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A Visit With a Richard (MA1635) Researcher of the Past

David L. Parke #13

Karl Eaton Parks II #440 comes from a family who has done much to make known the ancestry of those in this country who are descendants of Richard Parke (MA 1635). Karl lives only 25 or so miles south of me and just west of Tampa, FL in Tarpon Springs. He is a native of Washington DC where his uncle Adm. Charles Wellman Parks co-authored the Parke Families of Massachusetts with Frank Sylvester Parks in 1909 (the year of Karl's birth).

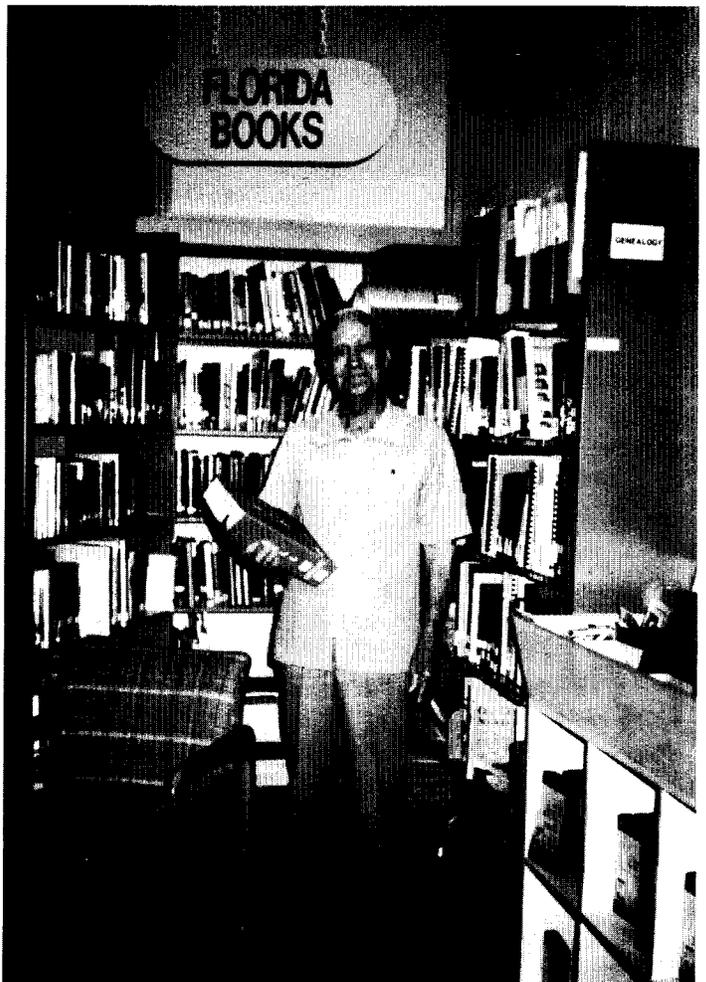
Karl's early schooling in Washington was coupled with service as a reporter for the Morning Herald and Washington Times. This was followed by a BS degree at the University of Tampa, a masters from the University of Mississippi and LLb from LaSalle University.

In 1937 he married Lura Krieger of Findley, OH. Due to the illness of their first child Karl Eaton III, they settled in Tarpon Springs. Here Karl became a citrus grower. With the massive growth of the Florida population, Karl found it advantageous to turn the groves over to developers.

He went into teaching and became the Principal of the Hillsborough School System (Tampa) until his retirement in 1971. Before he left Washington Karl had formed a mail order business offering Government Documents, US stamps and philatelic materials. The Post Office seems to be in that business some 60 years later! Not being idle Karl has made a

cemetery survey of the West Pasco City area.

As the picture shows, he has spent much time at the Tarpon Springs Library setting up their genealogy department. He has a typed record of his Ancestors and Descendents of Karl Eaton Parks of Cambridge, MA for 13 generations from Richard (MA 1635), which I believe is in the Society's Library. Now at 91 he is not quite so active, but he and his wife Lura, his partner for over 65 years made me feel very much at home last month.



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Obituaries

Lola

McDowell Neish

This picture was sent in some time ago when Lola was celebrating her 90th birthday (in 1957). She was a descendent of Roger (NJ 1682) thru Roger², Robert³, James⁴, Alexander⁵ to her grandfather David James⁶ who settled in Park Hill, Erin NY (named in his honor).



Her mother was Isabelle Park (1842-1898) m 1861 to Albert McDowell in Erin.

Lola m 1901 to Alexander A. Neish. They had a daughter Margaret born in 1903. Lola was a school teacher and later became principal of the Erin "village" School.

Grahame Thomas Smallwood Jr.

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Grahame Thomas Smallwood Jr. #519. He was a native of Toledo, OH the son of Grahame Sr. who was a 10 generation descendant of Richard (MA 1635) and his mother Dorothy Hubbell who was an 11th generation descendant of Robert (MA 1630).



Better known as "Chips" Smallwood, he told me "I have always had a problem with a biographical sketch as I am a member of some 94 organizations." It is evident from the list he supplied that genealogy and interest in historic preservation were paramount in his daily life. Not only was he a member, but an officer of many patriotic groups over the past 40 years. As a Certified American Lineage Specialist and a VP of the National Genealogical Society he

shared much. 20 years ago he was given the Award of Merit by the Association of Professional Genealogists.

His business life was with Trans World Airlines as Regional Manager in Washington DC and Philadelphia. On retirement he moved to Salt Lake City to make use of the best Genealogical Library. He was with us in Parkville, MO for our Convocation in 1986.

Margery Lord Fitts

Word has been received that Margery Fitts #58 died June 26, 1997 in Framingham, MA. Her husband, Arthur M. Fitts Jr. and she shared 61 years before his death in 1994. Her lineage was from Richard (MA 1635) to Thomas², John³⁻⁴, Gideon⁵, John⁶, Lucy Richardson⁷, John McNair Harrington, Georgie Grace Harrington, to her mother Emily Harrington who married Earl Theodore Lord.



Despite an active schedule as a "professional volunteer" she found time to research many Parke ancestors, some not in her direct line. The first found in the Parke Society Newsletter was in 1978, the Rev. Dr. Edwards Amasa Park, one of the great theologians of the last century. The second was Dr. John Edgar Park (MA 1903), the president of Margery's alma mater, Wheaton College in Norton, MA. Next was Daniel Parke of whom you will see more in this issue, based on her article in 1979.

Margery prepared herself for library work and was with the Wellesley (MA) Public Library before her marriage. In 1980-81 she introduced us to George Watt Park, a Crusader for Home Gardeners. This was followed in 1985 by John Richardson Park (son of her John⁶) who formed a Shipping and Mercantile company, Park & Co. in Canada. In addition to all this she brought up three children and was an honorary Trustee of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

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Noblitt, Anne G.; undated ; 74 pg.manuscript; no Index; (loan fee-\$3.)

OUR PARKS-PARKS FAMILIES FROM VIRGINIA & WILKES Co, NC & OTHER PARKS FAMILIES WHOSE ANCESTORS ARE UNKNOWN

More than one Park/e/s lineage is covered in this material. This book was retyped and donated by Parke Society member Phyllis Kumler #525, Lineage Leader, for the Thomas of VA line (Lineage Key C). It is presently with our historian. OOO/PARK

Tuttle, Charles; older edition, 240 pg.+ addenda (loan fee-\$3.)

GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY CATALOG #382

Donated to the library by David L. Parke PS#13. 050/ TUTT

Census; pub.1908/ 2000; Index; 308 pg.; given by PS#934 (loan fee-\$3.)

HEADS OF FAMILIES TAKEN AT FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE YEAR 1790 NEW YORK 929.1/CENS

PARK:Amelia;Giles;Henry;James;Jesse;John (2);Joseph (2);Phenius; Roger; Sarah;Thomas (2);Timothy
PARKS: Arthur;Daniel (3);David (3);Ebenezer (2);Elijah;Ephraim;Ezekiel (2); Ezra;Isaac;Jacob;James (2);Jehiel (2);Joel;John (2);Jonas;Jonathan (2); Joseph; Josiah;Lydia; Mary;Nathan (2);Oliver;Peter (2);Richard; Robert (2); Rufus; Samuel;Saul;Smith (2);Squire;Timothy;Whiting;William

The front of the book gives the population figures of the sixteen states. Pennsylvania (110,788) and Virginia (110,936) are the highest population of free white males age 16 and upward, including heads of families. I found this interesting particularly since the states of Massachusetts (95,453) and New York (83,700) furnished the most troops in the American Revolution.

Park, W.D. PS#1305 & Park, W.H.II PS#1299; pub. 2000;Ed.III (loan fee-\$3.)

PARK & COBB SUMMER RESEARCH - ESTILL, MADISON, BOYLE, LINCOLN, & CLARK COUNTIES, KENTUCKY 000/PARK

This is the completed, updated journal of the research done by Major Doug Park and his father in this part of Kentucky. It includes outline maps and photographs. For more on their project, please see Vol. 37 No.1 pp.5,8,9.

Fulton, Patricia; Anundsen Pub.Co., 1998; (Lineage Key-C) (loan fee-\$3.)
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ANCESTORS & DESCENDANTS OF HARRY VERN HULL SR. OF IOWA

This book was donated by the author who is PS#417. Her Parks ancestry is from the Thomas VA 1728 lineage. This book will be reviewed later. OOO/PARK

JAMES PARKS (1781-1861) & ELIZABETH DAVIS (1782-BEF.1860)

edited by Lois Iams Blake 000/BLAK (loan fee-\$3.)

Much of the material which appears in this manuscript was originally collected by Warner Cleveland Parks (W.C.Parks), including correspondence from Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) VanFossen. Mrs. Blake organized this material and also researched deeds, Wills, Census data, etc. to provide further documentation. Warner Cleveland Parks and Lois Iams Blake are descended from Jonathan Davis Parks², James Parks¹. (Spelling of surnames is as given in the manuscript). Any more recent research will appear in (Notes:) following that particular individual or family.

The book has a General Index at the front followed by a Spouse Index. Be aware that this volume also contains two sections of material which relates to those of the Park/e/s surname in general, not particularly this lineage.

However the main focus of the manuscript is **James Parks, his wife Elizabeth Davis** and their known descendants. James and his wife are believed to have come to Belmont Co, Ohio from Fayette Co, PA (documented by PA Tax Records). Since their oldest child, David, was born about 1803, it is thought that the parents married about 1800.

The first Ohio documentation is from a property deed recorded in Volume 161 p.146 Belmont County Deeds which states that James Parks purchased property in the county in 1822. Census data for 1820, 1830, 1850, and 1860 for Union Township, Belmont Co, OH provides further documentation of this family unit. On the 1850 Census James gives his age as 69 with a birthplace of Maryland. His wife, Elizabeth is 68, born in New Jersey. They are living alone, and by 1860, James is by himself.

The Will of James Parks was probated August 7, 1861 in Belmont County and lists the following children: David Parks, Jonathan Parks, James Parks, John B. Parks, Joseph Parks, Thomas Parks, daughter Rachel's heirs, and daughter Elizabeth Arters.

The burial site of James and his wife had not been found by 1989. A letter written January 27, 1969 from Margaret VanFossen to W. C. Parks stated, "Yes, I know that grate grand James Parks and wife are laid to rest in Rock Hill Cemetery for they have no marker, for my grate uncle Joe Parks took care of them and "grate" Grandfather

James Parks had a farm near Rock Hill and great Uncle Joe got about everything when they pass away the rest did not get much; he never put a marker for them; for my mother has told me lots about them things of years ago." She believed that Elizabeth already had a grave marker at the time the Will was written. According to the Will, James bequeathed his farm to Joseph with the understanding that he was to pay all the other heirs plus the expenses incurred during his last illness, along with the funeral costs.

W.C. Parks believed that descendants of this lineage were eligible to join the Daughters of American Revolution but there was nothing in his collection to substantiate this.

Mrs. Blake has divided her book into sections for each of the children of James & Elizabeth. (1) Oldest child **David** was born 10 March 1802 according to Vital Records. He died 22 January 1891, Monroe Co, OH. David married Sally Jones of Flushing Twp. 28 June 1824. (Marriage Record Belmont Co Book #1 p.203). Sally (Sara) Jones was born in Loudoun Co, VA. There are also land records in Harrison Co and Monroe Co for David Parks. Sixteen pages are devoted to this family and their descendants.

Six children were born to this couple. There are documented marriage records for children: Elizabeth Parks/ Reuben Mills; James Parks/Nancy Suddeth; Sarah Parks/ Hiram Leazure. Marriages are given for the other children, also information from cemeteries, deeds, family members, and some Census Records. There are several pages of the descendants of son Thomas Parks (b.18 May 1838) and his wife Mary Ann McFadden. (NOTE: this is the ancestry of PS#1311 who has found the record of David's death listed in Record of Deaths, Probate Court of Monroe Co, OH, p. 240 - David Parks died January 22, 1891, age 88 yr. 10 mth, 5 da. Place of Death- Bethel Twp, Monroe Co, OH. Place of Birth- Fayette Co, PA)

(2) **Rachel Parks** was the second child born about 1806 in Belmont County married 10 February 1828 to Carlisle Bright in Union Twp., Belmont Co. (Vo.2, p.173) Neither Rachel's date of death or burial site has been found, but she must have died before 1861 when her father made his Will.

According to Census data, Carlisle & Rachel Bright were in Moorefield Twp, Harrison Co, OH in 1840. In 1850 they were in Center Twp, Monroe Co, OH with ten children. In 1860, they were in the same county but in Bethel Twp with four children still living at home. There is not as much information on this branch but there is also a page of unidentified "Brights" that were found in Monroe County Records.

(3) There is much more information about the third child, **Jonathan Davis Parks** who was born 21 May 1806, probably in Fayette Co, PA (?). He married Rosanna Foraker on 15 May 1827 in Guernsey Co, OH. Rosanna

was the daughter of James Foreacres and his second wife, Rosanna Saveley who were married in Berkeley Co, VA by Rev. Hugh Vance on 16 January 1787. James Foreacres was a soldier in the Revolutionary War so the descendants of this branch would be eligible for the DAR but under Foreacres, rather than Parks.

Jonathan died 8 February 1877 and his wife died 23 December 1893. They were the parents of nine children. Jonathan first purchased land in 1831 in Guernsey Co, then in 1835 moved to Morgan Co (now Noble) where they settled permanently.

Their son, Thomas Parks served in the Civil War. He enlisted in Capt. Chandler's Co E, 77th Reg't, Ohio Infantry as a Private on 20 Nov. 1861 at Sharon, OH. On 11 January 1862, he was appointed Sergeant. He was wounded at Camp Shiloh on 6 April 1862 and discharged on a Certificate of Disability at Columbus, OH 10 Dec. 1862. He later applied for and received a pension. His widow, Eliza received a widow's pension after her husband's death.

Another son Robert (Comrade Robert Parks) born 20 August 1840 also served in the Civil War. He enlisted 1 October 1862 and was mustered into Co. K, 77th Reg't Ohio Volunteer Infantry on 18th November. He left Camp Dennison on December 5th and reached Alton, IL on the 6th. He was honorably discharged 1 July 1863 at Columbus, OH. His son Chauncey Parks was an active member of Trimmer Camp, No. 53, Division of OH, Sons of Veterans.

There are 42 pages on this branch of the family. There are family photographs, copies of deeds, obituaries, Wills, newspaper clippings, Court records, Civil War Certificates, medical information, etc. along with the listing of known descendants. There is also information on the surnames: Wharton, Parrish, Iams, Boyd. (Note: this is the ancestry of PS# 506 & PS#1034)

(4) There is very little on the fourth child of James & Elizabeth Parks. **Elizabeth Parks** was born on 22 April 1810 and married 3 March 1836 to Samuel Arters, Belmont Co. She died 15 February 1888 according to Kirkwood Twp, Belmont Co records. The family was found in this township from 1840 through 1880 on the Census data, but not in 1900. There were four children according to the Arter Family Bible.

(5) Son, **James Parks Jr.** was born 11 March 1812 in Belmont Co. He married Elizabeth Arters on 18 January 1835. She and Samuel were brother and sister. James Jr. died in Monroe Co on 20 December 1882 and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Elizabeth died 28 February 1893.

According to the 1850 and 1860 Censuses, James and Elizabeth are in Bethel Township, Monroe Co. There are

two different deed records listed for James Park. Five children were born to this couple. This is the lineage of John Adam Parks whose story appears in this Newsletter. (Note: more recent documentation has been provided by a desc.)

(6) Their fourth son, **John B. Parks** was born about 1815 probably in Belmont County and died in 1874. He is buried at Belmont Ridge Church Cemetery, Flushing Twp. This record says that he married Annis Gilliland in Fayette Co, PA in 1838. They were the parents of five children. Research for this branch comes from Cemetery inscriptions, James Parks Sr. Will which mentions son, John B. Parks, and niece Mrs. VanFossen who was 99 years old in 1990. (Note: this is the ancestry of PS#1367. Annis Alean was the daughter of Adam Gilleland/Sally Dunlap. She was born 1819 in Franklin Twp, Fayette Co, PA. The son of John B. Parks, Adam S. mar. Elizabeth Livingston, dau. of Othniel Livingston/Jane Gilleland, again from Fayette Co, PA)

(7) **Joseph Parks**, the fifth son, was born 11 August 1818 and died 6 October 1884 (?). He is buried at Rock Hill Cemetery south of Flushing, Belmont Co, OH. He married 2 May 1844 Margaret Bigley, born in 1816/18 in Belmont Co. She was the daughter of Joseph Bigley who had immigrated from Ireland.

Both the 1860 and 1870 Census data show this family living in Union Twp, Belmont Co. In 1860, seven children were listed: Letitia, Thomas, Mary, John, Anna J., Lewis, and Margaret ranging in age from 16 to 3. However, in 1870 Mary, John, and Anna J. were not listed.

Mrs. Blake notes that Margaret Bigley Parks was a sister to James Bigley (wife-Margaret Wilson). Their son Joseph married Catherine Iams. James died before his father, and after the father's death one of the estate documents was signed by Joseph & Margaret Parks as well as the children of James.

(8) **Thomas Parks** was the youngest child of James & Elizabeth. He was born 26 July 1821 in Belmont County and died 25 May 1886. He was married 24 February 1842 at Morgan County Ohio to Belinda Nesselroad. She was the daughter of Christopher Nesselroad/Mary Holt-Cass. Belinda was born 6 February 1821 in Morgan Co (now Noble Co) and died 24 February 1885.

Mrs. VanFossen is a grand daughter of Thomas & Belinda and in her correspondence to W.C. Parks stated that her grandfather had lived in Belmont, Harris, Coshocton, and Tuscarawas Counties. There is Census data for this family in Union Twp, Belmont Co in 1860, and Oxford Twp, Coshocton Co for 1870 and 1880. Other documentation listed includes material from Vernon Parks, Mrs. Bonnie Hamilton, Obituaries, marriage records of

Morgan and Coshocton Counties. There is also material on Nesselroad.

Included with this family branch is an unidentified paper found in the W.C. Parks Collection which appears to be a family sketch.

"James and Elizabeth Parks moved from eastern Pennsylvania into Belmont County about 1810 and was of Irish descent and his wife being Scotch-Irish, and was the parents of, **THOMAS PARKS of whom this article is written:**

Thomas Parks was born in Belmont County, Ohio about 1817 and was united to marriage to Belinda Nestelrode in 1838; to this union 14 children were born, two dying in infancy and 12 growing up to manhood and womanhood (listing of children) There are 44 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; Thomas Parks was a farmer by occupation and resided in Harrison and Belmont Counties 'till about 1870 he moved with his family to Coshocton County and later moved to Tuscarawas County and dying at the age of 69 years. Most of these families reside in Tuscarawas and Coshocton Counties."

The final section of the book is titled "Reunion Organization" In 1924, W.C. Parks and H.H. Parks, cousins who resided in Noble County, Ohio set up an organization dedicated to the surname "PARKS". The first annual reunion was held on the Noble County Fair Grounds near Caldwell, Ohio on August 20, 1924 with over one hundred people present. However in 1984, it was decided to dissolve due to the low attendance. The money in the treasury was donated to the American Cancer Society. The historical material accumulated by Warner Cleveland Parks was first on loan to the Noble County Historical Society and then in 1990 was placed in the Caldwell Public Library.

Members of this lineage have used this manuscript as a starting point for their research and have found more information on James Parks/Elizabeth Davis and many of their descendants - but the search goes on for their earlier ancestry.

by Jean Churchill PS#934 Librarian

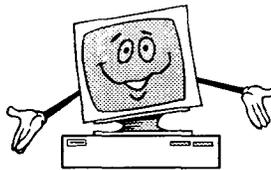
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The book Park/e/es and Bunche on the Trail West by Alice Crandall Park #466 is now available from Higginson Book Co., 148 Washington St. Salem, MA 01970. When ordered they are printed for you at \$75 per copy hard bound.

Computer Talk....

Say Hello to a new column



Computer Talk....

The Main Feature: Some Brief notes on ISPs, EMAIL and The Web

It was not my intent to turn the "Historian's Corner" into a computer column. That space should be reserved for "genealogical" topics more in keeping with my primary office within The Society. However, I do think that there is a need for occasional comments on computers and their use in our avocation, and at the moment I seem to be the designated individual to bring you those notes. Hence the start of this column which will appear from time to time in your NewsLetter. Hopefully, I will be able to find someone to take up this task as their contribution to The Society's health and welfare.

In my last two "Historian's Corner's", I had discussed at some length concerns that you should be aware of if you are going to be using your computer to any great extent, and more especially IF you intend to use it to keep track of your genealogical efforts. Let me quickly refresh your memory about a couple of the most vital issues you should be aware of....

- 1) ALWAYS have a surge protector between your computer and the power source or telephone jacks. ALWAYS.... And replace it every couple of years. (they grow old, too!)
- 2) When you create data with your programs, you are creating "user data sets". Each program has its own way of identifying them. Learn what those data sets are, where they hide on your computer, and BACK THEM up to floppy diskettes, or some other "off" computer back up media. And keep them in a safe place. Some programs come with a built in "back-up" option. If yours does, use it. It will know what to back up better than you probably.
- 3) Do some background reading. The "Dummies" books are really good. Buy them. Read them! At least know what topics are covered and where. And know the appropriate terminology. That blinking thing is a Cursor.
- 4) Find yourself a local technical support person (guru). Get connected with a local computer user group and make friends. Treat them VERY nicely, they may be your ticket out of a possible disaster.
- 5) Know your limits. Recently one of my clients did a "simple" fix concerning the resolution of her monitor. I believe her, but after 16 hours of work in four sessions, she is finally able to use her computer again.
- 6) And finally, make should you have an "emergency boot diskette". If you don't know what that is, see #3 above.....

So now you have a computer setup, and can function with it on a reasonable level. Sooner or later your next issue is going to be getting on line, working with email, and surfing the Web.

The first step to getting on line is finding a portal, an Internet Service Provider, referred to as an ISP. Not all ISPs are equal. Some are national in coverage, most are local. Some provide their own software, some don't. You have to know where to get the necessary software to use the internet, and how to install it. And some ISPs, like AOL, CompuServe, or Prodigy provide their own proprietary content, separate from the Web, and available only to members using that service. While surfing the Web and doing Email are separate functions, but they usually come as a package: once on line, and with the proper software, you can do both.

Although it used to be a separate transaction on your part, I have noted that in the last couple of years, most new computers are being sold complete with an ISP multi-year contract thrown into the sale. Usually the first year was "free" but thereafter you had to pay the monthly fee for that service provider. There are pluses and minuses to this sort of transaction. If you are new at all this, it may be your best choice. Saves a lot of fuss.

But, there may be some more cost effect options out there for you. Here is where your local support person (See #4 above) can be very helpful. Talk with him or her about what is available in your area, what they use, and what experiences they have had. If you are buying a new computer, see if there is any different pricing without the ISP enhancement. Check the small print. In making your decision, take into account how and where you will be using your computer. Not all ISPs are available everywhere.

Because I do travel with my computer, I chose a national provider (CompuServe Classic; I have been on line since 1987). I am well satisfied with them. Even after their acquisition by AOL. Our concerns about CompuServe being destroyed, have not been realized as yet. With two local phone numbers I rarely have problems getting on line. And when traveling, I usually can find a local number, but if push comes to shove there is always the 800 number, although that does carry a surcharge.

AOL (sometimes referred to as America Off Line) got themselves into trouble when they distributed by the millions copies of their programs, but then didn't have the

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infra structure to handle hundreds of thousands of new users. The result was predictable. SPAM (unwanted emails, alerts, offers, and sometimes porn) are a big problem with AOL. I rarely see SPAM on CompuServe.

Email is wonderful for the efficiency it gives you in writing, and responding to others. Unfortunately, this same "efficiency" is also creating a downside, a wide spread carelessness in composition and usage. And most of that could be avoided by simply re-reading the email for content, carefully. People WILL judge you by how you write. Careless writing will not serve you well, and indeed may hinder you in your objectives. Also don't blindly rely on your spell checker to find all of your mistakes. To, Too, and Two are all good words, but have quite different usages.

Another hint. You may find it useful NOT to address your outgoing mail until you are ready to send it, or at the least address it to yourself. It is awful easy to hit the send key by mistake. Believe me, I have done it more than once. Like an arrow, once sent (and it is gone in a flash!) you can't get it back. What you send accidentally may not be at all what you really wanted to send. By being addressed to yourself, if it gets away from you at least it only comes back to you, no harm done.

Something else that is frightfully easy to do with email is forwarding. Please be selective on WHAT you forward and TO WHOM you forward it. And if you just MUST forward something to someone else, at least clean it up. Paging down through a half a dozen headers and all those quote marks is no fun. Please also deselect forwarding on "warnings" or "alerts". Most of them are not true, and only take up valuable bandwidth on the Internet, as well as people's time to read them. If you get something and you really want to check it out, go to www.foaxkill.com to find out if its true or not. No there is NO Bill 602P Internet Email Tax. Never has been.

Please remember that not everyone is compulsive about their email. While some of us do check daily or more often, it may not always be the case. If we do, and you get a quick turnaround, wonderful. Just don't expect it.

I have mentioned about the World Wide Web in previous columns. Don't believe everything you see out there as you surf around. Use it as a starting point only, and build you research from there. There can be some really good item, but there is also a lot of junk, and garbage.

Finally, The Web can be addictive to some extent. You will be surprised just how much time you can spend surfing around the web, going from one site to another via the ever present links. Set yourself limits, and abide by them. If the information was any good, it will still be there tomorrow.

Have fun computing with genealogy. There are a lot of pluses, it can save you a lot of time, but like any other useful tool, you do need to learn how to use it best and for the purposes it was intended.

Response from "Voice Your Opinion"

The last issue of the Newsletter included a sheet asking for the readers comments. This has been quite revealing and helpful. A few will be shared with you here.

- ...likes stories of living Park/e/s.
- ...stories of the many Park/e/s immigrants.
- ...lineage charts of various Park/e/s lines.

Robert (MA 1630), Roger (NJ 1682), Richard (MA1635),
Robert (PA c1792) (ed. MA denotes where he came to and when)

- Ancestral Safari by Bill Cook #66 early ancestors including royal lines
- Stories of Park/e/s, the common ones around the country.
- Articles of what has been recently discovered from our research.
- Two questions - Do you have records to share?

Answer: Yes!

Comment by a recent member - "The Newsletter has introduced me to information regarding genealogy I would never have dreamed to be possible."

Copies of earlier Newsletters were recently sent to me rather than throwing them away. These could be professionally bound and passed on to the younger generations. Some 250 from each issue are sent to the libraries with good genealogical departments. I have seen where many of these have been bound. Librarians have even asked for a copy or two that may have been taken from the Library, so their collection is complete. The prize comment was "I am in the process of designating where my books (list of over 50) and genealogical records should go while I am able to do it. She is 79. A letter to this member pointed out that our Society's Library should be considered. Also arousing interest in a child or grandchild who might become a member of our Society.

Congratulations

#831L Cheryl Heineman - Word has been received that Cheryl is one of 14 selected by CORE (Creating Opportunities and Resources for Educators). This first class of participants will be in a four year elementary education degree program offered by Valencia Community College in Florida.



#832L Tracy (Parke) and Bill Pullen proudly announce the birth of a son, Sean Robert Pullen born 4 May 2000 at Jacksonville Beach, FL.

#833L Mr. & Mrs. David Scott Parke take pleasure in announcing the birth of a daughter, Allie Kay Parke born 30 Sep 2000 at Cary, NC.

Missing Link Three

James Parks/Elizabeth Davis - By Jean Churchill PS#934

This is the third article in our Missing Links series. Four Parke Society members belong to this lineage: June Moyer PS#506, Sara Weigand PS#1034, Saundra Beckum PS#1311, and William Wilson Parks PS#1367. Saundra has compiled all the known information on this lineage into the Brother software program. She has also agreed to be the contact person. Her address is: Mrs. Saundra Beckum, 4563 Elkan Ave, Macon, GA 31206-4714.

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Lois Iams Blake deserves credit for the excellent work she did editing letters and other materials which Warner Cleveland Parks collected. Information also came from Maggie Van Fossen. Please read the review of her manuscript ("James Parks 1781-1861 & Elizabeth Davis 1782-bef. 1860") in this Newsletter issue.

The descendants of James Parks who was born abt.1780/81 believe that his birthplace was either Maryland or Fayette Co, PA. (Parents -not known) He married Elizabeth Davis between 1800-02 in Fayette Co. Elizabeth was born abt. 1781/82 in New Jersey, the daughter of Jonathan Davis (?).

James Parks/Elizabeth Davis were the parents of the following children:

1. David Parks b.28 March 1803, Fayette Co, PA m. 28 Jun 1824 at Flushing Twp, Belmont Co, OH to Sarah Jones b. 3 Feb. 1798 Loudoun Co,VA.

Children (surname Parks):

Elizabeth Parks abt.1825-1905 m. Reuben Mills

James R. Parks 1826-1903 m. Nancy Suddeth

David James Parks 1829-1912 m. Elizabeth Bigley

Sarah Parks 1831-1895 m. Hiram Leazure/Laisure

John Parks 1834-1917 m. (1) Ruth Winrod/Wentworth
(2) Sarah Scott

Thomas Milton Parks 1838-1909 m. Mary Ann McFadden

2. Rachel Parks b.abt.1805 Belmont Co, OH m. 10 Feb.1828 Union Twp, Belmont Co, OH to Carlile Bright b. abt. 1808 PA

Children (surname Bright)

Margaret Bright abt. 1831-

John Bright abt. 1832-

James Bright abt.1834- m. Nancy Mackle

Jacob Bright abt.1836-1891 m. Elizabeth Simmons

Elizabeth Bright abt. 1838-

Joseph Bright abt. 1839/41-

Carlisle Bright abt.1843- m. Emelia Whitney

Deborah Bright 1843-1913

Mary Bright abt. 1844-

Frances Bright abt.1846-

3. Jonathan Davis Parks b.21 May 1806 Belmont Co, OH m. 15 Mar 1827 Guernsey Co, OH to Rosanna Foraker (Fouracres/Foreacres) b.2 Apr. 1807 Guernsey Co, OH

Children (surname Parks)

Thomas J. Parks 1827-1899 m. Eliza Groves

Levi Parks 1830-1846

William L. Parks 1832-1898 m. Rosanna Keyser

Joel S. Parks abt.1834-1867 m. Sarah Ann Brown

James Parks 1836-1903 m. Grace Wharton

Comrade Robert Parks 1840- m. Martha Parrish

Nancy Jane Parks 1844- m. Thomas Iams

Lydia Ann Parks 1847-1919 m. Elza Boyd

Reuben Parks 1850- m. (1) Mary Martha Sutton (2) Hannah W. Hutchison

4. Elizabeth Parks b.22 April 1810 Belmont Co, OH m. 3 Mar. 1836 to Samuel Arters b. 22 Nov. 1812

Children (surname Arters)

Isaac Arters 1837- m. Mary Ellen Moreland

Sarah Jane Arters 1839-

William Arters 1842-1917 m. Sarah/Susan R. Mathews

Caroline Arters 1844-

5. James Parks b. 11 Mar 1812 Belmont Co, OH m. 15 Jan 1835 to Elisabeth Arters b. 27 Jul 1816 PA

Children (surname Parks)

William Parks 1836-1886 m. Katherine Kochert

Margaret Parks abt.1841-

Mary Jane Parks 1843- m. William Harrison

Wesley Parks 1843- m. Nancy Ellen McVey

John Ashley Parks 1856- m. (1) Elizabeth Metz (2)

Elizabeth Blair

6. John B. Parks b. 27 Aug 1815 Union Twp, Belmont Co, OH m. abt. 1838 Fayette Co, PA to Annis Alean Gilliland b. abt. 1819 Franklin Twp, Fayette Co, PA

Children (surname Parks)

James Parks abt.1840- m.(1) Phebe Alkire (2) Sarah Fisher

William G. (C.) Parks abt. 1841-1867

Hiram N. (A.) Parks abt.1843- m. Susanna Jone

Adam S. (G.) Parks 1845-1915 m. (1) E. Livingston (2)

Mollie (3) E. Stewart

Sarah E. Parks abt.1849-1867

7. Joseph Parks b. 11 Aug. 1818, OH m. 2 May 1844 to Margaret Bigley b. abt. 1816/18 Belmont Co, OH

Children (surname Parks)

Letitia Parks abt.1844-

Thomas Parks abt.1846-

Mary Parks abt.1848-

John Parks abt.1851-1878

Anna J. Parks abt.1853-

Lewis Parks abt.1855

Margaret Parks abt.1857-abt.1875

8. Thomas Parks b. 26 Jul 1821 Belmont Co, OH m. 24 Feb.1842 Morgan (now Noble) Co, OH to Belinda Nesselroad (Nesselrode) b. 6 Feb.1821 Morgan (Noble) Co, OH

Children (surname Parks)

Elisabeth Parks abt.1842-abt.1908 m. William Wilson

Joseph Parks abt.1844-abt.1920 m. Sarah Wilson

James Parks abt.1846-1916 m. Elizabeth Maloy

David Parks abt.1850- m. Hulda Thompson

Thomas Parks 1852-1913 m. Delia/Delilah Thompson

Ann (Amney) Parks abt.1853- m. Jackson Smith

Susanne (Susan) Parks abt.1857- m. James Morrow

Price Parks 1860- m. Anice Wilson

William Parks 1861- m. Lucinda Lehman

George W. Parks 1864- m. Neoma Moore

Roxley V. Parks abt.1864-

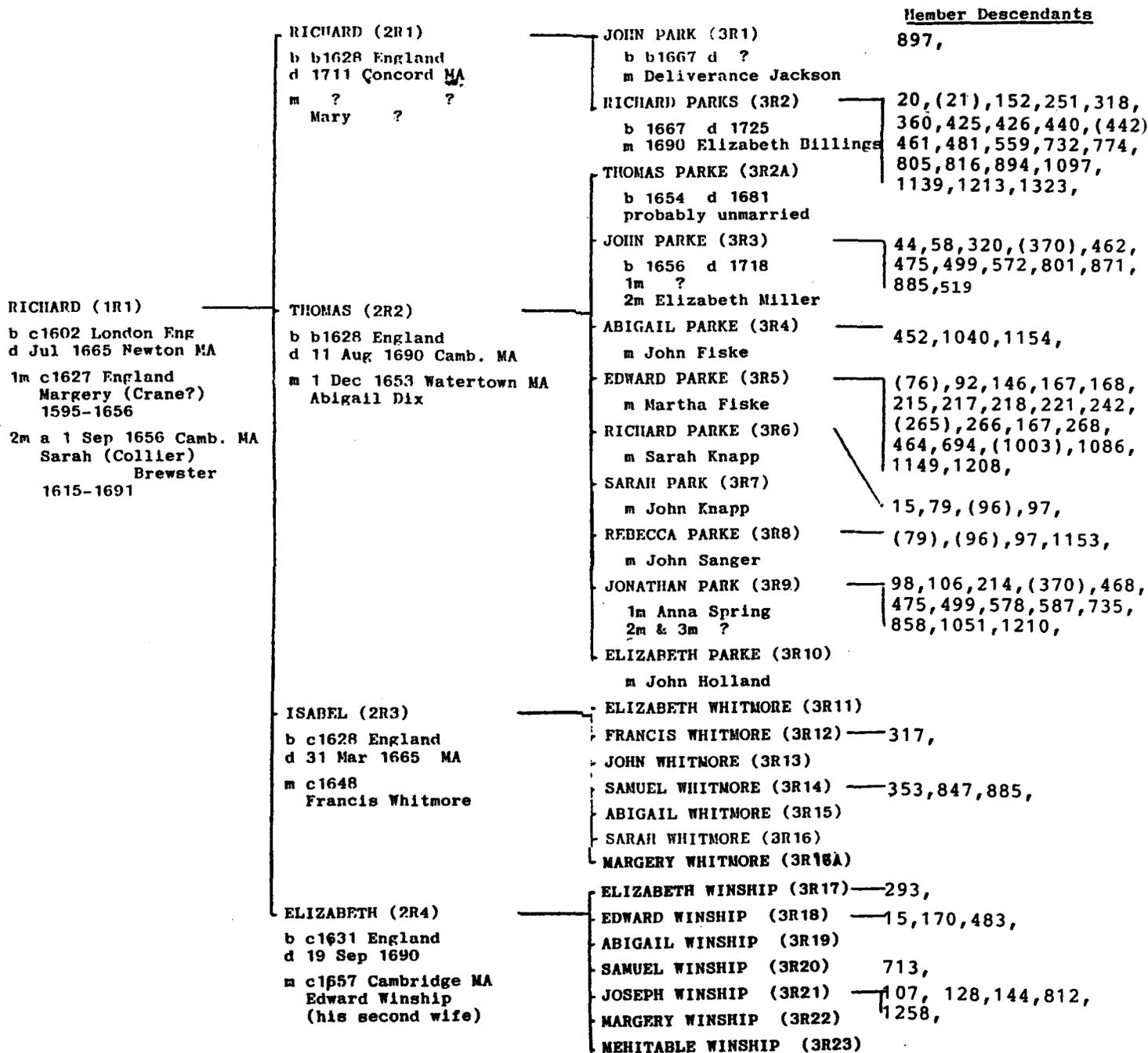
Lena Parks 1865- m. David Lehman

Albert M. Parks abt.1868- m. Emma Smith

The members of the RICHARD (MA 1635) line are listed below. Those attending the Convocation in Ft. Wayne next July will find your relationship to others in the Richard binder. The page is listed after each of his descendants vis(3R12). Member numbers in parenthesis indicates that they are the Society member, but their spouse is related to Richard.

Your Membership number identifies you. Use in all correspondence. These were started over 25 years ago when it was found that many first names were the same, vis Robert 28, William 20, James 17 at the present time. Checks must come in with your number. Now you will note the chart on this page. The numbers to the right indicate the members from each descendant. By referring to your list of members you may want to contact one or more members.

Immigrant: Richard (MA 1635)



Daniel Parke I and II of Virginia

(Revisited)

Based on Margery Lord Fitts' story, published in Parke Society Newsletter, Fall, 1979 and Winter, 1980.

Abridged and somewhat revised by Kathryn E. Parke #10

Members who are too recent to have seen those two articles might like another chance to read the account.

If you have visited Williamsburg, VA, you probably noted the memorial tablet to Daniel Parke, in the Bruton Parish Church. You may have admired the portrait of Daniel Parke of Virginia by Sir Godfrey Kneller. In this picture, Daniel proudly wears Queen Anne's gift of her miniature portrait, a reward for his delivering to her the great news of victory at Blenheim in Bavaria. (This triumph was so prized by its commander-in-chief, John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, that when he built his grand mansion in England, he named it "Blenheim"). The portrait is now in the Dewitt Wallace Decorative Art Gallery in Williamsburg.

One might hastily suppose that one Daniel Parke of Virginia received these honors. Not so. There were two - father and son - and their careers differed considerably. They are believed to have been descended from the Gestingthorpe Parkes, thus "cousins" to those of us who claim the Puritan Robert Parke of Connecticut as our forebear. This descent had not been proven when Margery Fitts wrote her article, but David Parke's chart in vol. 37 no. 3 suggests that it has now been confirmed.

The elder Daniel Parke (1628-1679) is the one memorialized in the Bruton Parish church. He was indeed, "a man of many talents" - doctor, lawyer, planter, member of the House of Burgesses and of the Council, agent of the Colony, treasurer and secretary of Virginia, "second only to the Governor." Daniel I is a connection we may all be proud of.

He married Rebecca Evelyn, first cousin of the celebrated English diarist John Evelyn, and became increasingly wealthy. After dowering his daughters in England generously, he left the rest of his possessions to his "heirs male, or failing them, to heirs-in-law, provided they took the name of Parke". This remarkable stipulation held through several generations - which is why Martha Washington's grandson, a great-great-great grandson of Daniel I, still carried the name of George Washington Parke Custis.

Daniel Parke II (1669-1710), the only surviving "heir male" of Daniel I, is the one whose portrait was painted by Kneller. His career is more controversial than his father's.

Born in 1669, he lost both parents before he was eleven. After his mother died in 1672, the three-year-old boy was sent or taken to her family in England, to be educated there. He returned to his inheritance in Virginia when his father

died in 1679 - although his estates were managed by his father's executors for some time during his minority.

At the precocious age of sixteen, he married Jane Lundwell, the daughter of Philip Ludwell, one of Virginia's most prominent citizens. It was probably a marriage of convenience for both families. Philip Ludwell was also wealthy, but his property went to Jane's brother, so Daniel II evidently didn't profit much, financially. However, his father-in-law's influence did lead to his election to the House of Burgesses before he was nineteen. Four years later, sponsorship by a close friend of the Evelyn family brought him appointment to the colony's Council. Like his father, he became a Colonel in the Militia. In addition to his public service and plantations, he also took interest in the law and in building. Bricks used in the College of William and Mary were made by the slaves on his plantation, producing some additional income for him.

Despite prominence in the colony, Daniel II was far from popular. He was proud, selfish, easily moved to violent anger, and neglectful of his family. Documents prove that he made firm enemies of Governor Francis Nicholson of Maryland and Dr. James Blair, the King's Commissary in Virginia.

In 1691, he visited England again, returning to Virginia with a mistress whom he sometimes called "Cousin Brown" and whose son he named Julius Caesar. Daniel and "Cousin Brown" went back to England to stay in 1697, but this boy must have been left behind. Daniel's abandoned wife Jane mentions in a letter that she had cared for him for eight years, and he "seemed unable to learn."

Daniel II probably hoped to return to Virginia as governor. In England, he made various attempts to acquire more influence. He stood for Parliament - unsuccessfully. During the War of the Spanish Succession, he commanded an English regiment in the Netherlands, and became aide-de-camp to the commander-in-chief, the Duke of Marlborough. Queen Anne's complimentary attention, after the pivotal victory at Blenheim, must have been the high point of his career. So it was Daniel II whose portrait was painted by Sir Godfrey Kneller.

He missed becoming Governor of Virginia "by a whisker". As a consolation prize, he was appointed Governor of the Leeward Islands in the West Indies. He never returned to his family in Virginia, though he may have

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intended to, and seems to have had some regard for his daughters, at least. A sad letter from his wife indicates that, despite her failing health and even though he apparently did not give her an adequate allowance, she continued to take care of his affairs in Virginia.

Margery Fitts points out that most of our information about Daniel II's last years comes from persons who were unfriendly to him; their testimony may well be prejudiced. In any case, it wasn't easy to be a Royal Governor in the English colonies of that time. Daniel II seems to have had no understanding of the conditions of the life in the West Indies. The planters, his new subjects, resented laws passed without their participation, resented having to pay the salary of a Governor in whose appointment they had had no say, and resisted the measures this new man took to reform their government. He tried to enforce his authority by arms, resulting in violent rebellion in 1710. The Governor defended himself valiantly, but was overcome, and died painfully at the hand of the rioters. His house was thoroughly plundered and all his papers destroyed, so that it is not possible to know the true story of his rule there. Was he "villain or victim"? In any case, his colorful life was representative of the society and political system of his time.

Daniel II left his valuable Leeward Island property to an illegitimate daughter, Lucy Chester. His lands and money in England and Virginia were bequeathed to his legitimate daughters, Frances Parke Custis and Lucy Byrd. (His wife Jane had died.) However, he left many unpaid debts, reducing the estate considerably. Moreover, litigation instituted by Lucy Chester's husband, who had taken the name of Parke, dragged on for years. As "the sole surviving male heir", under the terms of Daniel I's will, perhaps he thought he could claim his grandfather-in-law's entire legacy!

Frances, who married John Custis IV, evidently inherited her father's fiery temper. She made her husband so miserable that he required his son to publish the fact on his tombstone, threatening to disinherit him if he did not do so. Frances may be worth another short article - she must have been a holy terror!

Frances' son Daniel Parke Custis married the much younger Martha Dandridge in 1749. Martha Dandridge is better known by her second marriage in 1759 as a widow, to George Washington, ten years later. Washington brought up her children and later her grandchildren, George Washington Parke Custis and Eleanor Custis, as his own family at Mount Vernon.

G.W.P. Custis's daughter, Mary Anne Randolph Custis, married Robert E. Lee in 1831. Middle and surnames in all these marital connections demonstrate the relationship of the elder Daniel Parke's descendants to a number of FFV - "First Families of Virginia".



Robert Elmour Parke Jr. #1055

A year ago our member Robert Elmour Parke Jr. #1055 greeted our Florida State Governor Jeb Bush and his brother George W. Bush (then the Texas Governor) at the Parkesdale Farms in Plant City. This is known as the "Strawberry Capital of the World". The first of March is THE time to be there. Our member is better known as Roy. His lineage is found on Newsletter vol. 29 p23.

Parke Family Reunion in Idaho

Through their Parke Website we learn that there will be a reunion of some members of the Roger (NJ 1682) line. This will be especially for those descendants of Thomas Harris Parke (1803- 1897), sixth generation through Roger2, Joseph3-4, to his father Micajah5 (1760 - c1844). Sixteen members from Micajah are on our records, including my wife Cecilia Parke #535 whose genealogy of Roger was published last year. The speaker on the occasion will be Lee Christensen #957. The Reunion will be held August 9 to 12 at Elba Park in Cassia Co ID where ancestor Thomas died. "We will camp, have a dutch oven supper and program. Friday the wagons will join in and we will journey through the park, and then down through the City of Rocks, then back to Elba Park for supper that evening. Saturday is the Big Day with a trip to the old Parke Homestead, games for the kids, genealogy, introductions, program, barbecue, and auction. We understand that there are a lot of skeletons in the closets, and if you are not there to defend yourself, someone may make up a good story!!!"

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John Adam Parks & The Railroad

Edited by Jean Churchill PS#934

John Adam Parks⁴ (John Ashley³ James² James¹) was born January 30, 1892 in Bethel Twp (1880 pop. 1,165), Monroe County, Ohio. He spent most of his adult life in Woodsfield, the Monroe County seat. Woodsfield was settled in 1812 and named for Mr. Woods, one of the land owners.

Much of John's working life was spent in conjunction with the local railroad. This narrow gauge railroad organized as the Bellaire & SouthWestern Railway in 1875 was very important to the area residents. It not only provided transportation but the crew were often willing to deliver medicine, groceries, and other supplies from town to this rural area.

The first train ran on November 26, 1879 from Woodsfield to Zanesville Ohio. In 1882, the name changed to Bellaire, Zanesville & Cincinnati and because of its many curves was nicknamed 'Bend, Zigzag & Crooked'. The little train of no more than 10 cars "snaked around 500 curves and crawled over 65 trestles" on its 112 mile route from Pennsylvania Station in Bellaire to Zanesville. In 1893, the railway became the Ohio River & Western ('Old Rusty & Wobbly'), then was sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1907. It continued in operation serving Belmont and Monroe Counties until its last run on Memorial Day 1931.

John Adam Parks drove the taxi which met the train at the Woodsfield depot. He transported the passengers from the depot over to the Ben Haren Hotel, but not in a Yellow Cab. Instead they rode in a horse drawn 'surrey with the fringe on top'. Not all of his passengers were pleased

with this mode of travel. The story goes that one gentleman refused so John put his luggage in a wheelbarrow and trundled it along to the hotel with the man walking alongside.

For six years he was first a section hand and later a section boss with the railroad. Every Sunday the men would go out with the hand car checking the rails and doing needed repairs. When the railroad was discontinued, he became so efficient at printing that the county clerk assigned him the job of making maps for the town and also their street signs. He was a good carpenter, building his own house in Woodsfield.

As a young man, John spent many of his working hours at Okey Watson's Livery Stables renting out horses. He also delivered orders for Charlie Yost's meat market on his bicycle. However, he never did get the hang of driving an automobile. He was a 'jack of all trades' operating his own repair shop for a number of years fixing everything from farm machinery to household appliances. His specialty was sharpening saws and making knives, both paring and butcher.

In his retirement years, he loved to tell stories of his past experiences on the railroad. He died in 1979 and is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery, Woodsfield, Monroe Co, Ohio.

(Sources "Interview" by Bessie Parks Briggs; "Monroe County, Ohio History" 1969, Woodsfield Chamber of Commerce; "From an Engineer of the O.R. & W Railroad Narrow Line Between Bellaire & Zanesville, OH" by Rex Armstrong, 1972' p.2; Tim Parks-desc.)

Misc. New Jersey Cemeteries (Park/e/s related lines)

By Cecilia B. Parke PS#535

Lower Amwell Graveyard/Dunkard Graveyard Hunterdon Co., NJ Located 1 mile from Sandbrook, Delaware Twp.

Parkes, Asa, d. May 3, 1866; a. 43y 5m 23d. (b. 1823)
Parkes, Eliza J. wife of Asa, died Feb 22, 186?. a. 41y 3m 21d
Parkes, Elizabeth, wife of John, d. Dec. 4, 1893; s. 53y 6m 3d. (b. 1838)
Parkes, Howard, son of Wm. and Sarah, d. Dec. 17, 1865, a. 7y 0m 18d
Parkes, Jacob H. son of Wm. and Sarah, d. Dec. 10, 1860, a. 0y 6m 25d
Parkes, Margaret, wife of Ozias, d. Mar 23, 1889; a 88y 1m 15d (b.1801)
Parkes Ozias d. May 5. 1877, a. 84y 7m 8d. (b. 1792)
Parkes, Sarah, wife of William, d. Jan. 13, 1901; a. 79y 5m 1d.
Parkes, William M. d. July 6, 1909; a 81y 6m 6d. (b. 1827)
Parks, Elijah d. Oct. 4, 1849; a 65y 6m 0d. (b. c 1783)*
Cemetery also has names of Case, Conover, Crum, Dalrymple, Dilts, Eberhard, Fauss, Gray, Geen, Haines, Hartpence, Hice, Lake, Moore, Petty, Poulson, (all known to Parke lines)

Cemetery at Wantage - Hunterdon Co., NJ

Park, Nathaniel, d. May 28, 1880, age 62.9
Park, Elizabeth, d. May 21, 1872, age 60.2

Newell Burying Ground

Park, Charity McClary, wf. Samuel, Jan. 7, 1807 - May 7, 1891
Park, Samuel, May 15, 1807 - March 3, 1839
Park, Edward A., son of Moses T. and Martha E. Sept. 10, 1871 - -0-8-2
Parks, Eda May, dau. Moses T. and Martha E. d. October 1, 1878, 2m
Parks, Ina Mae, dau. of A. A. and Martha J. Aug. 9, 1871, 4-1-3
Parks, Moses T. d. Aug. 23, 1883, a 46y 1m 9d

Larison's Corner Cemetery

Parks, Nancy H. dau. Phillip and Mary, d. Feb. 15, 1874, 7y 4m 0d.
These are the only Park/e/s listings in this source with covers nine burial sites located in East and West Amwell, Delaware, Kingwood and Raritan Twps. of Hunterdon Co, New Jersey

Gloucester City NJ, Union Cemetery

Park, James Dix (Dixon) d. July 8, 1840. born April 5, 1765
Facts determined: James was the son of Thomas Parke, son of Roger Parke Jr. of Hopewell, Hunterdon Co., New Jersey

During my last two years in Florida I have enjoyed meeting interesting Society members. On page 1 is one of our elderly members Karl Eaton Parks. And recently it was Elaine Park Burney #914, another descendant of Robert (MA 1630), Thomas 2-3-4. She and her family are much involved in serving as reenactors in the many programs put on in our State Parks throughout the state. The first that I saw them in action was in Bushnell for the annual re-enactment of the Dade Battle. I wasn't even aware that there was such a battle with the Seminole Indians in the 1830's. The second was here in Spring Hill last month that concerned the Brooksville Raid. But let her share what they are part of.

David Parke #13

Walking in Their Shoes

It was COLD that morning. The hay between the ground and my sleeping bag seemed to have lost all its fluffiness. It was Sunday, December 31, 2000, the last day of this year that has flown by so quickly. We were camped at Dade Battlefield State Park in Bushnell, Florida. Our camp consisted of a canvas shelter supported by cypress and river cane poles, various accouterments collected to portray an 1835 Seminole Indian camp, and most important, a fire. Other reenactors near us were unwillingly stirring about, building up their fires and



getting ready for the day to come. As happened the day before, as well as at every event of this sort, the public would be arriving soon armed with curious questions. And there was a battle to be won, one that began the 2nd Seminole Indian War. Ironically, our temperature in this year 2000 was almost the same as it was on that battle day in 1835.

As the weather continued to be unusually cold for central Florida, I searched my genetic memory gene pool and wondered what my ancestors would have done to keep warm. I am blessed with someone in my past who was creative and made do with what was at hand. My rabbit skin, sitting in the sunshine, felt warm, so I decided to wear it on my head. It worked and vanity was replaced by comfort. Soon, our friend Heron was wearing his fur skin hat as well.

Just last fall, the Burney family could be found as sutlers - storekeepers - at the store at Ft. Clinch State Park at Fernandina Beach, FL. On that particular weekend, circa 1861, the fort was occupied by Confederate soldiers. It was our job to provide a few items to make the soldiers lives a little better - knowing the poor military fare they were provided with. This was a first for us and we were told we had done a good job. My husband, Harvard, declares there was a storekeeper in his lineage - it's a gut feeling.

Our daughters, Heather and Pam, are not so concerned at this point, with reliving the past or hunting for ancestors. They, being single young women, are mostly interested in the single young men. But, they are subconsciously learning

about themselves, their history, and among other things, about courtesy of days gone by. The men tip their hat, watch their language, and allow ladies to go first. Ladies dress modestly and must, in turn, act like ladies. This is a good thing.

My family and I have participated in Seminole Indian and Civil War reenacting and living history events for the past three years. The main ingredient which contributed to this unusual hobby is that we enjoy camping. Unique adventures - like sleeping and "living" in a fort, or log dog trot farmhouse (if only for a weekend), being roused from sleep by the sound of a bugle or a drum roll and hearing the sound of soldiers preparing to go to "battle," cruising down a lazy river, or being welcomed to join in a "stomp" dance around the fire - have proven to be unexpected bonuses. History speaks loudly to us when we attempt to recreate the actual events, everyday and otherwise, that shaped our country into what it is today, and helps us to understand the process of becoming who we are.

But the gems which continue to be discovered through this hobby are an understanding of those ancestors of the past who have left us with a legacy of who and what we are and what we're made of. This hobby has lit a spark in us to search for our ancestors. Wouldn't it be exciting to portray a real ancestor? A real person - but more than a real person, my person. Someone who had a hand in my very being. Genealogy is not just finding out the names and dates of ancestors. For us, it is living in our grandparents and great grandparents shoes - or moccasins as the case may be.

When we arrived home that final night of 2000, we found a special message on the answering machine - it was the sound of a voice brand new to this time in history - our

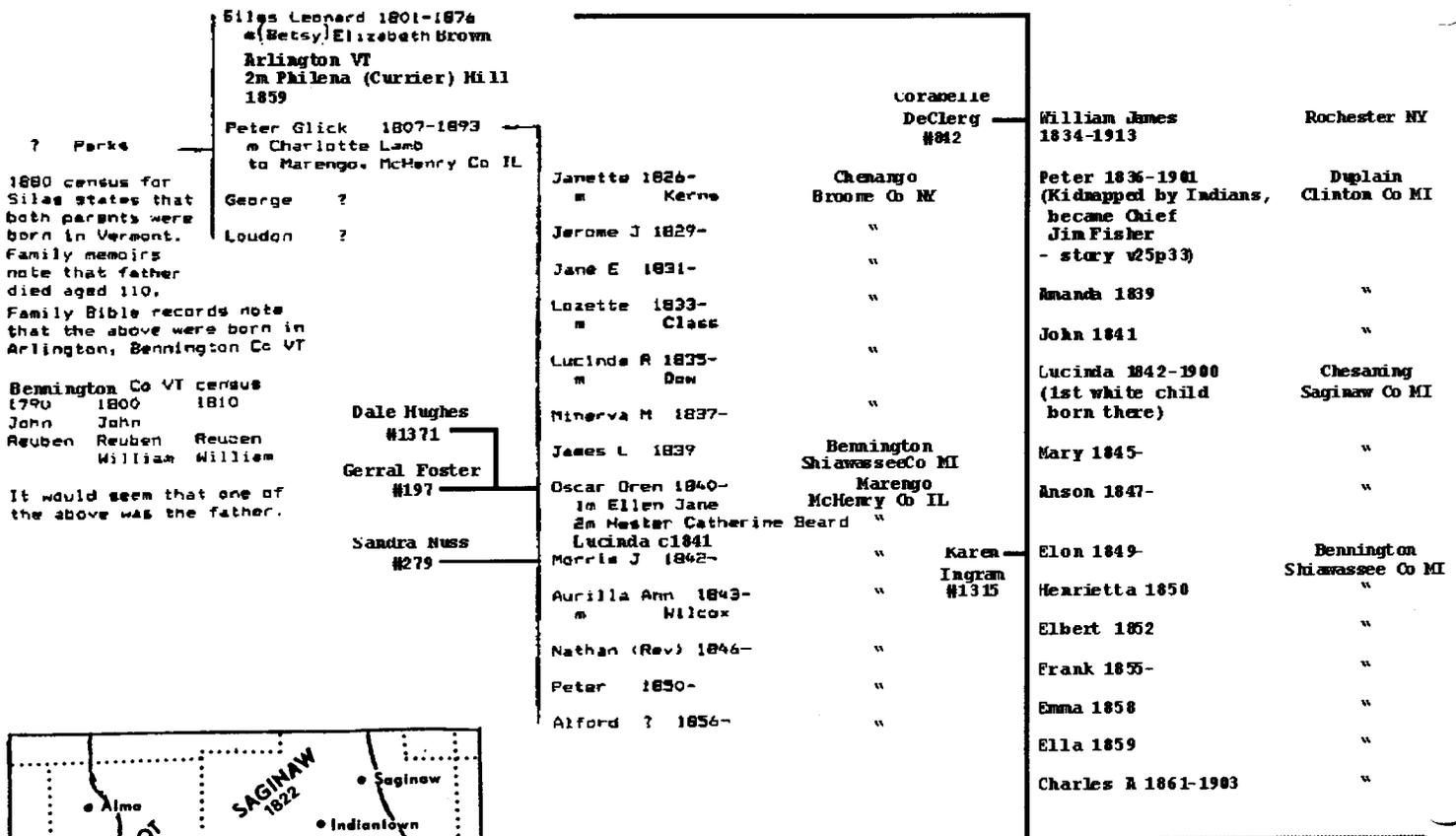


first grandchild, Cody Michael Burney, was born at 2:06 PM. Ironically, at the moment of his first breath, Cody's grandpa was engaged in the recreation of an infamous battle between the Seminole Indians fighting to retain their homes in a land given to them by treaty, and the Americans who would soon claim the Florida Territory as the 27th state.

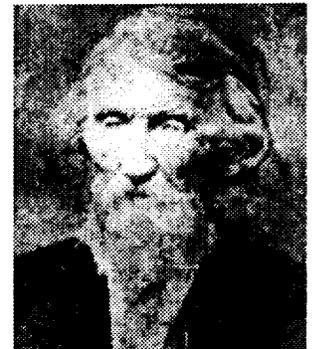
Families of Silas Leonard and Peter Glick Parks

Being Researched by Corabelle DeClerg #842

Any suggestions or research that you may have discovered, please forward to Corabelle DeClerg #842.



Silas bought land in Chenango Broome Co NY deeded land to brothers Loudon and Peter Glick. Silas and 13 families migrated from Rochester NY-1836 to Michigan to Duplain, Clinton Co then in Chesaning Saginaw Co in 1842 and to Bennington Shiawassee Co in 1850



Peter Glick Parks c1890

Much research has been done on the Silas and Peter Parks lineage first reported in V16P22 by Gerral Theodore Foster #197. He had found pension records, marriage certificates, land transactions, and pages from family Bibles. Yet the only real evidence of the parents of their gt gt grandfather, Peter Glick Park(s) is a notation in the 1880 census that both were born in Vermont. Tradition says that the father lived to be 110! No mention is found in the genealogies of Robert¹ or Richard¹, each of whom had descendants in Bennington Co. VT.

In the hope that someone who reads this can help, the facts so far discovered are here recorded. The earliest records

from the family Bible show that Silas was born 1801 and that Peter was born 1807, probably in Arlington, Bennington Co. VT. and possibly had other brothers Loudon and George. In 1822 Silas bought land in Chenango, Broome Co. NY, which was later deeded to Loudon and Peter. There was a "male 80-90" and "female 50-60" listed in the 1830 census as part of Peter's household. As he was at the time 23, they may have been his grandfather and mother.

About 1838 Peter moved to Michigan, ostensibly looking for his brother Silas, whom he found in Bennington, Shiawassee Co.

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Lets Talk About:

Genealogy is my main beat, at least within The Society. That may be hard to see sometimes, considering the number of times I have written about computers and computer technology, and the amount of time that I seem to be putting into administrative tasks, as your Executive Director. But that is what brought me to The Society in the first place, and is the thing that I enjoy the most: Helping people to find their connections.

With the current launch of COMPUTER TALK, I am severing computer topics from this particular Byline. While I might contribute to TALK from time to time, I am hoping that someone else, who perhaps is more savvy in that area, can take it over on a permanent basis. (Any takers?)

So how is life back at the Genealogy Ranch, as it were? Well, Busy.

Being a surname society, one that traces, or tracks all members of a particular surname, in our case the PARK/E/S surname, can be very daunting. Unfortunately, the PARK/E/S surname is not uncommon. Thankfully we aren't working on JONES, or SMITH or WILLIAM(son). But there are a LOT of PARK/E/S individuals out there over the past 400 years or so.

As I have said to a number of correspondents in the last couple of years, one would think that after nearly forty years of research, we would have tracked down ALL of the various PARK/E/S that have turned up in North America since 1600. Well, I am here to tell you, that has not happened. And it is not at all unusual to have, as new members come into The Society, yet another PARK/E/S ancestor of which we have no trace in our present notes and records. Or at least we don't seem to have.

The problem is that there is a lot of variance in genealogical "facts", for a lot of different reasons. This is the main reason why we emphasize so much that the particular variant of the surname is not nearly important as one would think. The use of PARK, PARKE, PARKES, or PARKS was VERY variable. The family usage might have been changed for a lot of reasons. For example, during the American Revolution many people changed their surname form so as to look not so "loyalist". So the word here is: If someone tells you that your particular family name under consideration was ALWAYS spelt as "PARKE" (or whatever), don't accept that as fact. While that may have been the case, it probably was not. Always check the variations for possibilities. And the further you go back in history, broaden you search. PERK, PURK and other variations in written documents and records have been known to have really been a PARK/E/S.

But then there are the given names, and the dates and places of life events. We probably all know of a relative whose REAL name had NOTHING to do with the known name. To wit, my own Uncle Teddy. It was not until I became a teenager that I learned that his REAL name was Alonzo Steven Parks. Now, how they got Teddy out of that I will never know. So be well aware that data you may know about a particular individual may not be what others know about that same person. Nor anywhere near what we might have in our records. And that is the nub of

perhaps why we can't seem to find a member's ancestor in our records. What they know and what we know may be different enough that the relationship is not apparent.

At this point we are tracking somewhere about 275 to 300 individual PARK/E/S lines of decent. From time to time we discover that some of these lines are really related. Usually by accident. An additional piece of information, or a correction of a date or name. Sometimes just by an accident of a different sort of the database. Of late, though, a number of these fragment lines are being resolved with the current work on the ROGER of West Jersey and THOMAS of Virginia lines.

The ROGER of West Jersey line (Lineage Key "K") has long been problematic. With a mixture of source materials, often in conflict, but never quite resolvable, and never having quite enough time to really dig into it, Roger had become one of my least favorite lines. Fortunately, Lineage Leader Cecilia (Kasberg) Parke, PS#535, has now brought some order to the seeming chaos. With the publication last year of "Descendants of Roger Parke, Immigrant..." we are now in the process of revamping Society records to be in line with her text. Like all genealogical endeavors, not all the questions have been answered, which Cecilia Parke has clearly pointed out in her text, but at least we are working from a new, and better platform. At least now I don't get a headache when I take down the Roger Binders.

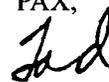
Likewise another problematic line has been that of THOMAS of Virginia (Lineage Key "C"). Once again, we had a mixture of source materials, some of decidedly poor authority. And once again, a Lineage Leader has taken up the task of being some order out of the accumulated collection of records and group sheets. PS#525 Phyllis Kumler sent to The Society two years ago six fat volumes of family group sheets with all the known corrections and additions to date.

In the process of doing these revisions, a number of heretofore fragment lines are now finding a home, either under Roger or Thomas. While consolidating lines is not an easy task, it is nice to find their connections to an immigrant or at least an earlier ancestor. At last count the number of fragment lines thus resolved was about 25.

Another smaller project that I am currently involved with is some revision to the Lineage Binders of the Robert Lines (Samuel, "S"; William, "W"; and the biggest of all, Thomas, "T"). Much to my dismay I discovered some months ago that not all of the materials as found in Frank Sylvester Parks' book, "Genealogy of the Parke Family in Connecticut" had been committed to our Lineage Binders, and hence to our GIVENAME INDEX. Again it proves the fact that assumption is a bad trait for a genealogist. Fortunately, it does not appear that we gave anyone a bum steer. I have no idea how I had come to the wrong conclusion here, but it is now being corrected.

So the Historian keeps busy with genealogy. Of course in addition to these projects, he continues to review new member files, and to deal with additional materials that are sent in from time to time. Or at least attempts to stay on top of all these tasks. Do remember, please, that your Historian is still "gainfully employed" and hence The Society has to share me with a job, home, and Church.

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Historian Tad

What Kind of Society Are We?

Some of the Early Immigrants

- Robert Parke - from England with the Winthrop Fleet in 1630. Pamphlet available \$5.00 30p.
- Richard Park - from London on the "Defense," to Newton, Mass. in 1635.
- William Parke - to Williamsburg, VA in 1633.
- Edward Parks - from London, was in Killingworth, CT in 1669.
- Arthur Parke - from Donegal in Ulster to Chester, PA in 1720.
- Samuel Parks - a Scotch-Irish farmer to Charleston, SC by 1750.
- David Park - from England to New York in 1866, settled in Canada.
- Richard Parkes - from Lancashire in 1711, settled in Berks Co. PA.
- Roger Parke - from England to West Jersey in 1682. Pamphlet available \$5.00 18p.

Activities

Each year there is a three-day national convocation as well as local gatherings in the nine regions of the United States and Canada. A bulletin is published three times per year (48 pages) and is sent to members and more than 200 libraries. This pamphlet disseminates the results of genealogical research and prepared biographical sketches of interesting ancestors and contemporaries. Computerization is underway to identify all Park/e/s both male and female. Much of this comes from the hundreds of member lineage charts as well as from genealogies, census, civil, vital and land records. Members are checking cemeteries in their area and researching local records. Compute records given name index, extensive family group sheets from immigrant to present day.

Dr. Larry C. Parks #243

has been an active member for nearly 25 years. I was delighted this month to have him and his wife Sally visit me here in Florida. He has served as a Trustee until 2000, his being Region 9 in the southwestern states. He has participated in many of the Convocations including Parkville, MO in 1986, in Wethersfield, CT in 1994 and managed the one in San Diego in 1992. His lineage is through Robert



(MA 1630), Thomas2-3-4 of which there are now nearly 100 members. It was thru his financial support that our member Bessie Hope #169 was able to publish her book Descendants of Bo'son Parks (1744-1829) now in the Society Library. His home is just north of Los

Angeles in Thousand Oaks where he is now retired from his practice of Internal Medicine.

One of the good suggestions sent in through "Voice Your Opinion" was to periodically give the background and location of our Regional Trustees. They are the leaders and should therefore be given more press. The one who, at the last Convocation, was responsible for my asking for Opinions. This is Robert L. Parke #755L who is Trustee for Region 4, the southeastern states. He lives in St. Cloud, FL not far from Orlando. Soon after joining in 1986 he became a Trustee and is still serving. His Robert (MA 1630) lineage is through Thomas2, Robert3 and Hezekiah4 of which there are 45 members. He has made his three children Life members. The following is from him:

Trustee Region 4 in Southeast

Robert Leon Parke #755,

retired communications executive; born Jersey City, N.J. August 28, 1940; son of Edwin Gager and Alice Elizabeth (Servis) Parke; married Geraldine R. Palvlick, September 2, 1967; children Cheryl Lynn, #831, Tracy Ann #832, David Scott #833.

Mr. Parke's career includes broad experience in administrative management, supervising such functional areas as purchasing, accounts payable/receivable and the provision of basic business services. While working in a variety of situations, he has developed systems and introduced efficiencies, which have had significant positive impact on the profitability of his employers. Member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogy Inc., American's First Family, Winthrop Society and Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy.

