lineage from North Carolina back to Virginia. Since his father died when he was a year old he's had difficulty knowing where to look for answers. Tom's wife, the former Betty High Smith, died 17 May 1990. He has two sons Thomas Frank III and Francis Allison.

USE YOUR NUMBER

It has been fifteen years since the members were given numbers for identification. And in this fifteenth year we went over the 1000 mark. 260 have been members for over 10 years, 128 over 5 years. 89 have died and less than one third are inactive or are lost.

- 1010 Daniel Joseph Miller
- 1011 Lyle Hent Corder
- 1012 Mrs Diane W Wells
- 1013 Edward W Schneider
- 1014 Ila Dee Park Mitchell
- 1015 Mrs Nancy P Dean
- 1016 Mrs Betty T Lagerquist
- 1017 Mrs W Lorayne Moore
- 1018 Mrs Sharon P Overbath
- 1019 Harold Ray Myers 1020
- Mrs Eleanor M Worley 1021L
- Mrs Arline S Bracken 1022L
- James Warren Scott 1023
- Robert James Park 1024L Ms
- Cecilia Parks

In Memory

Olive Jean McCracken Schneider #391 died 13 Feb in Falls Church VA. She and her husband Edward #1013 had lived in Arlington VA for 28 years. They were married in 1949 and have attended several Society meetings.

Her Park lineage has been traced to a William Park 11764-1830) of Belvedere, Sussex Co NJ (now Warren Col He married Abigail Axford.

Jean was born in Winnepeg Manitoba. She moved to Washington DC in 1944 to work for the Canadian Embassy and became an American Citizen. During the 1970s Jean served as a volunteer for the Arlington Co Employment Office for Youth & Senior Adults and was a captain for the FISH organization.

some members are still not putting their number on correspondence and checks. The Society's records show 127 Park members, 71 Parks, 60 Parke and 6 Parkes. Then there are 23 men named Robert, 11 James, 10 David, 8 John and 7 Charles and more are joining! So please USE YOUR NUMBER.

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28th Convocation in Cherry Hill NJ

The 28th annual Convocation of the Society opened on Thursday July 11th with an evening reception at the Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill NJ near Philadelphia. Mrs Marjorie Isaac, Trustee for Region III introduced Vice President Lyle Orem of Bend Oregon, acting for President Richard Milligan.

Friday morning a three hr bus tour was planned to see the major historic sights of Philadelphia. This was much enjoyed and appreciated. The afternoon was given over to the Annual Meeting. The incumbant Trustees for Regions 4, 5 and 9 were elected for a second term while Scott Park #264 accepted Trustee duties in Region 1 due to the resignation of Stephen Budrow. James R Marsh #202 was elected Treasurer.

The annual symposium started a bit late due to a major rain storm delaying the arrival of our speaker Antoinette Segraves, The Executive Director of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. However, we were well rewarded with her excellent presentations on researching in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Much of her lecture will be in the Society Library for members to use as needed.

Many members were most disappointed that two other speakers did not appear. Dr Wilmer Kerns of Arlington VA and Col Percival D Park #140 were scheduled to share their extensive research on Park families in West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. Fortunately Col Park has prepared comprehensive reports on Moses Park (1738-1828) of Rowan & Mecklenburg Cos NC, and of George Park (? -1782) of Rowan (Davidson) Co NC and is prepared to provide copies to members on request. A book by Dr Kerns is to be published and will be added to the Society's Library.

In the afternoon, while many availed themselves of the research materials on hand in our meeting room, others had another tour to see the Chesterfield Twp Historical Museum near Mt Holly NJ.

The speaker for the annual banquet was Dr Robert J Plowman, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Archives. In addition to his entertaining yet educational talk he gave a slide presentation to describe the broad area covered by the records maintained by the Archives.

Sunday morning members

attended, most for the first time, an unprogrammed Quaker Meeting. This was at a small Meeting House in Mt Laurel NJ. A brochure was given out the first evening to provide a better understanding of the worship service. Any one who would like a copy of this should send a self addressed stamped business size envelope to the Newsletter Editor.

The future Convocations were designated as follows:
1992 Region 9 San Diego CA
1993 Region 5 Detroit MI
1994 Region 1 New England

Mark Your Calendar

1992 CONVOCAION

August 6 to 9

Vacation Inn (Old Town)
San Diego CA

1993 CONVOCAION

Detroit MI

Richard (MA 1635) Ancestral Research - from page 33

professional search supported by Guy James Parke of Decatur IL in the 1920s, and many others, we now have a proof of Robert's lineage back to the 14th century.

Richard (MA 1635), [i.e. arrived in Massachusetts in 1635] on the other hand, has the second largest number of Parke Society members among his descendants. Yet almost nothing has been brought to light of his background.

The earliest record of the man we believe to be the Richard Park who settled in Cambridge Massachusetts is from John Camden Hotten's The Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700 published in London in 1874. On page 105 of a recent reprint by Genealogical Publishing Co of Baltimore is the following:

"xjo die Julij 1635

Theis vunder-written names are to be transported to New-England imbarqued in the DEFENCE of Lndon [London], Edward Bostock Mr p Certificate of his Conformitie in Religion & that he is no Subsedy-man.

A Miller Richard Perk...33
Margery Perk...40
Isabell Perk....7
Elizabeth Perk..4"

There are 62 whose names are listed for this voyage of the DEFENCE, Edward Bostocke, Master. Another 45 are noted as going on the DEFENCE, but the masters' names mentioned are: Thos. Bostock, Edward Boswell & Pearce. Since it seems unlikely that there were four ships of the same name leaving together, we may guess that all 107 were passengers with Richard Perk in July 1635. Their names can perhaps give an indication that they came from the same parish and help to identify Richard'

In several instances those signing for passage gave the name of their parish. Checking the IGI (International Genealogical

Index) we might look for a Richard in a London parish since the ship was sailing from London. We find the following "Richards":
St Butolphs, Bishop's Gate
* m 9 Nov 1607 Mary Bryan
* bpt 27 Jul 1628 parents were Richard & Joane
* bpt 13 Dec 1629 parents were Justinian & St Dunstan, Stepney
* bpt 13 Jul 1595, parents were Richard &
* bpt 12 Dec 1602 parents were Richard &
* m 14 Jan 1604 Jane Kinge St Leonard, Eastcheap
* bpt 7 Oct 1545 parents were William & London
* b 5 Jan 1583 parents were William & Mary
St Margaret, Westminster
* m 20 May 1589 Anne Mylles St Katherine by the Tower
* m 8 Nov 1596 Marie Valaton St Andrew by the Wardrobe
* m 28 Nov 1609 Margaret More St Martin Orgar & St Clement, Eastcheap
* m 13 Jan 1630 Mary Morrey

The one name that seems to fit is Richard who was baptized at St Dunstan Parish in Stepney, a part of London. Since we believe that Richard Perk, age 33 was the Richard of Cambridge MA, then the baptism in 1602 makes sense. Thus it is possible that a

"Richard" is his father.

Other children of this Richard are also given at St Dunstan:

Alice bpt 22 Jun 1593 -
Richard bpt 13 Jul 1595 #
Abraham bpt 21 Aug 1605
(# This Richard probably died young)

These would tie in with a Richard who married Anne Mylles in 1589 at St Margaret's Westminster. All this pure conjecture. Thus we need more evidence.

The Margery Perk 40 could be Richard's sister or his wife. The Whitmore Genealogy - 1907 by Purdy gives the father as Thomas Parke and Margaret's last name as Crane, but gives no evidence where that information came from. The Parke Scrapbook II -1967 by Ruby Parke Anderson, states on page 23 "We shall presume Richard to be the son of Robert (MA 1630) and carry out the descendants as such until proof is found that this is incorrect."

She was referring to Richard, son of Robert and Martha (Chaplin), baptized at Whatfield in Suffolk 8 Aug 1609 about two miles from Semer where they were married. Nothing further is known about him. If he were Richard (MA 1635) his age in 1635 would have been 26 and

not 33 and noted on the



Peter Park, English genealogist, interviewed by Editor David Parke 113



Jim Parks 1917 at grave of ancestor John Parks, first of line in Bradford Co PA

James Edward Parks #9/7 is living proof that the 'arks in Bradford Co PA are not limited to descendants of Robert (MA 1630). (See v26p33) Actually he was born over the state line in Waverly NY in 1948.

Jim is a graduate of Indiana University of PA and of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware. He is a Vice President of the First National Bank in Towanda. In March 1990 he married Marie Petronchak.

Jim's lineage is from Edward (CT c1669) thru Nathaniel(2), Admier(3), John(4), John(5), Harry(6), William(7), Norman(8) to his father Stanley(9) of Rome. As evidence that the family has been in Bradford Co for a while the picture shows him at the grave of his 4gt grandfather John(4), a Revolutionary War veteran who settled in the county in 1798 from Guilford CT.

Info from Kingston ONT

Cora Reid #231 has come across a notation in the Kingston (Ontario) Chronicle & Gazette of 11 May 1821 of interest to descendants of Cyrenius Parke, a Tory who escaped to Canada and joined the British Army and in 1780 settled in N Fredericksburg in Lennox & Addington Co, ONT. (see v17p1, 23, v21p4)

What Cora found was the obituary of Cyrenius' mother Sarah Parke, wife of James(5) 1724-1812 [Joseph(4), Nathaniel(3), Thomas(2), Robert (MA 1630)]. It states that she died 2 May 1821, aged 93yr 5mo at Fredericksburg.

Parks Reunion in Illinois

Phyllis Kumler #525 has sent in a report of her Parks Family Reunion, the 27th annual Christmas party hosted by her Aunt Doris Parks. And the unique thing is that Doris has paid for the meal all 27 years as a Christmas present to her family. It evidently took place at Doris' home in Urbana IL.

This year it was a 2 day "Christmas in July". Ordinarily it is an adults only sit down dinner in November. This time it included cousins of all ages beginning with a potluck dinner for 69 with 5

generations represented from 10 states. The reunion is for descendants of Walter and Lilian (Schertz) Parks. All six of their daughters were on hand: Ruby Moore of Gibson City IL, the hostess Doris Parks of Urbana IL, Caroline Davidson of Barry IL, Hyral Golden of Bellflower IL, Wilma Downie of Eugene OR, and Catherine Nilsson of Port St Lucie FL. Their brother Joe Parks of Tempe AZ, the only son, was also there. An additional 10 family members joined the festivities the next day at the Champaign Holiday Inn.

Ancestral Research - from page 36 passenger list.

Let us consider also a Richard and Thomas that we believe were sons of Richard. They must have been born between 1620 and 1635. Thomas married Abigail Dix in 1653. Yet no record has been found of their birth, nor were their names listed on the DEFENCE

We hope that the above will spur a descendant to provide the study obviously

needed. One person who is prepared to help is a member of the British Society of Genealogists, Peter Park. He first met with the group of our Society during their English tour in 1988 (see v26p3). I have met with him and believe he is well prepared to render the assistance needed. He is: Peter B Park, 25 Harvey Rd, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12-2PZ England. As a

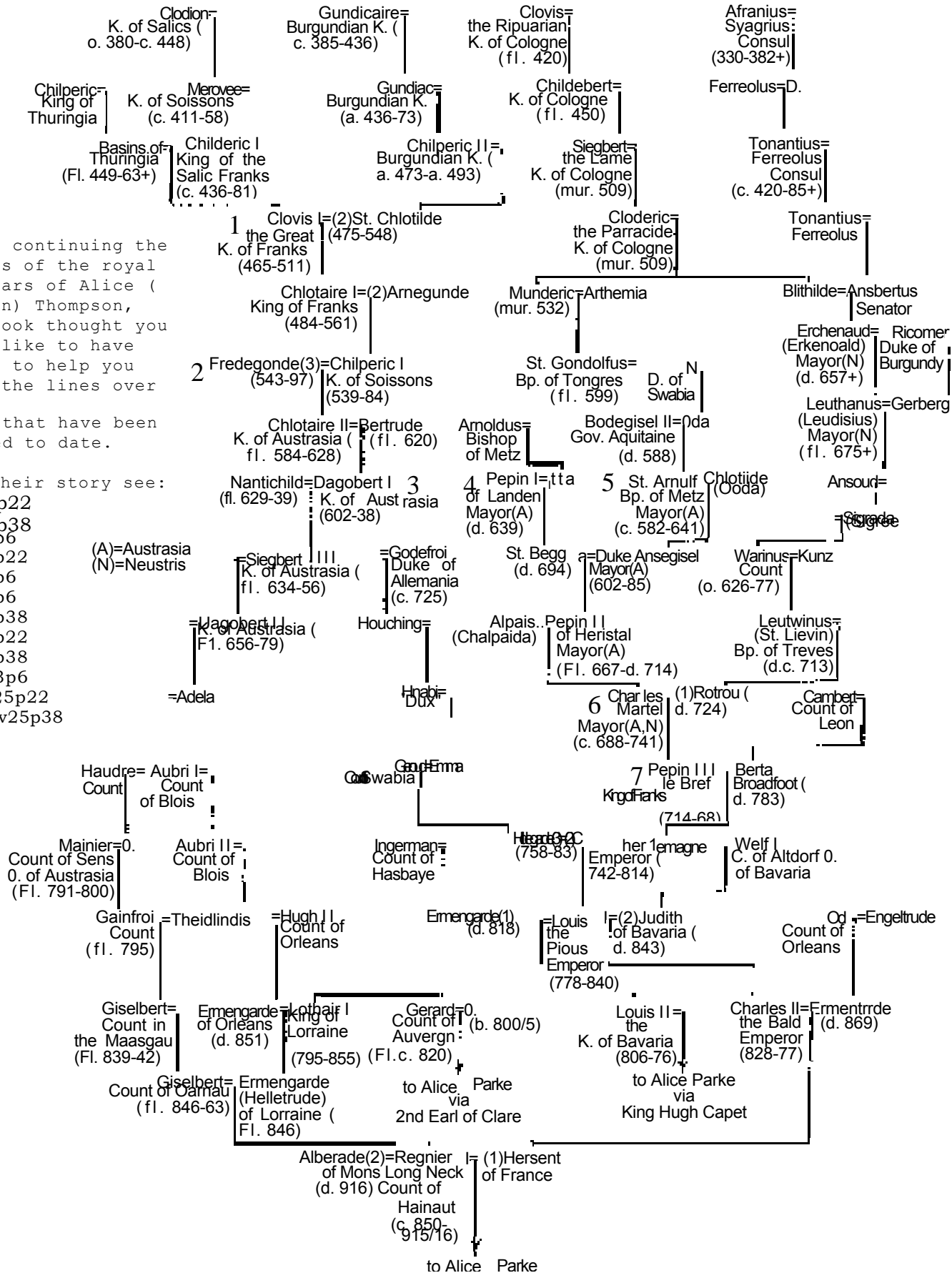
qualified genealogist his fee is \$16/hr (\$9). Not being a professional, his time spent in research is limited to his spare time.

I am setting up a personal Sterling Account with the Midland Bank in London to facilitate any payments for services in England. So checks can be drawn to me and I will make out a check in sterling to the individual or organization as necessary.

Alice Parke's Gallo-Roman-Frankish Ancestry

MEROMINGIAN

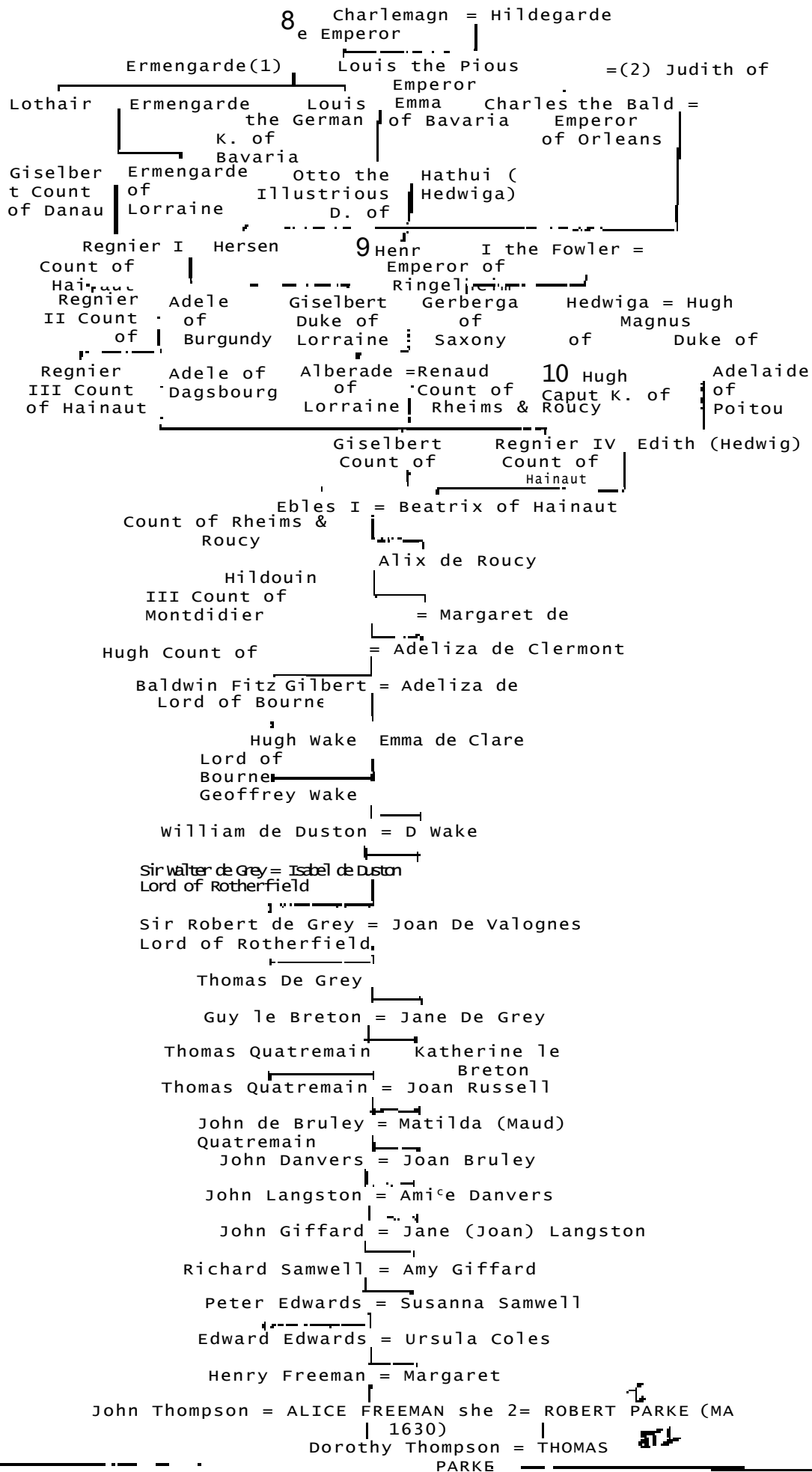
CAROLINGIAN



Before continuing the stories of the royal forebears of Alice (Freeman) Thompson, Bill Cook thought you might like to have charts to help you trace the lines over 1200 years that have been covered to date.

For their story see:

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 - 2. v27p38
 - 3. v28p6
 - 4. v27p22
 - 5. v27p6
 - 6. v26p6
 - 7. v26p38
 - 8. v26p22
 - 9. v24p38
 - 10. v23p6
- Also v25p22
v25p38



Trip to East Anglia a Success

David L. Parke #13

Jill and I have recently returned this Fall from a three week trip to England. The first two weeks were spent in sightseeing and visiting friends. The last week we were in East Anglia.

This was our first experience visiting the area where Robert and his family lived. I had two major goals in mind. The first was to make contact with researchers who might do the searching through record centers and would find more than I could in my limited time. And along with that I wanted to see how we might have a One-name society counterpart in the British Isles that could help our members find out about their immigrant ancestors and antecedents. The second goal was to determine what must be done to replace the "brass" that had been in St Mary's Church in Gestingthorpe, Essex in memory of Robert Parke who died in 1400 (See v23p40). I believe I succeeded on both counts.

A small Ford Tempo was rented near Gatwick Airport and our first stop was to meet Peter Park of the British Society of Genealogists who lives at Walton-on-Thames. He had met with our Society's tour group three years ago. He is well qualified to help us in our British research.

We then headed for East Anglia and found lodging at the same B&B in Castle Hedingham so highly recommended by Dave Perkins #429 when he was there in February 1986(See v27p1). The accommodations were excellent and most convenient to all the places we wanted to see. Upon arrival late Sunday afternoon our hostess, Penny Crawshaw, advised that there was to be a lecture the next Friday evening at the Castle telling about Edward de Vere

would have been the Lord of the Manor when immigrant Robert Parke (MA 1630) was a young man. Penny was able to get us the last two (tickets! She also mentioned that there was a Harvest Festival Service at the village church at 6:30. (The counterpart to our Thanksgiving) Jill and I walked down the narrow village street in time to hear the church bells pealing changes which I hadn't heard since my days in prep school at Kent Connecticut. For those



David & Jill Parke at Hever Castle

not familiar with change ringing I'll explain. In this case there were six bells with a person to handle each rope or 'sally'. Each bell is then rung in a particular order or change.

Following the service there was a gathering with wine and cheese served by the men of the parish. This gave us a chance to meet many of our 'neighbors'. Mrs Moira Moles, a descendant of John Coo who was also buried near Robert at St Mary's, expressed the appreciation of those

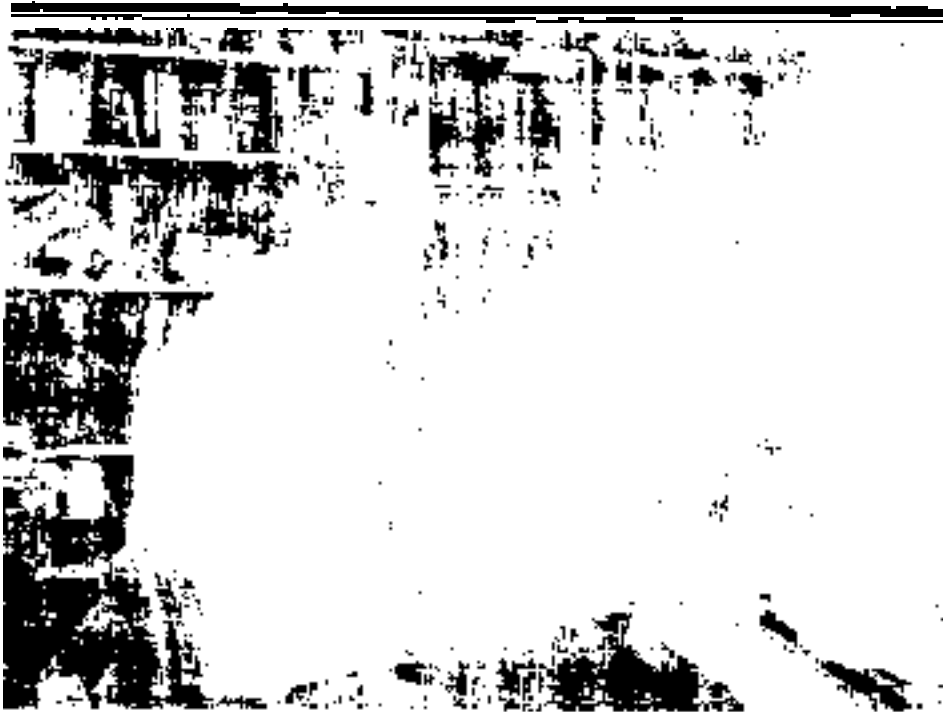
attending and pointed out all the sporting events on the Telly that the men could have been watching, but willingly gave up to serve us! Moira, later in the week, invited Jill and me to a cream tea and scones.

We visited Hedingham Castle next day and I was able to look out from the , tower toward the east and view the fields that were tilled by Parke ancestors for many centuries. And just over two miles in the same direction but out of sight is the church in Gestingthorpe. Later I made an appointment to meet the Rev Dr K F Belben, rector and vicar of St Mary's Church.

Dr Belben showed us around, pointing out the various parts of the building and when they were built. (See article on St Mary's, page 33) He told about the archaeological dig that took place in the field to the east of the Church where remains of a Roman villa were found dating to around 400 AD. We were shown where the brass memorial had been in the floor of the tower room.

Another day we were in Bury St Edmund at the west Suffolk Record office to meet Derek Palgrave, an author and promoter of One-Name Societies. He is an extremely able genealogist as is his wife Pam. Being acquainted with what was there he pulled out several books with helpful items to show me. Since he would be free the next day he invited Jill and me to his home in Stanton, few miles north. There I found an ideal haunt for a family history buff - shelves of books, a computer and copier. All this in a lovely country setting.

Jill and I then toured the various nearby towns. To the east is Woolpit where Robert's eldest son Robert lived. Then on a couple of



Derek Palgrave, genealogist & One-Name Group Organizer in Suffolk Co, England

miles through Rattlesden where the Kimball immigrant, Richard, came from. (See v15 p19 for his ties to the Parkes). Then another five miles we found Hitcham where Robert's son Thomas was baptized, and another mile to Bildeston where Samuel was baptized, and finally to Semer where Robert married Martha Chaplin in 1602. In each of these villages, so close to one another, is a small church, some in very poor condition. We ended that day at Kersey just two miles further south. This

village is said to be one of the most photographed in England and is considered typical of the old English style. There of course were the Tudor houses with the thatched roofs. Most of the thatching, we were told, comes from the county of Suffolk.

We attended the lecture on Friday evening held at the mansion next to the Castle, built around 1715. The speaker was Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch a submariner in World War II. He described the life of Edward de Vere

and how it matched perfectly the personality and back-ground of those found in the author of the Shakespeare plays. At the reception following I was introduced to Adrian Corder-Birch who is the Historian for the Halstead-Sudbury area, basically the area where the Parke family lived. He will be on the lookout for information to expand our knowledge. I mentioned my concern over replacing the brass at St Mary's. He said I should contact Michael Stuchfield of the Monumental Brass Society. He is their representative for Essex Co. This proved to be a most helpful tip as this man is on the committee that must approve such actions.

And a word about driving in England. To cover the area we wanted to see, a car was a must. I was amazed to note that the 13 foot street in front of Penny's allowed parking even though it was two-way. And on the country roads with high hedges on each side and no shoulders there is barely room to pass provided the other vehicle isn't a truck. After 750 miles of such conditions I was relieved to return the car at Gatwick without damage.

Park - Tenny Bible discovered

Shirley M Jardine #463 has brought to our attention an article in Branches & Twigs, a bulletin of the Genealogical Society of VT v20p8,9 entitled "Park - Tenney Bible!: The author, Joann Nichols, states, "I recently met with the Director of the Indiana Historical Society and mentioned that I had come into possession of someone's family Bible and was at a loss to know what to do with it. She suggested I send copies of the (Family records) pages to your

society where the information might be of interest."

The suggestion was made that the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center would like to have the Bible since it was printed in Brattleboro VT. Hopefully the Bible has been carefully wrapped and sent.

The Bible originally belonged to John Avery & Eleanor (Tenny) Park, married in 1837 at Londonderry VT. Ms Nichols has prepared family group sheets to help clarify relationships and presumably

they are available from the Genealogical Society of VT. (c/o Mrs Lloyd E Church, RFD 3, Box 986, Putney VT 05346.)

John is a 7th generation descendant of Robert (MA 1630) through Thomas(2),

IRobert(3)(4), Hezekiah(5),

to his father, Robert(6).-

The Bible includes the names of the 8th and 9th generations and several into the 10th and 11th. The

Parke Society Historian has added this information to our society records.

Thomas (VA 172)

Thomas(2) Lineage

THOMAS(1) PARKS 1C1 (VA 1728) b c1670/5 Old Rappahanock Co VA d 176) Albemarle Co VA m c1705

In Spotsylvania Co VA 1728 Bought land in Orange Co 1736 Bought land in Albemarle Co 1744

Will dated 24 Feb 1752 & probated 12 Mar 1761 in

Old Rappahanock Co VA, divided into Essex & Richmond Cos 1692

Thomas(2) 2C2 b c1725 Spotsylvania Co VA d 1790 Wilkes Co NC m c1752 Priscilla

[for other children of Thomas(1) see v27p44-5 1 Elizabeth v20p26]

William(4) Gray b c1792 d m 1813 Rachael Curry

Elizabeth(4) Gray b 1799 d 1833 Delaphane NC m 1817 Goerge Curry

Constant(4) Gray b c1800 d 1863 m 1828 Jane Sales

Thomas(4) Gray b c1802 d m Jennie Sawyer

Thomas(3) b 1755 Albemarle Co VA d 1819 Wilkes Co NC

Mary(3) b c1757 Albemarle Co VA d m 1780 William Johnson

John(3) b c1759 Amherst Co VA d TN m 1795 Betsy Parks

Reuben(3) 3C20 b 0761 Amherst Co VA d m 178 Hannah Reynolds

Aaron(3) 3C21 b c1763 Amherst Co VA d c1820 Lincoln Co TN m 1784 Oney

Ambrose(3) 3C22 b c1765 Amherst Co VA d 1837 St Francois Co MO m 1790 Frances Isbell

William(3) 3C23 b c1766 Amherst Co VA d m 1788 Rhoda Van Winkle

Margaret Ann(3) 3C24 b c1768 Amherst Co VA d m 1790 James Gray Jr

* MS had Margaret 3C24 & Ann 3C25 w/ no data on later, looks like one person

Amelia(4) Gray b c1804 d m James Sales

Edney(4) Gray b c1805 d m John Johnson

Janey/Nancy(4) Gray b c1806 d b1845 m John Cargile

William(4) b 1785 Wilkes Co NC d 1863 m Mary C Thurston

Elizabeth(4) b c1787 Wilkes Co NC d m b1867 Boaz

Thomas(4) b c1789 Wilkes Co NC d 1847 m Sarah Woodruff

Robert(4) b 1790 Wilkes Co NC d c1850 m Elizabeth Johnson

Frances(4) b 1791 Wilkes Co NC d 1850-60 m 1814 Thomas Boaz

John Nash(4) b 1793 Wilkes Co NC d 1873 Anderson Co TX m 1822 Elizabeth McMillen

Aaron(4) twin b 1797 Wilkes Co NC d 1870 AR m

Ambrose(4) twin b 1797 Wilkes Co NC d 1885 m x

Woodruff(4) b 1799 Wilkes Co NC d 1870 Lincoln Co TN m 1849 Dovey Cashion

Joel Dotson(4) b 1801 Wilkes Co NC d 1867 McLennan Co TX m x

Fielden(4) b 1803 Wilkes Co NC d 1880 Madison Co AR m 1826 Caroline E Davis

Parthenia(4) b 1805 Wilkes Co NC d a1880 IL m 1827 James Rorex

James Davidson(4) b c1791 Wilkes Co NC c1849 Lincoln Co TN m 1824 Sarah

Nancy(4) b c1792 Wilkes Co NC d m 1811 Joel Johnson

Martin Livingston(4) b 1793 Wilkes Co NC d 1845 Lincoln Co TN m 1819 Susannah Bird Smith

Thomas Lodge Dennis(4) b c1795 Wilkes Co NC d 1849 Lincoln Co TN m c1819/20 Elizabeth Smith

Sannah(4) b c1795 Wilkes Co NC d Lincoln Co TN m 1826 Green Hubbard

Allen Warren(4) b 1797 Wilkes Co NC d 1884 Moore Co TN m 1823 Fannie Miller

Martha(4) b 1799 Wilkes Co NC d 1840 McMinn Co TN m 1818 Benjamin Isbell

Cynthia McConnor(4) b c1800 Wilkes Co NC d 1m 1821 John Barnes 2m 1853 William Matkin

Mary(4) b c1803 Wilkes Co NC d m 1819 George Barner

Ambrose Lee(4) b c1805 Wilkes Co NC d c1850 Lincoln Co TN m Eleanor E Watts

Hastings Edward(4) b 1810 Wilkes Co NC d 1889 St Francois Co MO

In the v27p44 issue of a year ago there was a lineage chart for the Thomas (VA 1728) line. This gave much new and corrected information regarding the descendants of Thomas(1)'s sons John(2) and Charles(2).

Back in 1983 in v20p26 there was another lineage chart that gave what was then known. Much has since been brought to light through the efforts of several members, Phyllis Kumler #525, Earl Arnett #604, Joe Parks #349 and several others. Last year there wasn't room to include the Thomas(2) line, and this we are rectifying in this issue.

The 1990 Convocation in Austin brought together many of the interested parties

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the preparation more

over

As Joe comments, Phyllis has typed every one of those "buggers" and they are now in heavy duty 3-ring binders.

They are to be complemented on this important addition and the corrections to the Society's records. David L Parks #854 and Joe are entering all the

the LDS church .

Jo hopes that all of our Society's files can be on this program in the near future. The cost, of the PAF program is minimal and volunteer seem to be t_he

someone to the project. Our Historian, T

ill be glad to hear from you!

Queries

Need parents of AUSTIN PARK b 25 Jul 1832 OH d 18 Jul 1897 Milan MO m c1863 MARTHA ? in Sullivan Co MO, ch Mary E b 1863, Sophia Alice b c1867 Francis E b 1869, Rosa E b 1870, Edward b 1872, Ora b 1879. >>>>Harold R Myers #1019

Colonel

Daniel

Parke II

Grandfather?

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Harwood Park #415 offers some facts of interest regarding Col Daniel Parke of Virginia (v16p33) 1669-1710. He was the grandson of William (VA 1631) and son of Daniel I c1628-1679 who served as Secretary of the Virginia Colony. Harwood invites your comment:

"When Colonel Daniel Parke II died in 1710, he willed the bulk of his large estate to his eldest daughter Frances of Virginia (the wife of John Custis, a wealthy plantation owner)

"When Frances Parke Custis died, her son, Daniel Parke Custis, became the richest young man in Virginia."

"When Daniel Parke Custis died, his wife, Martha Dandridge Custis, (age 26) became the richest widow in Virginia."

"When Martha Dandridge Custis subsequently married George Washington, he became, by law, the owner of one-third of her property and he also took over the management of her remaining two-thirds as well."

"Thus, Colonel, later General Washington could well afford to serve

throughout the Revolutionary War in relative comfort and affluence despite the fact that his military pay over several years was meager and, indeed, was sometimes not paid at all."

"Given this well documented history, I often refer to Colonel Daniel Parke II as the veritable GRANDFATHER OF HIS COUNTRY."

In my opinion, all Parke people are interested in facts and in justice, which is why I think they will agree that a good case can be made that a replica portrait in oils of Colonel Daniel Parke II should be hanging in the Capitol in Washington DC.

(Editor: The original of the portrait by Sir Godfrey Kneller, a pupil of Rembrandt, has hung in a place of honor in the Battle Abbey of The Virginia Historical Society in Richmond VA. Last summer The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation acquired the painting. It now hangs in the introductory gallery of the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery in Williamsburg.)

of Edward III to that of K. Charles I.

In 1381 Jullian att Parke and Walter de Geldeford held here, of William de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, the fourth part of a knight's fee called Morhall which is supposed to be this Estate.

----ROBERT PARKE dyed in 1400. Margaret his wife having outlived him 57 years dyed 21 August 1457 and BOTH LYE BURIED IN THIS CHURCH with an epitaph. John his son was returned for a Gentleman of Essex in 1443."

It appears that Philip Morant, in 1767 saw the brass with its epitaph, so its removal must have been after that date.

I was referred to Michael Stuchfield of Coggeshall, Essex, who is the local representative of the Monumental Brass Society. This Society is responsible for overseeing any alterations to brasses in England. Mr Stuchfield met with me at St Mary's Church and brought with him a book showing what the brasses of both Robert Parke and John Coo had looked like. The pictures had the exact configurations as could be seen in the stones on the tower floor. The brasses were made up of several pieces, not one large plate. Each piece was set into the stone.

Mr Stuchfield is now going to contact the one who will prepare the new brass and will advise the Parke Society the cost of the undertaking along with a picture of how it will appear. He estimates that the completed work can be in place within six months.

I might say that the brasses can not be placed in the old stone. Rather, they will be mounted on a panel that will be placed on the wall of the church either in the chancel or the nave. This of course will be much more visible to those visiting the church. It is my hope that in the next issue I will have a picture to show how the replaced brass will appear.

Another NJ Parke Line

A book found at the Allen Co Library in Ft. Wayne, IN adds new information to Parkes living in (xxxxx?) William & Mary Parke of Hunterdon Co., NJ compiled by H J Black for Halcyon Bammes McEwen (Mrs J L) of Wichita, KS, 1957.

Previously, the lineage charts for Roger Park (NJ-1678) v27p40-41, and for Rodger Park (NJ cl668) v25p32, have presented two, distinctly different families. Now we find another family that appears to have no visible connection to either of the earlier ones. The map of New Jersey v25p31 will show that these families were only a few miles apart. Roger was in Hopewell, Rodger was in Asbury, and now William is found in Lebanon, all within a circle of 25 miles.

Another interesting comparison is that Roger's family has been shown to have migrated southwest into Virginia, Rodger's into central New York State in Chemung and Schuyler Cos and William's to the midwest, mostly to Indiana.

Compared to the available records for Roger and Rodger this work has been done by a professional. Sources are 'given, wills have been 'copied, land purchases are itemized, and much misc. Parke Data found is offered as a possible aid for further researchers.

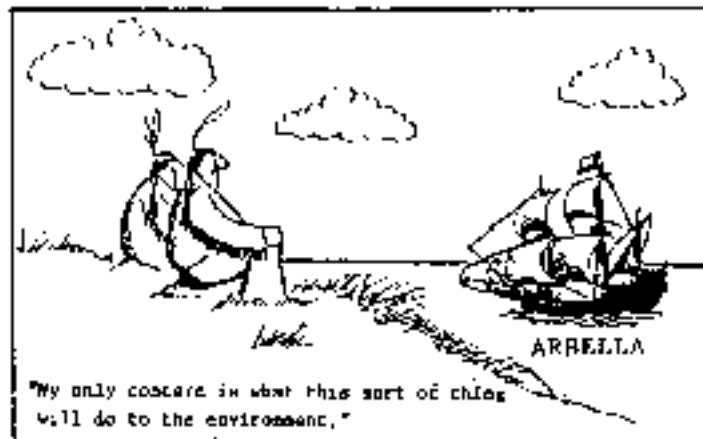
Black, the compiler,

thinks it "probable" that his William of Lebanon, Hunterdon Co "was a descendant of some branch of the Roger family. But he is aware that it can not be through Roger's son William (1711-1764) whose son William (1746-1794) served in the Revolution, m Rachel Rowland, and is well documented. (see p47)

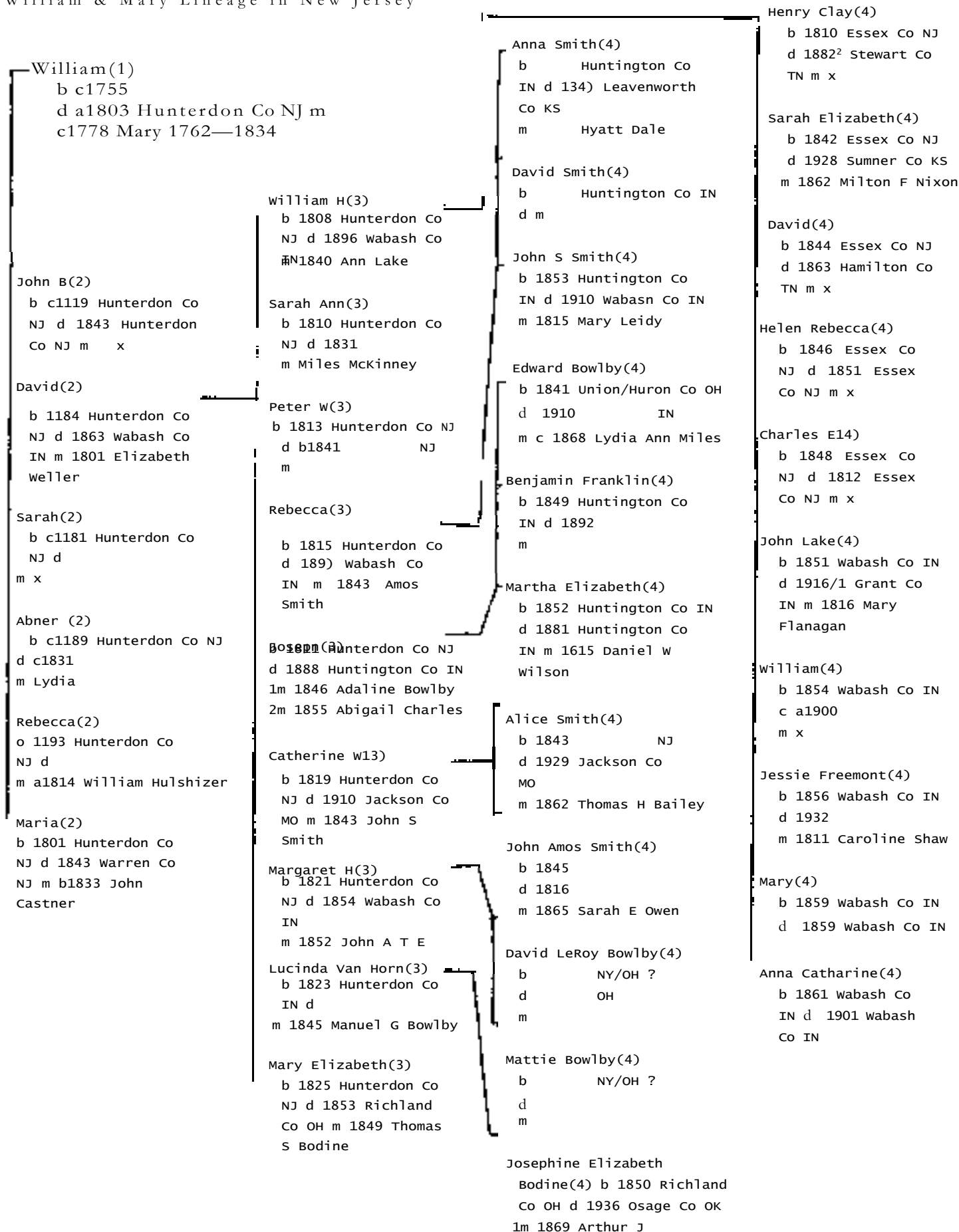
William is shown as William(1) until his parentage is discovered. He probably was born in New Jersey and is first found in Lebanon Township about the time of the Revolution. He was a cordwainer, that is, a shoemaker, a trade carried on by some of his descendants in Indiana.

Records are found in the Mansfield Woodhouse Presbyterian Church in Sussex Co. The name of the town of Mansfield is now Washington in Warren Co. There is no marriage mentioned, but several children were baptized there. Also many of the family are buried there. The Lebanon Militia in the Revolution list Alexander and James, grand-sons of Rodger, William, two Josephs, and Abner. The latter may be brothers of William as their names also appear in the same church records.

The book by researcher Black has been added to the Society's Library. It lists only the descendants of William's son David through the seventh generation.



William & Mary Lineage in New Jersey



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Rambling in New Jersey

As the Historian and Registrar, a lot of material clears my desk relating to members' lineages. Many of these papers relate to clearly established and documented immigrant lines, like Robert (MA 1630) or Richard (MA 1635). However, an increasing number of members are running into dead ends and can't trace back to their immigrant.

Of course we all hope to find that connection back to an immigrant, but that is often easier said than done. The ways this is accomplished are varied. In the past it has and still does rely on my memory and that of others who are working on similar lineage papers. In the future we will have another tool, the Givename Index. This is being prepared in a test mode. Another approach is one that hasn't been used very much to date. That is, we are grouping the loose ends in geographical locations. Then we look for patterns in names, dates or relationships that might supply a clue for further study.

In the next couple of issues I am going to offer some geographical groupings of loose-end family units for our membership to examine. If you see something that rings a bell let me know. Then together we may tie up some of these loose ends.

In these groupings, I will be using information as it was supplied to me. Each "beginning" family group will be identified by a Lineage Key. Also you will find relevant data and commentary. Contributing members will be identified by their Society Number. You can then respond to me or directly with the member. (Their address can be found on the Membership Address List) I would, of course, appreciate a copy of

anything you send to members.

In this issue we are going to revisit New Jersey. There is a lot of early activity in the "Jerseys". Unfortunately the records are not as complete as I would like. There are more, loose ends here than we can cover in one column. So this will be continued in the next issue.

Let's start with the major, or most documented lines:

ROGER (NJ 1678?) 1K1

This column has reviewed the Roger Line on four occasions - v22p14, v22p30, v24p14 and v25p30. In v26p33 there is an article concerning the possible connection of Parks in West Virginia being Roger's descendants. There are several published works about Roger, each raising many questions. His line is fraught with problems.

For now we are going to accept that there was a Roger Parke who flourished in the late 17th century, who resided in West Jersey. It is said that he was born c1638 in Hexham, Northumberland, England - that he arrived aboard "The Shield" on or about 1678. The only Parke listed on that ship was a George Parke.

This Roger is supposed to have had at least one son, whom we identify as 2K1, sometimes referred to as Dr Roger. Existence of other siblings is not known.

Our Society does not have adequate evidence to indicate that there is a relationship of Roger of West Jersey to Roger of Rye NY who appeared before 1690.

Dr Roger (2K2) was born c1664, Hexham, England, died 1755 in Hopewell, Hunterdon Co NJ, married c1685 to ? and had perhaps nine children. He was an early settler in Crosswicks just south of Trenton NJ. Primary evidence is still lacking.

His children as presently

listed are:

Sarah c1685-
John c1687-c1757
m 1703 Sarah Smith
Roger c1689-
Thomas c1691-
George c1693-
Keziah c1698-
m James Larrison
Anna 1702-
m William Merrill Jr
William 1711-1764
m Sarah Jewell
Grace 1721-1785
m Jacob Stout

Some sources omit Thomas and George, but include Jonathan, Joseph & Andrew. Thus there is not much to go on to make a valued judgement.

There has been considerable comment to the to the article in v27p33. This is covered in v28p14. As a result of much information collect, we do believe that many of the loose ends probably do have a connection to Roger. I will appreciate the many members and others working on this line sharing their comments with me.

NATHAN (NJ) 1N1

Nathan appears in Rowan Co NC in the latter half of the 18th century. An excellent compiled work has been published by Alice Crandall Park #466 on Nathan and his descendants, Park/e/s and Bunch on the Trail West, revised 1982, Gateway Press.

We believe that there were four children:

Charles c1741-1820
m Catherine E ?
Sarah c1743-a1784
m Smith
Joseph c1745-a1784
m

Richard bpt 1769-a1784 m

These children were all born in Hunterdon Co NJ, hence the belief that there may be a Roger connection. From North Carolina, this line spreads through Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and

New Jersey Information supplied by Stryker-Rodda

The following is taken from a letter to Alice Crandall Park #466 dated 8 Sep 1969 from Kenn Stryker-Rodda, DLitt, CG, FASG. He was perhaps the best authority on New Jersey genealogy in our time who has died since the letter was written.

Alice was furthering her research on Nathan Park and requested the assistance of this experienced genealogist. We quote the following:

"I list the following material merely because at some time it might furnish a clue."

New Jersey Revolutionary War records (including many not listed in the published Roster): (+ information from other sources in parentheses)

Abner Parke, blacksmith unddr Col Jacob West, Deputy Q.M. Entered service 4 Dec 1779 for 1 year. State pension rejection #7103-Henry Melnick.

Andrew Parks, Pvt. enl. 28 Nov 1775, mustered Trenton barracks 15 Jan 1776. Capt John B Scott's 6th Co, Col William Maxwell's 2nd Rgt.

Benjamin Park - 1 bushel corn for 1 2-horse team impressed 25 June 1780. Daniel Parkes, Noah, and Paul - Pvts, Gloucester Co Militia.

Daniel Parkes, Pvt, Capt Noadiah Wade's Co, Col Ephraim Martin's 4th Rgt, NJ Continental Line. Enlisted 25 Dec 1776; deserted 25 Jan 1777.

Daniel Parke, Pvt, Capt Geo Pierce, 1st Rgt, Gloucester Co, Militia. Tours in 1777 & 1778. Res. Gloucester Co, age 21. (Invalid #3630)

Elijah Park, Pvt. DeVernejoux's Troop, 2nd Rgt. Dragoons, Continental Army.

Enlisted 8 May 1777; omitted Nov 1777.

Japheth Park, Pvt, Gloucester Co. Militia. John Parks, Pvt. Capt Luse, 2nd Rgt, NJ Cont. Line. Mustered Oct 1777; dead 15 Dec 1777.

John Parks, 2nd Lt, Capt Edw. Clifford's Co. from Bethlehem, 2nd Rgt Hunterdon Co Militia; on rolls May 1777.

John Park, Pvt, Burlington Co. Militia, Col Richard Shreve's Troop of Cavalry. Oct 1782.

John Park, vol. enl. as Minute Man 19 Aug 1775, Capt Jos. Stout's Co. of Alexandria (Hunterdon Co) Col Charles Stewart.

John Parke, received cert 8 for \$103.45, continental, 16 Mar 1781, & 1.1.1 specie; interest commenced 26 Feb 1780; interest to 1 Jan 1787 0.8.6-1/2, deposited State Treasury.

Joseph Parks, Gloucester Co, Capt George Pierce's Co for Upper District, Deptford Twp. Continental Army, 5'5", slim. (b 23 Oct 1757, d 10 Sep 1844; m Nartha Ansley

Noah Parke, Pvt Gloucester Co Militia Cert. 516:13.3.9 depreciation of currency.

Thomas Parks, Pvt, Capt James Bonnet, Col Oliver Spencer. Enlisted Mar 1779; Corp. 1 Feb 1780; dead 7 Jun 1780.

Walter Parks, Sgt, Capt Daniel Piatt's Co 1st Rgt & NJ Continental Line. Enlisted 30 Oct 1775; mustered Elizabethtown barracks 11 Jan 1776; participated in Dayton's capture of Blue Mtn Valley.

William Park, 2nd Lt, Capt Joab Houghton's Co, 1st Rgt Hunterdon Militia 10 May 1777. Served at Elizabethtown under Lt Col Houghton Oct 1777 at Colt's Neck under Col Asher Holmes Apr 1780, at Elizabethtown again Jun 1780. DAR: b 24 Sep 1746 d 11 Aug 1794, m Rachel Rowland Another William, wagoner b abt 1755 d post 3 May 1803, had wife Mary.

Zebulon Parke, b 14 Jan 1757 d 4 Jul 1845
 O 89.11.27, bur Pleasant Grove, Cook twp 1832. m Jane Burris; Sgt. National pension application number S3641.

ELIJAH [1DS1]

Here is another dead ringer line that we feel must connect to Roger because of its location, Hunterdon Co NJ. Elijah was born 8 Mar 1778 in Hunterdon Co and married Sarah Conover. No further specifics are known.

Elijah had at least one son, David A born 10 Sep 1805, died 1 May 1888 in IL, m Sarah Celenda Johnson (or Johnston) 25 Feb 1850 in NJ? Their children:

Joseph Warren
 m Josephine Kearns
 James J
 m Sarah Camman
 Elijah
 m Emily

David A Jr
 m Margaret J
 Emily ?

At least the first two were born in West Jersey. This part of the family moved to Illinois. >>>>per Shirley Huff #961

JAMES, to JOHN [1HH1]

This fragment of a line is "documented" in the Archives of Northumberland Co PA, p540, hence the strange caption. The earliest antecedent is a James of which little more is stated other than his being from New Jersey. He settled in Chillisquaque Twp in Northumberland Co.

James had at least one

son, John, born c1798 who married Annie Stillson. No further dates or places noted. Their children were: Sarah, Elsie, James, Mary, J. S., Hezekiah. The family also lived in New York State. Archives is considered a 'vanity book' and so is not a quality source. No member has referenced this line, so comments should be sent to the Historian.

In the next issue we will include more New Jersey loose ends.

POJCC
[Signature]
 Tad

New Jersey Information - from page 47

Roger Parke, Quaker from Hexham, Northumberland, came to Crosswicks and thence to Hopewell, then in Hunterdon Co NJ. I examined the town records of Hopewell, finding many Runyans/Runyons, not no Charity/Gertrude (but included Bonham Runyan, dismissed 19 Apr 1794 from the Old School Baptist Church there), and the following Park/e/s: Ben, John (3 generations), Joseph, Roger (& Jr), William, Lucina, and Sarah. (11 Aug 1794 William Parks died, and on the 15th his widow Rachel, daughter of Rev John Rowling, famous Presbyterian minister.)

I have personally indexed the 44 published volumes of the GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE OF NEW JERSEY, and there is nothing in any of those volumes re Charles Park or Charity Runyon.

The files of the Hunterdon Co Historical Society yield nothing concerning either.

When I was in the Sussex Co Courthouse I examined deed and marriage records, but found no trace of either person sought.

The Hunterdon Co Militia rolls for 1792 show the following Parke men:

William in Bethlehem
Jonas, Josiah & William in Alexandria
Abner, Joseph & William in Lebanon

A Nathan Park with wife Mary deeded a piece of land situate on the side of the mountain above Jugtown (Bethlehem Twp, Hunterdon Co) to John Chambers of Bethlehem 26 Apt 1763.

The only Hunterdon Co will not in the abstracts with which you are familiar is that of Benjamin Parke of Hopewell, 1822: he had a wife Anne, but no son Charles mentioned. (3210J at Trenton)

The following Runyon wills of Hunterdon Co mention no Charity and no son-in-law Charles Park: Cornelius, 1830 (3818J); Hugh, 1823 (3286J); John, 1813 (2618J).

The 1741 freeholders list of Hopewell, Hunterdon Co gives Roger Parke, William Park, and John Parke Jr.

Married in the Zion Lutheran Church of New Germantown, Hunterdon Co (now Oldwick) 1777, Joseph Park to Mercy Beemer and McGaerschy Park to Mary Beemer 1780.

Newspaper extracts at Trenton (State Library) and at NJ Historical Society yield several Park/e/s, but all too late -

to the DAR records collected in the State of NJ show no Charles Park or Charity Runyon.

On the tax lists made in 1773, Daniel and Paul Park were listed in Greenwich Twp Gloucester Co, Sarah Parks in Greenwich Cumberland Co, John Parks with Evesham Twp Burlington Co, and John Parks in Oxford Sussex Co.

I had the opportunity to examine the records of the Rev William Frazer, a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, who acted as minister to the Church of England people of Alexandria, Ringoes, and Musconetcong, all then in Hunterdon Co NJ, from May 1768 to Oct 1772 and again after the Revolution to 1795, but without recording any baptisms during his second stint. These records are in the PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY 12:222-32 which I find few genealogists seem ever to have heard of.

On 10 May 1770 Mr Frazer baptized: Charles Park an adult married man, Bethlehem, and Ann and Samuel, children of Charles and Catharine Park.

On 9 Aug 1772, he baptized: James Park, 3rd son of Charles & Catharine It may or may not be significant that on the same day he baptized James, 6th chd of Gherstom & Alice Barnes of Bethlehem.

On 25 Dec 1768, he baptized: Micajah, Charles, Theodosia and Achsah, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th chd of Joseph & Sarah Park of Mansfield Woodhouse. (this is a section now comprehended in Washington, Warren Co NJ)

Quite obviously this Charles Park was not baptized as an infant that there is no use looking for such a ceremony. Probably the marriage was not performed by a clergyman either, as a Church of England clergyman would certainly have refused to marry unbaptized persons, just as Frazer required Charles to be baptized before his children. The marriage was probably performed by a justice of the peace - and JPs were not required to file their records with county clerks until 1795.

Nathan Parke was on the 1784 Tax List in Rowan Co NC and died in Rowan Co leaving a will proved 8 Feb 1785. He named wife Mary; son Charles, dau Sarah Smith, sons Joseph and Richard. Charles was witness; he had been on Rowan Co records since May 1775. I feel justified in thinking that Charles was the 1st child of Nathan and Mary and that the identity of "your Charles" has been solved.

signed: Ken Stryker-Rodda