

# Parke Society

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 Clearing-house for research on all Parke/s immigrants from the British Isles.

## Robert Anderson FASG Speaks on the Great Migration

by Edward Schneider #1013

We were most fortunate to have Robert Charles Anderson CG FASG FUGA as our speaker for the Symposium on Saturday morning August 6th. He shared with us in depth the Great Migration - 5000 to 7000 families - from England to New England between 1620 (Mayflower arrival) and 1643.

Mr Anderson expects to publish 3 volumes on this subject starting in 1995. His findings are based, in part, on several months of genealogical research in England covering numerous families.

The first was the Culverwell family in 1490. Nicholas Culverwell had six children, one of whom was Ezekiel, a minister who exerted great influence over the Rev John Winthrop. It was Winthrop who brought over the charter which led to an independent government in New England.

Mr Anderson said the Great Migration consisted of four groups:



Robert Anderson

1. The Mayflower contingent (106 persons) and a trickle of people from 1620 through 1627.
2. The Winthrop Fleet (17 vessels, about 700 people) and a few ships each year brought over by the Massachusetts Bay Co between 1628 and 1632.
3. An explosion of migration (15,000 people - 3/4ths of the Gt Migration) from 1633 to 1643 when William Laud, Bishop of London, became Archbishop of Canterbury. He made life hard for dissenters including the Puritans and Calvinists.
4. Fishermen and people in trouble (sharpies), 2,000 to 3,000 in number, many of whom were sent back to England where they denounced New Englanders (sour grapes).

Political and military changes were taking place in England under Queen Elizabeth and her successor, King James. Mr Anderson discussed the economic and religious strands affecting the New England settlement. Puritanism attracted the upper middle class; wealthy merchants, tradesmen, artisans, yeomen in rural areas (freeholders and husbandmen).

For 15 to 20 years Puritan ministers were suppressed and the Separatist churches had a hard time. William Laud organized this suppression.

The Great Migration was led by the affluent, upper middle class whose leaders were religiously motivated. Many families, connected with each other, came to New England in a chain migration over a period of years. Many were not Separatists when they left England. (Many Puritans stayed within the Church of England.)

Mr Anderson named many of the ministers and other leaders who were influential in the migration and in New England affairs. These included:

- the Rev Richard Bernard,
- the Rev Ezekiel Culverwell,
- the Rev John Winthrop,
- the Rev Stephen Batchelor,
- the Rev John Lathrop,
- the Rev Richard Brown,
- Ann Hutchinson,
- William & John Hunting,
- the Rev William Greenhill,
- the Rev John Wright,
- Isaac Johnston,
- Roger Conant,
- the Rev Thomas Stoughten,
- the Rev Ralph Cudworth,

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## In Memory

Janet Mary Sturgis Snyder #366, the foremost Michigan researcher of the Society, was expected to attend our Convocation last year in Southgate MI. She died that April and was sorely missed. Somehow her obit was missed in following Newsletters.

She was the gt gt granddaughter of Smith(7) who came to Michigan in 1825. [from Robert MA1630, Thomas(2), Nathaniel(3), Joseph(4), Smith(5,6,7,8), Lucinda(9) m Henry Havens, Richard Havens, to her parents Ivah Pearl Havens m Ray Lewis Sturgis]

When only 7 Janet's parents died of pneumonia leaving her and her sister orphans. They were adopted into the Edward Rossow family and received their early schooling in Fowler, a community 20 miles northwest of Lansing.

She later graduated from the Lansing Community College with a degree in Property Valuation & Assessment Administration. For the next 32 years she worked for the City of Lansing, the last five as Real Estate Tax Appraiser.

In 1961 Janet married Donald Eugene Snyder, then a heavy press operator with Olds Division of GM. A few years later they bought a 70 acre farm in nearby St Johns and operated it in their "spare time"! They also found time to sightsee most of the North American continent.

Janet was active in the DAR and researched her family history in Michigan stretching well over 150 years. Her application to the Parke Society was complete in every detail with copies of birth, marriage and death records



Janet Snyder

for several generations, census tabulations, news clippings and pictures.

In 1984, following retirement, she became the Society's Secretary, a job she handled well for four years. More recently she supplied much material for the Newsletter including the story of Chief Jim Fisher ne Peter Parks. (see v25p32) (see also v30 p1 & 17 for story of Parks in Michigan)

Word has been received of the death of Helen Bowman Park #552, on the 4th of July at Newville PA. She was the wife of Wilfred Orrin Park who died in 1971, a Society member long before numbers were issued. She was born in Athens PA 11 Mar 1898 and is buried with her husband at the Tioga Pt Cemetery in Athens.

Helen was the daughter of Curtis and Mary (Wheaton) Bowman, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Athens, and the DAR. She graduated from Penn State Univ. and taught school in Virginia, Ohio and in Sayre. She married Wilfred at

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Marblehead MA
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- 1156 Mrs Dawn D Lasko  
Sparta MI
- 1157 Mrs Helen M McCarthy  
Woodstock VT
- 1158 Robert Hubert Parke  
San Antonio TX
- 1159 Larry E Martindale  
Northridge CA
- 1160 Mrs Eleanor F Ball  
Mt Kisko NY
- 1161 Ms Connie M Heasman  
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- 1163 Robert E Fuller  
Alden NY
- 1164 William S Tilley  
Olympia WA
- 1165 Kenneth D Hershberger  
Baltimore MD
- 1166L Curtis H Parks  
Ijamsville MD
- 1167 Kenneth E Park  
Urbana IL
- 1168 Mrs Gail M Walczyk  
Coram NY

Litchfield PA in 1953.

Wilfred was a descendant of Robert MA1630, thru Thomas(2,3,4), Josiah(5), Thomas(6), James Nesbitt(7), Orrin James(8), to his father Albert Mansfield(9).

Word has been received concerning the death of Edward Plummer Parkes Jr on  
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## 1994 Convocation well attended

The Convocation this year being near Wethersfield CT, the emphasis was on Robert Parke (MA 1630) who settled there in 1639. As usual all 9 Regions were well represented during the three day event August 4 to 7. Several members arrived early to take advantage of research in the area.

The Friday tour made its first stop at Leffingwell

Inn in Norwich opened in 1701 by Thomas Leffingwell, a founder of the town. He had acquired the land from the Mohegan Indians. His daughter Rachel married Robert (3) son of Thomas (2). 71 members are descendants including our President!

We then drove through Preston, founded by Thomas (2) and stopped at the Avery Cemetery where many Parkes

are buried. On the way to Mystic we passed Foxwoods, the Mashantucket Pequot tribe's enormously successful casino complex. It is billed as the largest in the Western Hemisphere. Evidently the skirmish with the Pequot Indians in 1637 didn't obliterate them completely! We didn't stop there.

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left to right: Registrar Isaac, VP Reisler, Trustee Bob Parke, Secy Callahan, Historian Tad Parks, President Orem, Trustee Larry Parks, Trustee McCollum, Trustee Jim Park, Trustee Scott Park, Librarian Jean Churchill.

### Convocation Director Jeanne Reisler comments:

A big "thank you" to all who attended this year's Convocation. It was great to see the big turnout. I do hope we have as many, or even more at next year's meeting in Denver Aug 3-6.

The rain Friday afternoon did not help those who were at Mystic Village. My car load by-passed Mystic, went over to New London, saw the Old Mill and churches, then back to Preston City to take pictures of the Separatist Church sign, a few feet off the road. Also we found the sign that tells about Thomas (2) settling there.

On our way back to Rocky Hill, we stopped in Norwich to see the Egertons [from Robert thru Thomas, Nathaniel and Phebe (Beman)].

Next year's Motel will have an elevator and free transportation from the

airport. There are problems at the new Denver Airport, but that should be cleared up soon.

The Best Western LandMark Motel is close to shopping areas and one has an old books store. It's not far from downtown. I understand the Library is very good. There is also the Military Archives Building for your research.

There will be a trip to Colorado Springs on Thursday for those arriving early. Cars will be available. On Friday morning we will have a brief historic tour of Denver. The rest of the day will be open. The high altitude climate may take some "getting used to".

Any suggestions for the date of the 1996 Convocation in Florida will be appreciated. Not summer!

### Mark Your Calendar

1995 CONVOCATION

August 3 to 6

Best Western Land Mark  
Conference Center  
Denver, Colorado

1996 CONVOCATION

Florida

## Peter Park ancestry

At last we may have a clue to the parentage of Peter Park, the ancestor of the Society's founder Ruby Parke Anderson. One of our Library books, Scotch Irish Pioneers in Ulster and America by Charles Knowles Bolton on p112-5, has: "Presbyterian ministers who came from Ireland in 1718 were the Rev John McKinstry to Sutton MA and Ellington (NE of Hartford CT), the Rev James Hillhouse to New London and the Rev Samuel Dorrance to Voluntown CT."

Of special interest is the latter, Samuel Dorrance. He settled in Sterling, then a northern part of Voluntown bringing with him several brothers and friends who became leaders in the community. He was ordained in 1723. Among those who signed the Westminster Confession were John Parke, Robert Parke and Patrick Parke.

Voluntown is between Preston, founded by Thomas, son of Robert (MA 1630), and the eastern CT border with Rhode Is. and perhaps 15 miles north of Stonington.

Peter Parke is believed to have come from Scotland, by way of Ulster c1747. Since he settled in that area it seems possible that he may have a connection with the Parkes in Voluntown. Based on his children's birth dates he was born about 1725, a generation after those mentioned above.

To date, nothing has been found to link Peter to the Robert line that had settled first in New London c1647, then Mystic and Preston before 1700. It must be noted however that none of Peter's 10 children had the three Parke names of the Voluntown Parkes. Further study must be made of this Presbyterian parish records, if they can be found. (Also see Larned's Windham County CT, vol 1 p250).

## Genealogical Writing: Exposition vs Narrative

by Percival D. Park #140

The family historian faces no task more important than that of writing his or her material in a form useable by others. Nothing is more sad, genealogically speaking, than for a person to spend 40 years gathering information, only to have it discarded by the succeeding generation as an unintelligible mishmash of scribbling on scraps of paper and document margins.

The family group sheet and lineage chart provide a reliable antidote to the above problem; and for the computer literate, many genealogy programs offer the same convenience. However, once we have thus organized our material, with citation of sources, what then? Future generations are unlikely to have much interest in mere lists of names and dates. Can we present the material in a more palatable form?

Lawrence P. Gouldrup, a teacher of creative writing, has prepared a very readable textbook showing, with many entertaining examples, exactly how this may be done (Writing the Family Narrative, Ancestry, Inc., 1987, ISBN 0-916489-27-2, \$10.95).

Noting that family stories have sometimes been effectively presented in the forms of poetry and drama, Gouldrup explains that most family history is written as exposition or as narrative. The exposition begins with a controlling idea or thesis, which the writer seeks to prove by presenting supporting facts organized under a series of subordinate ideas or topic sentences. While the focus is clearly on a family, the text may include description and analysis of the political, cultural, social, and economic conditions under which family members lives. This is family history as term paper.

Much more challenging and controversial is the narrative approach. Admirable though the expository paper may be from a scholarly viewpoint, many readers will find it to be as dry as dead bones. The narrative account may bring those bones to life. But the narrative is deceptively simple, just "a story about a family or about a person in a family setting," setting forth "a series of events leading to some kind of resolution." (Gouldrup, p. 6.)

Narrative requires a creative leap which many genealogists may be reluctant to take. The narrator evaluates life's events in terms of their emotional intensity, using the same tools of character development and plot construction that are familiar to the novelist or short story writer. Ultimately, the work may involve putting words in one's subjects' mouths, creating for them thoughts and dialogue which the writer believes could have been theirs, but for which there is no documented evidence. The purpose is to serve the spirit if not the letter of the truth.

Gouldrup does make clear that the genealogical writer should thoroughly master expository techniques before venturing into narrative. He suggests that the amateur "will probably want to avoid straying too far from the historical facts." (Id., p. xii.) The present writer will say it more strongly. We can all admire, for example, Alex Haley's splendid achievement in Roots; and we should all have the humility to realize that we are unlikely to emulate him successfully. For the great majority of us, including this writer, the best rules are, stick to the facts, and identify all sources! But for the rare creative spirit with enough intellectual discipline, the narrative format may offer a great opportunity.

## Dana Parks Jr Memorial Circulating Library

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It has been a busy time here at the Library since the decision was made to reorganize. The new book list will be alphabetically by author. Park/e/s and related family manuscripts will be categorized under the appropriate ancestor, which may or may not be the emigrant. I want to use the Dewey Decimal System, where ever possible to classify our other books. I plan to have this completed by next summer.

The following books have been added to the Library:

Morton, Andrew  
Diana, Her True Story

This true biography of the Princess of Wales (a descendant of Robert (MA1630) is rather sad. Diana thought she had found her 'Prince Charming', but instead she has found herself in a hopeless situation with a husband who only married out of necessity in order to provide a suitable heir to the throne. He has been jealous of the public adoration of Diana. It is difficult to see how she will ever be able to have a satisfying life of her own unless there is a divorce. This is particularly true

since Charles has chosen to go public with his intimate biography.

Marshall, James H (compiler)  
Abstracts of the Wills and Administrations of Northampton Co VA 1632-1802

This book, published in July 1994, has a Place Name and misc Index, a Key to Unusual Names, Index to Negroes & Indians, and a Main Surname Index. There is a Historical Chronology at the front of the book.

The will of Charles Parkes, blacksmith 1694 is given. There are other references to Park/e/s including Perkes & Perks. This book should be helpful to anyone with ancestors living in this county during the time period mentioned.

Gum, Nell Park (compiler)  
Park of Kentucky 1747-1929

This is an indexed copy of the genealogy of Ebenezer Park born VA 1747 m Tabitha Mills [now believed to be from Roger (NJ 1682), thru John(2) (3)]. This has biographical sketches of descendants of Ebenezer, a pioneer in Madison Co KY, with brief mention of the following allied families: Benton, Boian, Campbell, Chenault, Clark, Cobb, Covington, Dillingham, Duncan, Elliott, Gum, Henderson, Hume, Jacobs, Keller, Kidwell, Rayburn,

Scrivner, Wagers, & Wilson.

Park, Evelyn Potter (editor)  
Family Bible of Charles S Parke (1789-1847) showing the Family of his parents Timothy Park (1740-1832) m Esther Shipton (1753-1843)

The Family Record pages, copied from the Bible are followed by typewritten notes by Mrs Park (#565). [Now believed to be from Roger (NJ 1682) thru John(2) (3) by our Lineage Leaders]

These notes are helpful, especially where the writing in the Bible is difficult to decipher. Charles purchased the Bible in 1818. By checking birth dates, one can follow different family members as they moved from KY to OH, IL, CO, NM & NE.

Parke, N Grier II (compiler)  
The Ancestry of the Rev Nathan Grier Parke & His Wife Ann Elizabeth Gildersleeve

This 146p copy pub. 1959 at Woodstock VT is indexed. The author's grandfather is a desc. of Arthur (PA1730) thru John(2), Joseph(3), Samuel(4), Nathan Grier(5).

This book is interesting to read because it gives historical background information along with the genealogy. There is an excellent Table of Contents giving all the surnames mentioned in the book.

### Queries

Need ancestry of JOSEPH PARK b c1800 MD - d 5 Oct 1838 PA, m ANNIE BEAVER c1822. Ch: George, Anthony, Joseph, Alexander, Samuel, James, Anna.

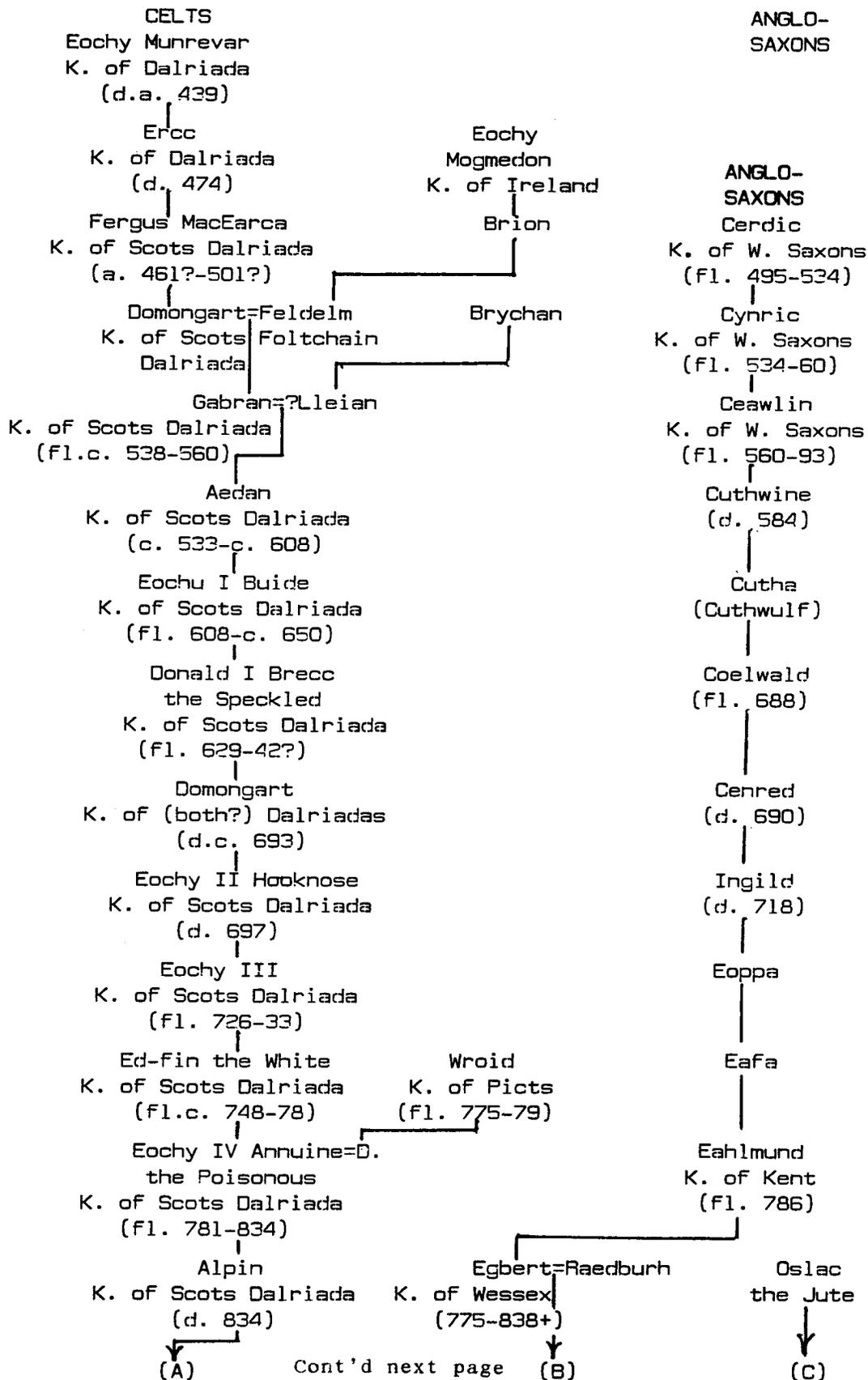
Samuel G Park #435  
PO Box 56  
Soulsbyville CA 95372

Seeking parents and siblings of ELIZABETH PARK/E/S (1752- a1809) m 8 Nov 1770 Orange Co NC to JESSE NEVILLE. Children all b Orange Co: Goodwin (female), Cynthia, Elizabeth, Solomon, Benjamin Jesse II, Goodman, Cynthia Aris, Wiley Whitley, Samuel

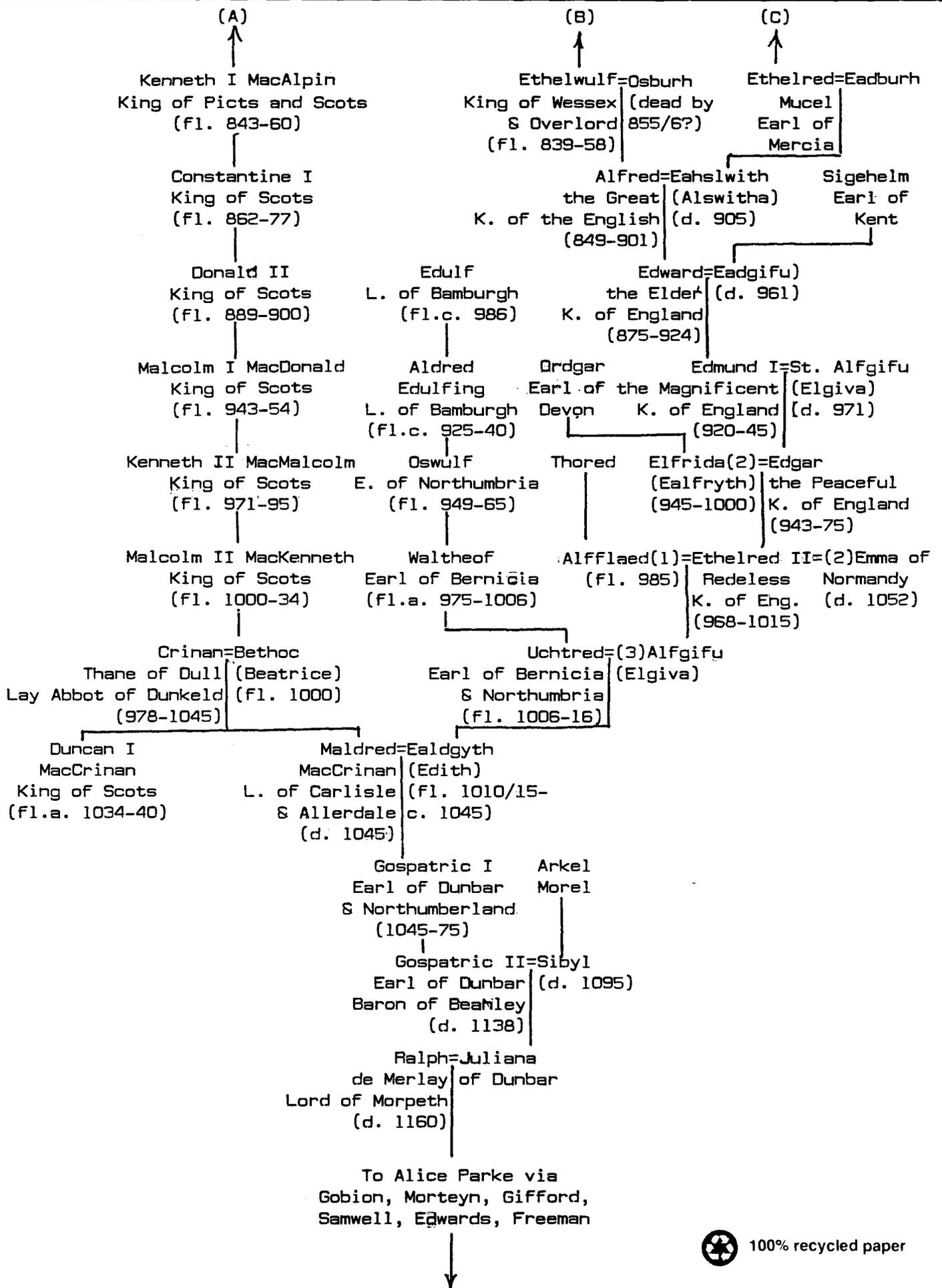
Parke, Selah. Could her father have been Samuel? Given name Samuel Parks appears in later generations Mrs Eleanor M Worley #1020 4339 Patrick Rd Sunbury OH 43074-9708 (614/965-3504)

## Scot and Sassenach: Alice Parke's Early British Forebears

William G Cook #66



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.



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It might be of interest to note that the Pequot tribe has recently made the largest cash donation of \$10 million to the Smithsonian Institution. This will go toward the National Museum of the American Indian to be opened in 2001.

In Mystic we stopped at the memorial to Robert Parke in the Whitehall Cemetery followed by lunch. The next two hours were spent at the Mystic Seaport before boarding the bus and cars back to the Howard Johnson Lodge in Rocky Hill.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was brief and supported by two open meetings of the Trustees were lead by President Lyle G Orem. The research materials and many Library books were available for research during the three days.

The Saturday morning Symposium, led by Robert C Anderson FASG, gave a very interesting description of the Great Migration to New England from 1620 to 1643. In the afternoon many



Tour stop at the Avery Cemetery in Preston CT

members had the opportunity to visit Old Wethersfield.

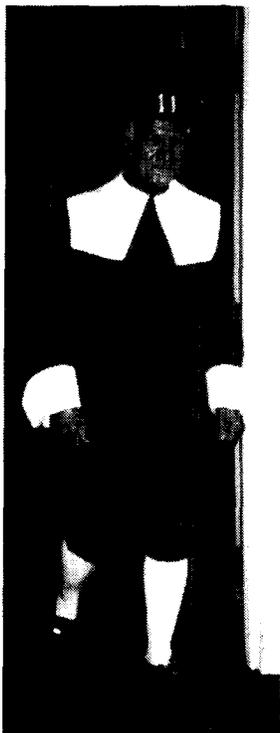
Following the banquet, that evening, a graphic talk was presented by "immigrant Robert Parke" (portrayed by Newsletter Editor David Parke in costume) sharing some of his memories of earlier years. He told of serving as Secretary to Governor Winthrop prior and during the voyage to New England on the "Arbella" and the decision to return to England that fall of 1630 to arrange for further supplies. He pointed out that he believed their self-government far superior to conditions then in England (1652). The King had been put to death as well as the

Archbishop of Canterbury. [copies of the talk are available from the Editor for \$1 post paid]

On Sunday morning members attended the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield. It stands on the site of the Meeting House of the mid 1600s. The present Church, restored to its Colonial appearance, is considered one of New England's finest.

A 36 page booklet has been prepared about Robert Parke (MA 1630) bringing together much that has appeared in the Newsletter over the past 20 years, plus additional background comments about conditions in England during the lifetime

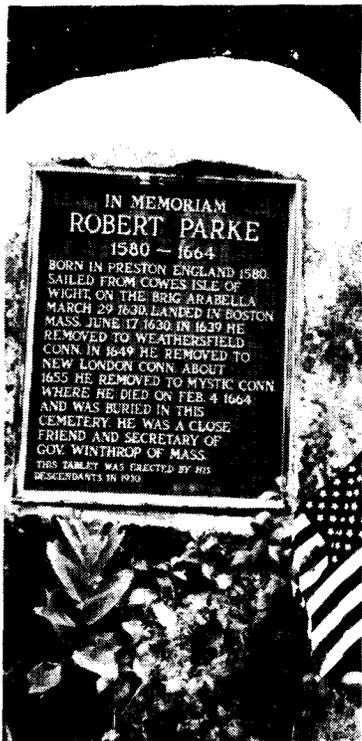
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"Robert Parke, banquet speaker"



The Kilpatricks, Dr Julia, Mrs Joan, Ms Julia Ann, Mrs Margaret



Robert Parke descendants visit the Whitehall Cemetery in Mystic CT to see Memorial Tablet.

of Robert. You may order copies from the Newsletter Editor for \$5 postpaid.

Copies of his "talk" in Wethersfield during the recent Convocation are also available for \$1 postpaid. Also available is a talk by Jeanne Reisler concerning The Great Migration. \$1 PP

Anderson: from page 33

John Page,  
John Livermore,  
the Rev John Elliott,  
the Rev Thomas Hooker,  
and the Rev William Wooster

Of special interest to our Society was Robert Parke who came over in 1630, serving as Secretary to the

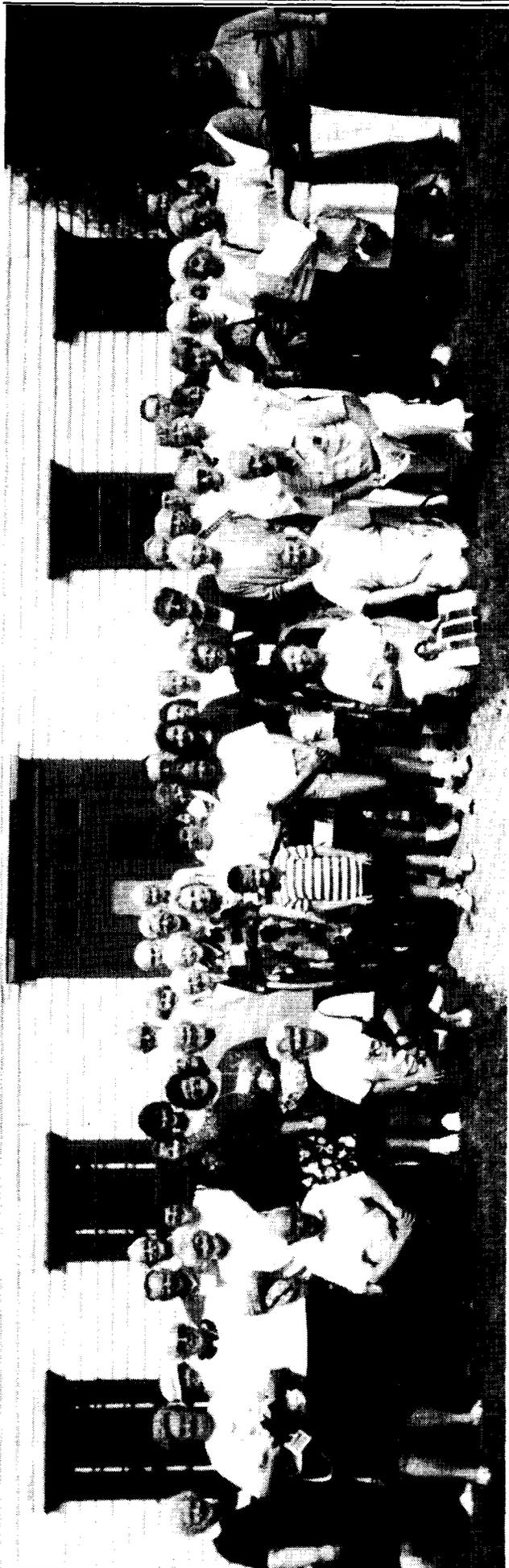
Governor. He was sent back to England by Gov Winthrop with a Bill of Exchange to Winthrop's son who was to arrange for desperately needed food and supplies. This was precipitated by the conditions found in Salem when the 1630 fleet arrived in Salem MA.



Eunice Bernard, Adele Orem, Marion Williams and President Lyle Orem



Cora Reid, Marion Parks, Viola Moon, Historian Tad Parks, Scott Park



The following is a list of those who attended the 31st Convocation of the Parke Society held at the Howard Johnson Lodge in Rocky Hill CT August 4th to 7th. The picture on this page was taken at the Leffingwell Inn during the first stop at Norwich on the tour.

- Anthony, Mrs Blanche #276 Norfolk VA
- Bernard, Mrs Eunice #764 Prineville OR
- Bensley, Mrs Mildred(mother of Mrs Churchill)
- Bracken, Mr & Mrs Curt #1021 Norfolk VA
- Callahan, Mrs Arliene #396 Schenectady NY
- Churchill, Mr & Mrs Norman#934 Shillington PA
- Condry, Mrs Ray P #759 Angleton TX
- Fairfield, The Rev & Mrs Leslie #61 Fargo ND
- Gilman, Ms Dorothy E #936 Jamaica Plain MA
- Hupper, Mrs Cynthia L #182 Marlborough MA
- Isaac, Mr & Mrs Robert #825 Clarks Summit PA
- Jaquette, Ms Martha (guest of Ed Schneider)
- Kilpatrick, Mrs Margaret #327 Ft Loudon PA
- Kilpatrick, Dr Julia #771 New Eagle PA
- Kilpatrick, Ms Julia Ann #1143 New Eagle PA
- Kilpatrick, Mrs Joan M #1142 New Eagle PA
- Kneubuhler, Mrs Betty M #867 Bellflower MO
- Krueger, Ms Bessie (guest of Marion Williams)
- Knuetson, Ms Helen (guest of Marion Williams)
- Lindahl, Ms Lovena (guest of Marjorie Ward)
- McCollum, Mr & Mrs Oscar #717 Glenwood Spr CO
- Merrill, Mrs Thelma #954 Harpursville NY
- Moon, Mrs Viola (sister of Cora Reid)
- Orem, Mr & Mrs Lyle G #606 Bend OR
- Park, Mrs Erma A #171 Ripley NY
- Park, Mr James C #923 Syracuse NY
- Park, Mrs Marjorie J #941 Sherman NY
- Park, Mr Russel C #772 Syracuse NY
- Park, Mr & Mrs W Scott #264 Danbury CT
- Parke, Mr & Mrs David C #52 Leicester MA
- Parke, Mr & Mrs David L #13 #14 Reading PA
- Parke, The Rev & Mrs John #62 Springfield MA
- Parke, Miss Priscilla C #41 Amherst MA
- Parke, Mr & Mrs Robert L #755 St Cloud FL
- Parks, Ms Cecilia #1024 DeWitt MI
- Parks, Ms Cindy #746 Lansing MI
- Parks, Ms Kathy (guest of Dr Larry Parks)
- Parks, Dr & Mrs Larry C #243 Thousand Oaks CA
- Parks, Ms Marion E #419 Bancroft ONT
- Parks, Mr Theodore E #425 Milwaukee WI
- Poole, Mrs Nancy T #67 Norwich CT
- Pridmore, Mrs Margaret #210 Wallaceburg ONT
- Reid, Mrs Cora #231 Enterprise ONT
- Reinholm, Mrs Virginia #942 Los Angeles CA
- Reisler, Ms Jeanne I #514 Toledo OH
- Ried, Mrs Geraldine C #726 Oak Harbor WA
- Schneider, Mr Edward W #1013 Arlington VA
- Scott, Mr & Mrs James W #1022 Woodland CA
- Sharp, Mrs Janette M #919 Georgetown TX
- Trower, Mrs Mary Lee #965 Copperas Cove TX
- Vaughan, Ms Grace E #720 Oscoda MI
- Vellema, Mrs Grace M #680 Kansas City MO
- Ward, Mrs Marjorie #1112 Gaylord MI
- Williams, Mrs Marion E #621 Silver City NM

## Eastern Shore Parks (part 2)

Gail Walczyk #1168

This article continues the story of Parks of the Chesapeake Bay, started on page 1 earlier this year.

The Parks Family of the Chesapeake began to move up the Delmarva Peninsula early in the 1700s when on 21 August 1718, Arthur Parks, the son of John (by his 1st wife), and Thomas Summers purchased land on Smith's Island from John Caldwell of Somerset Co (MD).<sup>1</sup>

Caldwell was the attorney for John Smith of Sussex Co DE, grandson and heir-at-law of Capt Henry Smith. The land, containing 150 acres, was known as Hogg Neck.<sup>2</sup> Although the boundary line between Maryland and Virginia has been moved several times, the boundary line on Hogg Neck has remained about the same.<sup>3</sup>

Arthur Parks was about 40 when he purchased this land. This fact was noted in an ejectment suit that he brought 26 Aug 1740 against his two half brothers, Edmund Bailey and William for land belonging to his father. Arthur stated that he was upwards of 30 years of age when his father died. He had always resided near the line between the Colony of Virginia and the Province of Maryland. Living in Maryland he frequently came to Virginia to transact business.<sup>4</sup>

The suit concerned 200 acres that his step mother Mary Parks, then a widow, made over to her sons William and Edmund Bailey. Her daughters Mary and Sarah were to have privileges in and upon it so long as they remained in the state.<sup>5</sup>

The deed stated that the land was purchased from Charles Scarborough dec'd, but he died before fully paying for it. On 25 Feb 1740/41 it was decreed and ordered that the brothers deliver possession of the land to

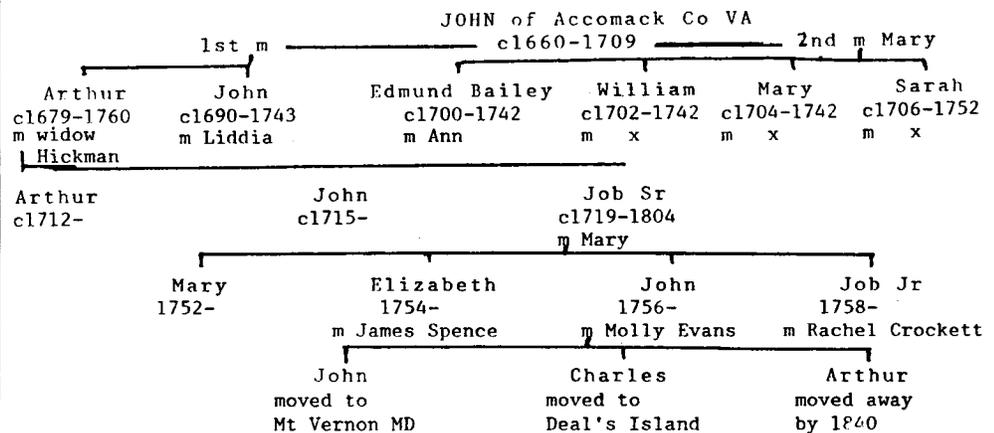
Arthur.<sup>6</sup>

Arthur had married the widow of Richard Hickman prior to 7 Jun 1705 when he petitioned the court to administer her husband's estate.<sup>7</sup> On 2 Aug 1760 Arthur's will was probated. He left all of "Hogg Neck" on Smith's Is to his youngest son Job. The known children were Arthur, John and Job.<sup>8</sup>

Not too much is known of Job. He did not leave much of a "paper trail". Except for a deed dated 14 Mar 1796 selling his son John his land on Smith's Is,<sup>9</sup> and a will probated 16 May 1804. He mentioned a wife Mary to whom he bequeathed "all my movable estate on Davis Quarter for life".<sup>10</sup> His known children were Mary,<sup>11</sup> Elizabeth, John, and Job Jr.<sup>12</sup>

John, son of Job Sr, had earlier bought the Virginia part of Hogg Neck from John Custis Wilson.<sup>14</sup> This tract contained 902 acres. Thus he owned land on both sides of the state line when he purchased the Maryland tract from his father. John had at least three children,<sup>15</sup> 16 John, Charles and Arthur. Each of them left Smith's Is so that in 1840 there were no Parks left on the island.

- 1 Somerset County Deed Book EF 5 p183  
Princess Anne, MD
- 2 ibid. Somerset County Deed Book EF 5
- 3 US Dept of the Interior Geographical Survey. Ewell Quad Maryland-Virginia 7.5 Minute Series 1986
- 4 Accomack County VA Orders 1737-1744  
p287. Accomac, VA
- 5 Accomack County VA Deeds 1692-1715 Pt3  
p246. Accomac, VA
- 6 op. cit. Accomack County Orders 1737-1744. p313
- 7 Accomack County VA Orders 1703-1709  
p51. Accomac, VA
- 8 Somerset County MD Wills EB 4 & 14  
p75. Princess Anne, MD
- 9 Somerset County MD Deed Book 0-31  
p337. Princess Anne, MD
- 10 Somerset County Wills EB 23  
p83. Princess Anne, MD
- 11 Coventry Parish Church Records
- 12 Walczyk, Gale M. Report and Journal of Proceedings of the Joint Commission to Adjust the Boundary of the States of Maryland and Virginia: Deposition of Witnesses (Coram NY; the author 1992)
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Copy in Accomack Co Public Library.
- 14 Accomack County VA Deeds 1793-1797  
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## Scout Project puts Park Family on the Map

Park Author sparks  
Interest in Ancestry

Heather Burney, daughter of Elaine Park Burney #914, was among those attending a Park family reunion in Zepherhills FL where she was designated the family historian. (see v29p19)

Earlier she visited the birthplace of Juliette Low in Savannah GA, the founder of Girl Scouts USA. She found that she and Juliette were both descendants of a Henry Wolcott, the immigrant ancestor of Etta Wolcott Park, author of A Story For My Children. This book told of Silas Wolcott, one of George Washington's body guards at Valley Forge. After the war he built a log cabin in Bradford Co PA where Etta was born. The book gave evidence that she belonged to a very large family, and being a Girl Scout and "cousin" Juliette aroused her interest in family history.

She was inspired to take on a big project to fulfill a requirement for her Girl Scout Challenge. This entailed her locating the many descendants of Burton and Etta (Wolcott) Park who were her gt gt grandparents. Burt and Etta were the parents of 14 children. So far she has gathered 181 family members living in 19 states and Mexico.

The project is entitled "Burt & Etta, Do You Know Where Your Children Are?"

It gives a quick overview of where the family members live. All this is shown on a map with little flags.

Heather has found addresses, written letters to each family, and recorded their responses. During the process she was delighted to find a cousin attending the nearby University of Florida in Gainesville. To get acquainted, they and other family members had lunch together. She reports that this has truly been a rewarding "treasure hunt", both for her and her large family.

Heather plans to continue with her project, keeping it current by adding more names as they are discovered.

(Ed: It is hoped that Heather will soon have a membership number of her own and will become active in the Parke Society. The above story brings to mind a time when I was writing letters to relatives for family records. One respondent came back with a curt letter saying that this was all "a waste of time". Rather than becoming irritated, I wrote him that when the family records were published I would place his letter in the space where his family would have appeared. The requested records were received within 10 days!)

Nettie Ruth Wolcott Park deserves much recognition for the family history she has provided and for arousing interest in family research. In other articles in this issue you will find reference to a book A Story for my Children by her mother Etta Lenora Wolcott,



NETTIE W. PARK

a fine presentation of family life in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Had it not been for Nettie this manuscript might never have been published. It was she who realized its importance by editing and preparing it for printing.

Nettie was the sixth

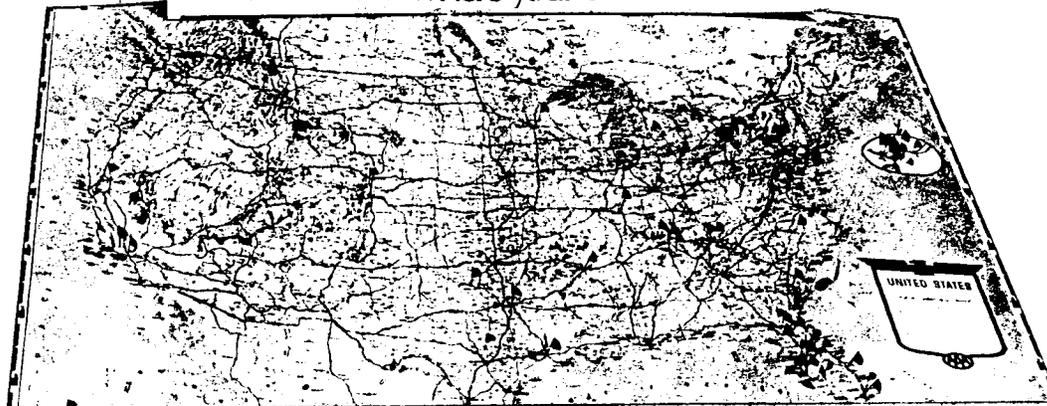
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## Burt and Etta!

Do you know where your children are?



Heather Burney



## Ancestral Interest starts early

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child of fourteen. The first eight were born in Millbrook, Mecosta Co MI where Nettie was born 26 Feb 1890. The Wolcott family had come to Michigan in 1866.

Etta's father was a preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. That profession obviously would not support what grew to a family of 14 children. "On the side" he operated a lumber mill, was Justice of the Peace, Road Commissioner School Director, and a farmer. At 14 Etta had achieved a teaching certificate.

Nettie's father, Burton William Park, at 20, had come to Michigan when his father, Avery, purchased forty acres and built a home. Avery had made the move in the 1879 when hard times fell upon his family in Athens PA. It was in Millbrook that Burt became a lumberman, met Etta Wolcott and was married in 1881. In 1895 his family now with eight children moved back to Cole Hill, Bradford Co PA.

Nettie, even at the age of six, must have been called on to help her mother with the younger children. She later moved to New York City where she became an authority on early American prints, working at the "Old Print Shop" for many years.

Following her retirement she moved back to Nichols NY just north of the line from Bradford Co PA, where she lived with her brother Bruce and his family. Upon his death she settled in Waverly.

A hobby during her time in New York was writing children's books. One, written in 1946, was Mehitabel, Girl Pioneer. Before returning to these, Nettie evidently came across her mother's manuscript, A Story For My Children. This she published in 1968. She died 19 Sep 1973 and is buried in Nichols Cemetery.



Class hearing story by Nettie Park

Miss Wainwright's third grade class in Lake City FL recently enjoyed the book, Mehitabel, Girl Pioneer by Nettie Park [10th gen. from Robert(MA 1630)]. One of the students, Jacque Park, d/o Stephen #312, discovered the book at home, read it, and then took it to school to share with the class. Her teacher read a chapter a day to the children. Nettie's "cliffhangers" at the end of each chapter kept the class anxiously awaiting the next day's session.

When the last chapter was finished, Jacque's grandmother talked to the class and shared her memories of the author. (She was also a teacher at the school and daughter-in-law of Nettie's brother Bruce Edward Park).

The children asked many questions about the story and especially wanted to know about Nettie's life. They were intrigued by her use of the local dialect of the area in which the story took place.

On display were Mehitabel dolls that Nettie had used to promote her book following its publication in

1946. The dolls were dressed in the original period clothing, made by Eva Suiter Park, wife of Bruce Edward and gt grandmother of Jacque. (see Park lineage below). The book is available in the Society's Library B-M4)

Robert (MA 1630), Thomas(2)  
(3)(4), Josiah(5), Thomas(6)  
(7), Avery(8) to:

Burton William(9)1859-1921

m Etta Lenora Wolcott

|  
Nettie Ruth Wolcott(10)

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Bruce Edward(10) 1896-1966

m Eva Suiter

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Alden Wolcott(11)

m Evelyn Haner

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Elaine Marie(12) #914

| m L Howard Burney

|  
Heather Burney(13)

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Steven Wolcott(12) #312

| m Tricia Walton

|  
Jacque Jeremy(13)

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An incessant rhythm exists in our world and in our lives. As the seasons come and go, so does our life move from youth to adulthood and into the senior years. I enjoy this every changing seasonal pattern (they being much more noticeable here in Wisconsin, than say, in Arizona). They keep me from being bored with the weather, and serve as a constant reminder that not all things will remain the same.

And as I prepare for winter by putting down the flower beds, hanging the storms and in general closing up for the year; so also I need to be preparing for the fall and winter of my life.

Unfortunately, to many people put off that important task, there by leaving a lot of puzzled survivors. Decisions will be made, that may not have been the real desire of the decedent. But without instructions, what are the heirs to do?

It would be safe to state, that to each of us, our genealogical work is very important. We probably have spent hundreds of hours, if not dollars, writing letters, collecting documents and all the other things that go into "doing" genealogy. For many of us, this is a BIG investment of our time and ourselves. The question I ask here is, what will happen to our work, when something happens to us?

I know all too many horror stories about how "Aunt Mabel's" family history stuff was tossed out with the trash, basically because no one realized just how important it was to her, or perhaps to others in the family. In the "settling of affairs" mode, genealogical

work papers are not usually viewed as an important asset. At least to those who get the task of "cleaning out" the residence.

But it is important to us. So shouldn't we be doing something to protect our work, to convey it to someone who will find it useful, and will hopefully continue our work? I think so, and sooner rather than later.

What is needed is some sort of a "Genealogical Executor". Someone not dissimilar to the Literary or Artistic Executors who get appointed to look after the cultural assets of authors and composers after their demise. This is a practical thing that can be easily arranged, without any additional cost, and it will give you the comfort and piece of mind knowing that your work and efforts will not be for naught.

I tell my clients, incessantly it seems, that they should be making arrangements for the eventualities. All of us should have a will, durable power of attorney, living will. These are all legal documents that should be drawn up with the help of the appropriate legal and accounting/tax counsel.

But there is another document which should be available to your successor. That may be your "to be appointed" executor or personal representative. Or it may be someone else who you are close to and to whom will fall the immediate tasks upon your demise. This is The Instructions. Mind you, this document does not replace (or alter the provisions of) the documents previously mentioned.

I have a set of Instructions. They cover a multitude of items, and tasks that need to be handled following my demise, and before anyone gets around to filing the will

and all that jazz. There is really nothing in The Instructions which would materially affect the probatable estate, but it does answer an awful lot of vital questions.

For example, I have my funeral and burial instructions all written out (and already known to the appropriate clerical friends who will be called upon). I am determined that my funeral will be done in a more traditional mode (no balloons, thank you!). No one will have to ask or decide what to do; its all set. I've even written my obituary/death notice, and told them what papers it is to be published in. I want those names to be right, and the relationships correct. But more importantly, for the purposes of this article anyway, I have dealt with the issue of my genealogical work.

In my case, I have a double duty. Besides my own genealogical goodies, I have a large amount of Society materials which MUST get back to the right place. So it was (and is) vitally important that my "instructee" knows just what I am talking about, and to whom the vital phone call needs to be made. (The "callee" is aware and prepared too!) And it is not only spelled out in The Instructions, but I have physically pointed out exactly to what I am referring. I've done everything I can to preserve my work (and The Society's).

So what about you? Have you thought about what is to happen to your work? Have you made provisions for its disposal after you pass on? Please, don't make any assumptions here; you can't necessarily look to your children. To be honest, its seems a bit unusual to find offspring who are truly as interested in the art of genealogy as you might be.

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## Mary (Smith) Paine Correction

An error has been pointed out concerning the ancestry of Mary (Smith) Paine who married Joseph Parke (4) [FSP #40] shown on v30p27. The sources listed give the lineage of another John Smith who came to Boston and settled in Lancaster MA about 30 miles west of Boston.

John's son Richard and daughter Alice, following their marriages, moved to

southeastern Connecticut. The Paine that Mary Smith first married, and by whom she had two children, has not yet been identified.

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Miner Family, Selleck 1928  
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(all born at Lyme CT)

Richard 1679-1745  
m c1707 Margaret Brockway

Abigail 1682-a1745  
1m 1702 Thomas Harvey  
2m 1733 Edward Stocker

Susanna 1685-a1745  
m 1741 Gershom Gardner

Elizabeth 1687-  
m Thomas Whaples

Daniel 1692-1730  
m 1736 Elizabeth Smith

Carley 1695-a1702

Margaret 1697-1753  
m 1721 Isaac Parish

Phebe 1699-  
m 1720 Nathaniel Clark

### John SMITH

b c1590 England  
d 1669 Lancaster MA  
1m c1615 Alice  
2m Mary

Mary  
m Amos Richardson

Anna (or) Hannah  
c1619-1671  
m 1654 John Moore

John 1622-  
m 1647 Sarah Hunt

Richard  
b 1625 England  
d 1701 Lyme CT  
1m 1647 Mary Kerley  
2m 1654 Joanna() Quarles

Alice (to New London)  
b 1629 England  
1m John Tinker  
2m William Measure

Richard  
b c1649 Boston MA  
d 1702 Lyme CT  
1m 1677 Elizabeth Lay  
2m c1691 Elizabeth () Harris

Hannah 1651-  
1m Hugh Roland  
2m Andrews

Elizabeth c1652-  
m 1674 John Whitney

Mary 1654-1654

John  
b 1655 Lancaster MA  
d 1736 Lyme CT  
m 1685 Mary Bill  
d/o Philip & Hannah (Waite)

Francis 1657-1739  
m Mary

James -1718  
m a1707 Rachel () Scovil

Henry -1701  
m Mary

Mary 1687-  
1m c1705 Josiah Paine  
2m JOSEPH PARKE (4)  
s/o Nathaniel & Sarah (Geer)

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Do your instructions; make sure someone who you trust, and who is capable of carrying out your wishes knows where your genealogical work is, and to whom it is to go. Physically point out the materials if need be! And make the potential receiver aware, so that he or she can expedite the transfer.

After all, I truly believe that we all hold onto genealogical data in trust for future generations. Its not really ours; we are only the researchers and assemblers. And as good trustees we need to see that it is not lost.

One final note. If, as you survey your family and

friends, you can't find anyone who is interested in taking on your work, don't despair quite yet. There are other possibilities, some better than others.

One is a local (or larger) genealogical/historical society. But there are negatives. For the papers to be useful, they have to be catalogued and indexed, something they might not be able to do, without a monetary gift also. And once transferred, they are their property to do with as they wish.

I would also like to let you know that The Parke Society would be quite willing to receive your genealogical work and papers. We can guarantee that they will be kept

intact and available for research and review. While our main concern is, of course, the PARK/E/S ancestry, we are always interested in the various collateral lines.

The next step is yours. Please, before another day goes by, give consideration to your efforts and accomplishments in genealogy over the years, and make some provisions for their safe keeping. Don't let them become just "so much trash". Your papers may hold the one key or link that others are still striving for. Please do it for yourself and for the avocation of Genealogy.

Pax,

## Happiness is Knowing My Past

Leona C Heitsch #846

The knowing of where we have been lends a wholeness to the ever-escaping thing we call NOW, and gives direction to the way we are headed, personally and as a society.

Let me share with you HOW IT FEELS not to have realized you were a PARKE, when you started your inquiry:

The quest for ancestors, for most of us who begin our genealogical research, involves pushing back past a grandfather or grandmother. In my case, it was pushing back past a pair of parents who had, for different reasons, arranged for my mother to be raised by other than family.

Suddenly we encounter a name we didn't realize bore relation to ourselves. Yet it is OUR name, no less than the one we were born with.

Parke men, who descend from a line of Parke males, may have some feel for who they are. But slip a lady in the line, and the name, any name, can get lost.

Because I knew my great grandfather, John Dolbeer of Oakland Co MI, had a brother who lived in Chicago, I wrote to a Chicago Dolbeer, hoping to find a long lost cousin. I didn't find a descendant of great uncle Charles, but I found a man who referred me to his own Uncle, Martin Dolbeer, a retired minister of PA. Martin told me that my line had come from Herfordshire Eng, to New Jersey, to Mendon NY.

When I wrote to Dianne Hamm, historian in Mendon, she reported back that the father of my John, one Cutter Dolbeer, had married Jemima PARKE, daughter of Amaziah. I thought about that name Amaziah. What an unusual, old-fashioned sound.

But who WAS he? I had a whole new line to think about. My mother and my aunts knew nothing, no family stories.

Dianne Hamm had included an outline going back to (immigrant) Robert, but it was purely names and dates. I had no feeling of "flesh and thought". I needed it. I needed some family stories. I needed a geographical trace. I needed the why of the Parke westering.

As a matter of course, I checked all holdings of family publications which arrive at the St Louis Genealogical Society Library housed in a part of the Public Library in University City MO.

Not until I chanced upon a few donated issues of the Parke Society Newsletter (vol 25 p11) did I begin to really FEEL that I was descended from Robert Parke.

As luck would have it, the issues on hand included not only mention of my Jemima, but the whole line back to Robert. Maps and discussions of the work of Parke historians placed Robert in a world which I too could begin to discover. I felt like a kid on Christmas, gifted beyond fondest hopes.

I immediately became a member of this wonderful new-found Parke Society. I found that the work of people banded together in this search I was just entering had advanced me light years beyond what I could have learned depending on my own power to investigate. Many man (woman)-lifetimes have gone into associating Robert with the historical setting and personages of his time.

I began to understand the political, ecclesiastical, technical and geographic circumstances with which his sojourn on this planet coincided. His family life was pieced together, and the lives of his children and grandchildren traced out and set in the perspective of their times.

Instead of a blank wall of mystery past my grandparents time, I now have a

grasp on families extending back to Robert Parke. Robert, vigorous and self-directed in middle age, a widower, making the decision in his English village, to transport himself and his children to the land across the Atlantic, where all was new. Where his risk was the norm, where, if it got done YOU YOURSELF and your fellows worked without ceasing to bring community where there had been nothing before. I can see the man taking pen in hand to write to Winthrop, see the candle light upon the paper, feel his determination and his hope, as he folded the paper. I imagine he drew a long breath.

I am impressed with my cousins, Robert's descendants, who have set their intellects and imaginations to work as to re-create as fully as possible, the lives and times of those who could have lapsed forgotten in the mists of history. How privileged we are, we members, to be yet in a family, to share the fruits of search of the many Parkes before us, and those still working with us.

(see v29p12)

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2 Dec 1993 in Alton IL. He was born 24 Jul 1921 in St Louis MO to Edward Sr and Hulda Josephine (Anderson). He first married Mary Lois Sweeney 18 Sep 1947 and second to Ruth Maxine (O'Neal) Edwards 14 Aug 1975 His ancestry was traced thru his grandfather James Anderson(2) to Thomas Parkes.

We were sorry to learn from Doris B Wheaton #803 that her husband, Mark, had died 15 Dec 1993 in Tucson AZ. A second marriage for both took place 13 Apr 1986 in Sauquoit, Herkimer Co NY.