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Newsletter Editorship to Change Hands

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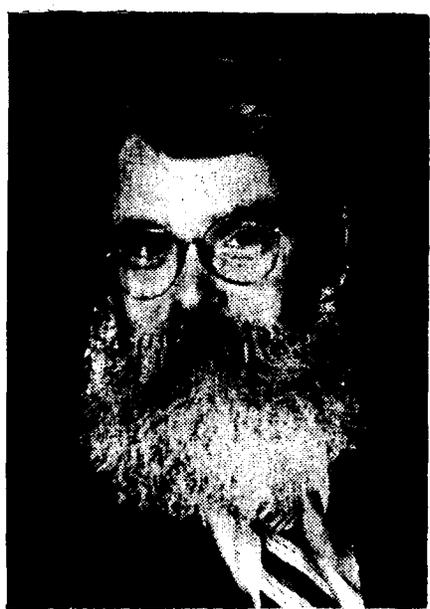
Last Summer I wrote to our Officers and Trustees stating that this Fall issue of the NEWSLETTER would be my last as Editor.

It was in the winter issue last year that I was looking for a replacement. At that time I had approached Percy Park #140 who appeared well qualified. His situation changed and he had to say NO. Instead, he is now completing the indexing of vol 26 thru 32, also a much needed service.

Thus I have made further inquiry, and have found, not one but TWO to undertake the Editorship. They both live in the Lansing MI area.

Keith Harrison #710 is not a Parke descendant! His wife and son are. Six years ago Keith published an impressive 358 page genealogy for his son Nathan and this, of course, traces his line back to Robert (MA 1630), but also to 15 other families as well.

Keith's neighbor Douglas Park #749 has done much work on his lineage back to Roger (NJ 1682). Together they



Keith Harrison #710

have been involved in a national organization, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Keith's term as the National Commander ended on August 1st. Now that that load in this venture has been lifted, they feel ready to undertake the Editorship together. Doug is equipping himself with the latest computer and knows how to use it! Tad has been unhappy with my lack of knowledge in such.

I will transfer many of my files to Michigan. What remains, I must review and coordinate it for their use. Letters have gone out to 15 members near Lansing asking them if they would give some of their time as a support group. This is where I have been at a disadvantage, as this is no longer a job for one person. Here in Reading



J Douglas Park #749 with father & son

I have received from members over the years a vast file of important papers. Now these papers need to be studied by others so that they can gain a broader picture of what is at hand and what needs to be done.

I expect to keep in close touch with Keith and Doug during the transition. As I write, there is a chance that both Keith and Doug will visit me the weekend before Thanksgiving. Some of the files can be in their hands at a much earlier date.

At present I am doing an in depth study of Park/e/s families in Pennsylvania. This has been an important state where immigrants

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In Memory



Gabriel Parks Rumble Jr

A letter from Sarah Chew #798 reports the death of her cousin Gabriel Parks Rumble Jr #233 on September 17th aged 87 in Forsyth GA. Gabe was our principal researcher for his immigrant ancestor John (VA 1715).

He was a broadcast engineer for Philco, and a ham radio enthusiast since 1930 with call letter W5BBB. He was also an active member of Forsyth Historical Society. Gabe gave an excellent presentation on his ancestry at our 1987 Convocation in Macon GA. A recent publication from the Library of Congress noted that several booklets on his lineage are included in their genealogy collection.

Gabe's lineage from John is thru Richard, John, Gabriel, Mary Candice, Josephine Richardson, to his father Gabriel Sr. He leaves his wife Inga and two daughters Dr Juliet of Atlanta, Dr Vanessa of Boston and four brothers.

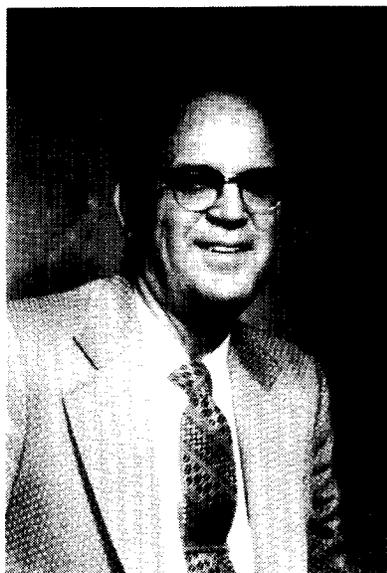
Another long time member of Society, Dr Archie Oliver Parks Jr #281, died on May 16th in Austin TX leaving his wife Virgia Ray (Cross), two sons, Lloyd and Gene,

Congratulations

A 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated by Life member Dr Edward Charles Parke Jr #280 and his wife Mary Frances (Hooker) on 3 July 1994.

Dr Parke, a professor of Nuclear Physics at Humboldt State University in Arcata CA, is a descendant of Thomas (ONT 1820) from Wicklow IRE thru Edward Dean, Thomas Edward, to his father, Edward Sr.

two daughters, Dorothy and Ceri, a brother Robert E and sister Dorothy Lee Cook. We appreciate receiving word of his death from Archie's nephew, Leon Brown #966.



Archie Oliver Parks Jr

Archie was born in Waco TX in 1918, served in the 8th US Army Air Corp in Europe and later in the USAF in the Korean War.

Following his studies leading to a PhD, he taught for 31 years and served as Chairman of Chemistry at

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- 1191 Carroll Richard Voigt Carmel IN
- 1192 Dr Larry Eugene Price Statesboro GA
- 1193 Dr Michael Edward Parke Boulder CO
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- 1195 Mrs Carolyn Kottmeyer Glenmore PA
- 1196 Mrs Marlene P Dawson Lexington SC
- 1197 Roy Leland Park Jr Shore Line WA

Southwestern Texas State Univ. He was later Dean of the School of Sciences.

His lineage is from William Rufus Parks who came to TN from North Carolina in 1817, to Marion Francis and his father Archie Oliver Sr.

Anderson Bowers III #615 died July 10th in Dover NH after a brief illness. He was the son of Julia Parks (Bowden)(Bowers) Parke #14 and Anderson Bowers Jr, born 8 April 1950 in Bethesda MD.

Andy was a graduate of Boston Univ where he was a member of the varsity crew for three years. Upon graduation he coached the women's crew, guiding them to the national championship in 1974 and later to world championships in Lucerne Switzerland.

His business life was in the electronics field in Boston and California until

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The Parke Family Tree

he settled in New Hampshire selling real estate. With his marriage to Noreen Stewart in 1988, they together opened a successful Bed & Breakfast near ski areas, another of his athletic interests.

He was a 13th generation descendant from Robert (MA 1630 thru Thomas, Nathaniel, Joseph, Daniel, Daniel, Solomon, Barzilla, Solomon A Julia A, to his grandmother, Dorothy (West) Bowden #4. Besides his mother, he leaves a brother Jonathan of Ballston Lake NY and two sisters, Deborah Steiner of Clifton Park NY and Emily Bowers #616 of Lake Placid.



Richard Gough Day III, the son of Elizabeth (Bowden) #16 & the late Richard Day Jr died on July 27th in Salt Lake City. He was born in Ft Smith AR 4 May 1946 and grew up in Glens Falls NY.

Following his schooling in the east, he farmed and ranched in the Gallatin Valley of Montana for 20 years. Dick was also active in agricultural and real estate sales affiliated with Western Land Brokerage in Bozeman.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne (Plazzi) and a daughter Sarah. Also he leaves two sisters, Susan Day Elia of Greenwich CT and Margaret Day Striplin of Olympia WA.

His lineage is the same as that for his first cousin Andy Bowers above.

Word has been received that Edward Plummer Parkes Jr #1005 died 2 Dec 1993 in Alton IL. He was born in 1921 in St Louis MO. His lineage was traced to a Thomas, to James Anderson, to his father.

In a recent sale by celebrated auction house Sotheby's in New York of Fine Americana (sale #6731) there was an interesting item described in the catalog as,

PARKE FAMILY TREE
signed by Wm Richardson 1838

The picture measures 19 3/4 x 13 3/4 showing a tree with large leaves and white fruit with names of the family. The catalog picture measures only 2 3/4 x 4 inches so that names are not legible. The important fact is that this item was going for \$8000 to \$12000! We hope that someone in the Society was the successful bidder and will tell us who the family was.

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arrived, stayed for a while and then moved south to North Carolina or moved on into Ohio and west.

Another project is to complete a record of all Park/e/s families listed in the 1850 census. Being the first census that included the whole family, showing ages, where born, and occupations, makes it most helpful for family research. I will welcome the help of anyone and assist those who might give time and effort to this.

Right now the important step is to see that the NEWSLETTER is kept strong and spreads the word to our membership. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Mark Your Calendar

1996 CONVOCATION

September 5 to 8

Howard Johnson Park Sq. Inn
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It has been a very warm, dry summer here in the Reading PA area. My family enjoyed visits with cousins from both sides of my family. We had a great time reminiscing, a reminder that we all should take the time to write those family stories before they are forgotten.

Along with this, I wonder how many of you have family pictures with no names or dates! I now have photos, some nice studio prints, dating from 1880 to 1900. Those in my generation have no idea who they were. My mother, now in her 90s, was able to help with many in this century.

So I pass on the hint that you join me in identifying prints soon after they are taken. In many cases it is well to include relationships, since it will help the generations to come.

I also want to mention the excellent program that Registrar, Marjorie Isaac, presented at our Region 3 meeting last July. One research tool she discussed was the use of recorded deeds. I can give a personal example of how useful it was. My grandfather was orphaned at age five and raised by friends. So very little was known about his ancestral line.

By checking his father's property deed, I discovered the name of an older son (by a previous marriage) giving his address in 1871. I then followed this son through census records confirming that I had the right VanDerKarr born in Rensselaer Co NY in 1799. That deed information gave the vital clue needed since the name has several different spellings.

Now let me share the content of a few more books in our Society's Library.

Plymouth Colony (its History & People 1620-1691)

by Eugene Aubrey Stratton (929.7 STRA) Part I is an excellent in-depth history of the Plymouth Colony, written for those doing serious research of this area. It describes many religious factions in England in the time of King James I showing how these led to the sailing of the Mayflower and the establishment of the Plymouth Colony.

Part II entitled "Topical Narratives" deals with government, the law (keeping order), the different classes (all men were NOT equal then), everyday life, morality, writers (record keepers), and the importance of land and inheritance. This last, I found most interesting. The Plymouth General Court seemed to use good common sense, rather than strict law in matters of inheritance.

Part III "Biographical Sketches" were biographies of those the author felt had made an important historical contribution to the Colony. Richard Parke (MA 1635) is mentioned as the 2nd husband of Sarah (Collier) Brewster.

In this recent book you will find the Mayflower passenger list, land purchasers to 1626, tax lists of 1633 & 1634, and later arrivals.

The Parson of the Islands

by Adam Wallace (1861) (920 THOM) This is a biography of Joshua Thomas, born on Potato Neck, Somerset Co MD in 1776 who became a Methodist pastor as a young man. He lived and ministered to his flock in the area of the Chesapeake Bay and Eastern Shore of MD

& VA and was associated with the Parks family described by Gail Walczyk #1168 elsewhere in this issue.

Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots by Patricia Law Hatcher, 1987 (929.5 HATC) This 4 volume set is taken from Annual Reports of the DAR to the Smithsonian Institute since 1900. The names are spelled as found in original documents and are listed in strict alphabetical order. Thus you will want to check all spellings. The name and place of burial is given but should be used in conjunction with other valid sources. The set should be helpful in locating your Revolutionary ancestors.

The Redeemed Captive

Returning to Zion by John Williams, first published in 1707. [he was a descendant of Robert (MA 1630), thru William(2) Samuel(3) to John(4) 1664-1729] This book was popular with the 18th century English colonists, being reprinted several times by 1795.

The Rev John Williams describes a French and Indian raid on Deerfield MA in the winter of 1704. He lost his wife and two children and was part of a forced march to Canada. While there he was well treated physically by the French, but the Roman Catholic priests constantly tried to convert him.

The Protestant faith of Pastor Williams was steadfast. He was outspoken in its defense. His sermon preached on his return to Deerfield is included.

Also in our Library are three novels for children by Mary P Wells Smith. She places Pastor Williams' son Stephen as the protagonist on the forced march and then in Canada. The third novel tells of three English children's experiences as captives among the Indians during King Philip's War. Boy Captive of Old Deerfield Boy Captive in Canada The Young Puritans in Captivity (FIC SMIT)

Region 3 Meeting at Reading PA



A Region 3 meeting was held in Reading PA by the retiring Trustee Marjorie Isaac #825 on July 12th. It was held at the home of Newsletter Editor David Parke #13 to take advantage of the Society's Library, still being housed there. We were especially pleased to have former President Kathryn Parke of North Carolina, retiring Treasurer Jim Marsh of Frederick MD, and Lineage Leader Charles Burroughs #694 of Wash DC.

After a good buffet lunch served by Librarian Jean Churchill and assistant Lorraine Tuccinardi, Marjorie lead a discussion on some good ideas she had found in doing research on her family lines. In particular she emphasized checking land deeds. See Jean's column on page 36 for her comments on the results she gains from this.

Vandalism at Pontiac MI Cemetery

Vandalism hit the Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac MI last Easter weekend, according to Virginia Keefer #1173. She sent in clippings from the Oakland (MI) Press.

Some of the monuments were merely knocked over, but others had the top of their spire-like monuments broken off. Some of the headstones are irreplaceable according to Tom Overbaugh, in charge of the city-owned cemetery.

He says that locking the gates is about all he can

do. Unfortunately, this malicious destruction of property is a low priority for the local police.

The cemetery is on the state register of historic sites with an 1822 start-up date. Among the more historic figures at Oak Hill is Hervey Parke, "one of the celebrated surveyors of Oakland Co, and possibly the county's first sheriff." He went on to lay out many western county and town lines in Michigan and moved on to Wisconsin and Iowa. He estimated that the

established lines he surveyed were more than 5400 miles between 1822 and 1838.

Capt Hervey (1790-1879) born in Chatham CT (now Middle Haddam), was a descendant of Robert (MA 1630) thru Thomas, Nathaniel Joseph, Joseph, to his father John. He and his brother Dr Ezra Smith Parke came to Michigan from Oneida Co NY in the early 1820s. Dr Ezra's grave is also in the Oak Hill Cemetery. (see v15 p10 & p28 for his life's story.)

How a Man Became his own Grandfather

Dear Ann Landers:

My son gave me this little essay. I think it's fascinating and hope you will pass it on.

- Nassau Guardian Reader
in the Bahamas

Dear Reader: So do I. Here it is:

I married a widow who had

a daughter. My father visited our house frequently and fell in love with my stepdaughter and married her. Thus, my father became my son-in-law, and my stepdaughter became my mother, for she was my father's wife

My stepdaughter also had a son. He was, of course, my grandchild and my brother

at the same time, because he was the son of my father. My wife was my grandmother, for she was my mother's mother.

I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time. Since the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I was my own grandfather!

The Conquest and After: The Greys of Rotherfield

William G Cook #66

Almost 100 years before the Conquest of England, the family of Grey was established at Grai and Douneville in the immediate vicinity of Caen. It already occupied a place of some note among the families of the Bassin in Normandy. At first the records are scanty. Later they are somewhat confused:

ARNULPH, Sieur de Grai, was alive about 970AD.

NIGEL de Grai, son of Arulph witnessed a charter c 1020

TURSTIN, Baron de Grai and Douneville, son of Nigel.

TURGIS de Grai, was the son of Turstin.

ANSCHETIL (Ansketil) de Grai son of Turgis, was "one of the great men of the time." He appears in the Domesday report as holding

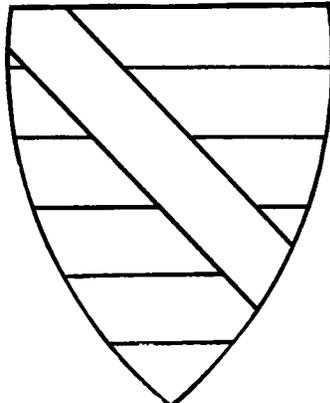
"Redrefield" and Cornewell in Oxfordshire, as well as other properties in Oxfordshire and Berkshire. His unusual first name occurs in several generations of the Grey family.

What he did in the 1066 invasion of England is not recorded, but he is described as "one of the men who ranked as barons in the social scale by virtue of the position they held at their lord's court." His holdings included acres of meadowland, mills, pasture and woodland whose manorial occupants were required to render certain dues in kind.

Anschetil took sides against King William's quarrelsome son and successor, William Rufus, and lost some of his lands. Some scribes say he was imprisoned, that his unidentified wife was excluded from the house, and that he died a few days later. Certainly he was dead before 1100.

There was apparently enough land for his four sons, of whom the eldest,

Richard de Grai, inherited the Rotherfield holdings. To the monks at Eynsham, Richard gave lands in Derneford, Woodlay and Cornewell. The once famous abbey is no more except for some scattered stones on the site, which is about five miles west of Oxford, and a good 25 miles from Rotherfield.



Grey

Richard had three sons, of whom two, Anschetil the Second, and Thomas, both became ancestors of Alice Parke. The two lines merged many generations later. We will consider them in turn. First, the elder line:

Anschetil de Grey

Anschetil de Grey succeeded to the Rotherfield title. Between 1150 and 1160 he was on record as giving lands in Stanlac (Stone Lake ?) to the Eynsham monks.

His son John de Grey enters the record in 1192 as confirming his father's donation to the monks, and adding the meadow called Chettuschesham some time before 1192. When he died there was no male heir and his daughter, Eva de Grey, became a pivotal and desirable heiress. She settled this by conveying Rotherfield and Cornewell to the distinguished (and avaricious) second cousin,

Walter de Grey, Archbishop of York and Chancellor of the Realm under King John (see below under "Thomas de Grey").

Eva de Grey kept title to lands in Stanlac and Derneford which she carried with her in marriage to Ralph Murdac. That line continues through the families of Murdac, Bocland, Gifford, Samwell, Edwards and Freeman to Alice (Freeman)(Thompson) Parke.

Thomas de Grey

Thomas was Anschetil's younger brother, whom Archbishop Walter de Grey endowed with title to Cornewell. Thomas had two sons, of whom the younger, John, became Bishop of Norwich. But John's older brother and heir to Cornewell is nameless, although his existence is amply established by his marriage to Hawise or Helwisa ... who, after his death, gave Cornewell Church to Osney Abbey for the soul of Bishop John. She was still alive 9 March 1239/40, when King Henry III granted her certain rights by charter.

Hawise left two sons, Sir Robert de Grey, and the above-mentioned Archbishop Walter de Grey. The Archbishop, having received Rotherfield and Cornewell by gift from his second cousin Eva de Grey (see above), now proceeded to award the tenancies to his brother Robert, and the Grey line was once more established as lords of those lands. Robert was married, probably before 1223 to Amice ... He died about 1245.

His son and heir, Sir Walter de Grey, succeeded at Rotherfield, and he was further enriched by the gift on 12 June 1245, of various lands in Oxfordshire, Lincolnshire and Kent, which the canny Archbishop had

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5 Generations in Wisconsin



This picture was taken by Marian Ellen Dibble Williams #621, sister of Bessie at gathering in Marshfield WI in July 1995.

front: George Avery Dibble
w/wife Irene Dawes Dibble
back: Raymond Hall gson
Heather Reene Hall ggdau
John Ray Hall ggon
Bessie Dibble Hall Krueger d

Lineage from Robert (MA 1630)
Thomas, Robert, Hezekiah,
Rev Paul, Elisha, Ephraim,
Charles, Avery, Ida to
George Avery Dibble above.
12th gen. Bessie
13th gen. Raymond
14th gen. John
15th gen. Heather

Queries

Seeking parents of HUGH
PARK b c1750 possibly in
Co Antrim IRE. Bought land
in Craven Co SC in 1773.
1m MARY STRONG, 2m JENNETT
GLENN d/o JOHN & MARGARET in
Chester Co SC in 1789.
Doris I Greeson #1069
7101 Malta St
San Diego CA 92111-4234

Ancestral Safari: from p38

purchased from the heirs of the Arsic family. Sir Walter married Isabel de Duston whose earliest known ancestor was William Austurcarius or "Falcon Keeper", who had been granted the Duston holding for service as custodian of his master's sporting birds of prey. Isabel died in 1301, outliving her husband by some 37 years.

Sir Robert de Grey, son and heir, held, in addition to Rotherfield, lands in Somerton and Hardwick, Oxon. and Sculcoates and Kettlewell, Yorks. He was summoned for military duty from 12 Dec 1276 to 14 June 1287, under the ambitious King Edward I. He was again summoned to attend the king at Shrewsbury 28 June 1283. He made formal complaint on 11 Feb 1289/90 that his park at Rotherfield has been entered at night and some deer stolen. He married

Joan de Valognes (Valoines) and had at least two sons: Sir John de Grey from whom are descended the Barons de Grey, and Thomas de Grey. The record on Thomas shows only that he was alive in 1297.

His daughter Joan de Grey was alive in 1313. She married Guy le Breton who was living in 1333. This linedescends through Quatremain, Bruley and Danvers to Jane Langston, wife of Thomas Giffard (v32 p23). As 12th cousins, the pair brought together again the two lines of the House of Grey.

References: Cokayne's Peerage v2p22; Dictionary of National Biography pp632, 651-55; The Grey Family of Rotherfield. George Andrews Moriarty, longhand mss at the New England Historic Genealogical Society; Memorials of the Danvers Family, F N MacNamara, 1985, pp211-215; New England

Historic Genealogical Record v76pp295-300.

Next: The Quatremains of Oxfordshire

(Editor: A note from our Ancestral Safari author says that his next will be his last! ... "although I might occasionally do a side piece like one that's been, for expression, with a title like "The Non-Amenities of Ancestral Hunting."

Bill has been going over his past Safaries and rearranging them in more chronological order historically, starting with the Gallo-Romans. These articles in the NEWSLETTER started in 1974 when he was President of our Society.

At the age of 90, I think Bill deserves a rest! Those of you who have followed these records of early ancestors might like to drop him a line for his birthday next February 27th to:
2000 S Ocean Dr Apt 1808,
Ft Lauderdale FL 33316

Denver Convocation

The 32nd annual Convocation of our Society was held at the Landmark Inn in Denver CO. As has been our custom, the President's reception started the program off in good form. The advance team had our meeting room well organized for research during the next three days. The first session of the Trustees' meeting took place later in the evening.

Friday morning we had an excellent tour of the city,

All current officers were re-elected at the Trustees' second session Friday evening. Lu E Terock #861 became our new Treasurer, replacing James R Marsh #202 who had resigned.

The Saturday morning Symposium began with a fine presentation by James Jeffrey, Head of the Western History and Genealogy Dept. in the new Denver Public Library. That the two lines are on the same floor is no mistake. Mr Jeffrey is a

best results in genealogy research. He gave us guidance also in doing good planning before visiting a library for our research.

Following this, Fred Jefferies was back with us with a favorite topic of his, Onomatology, the study of the derivation and evolution of names, both first and surnames. Our Convocation Director Jeanne Reisler might not be aware that Jeanne means "Grace of God". And our President



guided by Fred Jefferies who has done much research on the history of this area.

In the late afternoon President Orem brought us together for the annual meeting. The three Trustees elected were:

Region 3 Mid-Atlantic,
Robert C Parke #1154 of
Dover DE

Region 7 Great Plains,
Oscar D McCollum #717 of
Glenwood Springs CO

Region 8 Northwest,
Robert J Park #1023 of
Portland OR.

Replacing Scott Park #264 in
Region 1 New England is
David C Parke #52 of
Leicester MA.

strong believer that they belong together.

The collection reflects the historic development of the trans-Mississippi West. It includes some 75,000 cataloged books and pamphlets; 500,000 photographs and 5,000 maps. And the Genealogical Reading Room offers more than 40,000 bound volumes of genealogical records and 60,000 pieces of microform.

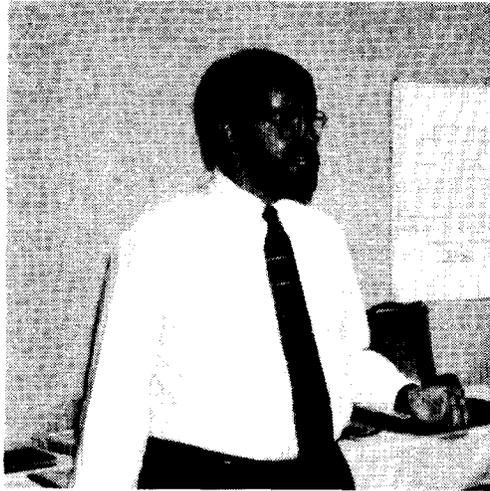
James pointed out jokingly, "can you imagine putting Western History together on the same floor with genealogy?" Again he emphasized the importance of studying local history for

Orem's first name Lyle means "Little Lyon" and his wife, Adele, is "Noble One"!

Fred pointed out that "one of the traits of Americans that surprised the new European immigrants was the use of personal names on everything! Ships, towns, rivers, trails, storms (we called a hurricane, Maria). In Europe the important places and events were usually named in recognition of royalty. This, of course, was true in America along the eastern seaboard before the Revolution. As one went west a noticeable change appeared. The early

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Speaker: James Jeffrey
Denver Public Library



stagecoach lines and even the coaches had identity: the B.O.D was the Butterfield Overland Dispatch; The Levenworth & Pikes Peak (L&PP) which went to Denver and not the Pikes Peak area."

Again, Fred was with us as our banquet speaker. This time he gave us a slide presentation on the history of the Denver area entitled Early Denver - the Gold Rush to the Rockies in 1859. It tied in nicely with our tour

on Friday.

On Sunday, many members attended Trinity United Methodist Church, the oldest church in Denver, prior to the closing luncheon. The coming and going by air was most unusual for those who hadn't seen the new Denver International Airport. It covers over 7 square miles. And the terminal is connected by a subway to the building where planes arrive and depart. As children would say, "It's awesome!"



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Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Park/e/s Land Sales in Ontario 1789-1920

This listing is from Cora L Reid #231, taken from Ontario Archives to give researchers a means of searching land records. The names are divided into Park Parke, Parkes and Parks. It is wise to look in each section for the same person. Many United Empire Loyalists will be found here and you may find where they owned land. This data ranges from the 1790s to World War I.

PARK	Residence	Property in	Issue Date	PARK	Residence	Property in	Issue Date
Alexander	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1836 Nov 3	James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul
Alexander				James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul
Alexander		Nepean	1837 Feb 4	James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul
Alexr		Hibbert	1849 Oct 27	James	Thorold	Whitchurch	1820 Jul
Alexr		Hibbert	1851 Nov 1	James	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1826 Mar 8
Alexr		Hibbert	1857 May 27	James	Dalhousie	Plympton	1839 Jan 31
Alexr		Hibbert	1860 Jan 17	James	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1836 Nov 3
Andrew	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1836 Nov 3	James	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1836 Nov 3
Andrew		Hibbert	1849 Oct 27	James	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1836 Nov 3
Archibald		Bentinck	1852 Jan 19	James	Goulbourn	Goulbourn	1828 Apr 2
Cornelius	Fredericksburgh	Hungerford	1823 Apr 2	James	Flamborough	Erin	1821 Apr 27
Cornelius		Tyendinaga	1831 Apr 15	James		Bentinck	1855 Jun 2
Cyrenius		Sophiasburgh	1800	James		Thorold	1794 Aug 23
Cyrenius	Fredericksburgh	Hungerford	1823 Apr 2	James		Dalhousie	1853 Apr 15
Cyrenius		Fredericksburgh	1803 May	James		Enniskillen	1852 Mar 17
D W		Dalhousie	1920 Aug 13	James		Lydenham	1861 Jul 24
David	Sheffield	Nottawasaga	1836 Mar 11	James		Fullarton	1854 Jan
David		Nottawasaga	1836 Mar 11	James		Dalhousie	1919 Jun 13
Donald	Charlottenburgh	Charlottenburgh	1850 Jul 18	James		Burford	1842 Feb 15
Donald		Hibbert	1850 Oct 28	James		Caistor	1853 Aug 30
Donald		Hibbert	1861 Jan 26	James		Dalhousie	1920 Jun 19
Elizabeth		Sophiasburgh	1800	Joan	Woodhouse		1832 Dec 6
Elizabeth	Sheffield		1834 Apr 3	John	Gwillimbury		1810 Apr 4
Ezra		Houghton	1860 Oct	John	Sheffield	Hungerford	1828 Mar 19
George		Madoc	1894 Nov 17	John		Scott	1810 Apr 18
George		Middleton	1845 Jun 25	John		Mulmur	1837 Jun 26
George		Artemesia	1854 Mar 22	John		Mulmur	1837 Jun 26
George		Garafraxa	1860 Jul 9	John		Enniskillen	1836 Nov 19
George		Hay	1849 Jan 19	John	Mulmur	Mulmur	1837 Jun 26
George		Garafraxa	1875 Feb 22	John	Mulmur	Mulmur	1837 Jun 26
George		Garafraxa	1885 Feb 5	John S		Glenelg	1864 Mar 18
George H		Middleton	1847 Jun 23	John S		Sherbrooke	1894 Feb 1
George H	Simcoe	Middleton	1843 Jul 12	Joseph	Fredericksburgh		1834 Jun 12
George H	Simcoe	Middleton	1847 Jun 23	Joseph	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1837 Jul 7
Hugh	Plympton	Plympton	1846	Joseph	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1837 Aug 10
Hugh			1836 Jun 16	Joseph		Sherbrooke	1842 Mar 4
Hugh	Plympton	Plympton	1840 May 13	Joseph	London	London	--
Huldah	Wainfleet		1810 Aug 7	Joseph	Dalhousie	Torbolton	1837 Aug 10
Huldah		Wainfleet	1811 Jun 18	M Sanford		Windham	1849 Dec 15
J		Dalhousie	1899 Feb 13	Mathew		Cornwall	1789
J		Dalhousie	1906 Aug 7	Meea		Collingwood	1836 Feb 20
J		Dalhousie	1913 Apr 22	Mess		Bayham	1850 Jun 24
J		Dalhousie	1913 Dec 6	Milo	Fredericksburgh	Collingwood	1836 Feb 20
J		Dalhousie	1914 Nov 20	Nathan		Cornwall	1789
J		Dalhousie	1919 Jun 13	Nathan		Cornwall	1789
J		Dalhousie	1919 Aug 14	Nathan	Fredericksburgh	Hungerford	1823 Apr 2
James		Fredericksburgh	1790	Nathaniel		Fredericksburgh	1800
James		Sophiasburgh	1800	Paul	Seneca	Oneida	1853 Mar 3
James			1795 Aug 14	Paul		Walsingham	1857 Feb
James	Stanford	Erin	1817 Jul 31	Peter	Fredericksburgh	Hungerford	1823 Apr 2
James	Fredericksburgh	Tiny	1818 Mar 18	Philip B		Houghton	1860 Oct 10
James	Thorold	Whitchurch	1817 Jul	Philip		Houghton	1871 Jan 30
James	Ameliasburgh	Cartwright	1817 Jul	Reuben	Fredericksburgh	Hungerford	1833 Nov 27
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Robert		Cornwall	1789
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Robert	Cornwall		1850 Oct 28
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Robert		Nepean	1837 Feb 4
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Robert		Toronto	1837 May 1
James	Thorold	Whitchurch	1820 Jul	Robert		Nepean	1845 Oct 3
James	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1826 Mar 8	Robert		Euphrasia	1849 Mar 6
James	Dalhousie	Plympton	1839 Jan 31	Robert Cpl		Cornwall	1789
James	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1836 Nov 3	Robert Cpl		Cornwall	1789
James	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1836 Nov 3	Robert Cpl		Cornwall	1789
James	Goulbourn	Goulbourn	1828 Apr 2	Samuel	Georgina	Georgina	1839 Oct 31
James	Flamborough	Erin	1821 Apr 27	Samuel	York	Georgina	1827 Dec 4
James		Sophiasburgh	1800	Samuel H	London	London	1848 Apr 8
James			1795 Aug 14	Samuel H		Caradoc	1847 Sep 22
James	Stamford	Erin	1817 Jul 31	Samuel Hunt		Yarmouth	1846 Aug 29
James	Fredericksburgh	Tiny	1818 Mar 18	Shubael	Wainfleet		1811 Aug 6
James	Thorold	Whitchurch	1817 Jul	Shubael		Wainfleet	1811 Dec 17
James	Ameliasburgh	Cartwright	1817 Jul	Theodore J	Anderdon	Anderdon	1858 Mar 19
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Theodore J		Rochester	1855 Dec 2
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Theodore J		Gosfield	1856 Sep 11
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Theodore J		Rochester	1856 Sep 11
James	Thorold	Whitchurch	1817 Jul	Thomas		London	1832 Jan 19
James	Ameliasburgh	Cartwright	1817 Jul	Thomas F	Amherstburgh	Anderdon	1862 Jan 22
James	Thorold	Flamborough	1817 Jul	Thos		Bosanquet	1856 Jun
				Thubal	Wainfleet	Zorra	1820 May 25
				Thubal	Wainfleet	Zorra	1820 May 25
				William		Fredericksburgh	1790
				William	Sandwich	Harwich	1796 Jun 3
				William	Sandwich	Dover	1796 Jun 3
				William	Oxford	Sandwich	1805 Jan 10

PARK	Residence	Property in	Issue Date
William	Warwick	Dalhousie	1840 Dec 2
William		Harwich	1796 Jun 3
William		Harwich	1896 Jun 3
William		Harwich	1896 Jun 3
William		Walpole	1844 Sep 20
William	Axford London	London	1836 Jun 13
William	Axford	London	1851 May 26
Willm C		Brooke	1850 May 4
Willm			1796 Jun 3
Wm		Sandwich	1798 Mar 6
Wm		Sandwich	1797 Aug 14
Wm Oxford	London	London	1851 May 26

PARKE	Residence	Property in	Issue Date
Archibald	Fredericksburgh		1810 Feb 16
Charles		Adjala	1824 May 12
Charles	Onondaga	Seneca	1854 Feb 15
David	Fredericksburgh	Hungerford	1831 Mar 21
Ephraim Jones		Dorchester	1852 Dec 20
Geo		Stanley	1856 Dec 16
Geo		Stanley	1843 Jul 12
George Hamilton	Simcoe	Middleton	1909 Mar 9
Harold R	St Catherines	Prosser	1817 Jul
James	Thorold	Niagara	--
James		Muskoka	1875 Sep 15
James		Muskoka	--
James		Stanley	1845 Mar 25
James		Stanley	1855 Jan 30
James		Stanley	1864 Feb
Jno Steele		Fullarton	1840 Mar 12
John	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1840 Mar 12
John	Dalhousie	Dalhousie	1841 Mar 10
John	Plympton	Plympton	1855 Nov
John		Williams	1864 Feb 15
John Steele		Fullarton	1857 Aug
Philip B		Houghton	1845 Jun 21
Robert	Ashfield	Ashfield	1845 Jun 21
Robert	Ashfield	Ashfield	1846 Oct 25
Robt		Ashfield	1852 Jan 16
Robt		Goderich	1845 Jun 19
Samuel	London	London	1824 Jun 23
Thomas	York	Garafraxa	1840 Aug 28
Thomas	London	Bexley	1840 Aug 21
Thomas	London	Bexley	1840 Aug 21
Thomas	London	Bexley	1840 Aug 21
Thomas	London	Bexley	1840 Aug 21
Thomas	London	Bexley	1839 Aug 27
Thomas	London	Palmerston	1839 Aug 27
Thomas	London	Palmerston	1840 Aug 25
Thos	London	Bexley	1840 Aug 25
Thos	London	Bexley	1840 Aug 25
Thos		Bosanquet	1856 Jun 24
Thos		Walsingham	1836 Dec
THos		Walsingham	1836 Dec
Thos	London	Bexley	1840 May 23
William	Seneca	Seneca	1849 Jul 23
William	Warwick	Warwick	1845 Sep 8
Wm		Sidney	1845 Jun 28

PARKES	Residence	Property in	Issue Date
Alexr		Beverly	1833 Jun 19
Jason	Fredericksburgh		1834 Mar 10
John		Grimsby	1794 Nov 19
John		Grimsby	1795 May 26
John		Grimsby	1795 May 26
John		Grimsby	1795 May 26
John		Downie Gore	1842 May 10
Lucretia	Cornwall		1815 Jul 4
Lucretia		Manvers	1817 Feb 27
N		Sheffield	1848 Nov 1
N T		Methuen	1861 Mar 20
Sarah	Fredericksburgh	Nottawasaga	1834 Apr 15
Sila	Fredericksburgh		1834 Mar 10
Stephen	Brantford	Brantford	1850 Jan 14
William		Elma	1856 Sep 2
William		Elma	1856 Sep 2
William		Elma	1861 Nov 6

PARKS	Residence	Property in	Issue Date
Alexr		Puslinch	1856 Jan 11
Alexr		Puslinch	1856 Jan 11
Amos		Percy	1854 Dec
Amos		Percy	1861 Feb 8
Amos W		Borden	1913 May 7
Angus	Charlottesburgh	Charlottesburgh	1853 Aug 3
Archd		Elzevir	1866 Nov 28
Clarinder		Belmont	1835 Jan 3
Clarisida	Fredericksburgh		1816 Feb 13
Cornelius		Thurlow	1841 Dec 4
Cornelius		Thurlow	1831 Apr 15
Cornls		Thurlow	1846 May 19
Corns		Tyendinaga	1830 Nov 27
Cyrence	Sheffield		--
Cyrene	Sheffield		--
Cyrenos		Sophiasburgh	1790
Cyrenus		Sophiasburgh	1790
Cyrenus		Fredericksburgh	1800
Cyrenus		Sophiasburgh	1800
Cyrenus	Hallowell		1842 Mar 19
Cyrenus		Hungerford	1847 Jan 9
Cyrwnus		Thurlow	1832 Apr 19
Cyrenus		Thurlow	1835 Oct 28
Daniel	Hamilton		1797 Jul 12
David			1797 Jul 12
Dianah			1797 Jul 12
Elias	Fredericksburgh	Missouri	1828 Jan 13
Elias	Tyenoingaga	Tyenoingaga	1854 Jan 26
Elijah R		Fredericksburgh	1847 Oct 12
Elizabeth	Camden		--
Elizabeth			1835 Aug 6
Elizabeth		St Vincent	1836 Mar 19
Eliz			1836 Mar 19
Geo		Madoc	1890 Nov
Geo		Madoc	1895 Nov 23
George		Dance	1913 Jun 26
Henry	Fredericksburgh		1842 May 7
James		Fredericksburgh	1800
James	Seneca	Seneca	1853 Mar 3
James K		Muskoka	1875 Jun 2
James K		Muskoka	1875 Jun 2
Jno S		Sherbrooke	1896 Jul 9
Jno W	Cookstown	Aberdeen	1904 Oct 12
John	Cavan	Cavan	1817 Jun 18
John		Darlington	1846 Feb 28
John		Palmerston	1863 Oct 17
John	Ireland	Cavan	1818 Aug 22
John S		Sheffield	1843 Jun 12
Joseph			1801 Jul 8
Joseph	Thurlow	Hungerford	1807 Jul 8
Milo		Collingwood	1869 Jun 11
Mrs James			1796
Nathan		Fredericksburgh	1790
Nathan			1798
Nathan Jr		Mountain	1802 Jul
Nathaniel	Fredericksburgh		--
Nathl			1797 Jul 12
R		Madoc	1897 Jun 12
Reuben		Richmond	1845 Jan 15
Richard		Howick	1861 Apr 11
Robert		Darlington	1846 Feb 28
Robt A		Proton	1874 Jun 30
Sally			1798 Jan 5
Silvester		Percy	1846 Oct 9
Thomas		Darlington	1852 Oct 22
Thomas		Innisfil	1854 Apr 14
W A		Sheffield	1900 Dec 22
W C		Lucas	1907 Jul 5
William	Richmond		1834 May 30
William	Thurlow		--
William		Minto	1861 Feb 14
William	Warwick	Warwick	1845 Sep 8
William		Madoc	1847 Jul 15



John Parks (VA c1678) and some Descendants

by Gail Walczyk #1168

The first Parks ancestor of record that most of the Parks families of the Eastern Shore of Virginia can claim is John (VA c1678) who died in 1709.¹ He had five known children, Arthur, John, Edmund Bailey, William, Mary and Sarah. John, the son of John is the subject of this piece. [see also vol 33 p9 and p43 by same author]

Due to certain events, it is very possible that Mary, widow of John was not the mother of Arthur and John, and that they were the children of an unknown first wife.

Firstly, before he died he had made arrangements with Charles Scarborough to purchase 200 acres on the north side of Timber Creek near what today is known as

Parksley VA. Both men died before the deed was recorded, and in 1709 Elizabeth Scarborough deeded to Mary Parks, widow of John, the 200 acres.² On 4 Apr 1716, Mary Parks gave this land to her sons Edmund and William.³

Secondly, as heir to John Parks Sr, Arthur Parks, on 26 Aug 1740, brought an ejectment suit against his two brothers, William and Edmund, for the land that was his father's.⁴

Thirdly, in her will dated 22 Jan 1732/3 and probated 3 Apr 1733, Mary Parks gave the whole estate, "that did properly belong to my husband, to all my children." The balance of the estate was to be divided between her children, Mary, Sarah, and William.⁵

Fourthly, in the will of John Parks Jr, dated 20 Apr

1743 and probated 30 Aug 1743, he devised no land, only personal property.⁶ There are no sales of land made by John Parks Jr.

John Parks Jr, like his brother, Arthur, lived on Smith's Island as early as January 1720/1 when John Evans wrote his will devising to his son John, "the land on Smith's Island where John Parks lives."⁷ John Parks Jr is listed in the Somerset Co MD Tax Lists from 1723 to 1738.⁸ Since taxes were to be paid on any male over the age of 16, these tax lists show that Mark Parks, son of John Jr, was born c1714⁹ and John, the son of John Parks Jr, was born c1722.¹⁰ Sacker is not listed in any tax lists, so he was born after 1732.

In his will John Jr named his wife Liddia, sons Mark,

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JOHN PARKS (VA c1678) of Accomack Co VA

b c1660 England
d 1709 Accomack Co VA
1m c1678 ?

2m Mary

Arthur

b c1679 Accomack Co VA
d 1760 Somerset Co MD
m widow Hickman

Arthur

b c1712 Accomack Co
d

John

b c1715 Accomack Co
d

Job

b c1719
d 1804 Somerset Co MD
1m ?
2m Mary

John

b c1690 Accomack Co VA
d 1743 Accomack Co VA
m Liddia

Arthur

b
d

Mark

b c1715 Accomack Co
d 1776 Accomack Co
m Tabitha Evans

Jemima

b
d

John

b c1722 Accomack Co
d 1760 Accomack Co
m Jemima Tyler

Rachel

b
d

Elizabeth

b
d

Sabra

b
d

Sacker

b
d

John (DAR)

b c1756 Accomack Co
d 1841 Accomack Co
m Ann Ewell

Mark

b c1758 Accomack Co
d

Rachel

b c1761 Accomack Co
d

Tabitha

b c1764 Accomack Co
d
1m 1782 William Lewis
2m Samuel Russell

Solomon

b c1767 Accomack Co
d

Comfort

b c1770 Accomack Co
d
m c1790 Robert
Russell

Sacker

b c1772 Accomack Co
d

Edmund Bailey

b c1700 Accomack Co
d 1742 Accomack Co
m Ann

Rhoda

b
d

Tabitha

b
d

Benjamin

b Accomack Co
d 1776 Accomack Co
1m Ewell
2m Mark
3m ?

Keziah

b
d

Sinah

b
d

Ann

b
d

William
b c1702 Accomack Co
d 1742 Accomack Co

 Mary
b c1704 Accomack Co
d 1752 Accomack Co

 Sarah
b c1706 Accomack Co
d 1752 Accomack Co

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John, and Sacker, also daughters Jemima Tiler (Tyler), Rachel, Elizabeth and Sabra. His wife Liddia and son Mark were his executors and the will was witnessed by Caesar Evans and Mary Parks.¹¹

Mark was also listed in the Somerset Co Tax List in his father's household from 1730 to 1738.¹² Mark married Tabitha Evans d/o John Evans Jr & Arrabella Turnall.¹³ This took place before her father's will dated 20 Nov 1752 where he mentioned her as Tabitha Parks.¹⁴

On 29 Jan 1755 Mark bought 120 acres on Half Moon Is. from John Drummond and Sarah his wife, Drake Drummond and his wife Tabitha, and Robert Drummond.¹⁵ On 1 Jun 1757 Mark bought another 200 acres of marsh and woodland on the Island from William Drummond.¹⁶ And again on 25 Apr 1764 he purchased 50 acres from Thomas Bayly and Anne his wife, the sole heir of Richard Drummond.¹⁷ Thus Mark now owned 370 acres.

In his will dated 24 Nov 1775 and probated 26 Mar 1776, Mark leaves his wife all his estate both real and personal during her widowhood, and at her death or marriage the estate was to be divided as follows:

"To my son John Parks, all my land, one gun and 7 pounds 2 shillings cash."

"To the rest of my children all the remainder, to be equally divided between them. That is to say, Mark, Rachel, Ann, Tabitha, Solomon, Comfort, and Sacker." He named his wife as Executrix. On 26 Mar 1776 when the will was proved, James Henry was appointed Guardian of John Parks, infant heir at law. His personal estate was also ordered to be appraised.¹⁸

John, the son of Mark, married Ann Ewell, daughter of George H Ewell.¹⁹ Tabitha first married William Lewis, son of Absolom, second she married Samuel Russell,²⁰ and Comfort married Robert Russell.²¹

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- 21 *ibid.* Lewis, Mark A

Robert Parke (MA 1630) Pamphlet publicized

We have sold very few of the pamphlet prepared on the story of Robert Parke (MA 1630). I thought it might arouse a few of his descendants to see the review appearing in the Journal of the American Family Records Association based in Kansas City MO

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ROBERT PARKE 1580-1665 IMMIGRANT FROM ENGLAND IN 1630 WITH THE WINTHROP FLEET. David Livingstone Parke. Order from the author at The Parke Society, 805 Evergreen Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610. 1994. Pamphlet. 31 pp. Contact The Parke Society for cost. \$5 postpaid

The roots of Robert Parke have been extensively researched but data continues to be brought forth by contemporary researchers. The current compilation of Robert Parke begins with a synopsis of previous

researchers and publications.

Also discussed is the ancestry of Robert Parke, religious conditions in England circa 1580-1630 and Parke's first trip to America in 1630. Upon arrival at Salem in June 1630, Governor Winthrop found a demoralized and starving colony. Winthrop turned to Parke, the "business manager", and charged him with securing supplies and an immediate return to England to do so. Parke came to America again in 1639 and settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut. The pamphlet details Parke's life in America until his death in 1665.

Descendancy charts, maps, documents, drawings and an occasional photo enhance this interesting pamphlet. The maps detail both English and American areas important in Park's life and are excellent. The Parke Coat of Arms and a brief bibliography are also included.

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E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Are you connected? Do you surf the "net(s)"? You use E-Mail? If so, please let me know your E-Mail Address! Mine is:

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In recent restructuring of the Society's Membership database, we established a space for an individual's electronic mail address. At this point we aren't going to make a big use of the information. But if we have it, we just might find it coming in handy. And you may even be hearing from me electronically.

ZIP + 4 ADDRESSES

The aforementioned restructuring of the Membership database was brought about by an effort to get the members' addresses in conformity with the current US Postal Service addressing standards.

To say that I have been less than enthusiastic about these "standards" would be somewhat of an understatement. I have dragged my feet in converting the file to their idea of what should appear on envelopes. ALL CAPS, NO PUNCTUATION, LOSS OF QUAIN T NAMES, AND SOME TRULY UNINSPIRING ABBREVIATIONS.

Nevertheless, I acquiesced, and this past summer we let the USPS standardize our address file. For one thing, it helps the Post Office to automate and speed delivery of mail, including our NEWSLETTER. And, it gives us a lower mailing cost. This price break, though small on a per item basis, helps us to keep mailing costs down, and in turn, will delay any increases in your annual dues.

You can help us in this

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effort. You may find a special note with this NEWSLETTER concerning your address. Please respond to it now. Also, if you have a change of address expected in the near future, please verify the new address with the Post Office and include the Zip + 4 coding. This will save time at this end. Your assistance will be truly appreciated.

RENEWALS, RENEWALS

It's the Fall NEWSLETTER and as usual, that brings to you the annual renewal notice. TODAY, even RIGHT NOW! Life Members, of course, can relax! All others, please take out your checkbook and write, sign and mail your Parke Society Annual Dues. Still only \$15 per year.

Prompt renewals save us much time and expense. Otherwise we must send reminders, and, when your dues arrive next Summer, we must send the NEWSLETTER you missed by first class mail. This time and expense might be going into our research and the preservation of our Park/e/s heritage.

In fact, make it easy for both of us. Send in \$150 for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP!

A special note to our Canadian members. Please pay in US dollars. As you know, the exchange rate is only 75 cents on the Canadian dollar. And there is a \$10 fee for each Canadian check we submit to our bank. US currency thru the mail is risky. So far we haven't lost any funds this way.

NOTES CONCERNING LIBRARIES

I want to spend the rest of this column talking about libraries in general and genealogical/local history libraries in particular.

We were fortunate to have as one of our speakers at the Convocation's Saturday morning Symposium, Mr James

Jeffrey, head Genealogical Librarian at the Denver Public Library. I sure wish you all could have heard his often humorous presentation. It was packed with a tremendous amount of very valuable information.

While his main objective may have been to tell us about his library, I also believe he was trying to tell us something about how to utilize a library properly and keep it available for future use.

If you think about it, libraries are very special institutions. It is only in societies which are free and open that libraries can exist. Totalitarian regimes can not tolerate, nor will they allow, free and open discussion and wide dissemination of information and data. Have you ever thought about how much information is available to us if we care to dig it out? For closed societies this is very threatening. For us the only threat is to be overcome by information overload.

While libraries do freely exist, they don't exist for free. In our society we should be careful not to take them for granted. They are in peril. In today's age of ever tightening budgets, libraries are often high on the hit list for service reductions.

Libraries themselves will offer up their own list of "do withouts", just to survive. And more often than not, that includes resources vital to us: the local history/genealogical sections. It has happened and will continue to happen, if we allow it.

I believe that libraries are so important to our research that we must not let them reduce their services, or even worse, close them. This is especially true when they have good collections in our area of concern.

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How can we help them? Here are three ways to show our support: physically, financially and politically. Use your library, if not for research, use it for general reading. "Traffic", the number of users coming through the doors is the strong determining argument for the worth of its service.

Believe me, it is very easy to close a location/ collection that is seldom used. So, talk up your library. Get others interested in the collections. The more it is used, the stronger the argument for its continued existence. You might suggest their using "gate counters", providing some proof that the collection is being used. Hard facts like this are hard for administrations to ignore.

Support your library financially whenever possible. If there is a "Friends of the Library" organization, JOIN IT! Even if you don't make much use of the facility, your few dollars help to keep it going. This proves that there are individuals interested in keeping the library there.

I happen to be an associate of The Newberry Library on Chicago. My \$50 associate fee is contributing and giving evidence of my support, even though I get there but once a year.

If your library has volunteer opportunities, try to contribute a couple of hours a month. You don't have to be a trained librarian to serve. There are many tasks that need doing in any library. With appropriate guidance you can do them. This frees the more specialized staff to further the goals of the library.

Finally, support your library politically. Few libraries are truly private. Most are publicly supported

and operated. While the library itself may have its own board (some elected, but more often appointed), they are often dependent upon the whims of an elected Board of Supervisors or City Council. Ah! There is the key point.

Elected officials must, from time to time, be RE-ELECTED. And believe me, they are campaigning continuously. After more than seven years in the bowels of City Government (following 20+ years in private industry) I now understand a few things about government, whether it is City Hall or the County Court House. NOTHING is said or done without review of the possible political consequences.

The Library and its collections are important to you. Be aware of funding issues. Let your elected representatives know that you won't stand for any service reductions.

"Friends" or "Associates" groups are the best way to stay informed. They make it their business to keep on top of issues. Remember, it doesn't take many phone calls for an elected official to realize that his electorate doesn't like what he or she is doing.

It has been said that for every call representatives get, there are 20 potential calls that don't get made. All those callers, or potential callers, can vote. That translates into 30 or more votes for each actual call made. That's the power of the ballot box!

The Denver Public Library came upon a clever plan to preserve its genealogical collection. It is also the center for the Western History Archives (WHA), a rather extensive collection of records documenting the westward expansion of the United States. Since this is highly respected and is used by world class scholars the WHA has had no problem acquiring funding from

parent governmental bodies or grant agencies.

Putting the two collections under the same auspices makes a lot of sense. This gives the genealogical side a new lease on life. And more important, its existence is guaranteed for the foreseeable future.

Hum! Is this something other libraries might want to consider? After all, genealogy collections are usually conceived as a narrow interest area. But, as Mr Jeffrey has noted, genealogy and local history go naturally together. If I haven't said it in the past, I'll clearly state it now. You really haven't done your family history if you haven't learned its local history.

This was the key point made by James Jeffrey at our Symposium in August. To ignore local history was to ignore the meat and flesh of genealogy. Dates, names, places are only the bones. By themselves, they only tell us that someone lived and where. Who were they? What did they do? Why did they move west and settle where they did? What problems did they encounter?

All this may be in the local history section and can give you a most interesting picture of your ancestor.

It is also true that some sources may offer inaccurate conclusions to what they have found. Local History vanity books, so popular in the late 19th century, may offer much that is helpful, not found elsewhere. But you might want to be suspicious of some of their claims.

The remainder of Mr Jeffrey's talk explained how to make the best use of a Library. The key word is to PLAN, PLAN, PLAN! I couldn't agree more with that statement. By not planning, can waste much of

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Check Park/e/s in Other Genealogies

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I was recently checking a couple of New England family genealogies. In the index were a few Park/e/s, though this was not what I was after. What I found proved to be worthwhile. So, I suggest that you might do the same when you are researching other lines. Then share this with our Historian.

One advantage is that when Park daughters marry, we will find their children listed as well as more information about the husband. Here are some examples:

From History of Kimball Family, 1971 Morrison & Sharples.

Mary Parke b 1711 Preston CT [Rbt(MA 1630) Thomas 2,3,4] m 1730 Jacob Kimball son of John & Sarah (Goodhue). Her sister Prudence b 1706 m 1729 Isaac bro of Jacob.

Also Richard b 1710 s/o Samuel 4 & Abigail Ayers m 1736 Sarah s of Jacob. (see pg 78/9 Kimball Gen and pg 57 FSParks CT)

Horace Park b 1837 Windham NH [Alexander (NH 1728), Robert 2, Andrew 3, 4] m 1869 Margaret Morrison (see pg 537 Kimball Gen and pg 188 FSParks MA)

Jonathan Parke b 1670 [Richard (MA 1635), Thomas 2] 3m Hannah Kimball. (see pg 19 Kimball Gen and pg 39 FSParks MA)

Elizabeth Parks b Lincoln MA [Richard (MA 1635), 2, 3, Ephraim 4, William 5, Phinehas 6 mBetsy Stewart] 1m Richard 6 Kimball. (see pg 217/18 Kimball Gen and p74 FSParks MA)

Ephraim Park b1770 PrestonCT [Robert (MA 1630), Thos 2 Robert 3, Hezekiah 4, Paul 5, Elisha 6] m 1792 Sybil Kimball

(see pg 136 Kimball Gen, and pg 127/8 FSParks CT)

From Sawyer Families of New England, 1995 Eleanor Grace Sawyer.

Robert Park b1814 Windham NH [Alexander (NH 1728), Robert 2, Alexander 3, Robert 4 2m Sarah Coburn] 2m >1853 Letitia Sawyer (see pg 522 Sawyer Gen. and pg 191 FS Parks MA)

Gardner Parks b c1820 [Richard (MA 1635) Thomas2 Jonathan 3, 4, 5, Joshua 6 Gardner 7] m 1844 Mary L Sawyer at Gloucester MA. (see pg 382 Sawyer Gen. and pg 123 FSParks vol 3)

One item in the History of the Kimball Family will require much research as it disagrees with FSParks MA. This will be turned over to Charles Burroughs, Lineage Leader for the Richard (MA 1635) line.

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your time and possibly that of the library staff.

Because each library is different, some radically so, I do not expect to get much done on the first visit. If I were "flying" through a town that might have a bearing on an ancestor, I would inquire what they have that could be useful: i.e. take note of the hours the library is open; the name of a knowledgeable person who could help me from a distance, and at what cost; what archival materials on history and genealogy; and finally their address and phone number.

On such a visit it is really hard to be productive unless you have fairly specific questions in mind. Are you looking for deeds, cemetery records, military or civil records, perhaps even criminal records? Do

they have good newspaper files?

As I said, I try to get a general "lay of the land" and record it for future use and visits. Then, a subsequent visit can be mapped out and PLANNED to achieve desired goals.

All the rules of respect and politeness are most important. Be especially attentive to the staff who oversee Genealogy and local History. A) they find many visitors who have no idea what they want. B) they can't do your work for you. They can only direct you to various resources at that library. Should the available staff member not be a specialist in genealogy, try to determine areas where they might help.

Beyond that, I like to just wander around, check the open stacks, browse through the shelves. A small library may still be limited to a "card" system.

Our Milwaukee Public Library is, of course, "on line" and can make searching a lot easier.

I have found that they have a good map collection, including fire marshal maps for past decades. It can be quite a discovery when you inquire about non-standard resources. They will be under tighter security, but well worth the effort to ferret them out when you have time to study them.

Libraries are a wonderful resource. They are well worth the effort we should make to keep them alive. And finally, learn how to utilize their collections. Happy hunting.

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