

# Benjamin Parks Society

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## Benjamin Parks of GA discovers Gold in 1827

A page from the Atlanta Constitution dated 15 July 1894 has been brought to our attention by Life Member Willa Deane Gates #537. The headline, "A visit to Uncle Bennie Parks, Georgia's Gold Discoverer" states the purpose of the reporter's 70 mile trip north to Dahlonega GA, now in Lumpkin Co.

Bennie was a 1st cousin of Willa Deane's gt gt grandfather Henry Parks, a gt grandson of Thomas (VA 1728).

In those days it was perhaps a two or three day trip in a "fast mail" coach. The reporter appears to have been paid by the column inch for his article, since the description of the trip took over 2000 words before he mentioned Uncle Bennie!

The article states, "The original discoverer of gold in Georgia still lives at the age of ninety-four (born 1802 ?) at the home of his son, Harvey Parks, on the line of Hall county, which is reached by the road over Nicely's ford."

"There are other claimants, of course, but as they are all uncertain,

Uncle Bennie Parks gives the strongest proof, and still lives to verify his assertion. In company with Captain Frank W Hall, the energetic Vermonter, who has made a home and fortune in Dahlonega, I drove out the main road to the home of the venerable patriarch!

Turning half a mile up a neighborhood road, the homestead was found, and seated upon the front porch was Bennie Parks, the oldest man in the county, and the man who turned the first panful of gold away back in 1827."

"As the old man stood up he presented a striking figure. Tall and but slightly stooped, his figure was trim and well knit, evidently a good man yet, even with his ninety-four years resting upon him. Uncle Bennie sat down and invited his visitors to do the same." (This introduction will give evidence why there were over 2000 words preceding!)

"I was born in Burke county, North Carolina," he resumed. "I was twenty years of age when I first saw these mountains. Since that time I have raised ten sons and one daughter, all good people, and I still live to enjoy what the good Lord sends me."

"The Indians were all around when I came, and I have eaten conee-banee with them many a time. My father made friends with them, so that our family were welcome and safe among them. We always treated them right, and they did the same by us.

Those were good times."

"The gold," he mused, "yes, I will come to that. It was just by accident that I came across it - the site is now that of the Calhoun mine. I was deer hunting one day when I kicked up something that caught my eye. I examined it and decided that it was gold."

"The place belonged to Rev Mr O'Bear, who, though a preacher, was a hard man, and very desperate. I went to him and told him that I thought I could find gold on his place if he would give me a lease on it. He laughed as though he did not believe me, and consented. So a lease for forty years was written out, the consideration of which was that I give him one-fourth of the gold mined. I took into partnership a friend in whom I had confidence. I went out to the spot, with a pan, and, turning over some earth, it looked like the yellow of an egg. It was more than my eyes could believe."

"The news got abroad," said Uncle Bennie, "and such excitement you never saw. It seemed within a few days as if the whole world must have heard it, for men came from every state I had ever heard of. They came afoot, on horseback and in wagons, acting more like crazy men than anything else. All the way from where Dahlonega now stands to Nuckellsville there were men panning out of the hillsides. Dog-my-cats, if it was not an exciting time!"

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## In Memory

A letter from Henrietta Blain #127 tells of the death of her brother Theron Thompson Anson #155 on 17 Feb 1995 at Huntington Bch CA. He was born 23 Jun 1916 in Orchard NE the son of William Sylvanus Anson and Gladys Ayrton (Carson).

Theron served many years as an elementary teacher. He served for five years as the Vice President of our Society from 1982 to 1987. A Regional meeting was held at his home in Anaheim CA in 1982 (v19p32). He prepared an excellent article with pictures, of his lineage to Robert (MA 1630) and the family move from Wells VT to a Nebraska farm in 1862, part of the Missouri Terr and five years before Statehood. (see v14p33) His lineage from Robert was thru Thomas(2)(3), Eleazer (4), Simeon(5), Elijah(6,7), Robert(8), Octavia(9), to his father William Sylvanus. He married Thelma Dorothy Davis 16 Jun 1944 in Gavilan Rio Arriba NM. They had two sons Gordon O of Arlington VA and Roland of Alpine UT. They are both interested in caring for the fine genealogical records of their father.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Armor Millin Murdoch #781 on 17 Sep 1994 near Wilkesburg PA. He was the son of J Armor and Clara Emma (Kelly) Murdoch born 29 Jul 1908 in Wilkesburg. His profession was that of an Attorney at Law.

He was a descendant of Robert (MA 1630) thru Thomas(2), Nathaniel(3), Phoebe(4), Thomas Beman, Abigail Beman, Richard Keeney, Anna Keeny, Nancy H Gamble to his mother Clara.

## Congratulations

Christopher Dean Kauffman born 16 Sep 1994 in Sacramento CA is the grandson of LaRene Kauffman #938 and her husband Harold. The proud parents are Eric and Karen Kauffman.

Miranda Caspian Park born 26 Feb 1995 in New Orleans is a granddaughter of Dr David Allen Park #149 and his wife Clara. The proud parents are Paul Claiborne Park and Deborah (Brothers). Miranda is gt granddaughter of the late Edwin Avery Park #12, a charter member of the Society. She is a 13th generation descendant of Robert (MA 1630).



Armor Murdoch

## Welcome

- 1178 Mrs Elaine W James  
Royal Oak MD
- 1179 Mrs Donna S Carpenter  
Carmel IN
- 1180 William M Frew  
Dallas TX
- 1181 Dr Wilmer L Kerns  
Arlington VA
- 1182 Mrs Diane Pellettieri  
Palatine IL
- 1183 William M Powell  
Orinda CA
- 1184 Dr Barbara J Hill  
San Diego CA
- 1185 Dennis L Lorensen  
Boise ID
- 1186 James Park  
Rockport KY
- 1187 Mrs Carol I Climer  
Moore ID
- 1188 Mrs Evelyn M Youngren  
Lexington MA

### Genealogical Meetings

The following meeting may be of interest. Or you may want to be on their mailing list for future meetings.

#### July 14-15

American Family Records Assn  
15th Annual Conference  
Holiday Inn South,  
Kansas City MO  
(call AFRA 816-765 4100)

#### August 19-26

Come Home to New England  
Boston Park Plaza Hotel  
(call NEHGS 617-536 5740  
extension 202 or  
write New England Historic  
Genealogical Society  
101 Newbury St  
Boston MA 02116-3087

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Application Fee	\$ 15.00	Mrs. Marjorie C. Isaac
Annual Dues	\$ 15.00	202 Meadowbrook Dr.
Life Membership	\$150.00	Clarks Summit, PA 18411

## Exciting Offers

The mails these days are bringing exciting offers to Park/e/s researchers. Just to mention a few:

The Parke Family  
Who's Who in America  
by  
Family Archive Press, L.L.C.

"It isn't going to cost a nickel. I am hoping you will fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the post paid envelope."

and another:

The World Book of Parkes  
by  
John S Parke

"...extensive work has been done throughout the world on a project relating to our Parke family name. The first Parke we found came to Connecticut in 1620. His name was Robert." (Ed He must have been a Pilgrim!)

The World Book of Parks  
by  
Herbert A Parks

"... Robert, or any of the other Parks who are documented in this new book, may be the sole reason you and I live here today. There are now over 26,354 households bearing the Parks name worldwide." (Ed He must have included the Koreans!)

The Parks  
Since the Civil War  
by  
Marion A Park, Director

"Good news! Our new book is finally complete -- and you Russel Park, are listed in it." (ED- Rus will be out \$31.38 if he ordered it. The others above are about the same. The Parke Society has competition!)

## Denver Convocation

All members should have received their information for the Convocation being held in Denver August 3 - 6. If not, there is still time. The Best Western Landmark Inn south of the city will serve as our headquarters.

For those arriving early there is a special tour planned, leaving at 9am on Thursday. This will cover the Garden of the Gods, the World Figure Skating Museum, the Hall of the Presidents and the Olympic Complex.

Friday morning we will visit Historic Denver, some four miles from the Inn. In the afternoon you can either visit the Public Library or do research in the Society's Research Center at the Inn. The Head Genealogist at the Denver Library, James Jeffrey, who will be one of our speakers at the Symposium Saturday morning, will be available to guide you. He reports that he has a Parke ancestry back to St Peter's Parish in New Kent Co VA. This family was reported in the Newsletter when we met in Williamsburg in 1984. The immigrant was William (VA b1650), related to the Essex Co, England line as were William (VA

1633) and Robert (MA 1630).

James Jeffrey's talk on Saturday morning will give you a broader understanding for using the facilities at the Denver Library, so you may want to return to the Library that afternoon. He will be followed by Frederick O Jeffries who will speak on Onomatology, or Oh-No-Ma Not that Name (How people got their names). Fred has long had an interest in history. Now in his 'retirement' he is operating the Golden Guided Tours. At the annual banquet Saturday evening he will tell us about early Denver - the Gold Rush to the Rockies in 1859.

Sunday morning we will again go up to the city to attend the service at Trinity United Methodist Church. It is the oldest church in Denver dating back to 1859. The famous Brown Palace Hotel is across the street and the mile long Pedestrian Mall near by.

We will return to the Inn for a buffet luncheon and the closing of the 1995 Convocation by President Lyle Orem.

## Region 3 Meeting

A Region 3 meeting is to be held in Reading PA at the home of our Newsletter Editor on July 12th. Regional Trustee Marjorie Isaac has planned this gathering so that members will have an opportunity to visit the Society's Library.

A morning symposium will provide guidelines to searching for deeds, preparing family group sheets, learning how to use a Family History Center, and an introduction to the Society's Library. This will be followed by buffet luncheon.

## Mark Your Calendar

1995 CONVOCATION

August 3 to 6

Best Western Land Mark  
Conference Center  
Denver, Colorado

1996 CONVOCATION

September 5 to 8

Howard Johnson Park Sq. Inn  
Buena Vista, Florida  
(near Walt Disney World)

# Genealogical Writing as Story Telling

by Percival D Park #140

In a previous article (v31p36) I discussed the problem of writing family history in a form useable by others. I mentioned some of the ideas of creative writing teacher Lawrence P Gouldrup concerning expository and narrative writing from Writing the Family Narrative 1987 (Ancestry Inc, \$10.95).

The exposition, more conservative, sticks to the facts. It meets the criterion of usefulness but may be dull to read. In contrast, the narrative writer evaluates life's events in terms of their emotional intensity. This might lead to putting words in one's subjects' mouths, creating for them thoughts and dialogue that could have been theirs for which there is no documented evidence. This serves the spirit if not the letter of the truth.

If you decide to meet the challenges of narrative writing, what guidance does Gouldrup offer?

Characterization is possibly the most important task you face. This involves selecting certain qualities or traits that are dominant in a subject's personality. The selection "may be artificial or at least highly biased, but the reader needs this kind of direction if he is to understand someone in the limited space of a story."

Character development is more important to the family historian as narrator. Then are events or action. "The fact is that we relate better to people than we do to action. When it comes to the family narrative, most people have lived somewhat action-limited lives ... But there is always the interest that we can naturally have in understanding someone who lived in the past."

Three considerations are key to successful character-

ization. First, the writer must maintain "the delicate balance between consistency and complexity" by developing "a character that is both historically accurate and believable," "a blend of good and bad qualities as well as consistent in personality."

Second, for other than close relatives, material on our ancestors' character or personality is likely to be scarce if non-existent. This may dictate whether one can develop a dynamic characterization (showing change in a person over time) or a static one (a snapshot, at one point in time).

Finally, the writer must decide how he is going to present his subject's character: through direct exposition or description; by use of real or imagined dialogue or thoughts of the subject; or by telling about the subject's significant actions.

Plot is less important to the family history narrator, but should not be ignored. as it can add much interest to a story. From research. the writer may discover a basic premise or theme that runs through the life of a person or family, which can be illustrated through a sequence of selected events. Theme and events comprise the plot. "The blending of the characterization and the plot is the narrative."

Plot construction may be unimportant to the purely expository writer, for whom the totality of the details of birth, marriage, occupation, child-rearing, etc., are the only plot needed. Even for the narrative writer, plot can be dispensed with in the family chronicle. But plot development can be a fine opportunity for the writer willing to work at it, if information is available to support it.

Gouldrup lists fourteen basic plot themes, derived

from the work of George Polti (The Thirty-Six Dramatic Situations, 1986). These typically involve some sort of conflict (man against nature, man against society, man against man, or man against himself), which is what makes them interesting to most readers. Gouldrup suggests rules for building the scenes of a plot: The writer must "say something that will attract and hold the interest of the reader." Second, "each scene must advance the basic conflict of the theme or premise of the narrative in a block that is a complete unit to itself." Last, "the final scene ... must conclude in some way the basic conflict of the story."

The story as a whole must have coherence: It must be bound together through such devices as repetition of key words and phrases; mention of exact times and places; and use of transitional words and phrases.

Finally, the writer of a family narrative must consider point of view, by which Gouldrup means "the historical perspective ... through which the story is seen; the historical time and specific place of the story; and the person, first or third, through which the story is presented." That is, the writer must realize that he probably thinks very differently from an ancestor who lived a century or two ago, and he must exercise care in attributing thoughts, motives, etc. to his subject. The writer should try to learn as much as possible about ideas and events that may have shaped the ancestor's own thoughts. Time, place and person are also important but are likely to be dictated by the circumstances of the story.

You should assume that your completed story will require some editing or revision. You may not be

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# Dana Parks Jr Memorial Circulating Library

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the Children of Emigrants;  
Index of Parishes in England  
from which Emigrants came to  
New England arr.  
alphabetically according to  
Shires; Index of Parishes in  
England from which Emigrants  
came to New England arr.  
alphabetically; Index of  
Counties and Shires in  
England...; Index of Names  
of Forty Four ships; Index  
of Towns in the Colonies in  
ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY & NJ.  
This book is of great use in  
tracing an ancestor.

COLONIAL FAMILIES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by  
George Norbury Mackenzie.

"The aim of this work is to  
make a complete and reliable  
record, devoted exclusively  
to those American families  
whose Colonial ancestors  
laid the foundations of the  
Republic, and the editor has  
brought to this monumental  
task great research,  
learning, and ability, not  
only in tracing out his  
material from a mass of  
documentary data and  
traditional dicta, but in  
arranging and condensing his  
facts into reasonable  
bulk... The greatest value  
of the work lies in those  
pedigrees compiled since the  
date of arrival of the  
original ancestor in this  
country and such charts seem  
to be full, accurate and  
admirably arranged... [It]  
contains an immense amount  
of genealogical information  
and for this reason should  
become a standard reference  
work on the book shelves."

(Reviewed at time of  
original publication by The  
New York Genealogical and  
Biographical Review v39-4)  
This 7 volume set purchased  
by the Society was published  
in 1912. These books are  
indexed, but be aware that  
they are lineage books and  
contain material that  
individuals sent in.  
Therefore, they are not in  
alphabetical order by  
original emigrant. I would  
need definite information in

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I am pleased to inform  
the Society that the revised  
BOOK LIST has been completed  
and is in the process of  
being printed. This is a  
numbering system with the  
books listed in each  
category, in alphabetical  
order, by 'Author' or 'Book'  
if there are several  
editors. The one exception  
is #920-Biography which is  
in alphabetical order by  
Subject.

There will be copies of  
the new book list available  
at Region 4 meeting at  
Reading on July 12th and at  
the Convocation at Denver in  
August. If you purchased  
the old list (now obsolete),  
and will not be at either  
meeting, send me a card and  
I will mail you the new one  
free of charge.

NUMBERING YOUR GENEALOGY  
(Sound and Simple Systems),  
16p booklet by Joan Ferris  
Curren, explains the four  
numbering systems in use  
today that she thinks are  
excellent. Those for  
descending genealogies are  
the "NGSQ System" and the  
"Register System". The  
"Sosa Stradonitz" and  
"Multi-surname" are for  
ascending genealogies. She  
points out the advantages  
and disadvantages to each of  
the systems and includes  
sample charts.

WHAT DID THEY MEAN BY THAT?  
by Paul Drake JD has a  
subtitle "A Dictionary of  
Historical Terms for  
Genealogists". This useful  
book was donated to our  
Library by Percival Park  
#140. It's 233 pages are  
packed with words in common  
use from early times to the  
present. It gives the early  
definition as well as the  
present. For example:  
'gaffer' was once a form of  
respect; but now means an

old man of little worth or  
estate. Many legal terms  
are defined which will be of  
help to those of us  
searching through old  
records. An example is  
'antichresis': a Civil law  
device similar to a chattel  
mortgage .... This book also  
has a listing of common  
abbreviations and a copy of  
Samuel Johnson's 1802 Saxon  
and English Alphabets.

PARK/E/S MARRIAGES: 1770-  
1870 is a computerized  
listing of marriages from  
Hunting for Bears Inc,  
North Salt Lake City, UT.  
The listings are from the  
following states: Alabama,  
Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky,  
Louisiana, Maryland,  
Mississippi, North & South  
Carolina, Tennessee, and  
Virginia.

VIRGINIA CENSUS 1782 v19  
is a state census listing of  
those names beginning with  
the letter P & Q. There are  
Park, Parke, Parkes, and  
Parks among the listings.

TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY  
OF 2885 ENGLISH EMIGRANTS TO  
NEW ENGLAND 1620-1650 by  
Charles Edward Banks. This  
book was edited and indexed  
by Elijah Ellsworth  
Brownell. The book has a  
listing of manuscript  
material which was found in  
the library of Col Charles E  
Banks at the time of his  
death in 1931. Many of  
these were sent to the  
Library of Congress in  
Washington DC, and the rest  
to the New England Historic  
Genealogical Society in  
Boston MA. There are  
linedrawn maps of England  
and Massachusetts. The  
following indexes are  
included (between 1620-1650)  
Names of Emigrants who came  
from Old England to New  
England; Index of Wives and

## The Conquest and After: The 'Bad' Giffards and the 'Good'

William G Cook #66

This is a reprise, with some additions, of an Ancestral Safari published in the NewsLetter (v13p7) nearly 20 years ago. It brings up to date what we know about certain forebears of Alice (Freeman) Parke.

When an American tourist stopped at a cottage in Brimpsfield, Gloucestershire to ask about the ancient Giffard family, the lady of the house exclaimed, "Oh! The Giffards of Brimpsfield were veddy wicked people!" She cited a pamphlet published by the august Gloucestershire Archeological Society.

It shows that branch of the family to have been a mixed bag of "badness" and "goodness", though they were probably typical of the English gentry of the times.

The family originated in Normandy where one Osberne de Bolbec was lord of Longueville-la-Gifart from the year 1028 until 1035. His wife Avelia was sister-in-law of Normandy's Duke Robert the Devil. She produced two sons -- Walter and Osberne -- who were to found families in England which would generate some of Alice Parke's more interesting ancestors. She is descended from both brothers.

When Duke William of Normandy decided to invade England, many of his nobles held back, wearied and impoverished by the Duke's struggle to bring his duchy into some kind of order. A few staunch adherents included the two brothers from Longueville. Walter, the elder, had already demonstrated his loyalty to Duke William in his younger years of war for survival, and had led a combat group at the Battle of Mortemer in 1054 which so devastated the invading French force as to cause their king to call off the invasion.

Walter and Osberne now came to William's support with men, ships and material. Others followed and the invasion was a success. The Conqueror didn't forget his supporters. Walter received 107 lordships and manors, 48 of them in Buckinghamshire. This line of Earls of Buckingham survived until 1164. Alice Parke's descent is through Walter's daughter Rohese, who married Richard Fitz Gilbert de Clare, a second cousin of the Conqueror who was also at the Battle of Hastings. But that's another story. (NewsLetter v22p38).

Osberne received extensive grants in Gloucestershire, especially Brimpsfield, and from him descended the Barons Giffard and the later Twyford branch. Osberne had a son named Elias, and a grandson Elias II, who appears to have been a devout man. In 1159 he granted the Church of St Mary in Boyton, Wilts., and the Church of St George in Orcheston, to the monks of St Peter's Abbey, Glocs., for the souls of his wife Berta de Clifford and his own ancestors. He himself became a monk there in 1162, the year of his death. At that time he also gave to St Bartholomew's hospital all his land in the Manor of Brimpsfield, two virgates in Hulletmead and the Chapel of St Andrew, Winterburne, Wilts., to sustain one of his brothers as chaplain to celebrate Masses for his parents, for his own soul and that of his second wife, Isabel. This Elias had a son Elias III of Brimpsfield who married Maud, daughter of Maurice Fitz Robert Fitz Harding of Berkeley. (v32p7)

Not so devout as Elias II and not a Parke ancestor was a later Elias, fifth Lord of the Manor of Brimpsfield. After serving in King John's army, he took up arms

against him with the barons, lost his holdings after Runnymede in 1216 and was excommunicated. He got his lands back after King John's death, but Abbot of Gloucester in 1221 complained that this Elias had erected a gallows at Brimpsfield and was hanging the Abbot's men.

His son Sir John Giffard of Brimpsfield earned a good reputation as a valiant and skilful soldier as well as a prudent and discreet man, but he joined Simon de Montfort in another baron's revolt, was excommunicated for violent treatment of the clergy, and was constantly on the warpath, capturing the King's leaders and their cattle. He finally deserted Montfort and rejoined the King's party. He married late, kidnapping the woman of his choice, Maud Longespee. She complained to the King but finally accepted her situation.

By now the fortunes of the junior Giffards had diminished, and we find Sir John le Boeuf in 1235, settling in Twyford, Bucks. He was a cousin of the rebellious Sir John of Brimpsfield. He was Knight of the Shire in a Parliament at Westminster on 3 May 1296, one of the earliest in English history. From this line came the collateral ancestors Walter Giffard, Archbishop of York, and Godfrey Giffard, Bishop of Worcester, each in turn Lord Chancellor of England. The Hotel Giffard in Worcester is named after Bishop Godfrey. The dining room offers a fine view of the cathedral.

Sir John's eldest son, the second Sir John le Boeuf greatly enhanced the Twyford family's fortunes by marrying about 1300 Alexandra de Gardinis who brought with her valuable holdings in and around

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## Comments from Members

From Jean Bradley #404:

She has discovered an ancestor James Adams who was among "the healthy prisoners" marched south after the Battle of Dunbar in Scotland. He was then sold to a company that needed men in the Mass Colony where he served a seven year term of duty. "It was wonderful to find his lineage back to Scotland...Genealogical research is a slow hobby, but the thrill of identifying another ancestor is all the more keen for that very reason."

She continues, "As a member of the CT Soc. of Gen., all my charts are on file in their Library. I wonder if you have or would like to have copies. (YES!) I'm not sure who to write to in the Society for information." see p32

From Alice C Park #466

On checking names in southeastern Connecticut for her daughter's membership in Colonial Dames of America, she found a record of Robert Parke. "Was he THE Robert?" Yes he was!

From Dorothy Jackson #1075

How about starting "an E-Mail address list for those using a computer? Ours is [wjackson@aol.com](mailto:wjackson@aol.com) " Ed: Maybe those interested could show this on their slip when returning their dues next Fall. Then we can list them in the NEWSLETTER.

From Geraldine Thompson #955

"This past Spring on our tour of Essex and Suffolk, England I was a bit confused at which Robert Parke lived in which hamlet or village." Robert who lived in Acton, Suffolk (1547-1597) married

Alice Chaplin, parents of Robert the immigrant. Robert who lived in Acton and Preston in Suffolk (1580-1665) married his 1st cousin, the niece of his mother. The best way to get the whole story is to order a copy of "Robert Parke, Immigrant from England in 1630 with the Winthrop Fleet" from the NEWSLETTER Editor. \$5 per copy.

From Douglas Park #749

In Jun 1994 his term ended as Michigan Dept Cdr of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). In Aug he completed 2yr term as National Member-at-Large Coordinator at their encampment in Lansing MI. The Commander-in-Chief presented him with SUVCW Outstanding Member Award. Another interest for the last nine years is being a volunteer in "Carpenters for Christ", an organization helping to erect church buildings throughout the US. Obviously, he is now a good candidate for a challenge in the Parke Society!

### Ancestral Safari: from p22

Oxford. He appears in various summonses to raise soldiers and perform military service for the King. He was imprisoned briefly for trespass of "vert and venison" (foraging and hunting) in the royal forest, but the next year he sat in Parliament as Knight of the Shire. On 20 June 1322, aged about 52, while engaged against the Scots in the service of Edward III, he was returned ill and unable to serve, but four days later he was summoned again. On October 31 of that year, he was once again returned as a knight of military experience, but gouty and incapable of service. He died about 1330.

The rest of the string is soon told. A third Sir John (1301-68/69) married Lucy de Morteyn and their son Sir Thomas Giffard of Twyford married Elizabeth de Missenden. Their son Roger of Twyford married Isabella Stretle, and their son Sir Thomas II of Twyford married Eleanor of the legal family of Vaux.

By this time the family had adopted the present-day spelling of Gifford and we find John Gifford married to Agnes Winslowe. A son Thomas Gifford married Joan (Jane) Langston, and their daughter Amy Gifford married Richard Samwell of Cottisford, Oxfordshire. He was Alice Parke's great grandfather.

References: The American Genealogist 29: 215-18; Ancestral Roots of 60 Colonists, 5th ed., 118; Roll of Battle Abbey, J B Burke, 58-59; The Giffards of Brimpsfield, in Transactions of the Bristol & Gloucestershire Archeological Society for 1944, 65; Miscellanea Genealogica and Heraldica 129; New England Historic & Genealogical Register 51: 59-62, 75: 133-43, 76: 295-301, 79: 358-78; Sons of the Conqueror L G Pine, 1972, 176; Visitation of Oxford Harleian Society 6: 177-79.

Next: The Greys of Rotherfield.

### Genealogical Writing: from p20

objective enough to do this yourself. If so, you should steel yourself to avoid sensitivity, and allow someone else to do it!

Gouldrup's work is a must for anyone who is willing to take the risk of attempting to write a narrative family history.

### Library: from p21

order to send the correct volume to a member. Please give the surname, approximate time periods, and any other information that might help me.

# Immigrant Park/e/s Chart

The following charts will identify many of the Park/e/s immigrants now in the files of the Society. Many others are being found in the census records of 1850 and later indicating that they were born in the British Isles. When these have been researched, they will be added to our chart. chart explanation  
The immigrants have been

placed according to the state or province where they arrived beginning with New England and following down the coast, and lastly Canada. They are then shown by date of arrival in that state or province. Their birth and death dates are shown where known. On the second line is the place of origin, their chart

in the Newsletter by volume and page, the code for their family group sheets, and finally an "x" to indicate that there is a book or books about this immigrant and his descendants. A new list of the books will be forthcoming in a future issue of the Newsletter to replace that in v19p8/9 published in 1982

<u>NEW ENGLAND</u>			charts	code	book
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>					
1630 ROBERT (1580-1665)	m	Martha Chaplin			
from England			v16p7	WTS	x
1635 RICHARD (c1602-1665)	m	Margery Crane			
from England			v21p32	R	x
1756 WILLIAM (1705-1788)	m	Anna Law			
from Scotland			v21p6	Y	x
c1770 MATTHEW (1746-1813)	m	Judith Cooper			
from Scotland			v32p4		
c1903 JOHN EDGAR (1879-1956)	m	Grace Burt			
from Ireland			v25p16		
<u>MAINE</u>					
c1860 WILLIAM ( )	m				
from Scotland			v26p26		
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>					
1728 ALEXANDER (1691-1762)	m	Margaret Waugh			
from Scotland			v16p16	J	x
c1770 JAMES (c1746-1837)	m	Frances			
from				XW	
<u>CONNECTICUT</u>					
c1669 EDWARD ( -1691)	m	Deliverance French			
			v22p36	H	x
c1747 PETER (c1725- )	m	Lucy McDowell			
			v14p31 v23p31	P	x
<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>					
c1818 JOHN ( )	m				
from				CC	
<u>VERMONT</u>					
c1783 JOHN ( )	m	Mary			
			v24p11 v25p46		
<u>MID ATLANTIC</u>					
<u>NEW YORK</u>					
c1699 ROGER (c1650-a1718)	m	Sophia Jans Claes			
from				L	x
1804 JAMES (1771-1842)	m	Mary Hanbury			
				KK	x
c1830 JOSIAH (1808- )	m	Louisa			
from					
c1835 ABNER (1808- )	m	Sarah A			
from England					
c1835 WILLIAM (1803- )	m	Margaret			
from N Ireland					
c1840 NICHOLAS (1800- )	m	Catherine			
from Germany					
c1840 THOMAS (1807- )	m	Esther			
from England					
c1845 WILLIAM (1813- )	m				
from					
c1845 WILLIAM (1794-1848)	m				
from N Ireland					
1851 RICHARD J (1833- )	m				
from England					
1866 DAVID (1833-1913)	m				
from Scotland to Chatham					
c1885 JOHN U ( )	m				
<u>NEW JERSEY</u>					
1682 ROGER (c1654-a1722)	m				
from England					
c1760 JOHN DAR (1739-1798)	m				
from Scotland					
c1770 ELIJAH ( )	m				
from Scotland to Warren Co					
c1790 JAMES ( )	m				
from					
<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>					
1713 RICHARD (1690-1733)	m				
from England					
1720 DAVID (c1682-b1740)	m				
from N Ireland					
1720 ARTHUR (c1677-1740)	m				
from N Ireland					
1720 WILLIAM (c1675- )	m				
from N Ireland (brother o					
1724 THOMAS (c1660- )	m				
from N Ireland					
c1724 ROBERT ( )	m				
from N Ireland (brother o					
1730 SAMUEL (c1688-1768)	m				
from N Ireland					
1741 JOHN ( )	m				
from					
c1750 ROBERT ( -1753)	m				
from N Ireland to York Co					
1757 SAMUEL ( )	m				
from N Ireland					
1760 JOHN (c1740- )	m				
from					
c1770 MATTHEW DAR (c1750-1819)	m				
from Scotland					
c1770 WILLIAM (1748- )	m				
from N Ireland					
c1789 JAMES ( )	m				
from					
1784 ROBERT (1740-1795)	m				
from N Ireland					
1794 WILLIAM ( -c1850)	m				
from					
c1922 DAVID ( )	m				
from N Ireland					
1924 ROBERT E (1892-1981)	m				
from N Ireland					

MARYLAND

1727 WILLIAM (1698-1750) m  
 from England v20p32 ET  
 1786 ANDREW ( ) m Rachel Welch v16p27 BB x  
 from N Ireland  
 c1790 ANDREW (1770-1836) m Harriett Washington DD  
 from  
 c1793 ROBERT (c1767- ) m Mary  
 from N Ireland  
 1796 JAMES (1770-1853) m Sophia Moody GG  
 from N Ireland  
 c1796 WILLIAM ( ) m Jane Crozier Armstrong  
 from N Ireland  
 1812 JAMES (c1780-1843) m Margaret McCurdy v22p22  
 from Ireland

VIRGINIA

1631 WILLIAM (c1575-1633) m Sarah v20p24 v28p9 V  
 from England  
 c1650 WILLIAM (1618-1653) m v20p24 v28p8  
 from England to New Kent Co  
 c1679 JOHN (c1660-1709) m Mary v31p8  
 from England to Accomack Co  
 1715 JOHN ( ) m Margaret True v23p28 x  
 from England  
 1720 WILLIAM ( -1782) m Ann Marquis  
 from England to Frederick Co  
 1728 THOMAS ( ) m v27p44 C  
 from  
 c1750 JAMES (1724-1769) m Mary Fulton G x  
 from N Ireland to Pr Edward Co  
 1754 JOHN (c1708-1784) m Mary Davis v29p6 RX  
 from N Ireland to Berkeley Co  
 1754 SAMUEL (c1730-c1758) m v29p8  
 from N Ireland to Frederick Co  
 1760 JOHN ( ) m O  
 from N Ireland  
 c1783 ANDREW (1760-1848) m Mary v16p23 Z x  
 from  
 1800 ROBERT (1781-1872) m Margaret v24p45  
 from Ireland to western VA

SOUTHERN STATES

NORTH CAROLINA

c1730 JOHN ( -1766) m v23p20 X x  
 from  
 c1750 HUGH (1716-1780) m Margaret Young v28p12 FT  
 from to Rowan Co  
 c1750 JAMES ( -1791) m Sarah FF  
 from to Northampton Co  
 c1760 ROBERT (c1740- ) m  
 from  
 c1765 SAMUEL (1730-1796) m Mary ST  
 from (see Samuel SC 1752)  
 c1780 SAMUEL ( ) m  
 from  
 c1830 JAMES W (c1810-1880) m  
 from Ireland to Port Clinton OH w/brother Wallace

SOUTH CAROLINA

1752 SAMUEL (1730-1796) m Mary v19p36 v24p37 D x  
 from Scotland  
 c1793 JAMES ( ) m v29p13  
 from Ireland  
 c1815 ANDREW ( ) m Jane Little v16p27 JI

GEORGIA

1775 ROBERT (1751-1802) m U  
 from Scotland

OTHER STATES

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Ester  
 Ann Little v25p16  
 Hannah  
 Julia Ann Gardiner v17p9  
 DNT  
 Anne Patison (M MX MV N Q QX) v25p32 v32p8/9 \K/ x  
 Mary Gordon KY  
 DS  
 HH  
 Susanna Carlton v21p38 LZ  
 v17p43  
 Mary v16p48 v28p26 A x  
 Jane Hood  
 f Arthur) v17p43  
 Rebecca Hooper v17p43 v25p48 F x  
 f Thomas) v17p43 x  
 v17p42 TT  
 Elizabeth IW  
 Margaret Marshall v17p3  
 Mary Ann Magee  
 Martha Cooper v29p24 NT  
 Sarah Patterson v23p27 v25p16  
 Jane Bailey v19p42 JZ  
 Catherine Farber v27p5  
 OT  
 Mary Elizabeth Hutchinson v29p23

<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>			charts	code
c1800	THOMAS ( )	m		
<u>OHIO</u>				
1847	JAMES (1807-1897)	m Martha Calhoun	v29p24	
	from Scotland			
1847	JOSEPH (1802-1860)	m Sarah McAdoo	v29p24	
	from Scotland			
1849	FRANK (1829-1902)	m Sarah Jane Ish	v26p31	
	from Ireland			
<u>TENNESSEE</u>				
1731	GEORGE ( )	m		
	from Scotland			
c1740	ANDREW (c1720- )	m	v16p23	EW B
	from N Ireland			
<u>UTAH</u>				
c1845	JAMES P (1821-1889)	m Agnes Findley		XX
	from Scotland			
<u>CANADA</u>				
<u>ONTARIO</u>				
c1810	JAMES (c1783- )	m	v24p45	
	from Scotland			
1820	THOMAS (1793-1864)	m Sarah		
	from			
c1830	DAVID (1809-1884)	m Ann Brooks	v29p26	XX
	from Scotland			
c1840	WILLIAM ( )	m Mary Paton	v26p21 v29p21	
	from Scotland			
<u>QUEBEC</u>				
C1800	JOHN (c1777- )	m		GW
	from N Ireland			
c1815	STEWART (1795-1841)	m Marie Louise Noyelle de Fleurimont	v25p16	CW
	from N Ireland			
1820	ALEXANDER ( )	m Mary MacDonald		
	from Scotland			
1830	GEORGE H (1807-1900)	m Maria Josepha Anderson	v25p16	CW
	from N Ireland			
c1840	JOHN (c1785- )	m		
	from Ireland			
1841	DAVID (1805-1891)	m Mary Jane McGaw	v24p45	CW
	from N Ireland			
c1843	JOHN (1792-1881)	m Elizabeth Fairservice	v25p16	CW
	from N Ireland			
1844	ANDREW (1811-1878)	m Jane Barbour Pirrie	v25p16	CW
	from N Ireland			
c1850	JOSEPH (1824-1915)	m Barbara Watts Smith		CW
	from N Ireland			
1854	JAMES (1798-1874)	m Sarah Stevenson	v25p16	CW
	from N Ireland			
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>				
c1765	JAMES (c1718-1813)	m Jane	v26p4	
	from N Ireland			
c1765	MATTHEW ( )	m		
	from			

An interesting clipping from the Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times has been sent in by our former Society President, Kathryn Parke #10 "The Southern states lack of official records causes research problems, particularly involving the 1700s. Even Virginia did not keep official marriage and death records until 1853. Also, Virginia had perhaps more than its share of "burned out courthouses". Many court records were burned in Richmond during the Civil War."

"A 1987 publication by Robert K Headley Jr, Genealogical Abstracts from 18th Century Newspapers should help researchers. From more than 7100 issues of 81 Virginia newspapers published in the 1700s, he has abstracted marriage and death notices, estate sales and settlements, advertisements for runaway slaves, servants, apprentices, military deserters and court cases. Also he has included from the Maryland Gazette, the American Weekly Chronicle and New Bern's North Carolina Gazette information that related to Virginians."

"The information is arranged by FAMILY NAME rather than by newspapers or dates, with a few exceptions such as nine pages of deserters from the Virginia Regiments, a large number of runaway servants, convicts, sailors, slaves and a large number of people killed by Indians."

An example, "Killed by Indians on the Cumberland Path in Tennessee near the Crab Orchard on 13 Aug: Paul Cunningham, Daniel Hitchcock, William Fennikin, Stephen Renfro." (The Virginia Gazette Sep 10 1794)

"Just as today, the newspapers carried various news stories and advertisements. Thomas Coldwell of Prince Edward Co  
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# Lineage Leader for Roger (NJ 1682)

Update on George(4)  
d1782 Rowan Co NC

by Percival D Park #140

As lineage leader for George as well as Moses and Noah Park, the writer has been trying to collect information for a history of George and his family. This effort has met with limited success. Nevertheless, some progress can be reported.

To review: George Park was listed with Noah in the 1759 tax list for Rowan Co NC; married Agness Nichols in 1762; had seven children; and died in 1782. Moses and Allen Park were two of the witnesses to George's will. The children of George and Agness were:

Elizabeth  
John m Elizabeth Owen  
Mary  
Agness  
Joshua  
Jacob Nichols

Hulda m William Burrage  
Very little has been known about any of these children except John. However, a breakthrough may have occurred concerning Hulda. The writer has recently made contact with Linnea Litaker of Salisbury NC who is researching the Park-Burrage family. More may be reported on this in the future.

John Park married Elizabeth Owen in Rowan in 1788, and they had five

children:

George m Betsy Winders  
Humphrey m Nancy Orr  
Joshua 1m Catherine Palmer  
2m Sarah Griffis

John Jr m Jane Wiseman  
Elizabeth m Edmund Palmer  
About 1983, this family was researched by Patricia Bonds Beck #564 of Salisbury NC v23p4, who traced the ancestry of the late Roy Hampton Park #236 v21p1, descended from John Jr and Jane Wiseman Park, through their son Isaac Addison Park. The writer has obtained information from Daniel J Park of Elkin NC, about another line of descent from Isaac.

Independently, at about the same time, Mrs Pauline Flatt Crum of Huntington TN, compiled an extensive history of the family of Joshua, son of John and Elizabeth Owen Park. Mrs Crum was assisted by a number of family members, including the late Kenneth W Parks #776 of Bruceton TN. Mrs Charlene Heggen of Carlisle IA, a descendant of John Newton Park, son of Joshua, has also provided much information.

Since 1992, the writer has been corresponding with Tom R Park of Lubbock TX, and other descendants of a George W Park (1840-1896) of Carroll Co TN. Research is still in progress, but

George W may have been a son or grandson of George, son of John & Elizabeth Owen Park.

Sarah, daughter of John Jr and Jane Wiseman Park, married Alexander Rowan Craver. The Cravers have many descendants in present-day Davidson Co NC, organized from Rowan Co in 1822. Mrs Kathleen Mock Craver (editor of The Genealogical Journal published by the Genealogical Society of Davidson Co, Lexington NC) and others have assisted in tracing this branch.

Bettie Bradshaw Phillips #913 of Monroe LA, has provided some information about one line of descent from Elizabeth Park Palmer, daughter of John & Elizabeth Owen Park.

Much remains to be done on the family of George and Agness Nichols Park. Among the three Rowan Co Parks for whom this lineage leader is responsible, George alone has no integrated family history, although a start has been made. Any reader with information is urged to contact:

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Charlottesville VA 22905

## Queries

Seeking parents of HUGH PARK b c1750 Co Antrim Ire. 1m Mary Strong 2m Jennett Glenn in Chester CO SC in 1789, she the dau of John Glenn & Margaret.

Doris I Greeson #1069  
7101 Malta St  
San Diego CA 92111-4234

Need the parents of WILLIAM SAMPSON c1750-a1804 m 1783 Olive Ames d/o Elijah Ames and Keziah(5)Parke [from Robert(MA 1630), Thomas(2) Nathaniel(3), Ezekiel(4)].

Children of William & Olive b Voluntown CT  
Solomon m 1821 Eliz Clark  
Levi

Eliza 1m Samuel Roberts  
2m Col John Schenck  
Fanny m William Ferguson  
Olive m Wareham Day  
Sophia m Luther Hoadley  
William  
Elijah bp 1801  
John Ward m Mary Hoadley  
Family moved after 1804 to  
Wayne CO PA Mrs Shirley  
Sampson #1135  
13306 Country Hts Dr  
Penn Valley CA 95946

Need whereabouts of COMODORE PARK my gt grandfather b c1830 Marshall TN, in Obion Co TN until 1870. Have pic in CSA uniform. Possible he went to AR or TX. He is a desc. of Roger(NJ 1682) thru John(2,3), Moses(4), John(5), Robert C(6).  
He m Martha Jane Maupin  
Mrs Jane P Paessler #1110  
4260 Long Creek Rd  
Memphis TN 38125

## Gold in GA: from p17

"The maddest man in the country," continued Uncle Bennie, "was Preacher O'Bear, from whom I had leased the land. He thought the lease was a joke, but now he found out that it was in earnest."

"One day he came to me and said, 'Mr Parks, I want your lease.'"

"But I will not sell it to you," I replied.

"Why not?" he asked.

"Well," I answered, "even if I were willing, it is now out of my power, for I have taken in a partner, and I know he would never consent to it. I have given him my word, and I will keep it."

"You will suffer for this yet," said O'Bear menacingly as he went away."

"Two weeks later I saw a party of two women and two men approaching. I knew it was O'Bear's family, intent upon trouble. Knowing O'Bear's fondness for litigation, I warned my men to hold their own, but to take no offensive step."

"Mr Parks," was O'Bear's first words, "I want that mine."

"If you were to pay me ten times its value," I replied, "I would not sell it to you."

"Well, the longest pole will knock off the persimmon," he said threateningly.

"At this moment Mrs O'Bear broke the sluice gates to let out the water. A laborer was in the ditch, and the woman threw rocks in the water in order to splash him. Failing to make him aggressive, she burst into tears, when her son advanced to attack him. I caught him by the collar and flung him back."

"Then the party went off, swore out warrants against us and had us all arrested. All this was done for intimidation, but it failed to work. The next thing I heard was that O'Bear had sold the place to Judge Underwood, who in turn sold it to Senator John C Calhoun of South Carolina, and then I lost a fortune."

"How was that?"

"Senator Calhoun wanted to buy my lease, and I sold

it for what I thought was a good price. The very first month after the sale he took out 24,000 pennyweights of gold. Then I was inclined to be as mad with him as O'Bear had been with me."

"But that is the peculiarity of gold mining. You will go day after day, exhausting your means and strength, until you give it up. Then the first man who touches the spot finds the gold the first opening he makes. It is just like gambling - all luck. But the gold fever was in my blood, and I soon got into another mining speculation, on Garvin branch, where I took out as much as 1,000 pennyweights per month."

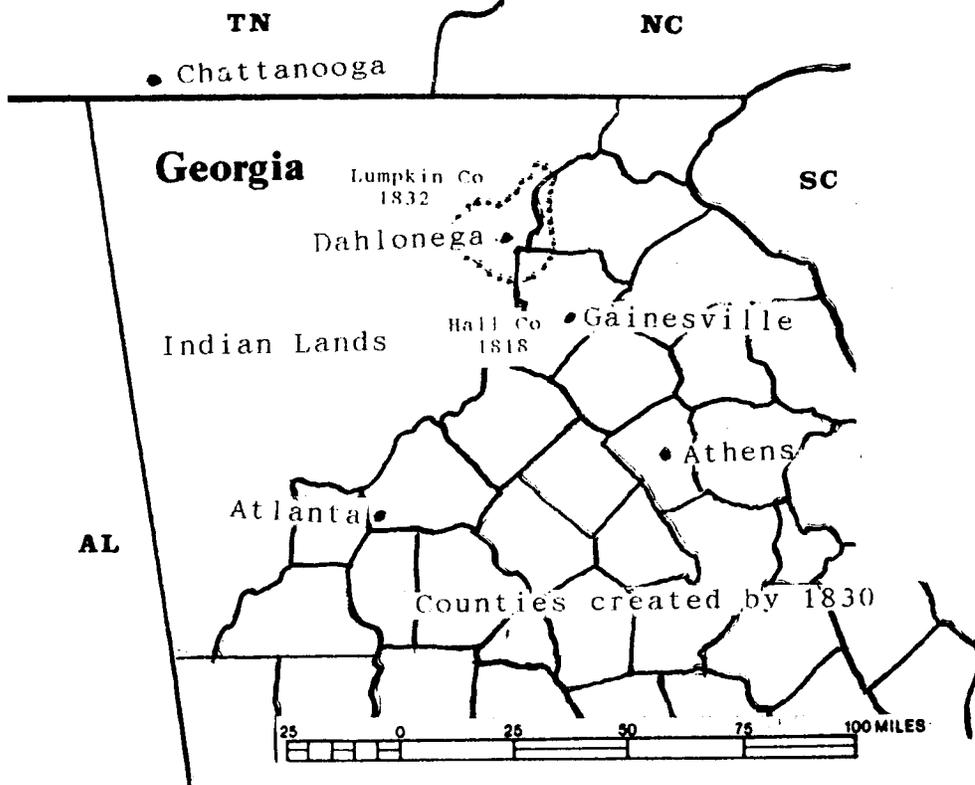
"When Uncle Bennie Parks had concluded his relation of gold and gold-hunting, he went into the house and brought out his old rifle - 'Long Susie', as he called it, and, sighting the weapon, longed for a deer, that he might bring it to earth."

"I have killed many a deer," said he. "I will not say that I have killed as many as that man in Coffee county, who claims to have 1,000 antlers to show for his skill, but I have killed more than any other man hereabouts. I once killed two deer with the same shot. The two were running by me abreast. I fired and one fell dying, while the other was disabled so that my dogs came up in time and held it until I could dispatch it with my knife."

"The rifle was made in London in 1857, and was five feet ten inches in length."

(editor - the northwest section of Georgia in the 1820's had not yet been laid out into counties and was considered Indian Lands.)

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## THOMAS (VA 1728)

b c1670/5 Old Rappahanock Co VA  
d 1761 Albemarle Co VA  
m c1705

(Immigrant parentage not yet found)  
In Spotsylvania Co VA 1728  
Bought land in Orange Co VA 1736  
Bought land in Albemarle Co 1744

Will dated 24 Feb 1752  
and probated 12 Mar 1761 in  
Old Rappahannock Co;  
In 1692 this was divided into  
Essex and Richmond Cos;  
King George Co was formed from  
Essex Co in 1720-1.

John  
b 1706 Essex Co VA  
d 1791 Wilkes Co NC  
m 1732 Mary Sharp(?)

Martha  
b c1710 Essex Co VA  
d  
m Peter Russell(?)

Mary  
b c1712 Essex Co VA  
d a1779  
m c1730 John Bond

Charles  
b 1714 Essex Co VA  
d c1806 Elbert Co GA  
1m Susannah  
2m Mary

Samuel  
b c1718 Essex Co VA  
d  
m Mary North

Elizabeth  
b 1721 Essex Co VA  
d c1752  
m Christopher Hutchins

Thomas Jr  
b 1725 Spotsylvania Co VA  
d 1790 Wilkes Co NC  
m c1752 Priscilla Blanton(?)  
(see his descendants v28p42)

Rachel  
b 1733 VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m Stamper

Betsy  
b 1735 VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m Gray

Mary  
b 1736 VA  
d Wilkes Co VA  
m Carrell

William DAR  
b 1737 VA  
d 1776 Albemarle Co VA  
1m Tabitha Ware  
2m Mary Ann Dawson

John  
b 1739 VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m

Thomas  
b 1740 VA  
d 1819 Burke Co NC  
m Bicknel/Bricrel

Ann  
b 1742 VA  
d  
m

Charles Winfield  
b 1744 VA  
d  
m

Mildred  
b 1744 VA  
d  
m

Benjamin  
b 1746 King George Co  
d 1839 Hall Co GA  
1m 1774 Virlinche Branch  
2m 1779 Elizabeth Branch

Franky  
b 1747 VA  
d VA  
m John Mays

Charles  
b 1749 VA  
d GA  
m

Susanna  
b 1751 VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m William Garrell

Linchfield  
b 1753 VA  
d NC  
m

Sarah  
b 1755 VA  
d Wilkes Co NC  
m Cornelius Sale

Samuel  
b 1757 Amherst Co VA  
d 1844 Burke Co NC  
m Elizabeth Harbison

George  
b 1759 Amherst Co VA  
d 1837 Monroe Co IN  
1m 1779 Millicent Davis  
2m 1796 Catherine Reed

James  
b 1775 Rowan Co NC  
d  
m

Mary  
b 1777 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

Linsfield  
b 1780 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

John  
b 1782 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

Anna  
b 1784 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

Susan  
b 1786 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

Flemmon  
b 1788 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

Patsy  
b 1791 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

Elizabeth  
b 1793 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

Mira  
b 1795 Burke Co NC  
d  
m

?

Benjamin  
b 1802 Burke Co NC  
d 1895 Hall Co GA  
m 1825 Sarah Henderson

Rachel  
b 1811  
d  
m

John Henderson  
b 1826 Hall Co GA  
d 1893  
1m 1847 Barzella Castleberry  
2m Rebecca McCurry

Joseph Marion  
b 1827 Hall Co GA  
d 1903  
m 1849 Eliza Webb

Aziel Clifton  
b 1830 Hall Co GA  
d 1854 at sea  
m 1848 Mary Hendrix

Samuel S  
b 1831 Hall Co GA  
d 1865  
m

Benjamin Madison  
b 1833 Hall Co GA  
d  
m 1866 Elizabeth Allen

William Daniel  
b 1835 Hall Co GA  
d 1911  
m 1855 Sarah F Jay

Andrew H  
b 1837 Hall Co GA  
d  
m

Thomas Lafayette  
b 1838 Hall Co GA  
d 1918  
1m 1857 Melicha Montgomery  
2m 1866 Eliz Jane Calhoun

David Rives  
b 1840 Hall Co GA  
d 1918 Banks Co GA  
m 1867 Ellen Eliz Weaver

Elizabeth Jane  
b 1842 Hall Co GA  
d 1844 Hall Co GA

Harvey Calhoun  
b 1844 Hall Co GA  
d 1914 Hall Co GA  
m 1867 Sarah Eliz Cain

Benjamin H  
b 1850 Hall Co GA  
d  
m

## Historian's Corner

## Notes from all Around

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Time to catch up on a few loose ends in this department.

GIVENAME INDEX: It continues to grow, though at a slower pace than I would like. My data entry person, is now working full time [a good thing]. Thus he has less time to help me [not a good thing]!

Editing is an ongoing process. As I use the INDEX, I keep finding obvious mistakes relating to keying errors. It isn't that my assistant isn't capable. He keys what he sees. What he sees on the hand-written family group sheets may not be what David or I meant when we prepared them. That he can read our writing at all is appreciated. That's a good reason why I don't want to break in some one else for that task.

AS TO TURNOVER: This brings me to my next point. As anyone who has supervised or managed people will tell you, the greatest challenge and greatest giver of stress is personnel turnover. Just when you think you've got all the bases covered -staff in place and well trained - someone decides to move on.

It's bad enough in the work place where a staff gets paid. It is far more difficult in the all-volunteer arena such as in the Parke Society. Taking over a duty in our Society is not intended to be a life sentence. (I once had a parishioner tell me, after 12 years as a parish Clerk, that she felt that she had to move to Siberia or die to get out of the job gracefully.) I can understand the desire to move on to other interests. So, while I'm disappointed, I do not begrudge those who say "it's time". I just hope not too many will!

How do we find volunteers in this Society? Probably not very well. In my case, the former Historian, David Parke, saw someone ripe for the picking as he perused my membership application and cover letter back in 1980. He immediately phoned me and was MOST persuasive, catching me at a weak moment and so here I am 15 years later!

We had hoped that Officers and Trustees might find their own replacements. That isn't to realistic since they don't have contact with the possible members who might fit the duty. So when a vacancy occurs, we must turn to the Society as a whole for help.

At the moment we need replacements for TREASURER and for TRUSTEE in Region 1 (New England). Details can be found in the CCTM. We also need LINEAGE LEADERS for the Robert (MA 1630) line. Although this line is quite well documented, there is a need to develop a closer relationship among the member descendants to fill in the gaps and coordinate the completion of family group sheets in later generations. Anyone willing to serve will be provided with existing records and related members.

If any of these positions seem to be within your capabilities and available freetime, please contact our President Lyle Orem, Newsletter Editor David Parke or me.

LINEAGE LEADERS: Our present members in this position are playing a vital role in coordinating the research by those working on their immigrant line. The detailed work involved is far beyond what I can do as Historian. This program started only three years ago to cover the tremendous volume of correspondence among members who appeared to be tied to Roger (NJ 1682). Other lines are

being covered as willing members accept the challenge. (see the list of Lineage Leaders on page 32 ) The communications between the Lineage Leaders and the Historian are a major concern at present as we prepare the family group sheets and incorporate them into the GIVENAME INDEX. The Richard (MA 1635) line is the most recent one undertaken. If your line has a Leader, please feel free to make contact and share what you can, asking for any help you may need.

COMPUTERS & GENEALOGY: In responding to a new member recently, I realized that I had been a bit too parochial in my view of micro-computers. My world has always been the IBM-compatible, MS-DOS universe. Thus I have NO real experience with Macintosh, Apples, or any other current or past platforms. I can recognize one when confronted, but don't ask me to tell you anything about running them. [Micro-computers can be categorized by unique design and electronic architecture features into "platform" groups. Different platforms are usually not compatible, programs from one can't run on another. Examples of platforms are IBM, Apple, Macintosh, Amiga, Commodore]

I would like to see this remedied, at least in part, but need help. We are looking for short articles on other platforms (current and orphaned) for use in these pages. Content might include, available machines, pluses and minuses to them (as opposed to the IBM world?). available software (genealogical or otherwise) and how you can share data with other platforms. Those interested should drop me a line. Please help fill this information gap.

ON DOING GENEALOGY: I don't  
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## Historian: from p30

mean to nag, but it is useful to repeat certain cardinal rules regarding this favorite avocation.

1. Avoid, at all costs, the temptation to write a complete (no holes) story, a seemingly seamless garment. There will always be unanswered questions, and unquestionable items. Until a practical time machine is invented, our work will always be incomplete, and perhaps incorrect due to no fault of our own.

2. Sloppy genealogy is worse than no genealogy at all. It muddies the waters to an extent that others may never be able to clean it up. All things worth doing are worth doing well. Take care when gathering notes. Learn how best to document your work. and above all, DOCUMENT where you found the information.

3. Take care with dates. Where there is conflicting data, document it, and try to determine (in your notes) which date is most likely correct. Take particular care with double dating information. Especially note dates that might be different due to the change in the 18th century calendar. It is likely that not everyone adjusted to the change immediately.

4. Place names, locations, and jurisdictions are another difficult point. Use the name as it appeared at the time of the event. Note the current name and jurisdictions in your footnotes.

5. Have a slightly jaundiced eye toward everything you see. Read your source materials carefully. Writers make honest mistakes. New evidence comes along that will completely overturn previous conclusions. Don't be upset when someone questions your work. Conversely, take care when raising questionable points in someone else's work. Be aware that they have

invested time, effort and expense themselves. They may be easily bruised by your comment. I have tried over the years to find a way to say I disagree without actually saying those words.

6. Finally, document your own life. We think about doing genealogy as searching for our ancestors. But (if we have issue) do we imagine ourselves as someone else's ancestor. Think of the thrill you have reading a great grandfather's diary or journal. Then imagine what you might do for some future searcher.

"The Story of My Life" may seem a bit tacky. Yet we all have unique experiences and feelings that could be of great interest to our descendants. Start out with a general outline of your life to date, periods that seem to tie together as a cohesive unit. Then start to fill in the various pieces of information. Go beyond the presentation of mere facts. These don't really tell anything more than what can be found in public documents. Then tell about yourself. Why did you go to school there. Why were you married in the Park. Why did you name your first born Sylvester Aloysius Romeo Garfunkel. Put yourself into your writing.

Even for those of us who have no issue, the writing of a personal journal is important. It gives us a chance to evaluate our lives and to vocalize why we did certain things.

I am not an island. I have nieces, nephews and cousins as well as many friends. They might find my experiences and feelings of interest.

The level of personal revelation you want to get to is your decision. You may want your journal to be very personal, closed to other eyes for a period of time. That should be arranged with your heirs and

/or executor (genealogical or otherwise). But be practical, don't keep it closed for ever.

Have I done mine? No, not yet. I have been contemplating doing it for some months. Having reached 50, I now realize (perhaps for the first time) that I am more than half way through my biblically allotted "three score and ten, and if perhaps by strength, four score years". The time has come to put pen to paper. Won't you join me?

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## VA Records: from p26

on Jan 21, 1775, advertised that his wife, Delphia, 'has been a naughty and furious housewife for some years and has threatened to ruin him; he will no longer pay any of her debts.' Another, 'James Tracey was captured by Shawnee Indians in 1763 on Stinking Creek, New River. He escaped in 1773 and went to his former home "to learn that his father and family had removed to Fredsbrg Virginia" and was seeking information on them.'

The preface material tells where microfilms for each newspaper are located. The 470-page book is available for \$30.50 from:

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