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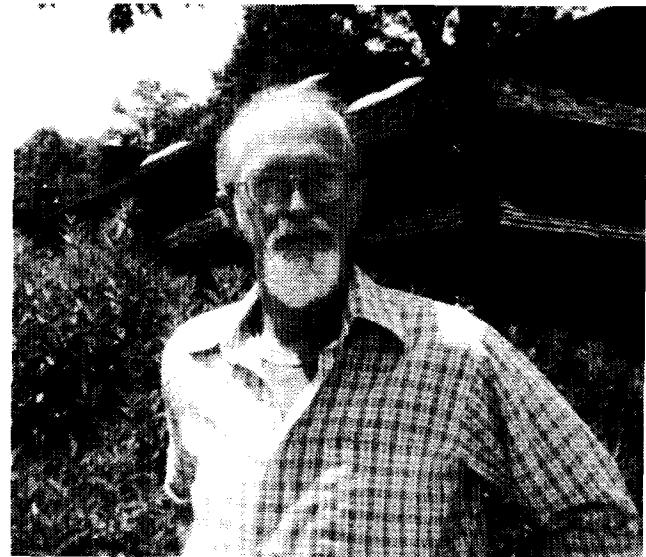
## Our New Newsletter Editor, Percival David Park #140

By David L. Parke #13

It is a pleasure to announce that I am no longer the Pro-Tem Editor! Now, let me introduce you to Percy whom I have known since he joined the Society in 1976. At that time he had had service in Vietnam with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, and then in Germany. Then he was a student at the JAGC School in Charlottesville, VA, and from this he became editor of the Military Law Review for the next five years.

Percy is a 10<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of ROGER PARKE (NJ 1682) through John (I), John (II), Noah, Jesse, Spruce McCay, Ivy Newton, James Clark, to his father Percival Newton (9). His is one of the very few northern branches of the Noah line. Born in Indiana, Pa., an only child, Percy was educated at Allegheny College and Harvard Law School, from which he was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar at the end of 1969. Thereafter the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps made good use of his legal talent until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1992. Since then he has worked as a civilian employee of the Army, reviewing contracts for computers and software at Alexandria, Va. Percy is married to Nora Lee Lilly, and they have one daughter, Tiffany Lee, wife of David R. Gray.

Percy very early became acquainted with Betty Bryant Northcutt #589 (1904-1994) who had done genealogical research with her father and found that her lineage went back to Moses Park (1738-1828), of Rowan and Mecklenberg Cos., N.C., brother of Percy's Noah. He is



Percival D. Park #140, Editor

co-Lineage Leader with Cecilia (Kasberg) Parke #535 for the Roger Parke line, and has published a book, Park Origins, on part of the line. Other writings include 30 pages on Noah; an early draft (with several co-authors) of an on-line book about the Moses Park family; a compilation of information collected by himself and other researchers on some lines of descent from George Park, another brother of Noah and Moses; and several Newsletter articles.

In 1995 I approached Percy on taking over my job as editor, but he was too busy at that time. Fortunately circumstances have changed so that he is willing to serve in the position for a year with possible extension thereafter. His legal training has pressed him to insist on satisfactory evidence in his own genealogical research. So, when you submit articles for the Newsletter, he is likely to have a sharp eye out for the proof you have found! I do honestly feel that we are fortunate to have Percy taking over this important duty. However, his success depends on many of our Society members sending him articles on their families and their research. He may be reached by USPS mail at P.O. Box 5464, Charlottesville, VA 22905-5464 and by e-mail at:

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# In Memory

## James David Park, Sr. #984

James David Park, Sr. #984 died May 17, 2001, at Oklahoma City, OK. He was descended from

Roger (NJ 1682) through John 2 – 3, Allen 4 – 5, Hiram 6, James Louis 7, to Ernest E. 8 and his wife Grace Hill. Born Sept. 9, 1920, in Kansas City, Mo., he graduated from Oklahoma A&M University and married Betty Clee Doggett in 1943.

During World War II, J.D.

served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, Atlantic theater. Following his discharge in 1946, he returned to Oklahoma City to work in his father's highway construction firm, Park Ward Co.

Later J.D. worked in sales for Hoover Equipment Co., and Consolidated Equipment. On his retirement in 1984, he was a principal in Maxwell Supply Co. J.D. became a member of the Parke Society in 1990. He is survived by his wife, three children, three grandchildren, and sister.



James David Park, Sr. #984

## Jerry Ostadal, Husband of Charlene Ostadal, #1281

Jerry Ostadal of Folsom, LA, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital, New Orleans. He is survived by his wife Charlene Brown Ostadal, formerly of Catlettsburg, Ky.; a daughter Catherine Ostadal Morris; a son Jerrold Thomas Ostadal; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Charlene (PS#1281) is a descendent of Ohio pioneer Robert Parks, featured in "Missing Link – Robert & Laban Parks," by Jean Churchill PS#934 (Newsletter, 2001 – Vol. 38, No. 2, p. 26). On July 5, a graveside service with interment was held at the Catlettsburg Cemetery, Boyd Co., Ky.

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# Welcome New Members!

- 1382 Louise Joyce Parks Ebert Pebble Beach, CA
- 1383 Sandra Noweck Berlin Falls Church, VA
- 1384 Joann Lucas Conrad St. Louis, MO
- 1385 George Walter Parke Oaklyn, NJ
- 1386 Betty Beaman Cobb Chillicothe, MO
- 1387 William Whiteford Parks Findlay, OH
- 1388 Charles Owen Johnson Arlington, VA
- 1389 Johonna Sylvester Cook Rush, NY

## Some Thoughts from Your Editor

Second chances come seldom in life, and I am privileged that David L. Parke #13 still thought I should be editor of the Newsletter five years after he first asked me. I am on board for one year or three issues, with extensions thereafter based on mutual agreement between the Society and me. I'll do my best to live up to David's, and your, expectations of me.

The Newsletter will continue to look the same as it has under David. You will notice only two small changes in this issue.

We are initiating use of a corrections box, "Corrections and Additions," as a regular feature. In our business it is a certainty that, as soon as we publish, new evidence will come to light or a different interpretation will be put forward.

However the experience may feel in the short term, it is a good thing over the long term, and greatly to be encouraged. One of the major reasons for publishing is to attract the notice of other researchers who may be able to provide more information. None of us has all the answers, but if we patiently work together, we can find a good many of them in time. No one needs to feel embarrassed at the correction of old information, any more than at the addition of new marriages, births, etc. So, send us your corrections and additions!

I look forward to serving as your editor, and I urge you to continue sending articles, announcements, information, and pictures. With your help, I will be able to maintain the high quality of our newsletter.

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The Parke Society serves as clearinghouse for research on all Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles. Regular membership is open to any descendant. Associate membership is open to any interested person. Inquiries and requests for membership should be directed to the Registrar.

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## Cynthia Gene Loope Hupper #182, Trustee, Seat 9

Continuing our series of portraits of Parke Society Trustees, we are pleased to present Cynthia Hupper #182, who was elected Trustee at the Salisbury, N.C., Convocation, in 2000. Cynthia is a 12<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of Robert (MA 1630), through Thomas 2, Nathaniel 3, and Ezekiel 4. She lives in San Diego, CA, with her husband, Theodore "Ted" Fairly Hupper, their eleven-year-old son Matthew Brian Hupper, and their black cat, Zoe. A member of the Society for many years, she joined after corresponding with her kinsman the Cook #66, Past two decades "Ancestral formerly Newsletter.

Cynthia was NY, to Richard Norma Ruth #1381, the children. She Buffalo, and bachelor's University in business administration, and her master's at Pennsylvania State University, in speech communication. While studying in Boston, Cynthia worked full time as a trust and estate administrator for the First National Bank of Boston (later BankBoston).

After Penn State, Cynthia returned to Massachusetts to marry Ted at West Newton in 1986. Son Matthew was born in 1990, after which Cynthia studied at Bentley College, Waltham, MA, to become a paralegal. Starting in 1992, she worked as a patent and trademark paralegal for a succession of firms. In 1997 the family moved to San Diego, CA, where Ted is employed by Qualcomm, Inc., as a software engineer. Since then Cynthia has received certification as a Hatha Yoga instructor, and has taught yoga in her spare time. She is also interested in quilting, reading historical fiction, and genealogical research. Public spirited, she has volunteered for various activities in the public schools and the Cub Scouts. Currently her major activity is home-schooling Matthew, which includes trying to breathe life into history for him through visits to places in Massachusetts and Virginia associated with his ancestors.

Over the years, Cynthia has expanded her knowledge of her immigrant ancestors from a single one, Robert (MA 1630), to over eighty, who, for the most part, migrated from the British Isles to Massachusetts or Connecticut in the eighteenth century. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and several other historical and genealogical societies. An avid researcher, Cynthia especially enjoyed the Allen County Public Library during her sojourn at the Fort Wayne Convocation this summer.



Cynthia Hubber  
#182, Trustee

## New Member Profile: *Elaine Thompson #1377*

Elaine Thompson #1377 is a direct descendant of Richard Park/e, who was born ca. 1745-1760 in Sussex Co., N.J., and who migrated with his family to Norfolk Co., Ontario, Canada, about 1800. Elaine has done a tremendous amount of research on her



Elaine Thompson #1377

lineage but has yet to find her immigrant ancestor. Her family will eventually be featured in a Missing Links article. Anyone with information about Richard's origins is invited to contact Elaine at: [ethompson@webpipe.net](mailto:ethompson@webpipe.net) And please share your information with our Historian, Tad Parks #425!

Elaine is a native of Great Falls, Cascade Co., Montana. In 1953, she married Warren Richard Thompson, in Alberta, Canada. They had five children. Warren died in 1960 at the age of 29 years, leaving Elaine with young children to raise. Knowing that she had to support them herself, Elaine elected to return to college, and she became a teacher. With help from her family, she successfully raised her five children.

Interested in genealogy since she was a teenager, Elaine started by obtaining information from her grandmother Park, and expanded ever more widely from there. She finds that the task of tracing her family, while never ending, is also never dull. Elaine, welcome to the Parke Society!

# **Dana Parks Jr. Memorial Circulating Library**

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Our library continues to grow thanks to the generosity of our members. These materials are available to all active Parke Society members.

Please use the catalog designation (ex:000/PARK) when requesting information.

Mrs. Garrett has sent a copy of her excellent manuscript which will be reviewed in a later Newsletter.

Garrett, Betty PS#1028; 2001; 50pg-manuscript size; (loan fee-\$3.)

**"Hugh Parks (1716-1780) of Rowan Co, NC-1<sup>st</sup> Five Generations"**

Index of names, sources listed; (LK=FT).  
000/PARK

The following collection of books was donated by Robert Parke PS#755 who has also given the Library a monetary contribution. The Society is very appreciative of his gifts. Please note spelling of names is exactly as given in the various Indexes.

Cutter, William R. A.M.; 1911; 4 vol.; 2,208 pg.; (total loan fee-\$10.)

**"Genealogical & Family History of the State of Connecticut"**

Biographies; Index of names- no Park/e/s 929/CUTT  
Goodwin, Nathaniel; 1856/1987; 362 pg; (loan fee-\$3.)

**"Genealogical Notes First Settlers of CT and MA"**

Index- no Park/e/s; genealogies of other families.

929/GOOD

New Eng. Historical & Genealogical Register; 1983; 3 Vol. (loan fee-\$3. each)

**"Genealogies of Connecticut Families"** 929/NEHG

This material taken from The New England Historical & Genealogical Register selected & introduced by Gary Boyd Roberts. Each book contains its own Index. Write for more information

**Vol.I=A-Ga:** Park: Rev. Paul; Robert; & ? Parke: Agnes; Asa; Benjamin; Dorothy; Hannah; Hezekiah; Mary; N.Grier II; Patrick; Robert; Roswell; Thomas; William.

**Parks:** Edward; Freelove; Hannah; John; Mary; Nathaniel; Submit.

**Vol.II=Ge-O:** Park: Joshua; Solomon (Lt.) Parke: Abigail; Hannah **Parks:** Admire; Nathaniel

**Vol.III=P-W:** Park: John; Myron; Peter (?); Ruel Parke: Abigail; Alice; Ame; Benajah; Daniel; Deborah; Dorothy; Elisha; Elizabeth; Ezekiel; Guy James; Hannah; Jerusha; John; Jonah; Joseph; Joseph Jr.; Joshua; Levy; Lucy; Lydia; Martha; Mary; Nathaniel; Orilla B.; Phebe; Robert; Theoda; Thomas; Thomas III; Thomas Jr.; Virgil Hickox; William; Zebulon **Parkes:** ? **Parks:** Ada ;Delight; Irene Nelson, William;

1916/1995; 222 pg.; Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 929/NELS  
**"New Jersey Biographical & Genealogical Notes"**

From the volumes of the New Jersey Archives with additions & supplements. **Parke:** Abner - brief mention; served as administrator of E.Cowell's estate.

Wheeler, Richard A.; 1900/1993; 754 pg.  
(loan fee-\$3.) 929/WHEE

**"History of Stonington Connecticut 1649-1900"**  
Family genealogies. **Park Family:** 2 pages on Robert Parke (MA 1630)

Burgess, Roy; 1992; 503 pg.; alphabetical by surname;  
(loan fee-\$3.) 929.1/BURG

**"Early New Englanders & Kin"**

A genealogical tree of inter-related individuals with roots in early New England. **Park:** Elizabeth; James Census; 190/1998; 227 pg.; Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 929.1/CENU

**"Heads of Families at the 1<sup>st</sup> Census of the US in 1790 - Connecticut"**

**Parcks:** Michael **Park:** Daniel; Jacob; John (2); Joseph; Lee; Nathan; Reuben; Stephen. **Parkis:**

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## JAMES MONROE PARKS

Jean Churchill PS#934

James Monroe Parks was born August 20, 1818 in Tennessee, the second child of John & Martha (?) Parks. His parents were living in North Carolina when his older brother, Wilie A. Parks, was born abt. 1817. By 1840, the family had moved to Mississippi because on November 16<sup>th</sup> of that year, property in Winston County was deeded from John M. Smith to John Parks and James M. Parks.



On March 24, 1845 in Winston Co, MS, James took Miss Jane Hannah Margarett Young (b.1830 Jefferson Co, AL) as his bride. She was the daughter of Thomas & Winnifred (Brown) Young. Their first child, John Thomas Parks was born February 25, 1847 at Meridian, Lauderdale Co, MS. That same year, John Park died intestate in Winston County leaving his widow with two young children.

Martha Park (widow of John) signed a court record on January 1, 1848 declining her right to administer her late husband's estate and asked that her sons: Wilie A. Parks or James M. Parks or both take charge as administrator. Her son, Wiley A. Parks respectfully petitioned the Court that his father, John Parks, late of said County, departed this life on or about the last of November 1847. John Parks possessed a small amount of land and personal property. He died intestate leaving a widow who now resides in said County and she has relinquished and renounced her right to administer the said estate.

James and his family had settled in Noxubee Co, Mississippi where four more children were born. In 1859 they were living in Clarke County when his wife, Jane, died from a womb hemorrhage. According to the family story, his young family was cared for by his wife's sister, Mrs. John Tyler, during the Civil War years.

On August 20, 1862 at Ripley, Tippah County, Mississippi, James enlisted in the 7<sup>th</sup> Confederate Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Company H, 1 Reg't Mississippi Partisan Rangers for a period of three years. His horse was valued at \$600. and his equipment at \$30. His rank was that of Captain but he was later promoted to Major by his General. Later this General received a letter from the Confederate States of America, War Dept. Adjutant & Inspector General's Office stating that "*in the case of Capt. J.M.Parks, 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't, Miss. Par.Ran. that his knowledge of tactics & the practical & theoretical duties of a field officer are too limited to entitle him to the position of Maj. of Cavalry*".

However, J.M.Parks is listed under General James R. Chalmers, C.S. Army Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Cavalry, Forrest's Command, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Col. Robert McCulloch, 1<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Partisan Rangers as Maj. J.M.Park. In the

"*Military History of Mississippi*", at the crossing of Coldwater, Major Park is distinguished for bravery with his Regiment for holding the ford against the enemy until after dark. In May 1864, Major James M. Park was commanding, in McCulloch's Brigade. According to the records, his other duties during the war were involved with purchasing and foraging for supplies. Major Park signed his "Parole of Honor" at Meridian, MS on May 12, 1865.

Sometime between 1860 -1869, James married his second wife, Martha Jane Amos. He and Martha continued to live in MS after the war where their only child, Fannie Burnettie was born in 1871. By 1872, James was President of Parksville Manufacturing Company, Lauderdale Co, MS which was evidently a wool company because his daughter Mattie's letter to her brother Thomas & his wife mentions that "*we are at our new home (DeSota,MS), got here the 27 of March (1872). Pa has not got the factory started yet but expect to start soon....has not got enough wool yet....We have a beautiful place if it was improved a little more. Pa is having it fixed now, the railroad runs just in front of our gate. The train will stop for anyone to get on or off which is very handy for us.....We have a few very nice neighbors but they are very scarce but what is here is very good and kind. I think that we will be very well pleased after awhile. It is 2 ½ miles from Desota and 2 ½ from (Ziulman) Guelman? , haven't any Church any nearer. There is a great deal of fruit in the neighborhood but very little on our place, but can get what we want. Mea has got a very pretty gardin to be so late.*"

By 1875, James was living in McLennan Co, Texas and had purchased land in Trinity Co, Texas. His son John Thomas Parks who had married Cynthia Edwards was living in Webb City, Arkansas when he died in 1878. James traveled to Webb City and bought the widow and children back to Texas.

In March 1879, James purchased 65 acres in San Saba, Texas from T.B. Tate for \$500. He then built and operated a grist mill on Rough Creek near its mouth into the Colorado River. There was a sawmill & cotton gin. The Mill was operating by 1880. The walls of the mill are still intact today but all the machinery and furnishings are long since gone. The edifice is identified as "Parks Mill" on U.S. Coast and Geodetic survey maps of the area. Sometime after 1880 James and Martha moved to Bowser, San Saba county after he traded the mill at Colony for land and other consideration in Bowser.

James Monroe Parks died August 4, 1895 and was buried in the Richland Springs Cemetery, Richland Springs, San Saba Co, Texas. He died intestate, and when his widow, Martha, died in 1909 her Will left all the property to their only daughter,

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# Parke Family Reunion on Idaho

By David L. Parke #13

Through the Parke Website we have learned of an upcoming reunion of some members of the Roger (NJ 1682) line. This gathering will be especially for descendants of Thomas Harris Parke (1803-1897), who is sixth generation through Roger 2, Joseph 3-4, and his father Micajah (1760-ca. 1844). Thomas was born in Sussex County, NJ, had eight children by his wives Hulda Curtis and Mary Elizabeth Davis, and died at Albion, Idaho, a few weeks short of his 94th birthday. (Ref. Cecilia B. Parke, Descendants of Roger Parke, Immigrant, 1648-1739 (2000), pp. 104, 169.) Sixteen Society members descended from Micajah are on our records, including my wife Cecilia Parke #535 whose genealogy of Roger is cited above.

The speaker for the occasion will be Lee Ross Christensen #957 of Yakima, WA. The Reunion will be held August 9 to 12, 2002, at Elba Park in Cassia County, 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!!!!"

For more information, contact Cliff Parke, e-mail: [eparke@parkeair.com](mailto:eparke@parkeair.com)

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*James Monroe Park - continued from page 37*

## Fannie B. Parks Harkey.

Lineage:

John Parks (1790 NC- Nov.1847 Winston Co, MS) / Martha ?  
(abt.1792 NC- )

Children:

1. Wilie A. Parks (abt.1817 NC- )/Mary A.Dickerson (1819 AL-1869  
Winston Co,MS)  
child: Wiley C. Parks (1846 MS- )  
2. James M. Parks (1818 TN-1895 TX)/(1)Jane Hannah  
Margarette Young (1830-1859)  
children: (NOTE: PS#498's ancestry)  
John Thomas Parks (1847 MS-1878 AR)/Cynthia Hatton

Edwards

Warren M. Parks (1850 MS- )  
Mattie A. Parks (1853 MS- )  
Balzora Ann Parks (1857 MS-1932 TX)/ (1) James

H.Gregory m.(2) James H.Lindsey  
Vira A. Parks (1858 MS- )

2. James M. Parks (1818 TN-1895 TX)/ (2) Martha Jane Amos  
child: Fannie Burnettie Parks (1871 MS-1948 TX )/

Andrew Jackson Harkey

3. William Foster Parks (1829 TN-1904 MS)/Margaret P. Sinclair  
(1836 AL-1880)

children: (NOTE: PS#981's ancestry.)  
James L. Parks (1858 MS-1943 MS)/Mary Jane Mays  
David W. Parks (1860 MS-1928 MS)/Mary Adeline Simmons  
M. Sarah Parks (1862 MS-1917)/Wandy Longston  
Margaret J. Parks (1864 MS-1921)  
John Wylie Parks (1865 MS-1885)  
Elvina E. Parks (1867 MS-1885 MS)  
Willie Oliphant Parks (1867 MS-1867)  
Tempie Aurel Parks (1871 MS- )/S.D. Moore  
Rufus E. Parks (1873 MS- )  
Kelly W. Parks (1875 MS- )/Lilly Dawkins  
Luther Parks (1877 MS-1918 MS)

4. Rebecca Parks (1833 TN- )

James Monroe Parks is the ancestor of Brad Gale PS# 498 who has used various military, court, census, and family records to provide a documented time line which I found very helpful. I sent a draft of this article to Brad, who then sent me more information on the other children of John & Martha Parks. By using the "given name" data base, I was able to make a connection with Wylie K. Parks PS# 981's ancestry. Mr. Gale is trying to trace the ancestry of John Parks (b.1790 NC-d.Nov.1847 MS) and his wife Martha. *His address is: 460 N. Hillcrest Dr. #415-4, Roosevelt, UT 84066-2217. Email: bradgale@ubtanet.com* Please be sure to copy our Historian, Tad Parks #425, on any information you send to Mr. Gale.

Francis Marion 1850-1922 Doniphan Co KS  
m 1875 Margaret Elizabeth Crane  
Angeline 1852-  
m James E Bennett  
Mary Elizabeth 1854-  
m George Wylie  
George E 1856-d as infant  
John C 1858-d as infant  
Henry H 1860-1936  
m Jane A  
Warren 1864-  
m  
Ollie 1866-  
m M DeForest  
Ella 1869-  
m Sam Harrison  
Katherine L 1872  
m Paul Meinike

# AN INVESTIGATION OF THE JAMES PARKS/ELIZABETH DAVIS LINE

(In Belmont & Harrison Co's in OH & Fayette Co in PA)

By William Wilson Parks PS#1367 & his brother Richard Rohan Parks

*(Editor's note: For information on James and Elizabeth Davis Parks and their family, please see the review by Jean Churchill PS#934, Librarian, of James Parks (1781-1861) & Elizabeth Davis (1782-BEF. 1860) by Lois Iams Blake, at 2001 Vol. 38, No. 1, p. 3; also, Mrs. Churchill's "Missing Link Three," 2001 Vol. 38, No. 1, p. 8.)*

## Belmont County, Ohio

While at the Allen County, IN Public Library we found and copied several Belmont Co., OH records: Marriages for: James Parks, Jr. & Elizabeth Arters, David Parks & Sarah Jones, and Joseph Parks & Margaret Bigley..1827 Enumeration: David Parks in Flushing Twp., Hugh Parks in Colerain Twp., Wm. Parks in Pease Twp. and James Parks in Union Twp. Several other names from other lines were also noted.

We then proceeded to Belmont County, OH in search of the location of the farm operated by James Parks and his wife Elizabeth Davis beginning about 1822. This property was described as "the west 1/2 , of the southwest 1/4, of Section 35, Township 8, Range 5, in the township of Union, county of Belmont, state of Ohio, containing 55.42 acres." and is now part of Barkcamp State Park, which is entered off OH 149 a mile or so south of I-70. Beyond the park office there is a very old farm homestead and more modern barn, which we estimated to rest on the site of their original homestead. This site is on high ground, a typical spot for a homestead, the rest of the property is now covered with second growth vegetation.

We then proceeded north and west to the Rockhill Cemetery, in Flushing Twp., Belmont County, to possibly find more Parks gravesites. No stones were erected for James and his wife Elizabeth, but we understand there is a stone for their son Joseph. .

We stopped at the Belmont Ridge Cemetery on Belmont Ridge Road in Flushing Township, Belmont Co. Ohio, where we had better luck and found the grave sites of John B. Parks, and two of his young children, William G. and Sarah E.; both of whom passed away in 1867. When John died in 1874, Annis (Gilleland), his wife, must have buried him and then later moved away. She passed on after 1880.

## Harrison County, OH

The 1850 Census for District No.71 of Moorefield Twp., Harrison Co., OH showed three adjacent dwellings with Parks families: James Parks, 26, Farmer with wife Nancy, 21, and children Sarah Jane & Susanna; John (B) Parks, 30, Farmer, with wife Annis, 26, and children Wm., Hiram, Adam S. & Sarah E.; David Parks, 53, Farmer with wife Sarah, 58, and children David, Sarah, John & Thomas.

Then on to the Harrison County Courthouse in Cadiz, where we searched records. The birth records in this county only go back to 1872, but we did find the following Parks birth records pertaining to our line: Mary P. Parks born 06 May 1873 & Annie P.M. Parks born 18Sept. 1874, Moorefield, Harrison Co, both daughters of James Parks & Phoene Alkire.

We also found and copied the following Parks deeds to Harrison County property:

1. David & wife Sarah Parks to John B. Parks 14 Feb 1838, Moorefield Twp
2. Moses Kennedy to James Parks, 13 Apr 1839,
3. John B. Parks & wife Annis to Adam Sproule, 26 Jan 1865, Freeport Twp,
4. Brandus Bethel & wife Sarah to John B. Parks, of Belmont Co., OH, 24 Mar 1866, Freeport Twp
5. John B. Parks and wife Annis G. Parks to Elias Sudduth, 21 July 1868, Freeport,
6. William & Eliza A. Parks to James Ewing, Nov 1868,

The properties attributed to John B. Parks were adjacent to one another, were on either side of the line separating the townships of Moorefield and Freeport, near the northwest corner of what is now Piedmont Lake, and are within a mile of the town of Piedmont in Moorefield Township. We drove to these sites, which are somewhat hilly and now covered with second growth timber. Ohio route 22 goes right through some of this land.

We are told that the property owned by Robert Parks, in the Robert/Laban Parks line, was acquired about 1803. (*Editor's note: For information on the Robert/Laban Parks line, please see Mrs. Churchill's "Missing Link - Robert & Laban Parks," at 2001, Vol. 38, No. 2, p. 26.*) According to Harrison County Probate Records, 1800-1812 p.29, the

## Dedicated Service Awards for 2001

From time to time, by vote of the Board of Trustees, The Society recognizes outstanding efforts of one or more of its members by presenting them our Dedicated Service Awards. At the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of The Society in Fort Wayne, IN, two such awards were made. The presentations were made by The Society's Executive Director, Theodore E. "Tad" Parks, PS#425, during the Annual Banquet on Saturday evening, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

The first Award went to **Cecilia Bertha (Kasberg) Parke, PS#535**, and her Citation reads as follows:

**Whereas**, Cecilia (Kasberg) Parke, a 10<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Roger Parke who came to New Jersey in 1682, an active Life Member of the Society for 20 years, and

**Whereas**, she has raised four fine sons and operated a successful sewing machine business with her husband Theodore Roosevelt Kasberg until his death in 1992, and

**Whereas**, she has worked extensively for a number of years to sort out the many problems that had been evident with this lineage, and

**Whereas**, she has published an outstanding genealogy of her ancestor Roger Parke, locating over 6000 descendants in the United States and Canada, and

**Whereas**, she has served as the Lineage Leader for

over ten years, corresponding and assisting many members in their research, and as a result has brought many new members into the Society so that the Roger line is now the second largest immigrant descendant group,

**Therefore**, this Society does take pleasure in bestowing upon her its Dedicated Service Award.

The second Award went to **Phyllis Jean (Moore) Kumler, PS#525**, and was presented to her in absentia. Her Citation reads as follows:

**Whereas**, Phyllis Jean Kumler, 10<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Thomas Parke of Virginia, an active Life Member of the Society for 20 years, and

**Whereas**, she has raised three wonderful children while helping her husband, Richard Lee Kumler, maintain a sizable farming operation, and

**Whereas**, she has worked for several years to sort some of the confusion that has surrounded this lineage, and

**Whereas**, she has gathered and compiled over 10,000 Family Group Sheets on the various descendants of Thomas Parke of Virginia, and

**Whereas**, she has served as the Lineage Leader for over ten years, corresponding with many interested parties,

**Therefore**, this Society does take pleasure in bestowing upon her its Dedicated Service Award.



Cecilia Parke #535 receiving her Dedicated Service Award from Executive Director Tad Parks #425 at the Annual Banquet of the 38th Annual Convention.

# Convocation 38 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 26 – 29, 2001

By David L. Parke #13



Attendees at the 38th Annual Convocation

When I put together the announcement for the Fort Wayne Convocation, I had hopes that I would be greeting a very large turnout. However, this year there were just as many attending as last year in Salisbury, N.C. This is not to say that it was not a fine occasion!

As usual the President's Reception started us off well. The Marriott Hotel gave us excellent quarters and fine meeting rooms. As both Cynthia Hupper #182 and I pointed out, the Allen County Genealogical Library ranks with the best anywhere for research. Unfortunately the Library is in the center of town, requiring us to make a brief commute; but parking was just across the street. Then we had an outstanding speaker for the occasion, Genealogist Curt B. Witcher, who pointed out the best ways to use the Web for genealogical research.

And now for the plus side – those that attended! This is not to ignore the many who work enthusiastically for the Society from home. In particular these include the Lineage Leaders who spend many hours corresponding and researching. But it is a bonus for everyone if they can attend the convocation. At Fort Wayne were Philip Norman Parks #912, Lineage Leader for the Robert, Samuel line, also Cecilia (Kasberg) Parke #535, Lineage Leader for Roger Parke (NJ 1682) and David Parke #13 (the Robert, Thomas, Nathaniel line), former Editor and past President. In the group picture you will see Ed Parks #105L (Robert, Thomas, Nathaniel line), front center, in colonial garb, from Middletown, MA. He was accompanied by his wife Christine. To Ed's left is our president, Jeanne Reisler #514; at the far left, Vice President and WebMaster Keith

Harrison #710. In the back row are Trustee and Librarian Jean Churchill #934, who was accompanied by her husband Norman Churchill; and Executive Director and Historian Tad Parks #425 who brought so much to help those attending with their research. Also present were Cynthia Loope Hupper #182, Trustee, from San Diego, CA, who kept the minutes of the meetings, and Lu Terock #861, our Treasurer. Others in the picture of note were Curtis H. Parks #1166L who will plan our next convocation, and Corabelle E. DeClerg #842, researcher extraordinaire, who is the Society Archivist and the keeper of the big Society Scrapbook. Others attending the Convocation included Saundra Beckum #1311, accompanied by her daughter, Theresa Beckum, and Kathleen Duggan #1098 and her husband Robert Duggan, all from Georgia; Joan M. Kilpatrick #1142 and Charles Edward Parke #1233, both of the Roger line, from Pennsylvania; Barbara J. Kohler #1365 (Roger line) of Washington State; and Dean Ross Park #1273 and his wife, Shirley Park, from Tulsa, OK; Keith R. Toby #1336 (Roger line), with his wife, Mary Toby, and William Wilson Parks #1367, all of Illinois,

The three-day meeting gave us sufficient time to cover Society business matters, to visit with members, and to do research at the Library. I for one came two days early for more time for the latter activity.

The next Convocation will be held just outside of Washington, D.C., during the last week of July, and I urge you to come! All I can say now is that those of you who weren't in Fort Wayne missed an important moment in the life of the Parke Society.

# Missing Link - Silas L. Parks/Peter G. Parks Update

(see Parke Society Newsletter 1999 Vol. 36 Issue 3)

by Jean Churchill PS#934

More documentation concerning this Missing Link, particularly the Silas L. Parks branch, has been obtained. Mrs. Corabelle E. DeClerg PS#842 (the Society Archivist) sent to the National Archives for a copy of a document in their Bounty Land Files. They sent her a copy of Land Warrant #7692: "19 Dec 1816 Silas L. Parks private - Smead's - 11' Inf. located 13 Dec. 1817 Ill page 414 (3?) SW 14.4s. of W. Patent dated the same day Rec: Vol:12 p:14 1053642." On the opposite page is the notation: "Silas L. Parks to be located in the Illinois Territory", with unreadable signature. A note below says, "See letter to C.C. Butler, Nov. 30, 1868".

The above is somewhat of a puzzle since family researchers have been unable to find any other trace of Silas in Illinois records. Did Silas sell his patent?

An outside researcher sent me copies of 4 deeds from the Broome County, New York, Record Books. In September 1822, Silas L. Parks of Arlington, Bennington Co, VT purchased real estate in the Town of Chenango, Broome Co, NY from Stephen Weed. On June 19, 1824, Silas L. Parks & wife LOZINA sold this property to Loudon and Peter Park of Chenango. Then on February 21, 1829, a land parcel was sold by Peter G. Parks & wife Charlotte of Town of Chenango to Silas L. Park of the same place. The last deed is dated November 8, 1830 when Stephen Weed released claim to

Peter G. Parks.

This means that Silas was married three times, not twice as we had thought. We need to know when and where he married Lozina - and what happened to her? His second wife, Elizabeth Betsy Brown is thought to have been born in Chatham, Canada. How did they meet? From the deed of 1822, it seems that Silas was probably living in Vermont prior to the move to New York. Did he stay in Broome County after selling the property in 1824? He appears on the US Census for Broome Co, NY in 1830, but he is not listed on the New York State Census for Broome Co in 1835. By 1840 he is definitely in Michigan because he is listed on the US Census for Clinton 244.

Originally, it was thought that Silas had at least three brothers: Peter Glick; George; and Loudon. The only documented record we have of Loudon is the deed of 1824. There is presently no source which points to George being a brother. In fact, if this conclusion was reached by using the Broome County deeds - then it is an error because the "George Parks" who signed as Commissioner on those deeds is definitely from the Robert Parke MA 1630 lineage.

Please write to Mrs. Corabelle DeClerg, 873 Kent St, Portland, MI 48875-1741 (Contact Person) if you have any additional information for this Missing Links.

## I Am the Story Teller

By an unknown author;

submitted by Robert Leon Parke #755; revised.

In every family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors, to put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead a breathing of life into all who have gone before. We are the story tellers of the family. Each family has one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do. And in finding them, we somehow find ourselves.

How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times I have told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family. You would be proud of us!" How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to acknowledging their hardships and losses, and respecting their never

giving in or giving up, their resolution to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep, immense, and humbling understanding that they were doing it for us. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are them and they are us.

So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to the one called in the next generation to answer the call and take his or her place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family's genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones.

Other members of the family need to provide the storyteller with information about the past. Such items as photographs, copies of old land deeds, family Bibles, diaries, postcards, family recipes, all furnish wonderful clues about family life. Letters and other family correspondence are treasures that can give a unique glimpse into the lives of our ancestors. Remember that your family storyteller wants to prepare an accurate and complete family history, and be patient when he asks you for help!

## Census Taker

Author unknown. Submitted by Mrs. Marlene Parks,  
wife of Charles John Parks #1332 of McGraw, NY.

It was the first day of census, and all through the land, The pollster was ready . . . a black book in hand. He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride; His book and some quills were tucked close by his side. A long winding ride down a road barely there, Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.

The woman was tired, with lines on her face, And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place. She gave him some water . . . as they sat at the table, And she answered his questions . . . the best she was able. He asked of her children . . . Yes, she had quite a few; The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red; His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed. She noted each person who lived there with pride, And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside. He noted the sex, the color, the age . . .

The marks from the quill soon filled up the page. At the number of children, she nodded her head; And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead. The places of birth she "never forgot"; Was it Kansas? Or Utah? Or

Oregon . . . or not? They came from Scotland, of that she was clear; But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such; They could read some, and write some . . . though really not much.

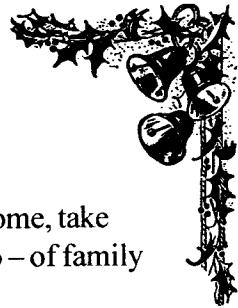
When the questions were answered, his job there was done; So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear; "May God bless you all for another ten years." Now picture a time warp . . . it's now you and me; As we search for the people on our family tree. We squint at the census and scroll down so slow, As we search for that entry from long, long ago. Could they only imagine on that long ago day, that the entries they made would affect us this way? If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel, And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.

We can hear if we listen the words they impart, Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

## Holidays are Times for Recording Memories

Reprinted from the Newsletter, 1987 Vol. 24, No. 3, p. 35  
By David L. Parke #13, based in part on a 1986 article  
in PARADE Magazine.



As family members of all generations and cherished friends gather in the weeks to come, take time to make a keepsake record. Take down oral histories – tape-recorded or on video – of family trees and childhood memories.

Begin by giving the time, date, place and full names of those speaking. Make your questions specific. Some sample questions to ask:

- \* Where were you born?
- \* When did you leave, and why? Are any relatives left there?
- \* Describe the neighborhood where you grew up. What was school like?
- \* Where were your mother and father born? How did they meet?
- \* What do you remember of your aunts and uncles and their children? Where did they live?
- \* How did you meet your husband/wife?

To go along with this be sure to take snapshots, and on their return from processing, to identify time, place, and those in each picture.

# Using Web Resources in Genealogy

## By Cecilia B. Parke PS#535

At the Fort Wayne Convocation, on Saturday, July 28, Mr. Curt B. Witcher of the Allen County Public Library gave an interesting talk on how to research our families using the newest research tools available to us via the Internet. But before we sit down at the keyboard, we need to have a good foundation of names, dates, and especially locations, as far back as we can go. Once we have established a location, it is easy to research that area on the Internet.

Most states have their own genealogy websites offering "free" (tax-supported) lookups, providing access to state records, opportunity for queries, etc. These state websites can save time and money for those wanting information on their ancestors in a particular state.

Some of the most effective Search Engines are:

Yahoo: [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)

AltaVista: [www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)

Google: [www.Google.com](http://www.Google.com)

Genuki: <[genuki.org.uk](http://genuki.org.uk)> (Great for doing research in England.)

DAR website Patriot Index: [http://www.dar.org/cgi-bin/natsociety/pi\\_lookup.cfm](http://www.dar.org/cgi-bin/natsociety/pi_lookup.cfm)

Other Mega sites (offering very large quantities of records and other resources) for family history are:

Family Search: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) (Hosted by the LDS Family History Department.)

RootsWeb: [www.rootsweb.org](http://www.rootsweb.org)

USGenWeb Project: [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org)

Genealogy Online: [www.genealogy.org](http://www.genealogy.org)

Ancestry.com: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

FamilyTree Maker: [www.FamilyTreeMaker.com](http://www.FamilyTreeMaker.com) and associated Genealogy.com:

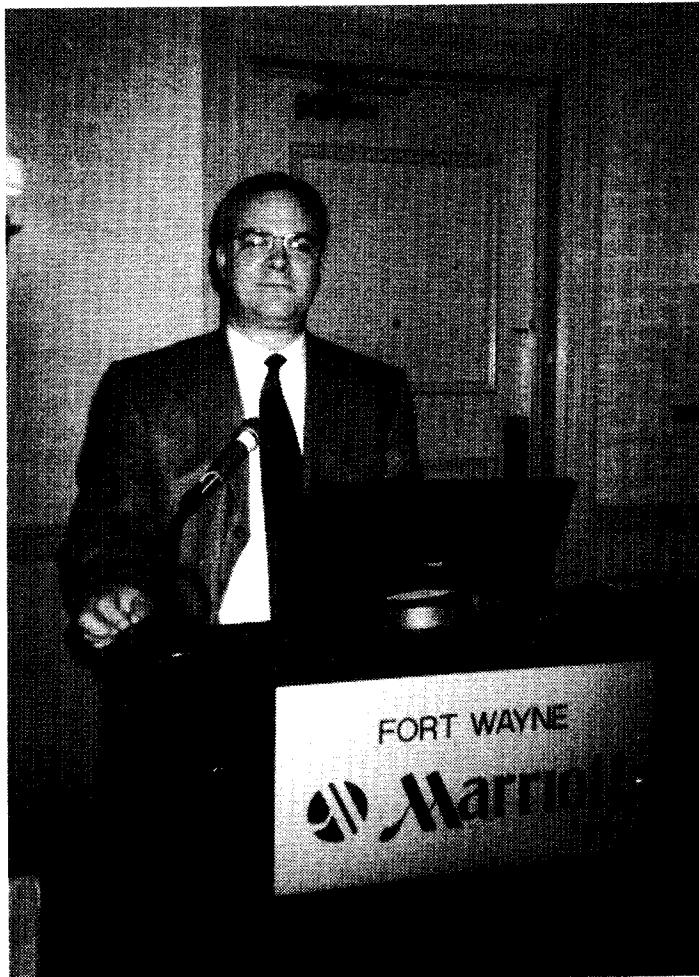
[www.Genealogy.com](http://www.Genealogy.com) (Both offering access to Internet FamilyFinder.)

The Library of Virginia-Digital Library Program: [www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/index.htm](http://www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/index.htm)

A number of other on-line databases are available for more advanced searches. We have so many resources

available literally at our fingertips, that it is too easy for us to forget the research assets, not necessarily online, available at many libraries such as the Allen County Public Library that have wonderful genealogical departments staffed by dedicated professionals and volunteers.

A final word of advice: However you do your research, PLEASE do not forget to fully document the sources of your information! We always need to know where it was found. This is necessary not only in the interests of academic integrity and respect for copyright, but also for further research by readers. And please share your information with the Society!



Curt B. Witcher  
Convocation Speaker

James; William.

**Parks:** Abijah; Abijah Jr; Anna; Asa; David; Eben; Elijah; Elisha; Elizur; Hannah; Hezekiah; Isaac (2); Jacob; James; Jesse; John (3); Jon; Joseph (2); Malvin; Mary; Mathew Jr; Moses; Nath; Nehe; Paul; Peter; Peter Sr; Prudence; Roswell; Ruben; Sam; Silas; Simeon; Thomas; William Jacobus; D.L., M.A.; 1935/1989; 65pg.; alphabetical order; (loan fee-\$2.) 929.1/JACO

**"Officials of Connecticut & New Haven Colonies"**

A listing of Civil, Military, & Ecclesiastical individuals of CT Colony from 3/1636 through 10/1677 & of New Haven Colony during its existence; & soldiers in the Pequot War who resided then or later within the present boundary of CT. **Parke:** Robert (d.1665)

Roberts, Gary Boyd; 1993; Index; 622 pg.; (loan fee-\$3.); 929.1/ROBE

**"The Royal Descents of 500 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States"**

who were themselves notable or left descendants notable in American history. **Parke:** Alice (Freeman) Thompson; Dorothy; Dorothy (Thompson); Martha (Chaplin); Robert; Thomas.

Weis, Frederick L., Th.D.; 1955/1991; 182 pg., Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 929.1/WEIS  
**"The Magna Charta Sureties, 1215"**  
(add.& corr. by W. Sheppard Jr.M.S. with D.Faris)  
Barons named in the Magna Charta, 1215 & some of their desc. who settled in America during the early Colonial years.

**Parke:** Dorothy Tompson/Thomas Parke (Robert MA 1630)

Chase, T. & Gabel, L.; pub.NEHG 1997; 656 pg; Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 929.5/CHA  
**"Gravestone Chronicles II" (incl. William Park & sons Thomas & John from Scotland)**  
More 18<sup>th</sup> Century NE Carvers & an exploration of Gravestone Heraldica. **Park:** Alexander; Ann; Anna; Anna (Law); Benjamin K.; Elizabeth; James; Janet; Janet (Reid); Jean; Jean (Stewart); John; John Gray; Lawrence; Margaret; Rosannah (Conn); Stuart James; Thomas; William. **Parks:** Frank Sylvester

Bodge, G.M.; 1906/2000; 502 pg; Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 929.7/BODG

**"Soldiers in King Philip's War"**

A history of the Indian Wars of New England from 1620-1677. **Park/e/s:** given names - John; John; Nathaniel; Robert; Thomas appear on listings but Park/e/s surname spelling varies.

Goodwin, J.; 1975; 274 pg.; Index; **No Park/e/s;** (loan fee-\$3.) 929.7/GOOD

**"East Hartford: Its History & Traditions"**  
(CT history)

Paquette, L.; 1976; 336 pg.; Index; **No Park/e/s;** (loan fee-\$3.) 929.7/PAQU

**"Only More So - The History of East Hartford 1783-1976"**

Only Park: Indexing by Patricia Park & Dorothy D. Trewella. (CT history)

McGinnis, C.; 1987; 110 pg; Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 026/McGI

**"Michigan Genealogy Sources & Resources"**

Excellent Table of Contents - good resource for the Michigan researcher.

Browning, Charles; 1898/1991; 463 pg.; Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 369/BROW

**"Magna Charta Barons 1898"**

History of the Magna Charta of King John + Americans descended from the Magna Charta Sureties + founders of the Order of Runnemede No Park/e/s

Browning, Charles; 1915/1991; 366 pg.; Index; (loan fee-\$3.) 369/BROW

**"Magna Charta Barons 1915"**

Similar to book above but also includes Pedigrees of Members of the Baronial Order + Officers & Members of the Baronial Order No Park/e/s

Roser, Susan; 1990; 415 pg.; Index; **Park: Hannah** (loan fee-\$3.) 369/ROSE

**"Mayflower Marriages"** from the files of George E. Bowman at Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants

**Theodore Edward Parks:** P.O. Box 590 (2741 N. Maryland)  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0590  
email: 70741.2122@compuserve.com

## Some Research Reminders, and the Internet . . .

Over the past few months I have seen more and more use of Internet obtained information with the submission of Lineage Application papers for The Society. In general I have no objection to that as long as there has been some thought given to what and how the data is being submitted.

And it isn't just to us. It is to any other researcher to whom you might be supplying genealogical data obtained off the Internet. In this piece, I would like to outline some of the caveats that I believe should be observed when utilizing this type of material.

There is no question that there are loads of information out there on the Internet. Some good, some not so good, and some terrible. Like any other research materials, that available information must be evaluated and weighed as to its usefulness and accuracy. I call it the "Weighing of the Evidence." I have discussed this matter before in terms of non-Internet research. The same considerations apply here.

### AS TO THE IMAGES:

The first thing to be considered when submitting any kind of Internet data is that the source must be clearly identified. To say that you "got it off the Internet" does not fly. Where, and when is very important. Preferably, the URL (Universal Resource Locator, sometimes pronounced as 'u-rall') should be clearly appearing on the printed image of the information you are providing to us, as well as a date and time stamp. There are options in web browsers as to how web pages can be printed. Be sure that these options are turned on. And make sure that the information is indeed printing clearly and entirely. Sometimes the printer cuts off 2/3's of the URL information, leaving, say, only the top 1/3 visible. That is not very helpful. If you are having a problem with this latter aspect, you need to find someone that can tell you how to fix that. I sometimes have the same problem, and I haven't found the cure yet. [Anyone out there know how to resolve this problem?]

As a last resort, one could print or type the information onto the page. The key is that I need to be able to go after and examine this source of your data, should I want to verify the supplied information.

If the image is of a document scan, it is wise to include the full data before and after the pertinent data that you are using. Especially if the supplied data is at the top or bottom of an image page. This gives the reviewer a context in which to review the submitted materials.

Another example of this would be when supplying a will (found on the Internet). Please, don't just give me the particular page that lists or shows your claimed ancestor, but the entire document. Again so that one can see the data in a context. Lack of this contextual data could delay proper handling of your lineage information.

While not specifically requested, the supplying of Family Group Sheets for all generations shown on one's Lineage Application is always a helpful aid to other researchers. Especially where there might be confusion as to various individuals of the same given name.

Census images is another place where context is very important. One should note, if an entry is at the bottom (or top) of a page, that the following (or preceding) page has been checked and nothing

further on the particular household is shown there. If the viewed image shows the top of the page, which includes the information about the census, location and date taken, please make sure that is included in your supplied information. I don't want to be assuming anything about images provided to us. Nor do I really want to have to dig out my Census Guidebooks to figure out what kind of data is appearing in which column.

If there is a zoom out/zoom in feature, you may want to provide the larger image, with a zoom in to the specific data in which you are interested.

### AS TO THE WEIGHING OF THE EVIDENCE:

Just as in the pre-Internet days, it is absolutely necessary to weigh the evidence that you are using in establishing your lineage. You will remember that evidence is classed as "Primary", "Secondary" and "Tertiary", with a decreasing amount of reliance that can be placed on each of these successive classes of evidence.

Hence, image files found on the Internet of Census records or other 'primary' sources have the highest weight. That is, images of the actual records. Not transcriptions of them, as that process can introduce errors into the evidence. If it is a transcription, you should still look for original images (or see if you can actually get to the original documents), but at the least if it is a transcription, there should be some sort of statement of accuracy and verification, signed by whoever has done the work. Still, transcriptions are a weaker form of evidence.

In all cases, compiled genealogies are secondary evidence at best. And sometimes not even that good. At best compiled genealogies should be a starting point to other, confirming research.

Finally, I hate to dump on other people's work, but..... Just because something has been posted on the Internet does not make it correct or accurate. In fact a good deal of the information that you will find out there is dead wrong. Don't be misled by it. At best this is tertiary evidence, not much better than the: "my grandfather always said...." type of family tradition that is so abundant in family genealogical circles. Again it is just a starting point.

### AND FINALLY A PLEA:

I do like having copies of original documents for the files. But they need to be good copies. Copies that are readable by someone who might not be familiar with what is being stated. Too many times I get copies of primary documents that are indecipherable; are missing text on top, bottom, or either side. These are not "documents". You can draw your own conclusion as to what else these copies might be called.

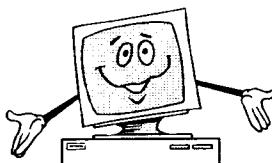
Finally, if it is a hand written document, it is tremendously helpful to me and to other researchers, to have a transcription of the contents. Yes, I know that I railed about transcriptions just a few paragraphs back, but here you are sending me both the copied original AND the transcription. It is often very difficult to make out the copied hand written, old style, text. And unfortunately sometimes it is simply impossible to figure out what the original text is saying. This is not really fair to you, The Society, or to genealogical research in general. Please help me be able to do a better job.

PAX,

Historian Tad

# Computer Talk....

## On E-Mails



The following little list came to me recently courtesy of a good friend and correspondent. I have made mention of these things in the past in various articles, but never in such eloquent terms. As we say in The Church, please, Read, Mark, Learn and Inwardly Digest these 10 Commandments of E-mail for future reference.

### The 10 Commandments of E-Mail

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*Thou shalt include a clear and specific subject line.*

Please, oh Please.....

*Thou shalt edit any quoted text down to the minimum thou needest.*

Recipients don't need to know that this has passed through 13 other correspondents.

Threading is okay, especially if there are correspondents unfamiliar with original correspondence,

But one can edit down to pertinent sentences or phrases to convey the gist of the issue.

*Thou shalt read thine own message thrice before thou sendest it.*

And if it is long, Thou shalt print it out to read. It is amazing how much different things look in print.

*Thou shalt ponder how thy recipient might react to thy message.*

If it is a dicey message, thou shouldst sleep on it.

*Thou shalt check thy spelling and thy grammar.*

Please, oh Please. E-mail is not an excuse to write like you've never seen the inside of a school.

*Thou shalt not curse, flame, spam or USE ALL CAPS.*

Thou shalt findest the Caps Lock and Shift keys, and use them, appropriately.

*Thou shalt not forward any chain letter.*

This is probably better advice than checking things out in HoaxKill, or Urban Legends. If it is a chain letter, delete it. 95% of them are fakes, and 100% are useless.

*Thou shalt not use e-mail for any illegal or unethical purpose.*

Remembereth to Whom thou shall have to answer someday.

*Thou shalt not rely on the privacy of e-mail, especially from work.*

E-mail is not private. Period. Like an arrow, once released from your hands, it is out of your control.

If you do not want what you say to become public knowledge, then don't e-mail it to anyone.

*When in doubt, save thy message overnight and reread it in the light of the dawn.*

Again, it is amazing how a message can sound after a good night's rest.

And, here's the "Golden Rule" of E-Mail:

*That which thou findest hateful to receive, sendest thou not unto others.*



Tad in June 1980 on  
Joining the Society



Tad as Executive Director and  
Historian at Convocation 38

**Theodore "Tad" E. Parks #425,  
Past and Present**

Robert Parks property was the SE ¼ of Sec.3 of Twp XII, R7, in 1810 and the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Sec 3, Twp XII, R7 in 1826. This property, which was left to his son John B. Parks (b. 1798), is located in Washington Township about 3 miles north of the James B. Parks (b. 1815) property and is now partly inundated by the Clendening Reservoir in what is now known as the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.

It is interesting to speculate on the degree to which these two **John B. Parks** families were in touch with each other, but to date we have no positive connection established.

We then proceeded to Fayette County Pennsylvania, in the search for David Parks, mentioned frequently as the father of James Parks (b.1781).

#### Fayette County, PA

The first stop was the Pennsylvania Room of the Library in Uniontown, where many historical records are retained. A search here found very little on David Parks other than :

1. In the Franklin Township taxables list for 1785 he had 2 horses, 2 cattle, no property.
2. A statement in the 1882 "History of Fayette Co" with regard to Dunbar Township: "from 1800 down to the present time (1882) the following in Dundar Township, kept taverns, some for a brief time and some for a series of years". This list included, among many others, the name "David Parks". It is worth noting here that Dunbar Twp. was formed from the eastern part of Franklin Twp. in the early 1800s.

With specific regard to our John B.Parks, we did find some interesting documents regarding the Livingston and Gilleland families in Fayette Counties, copies of which were obtained. John B. Parks, although born and raised in OH, married Annis Gilleland of Franklin Twp. Fayette Co., PA. Likewise, his son Adam S. Parks, born and raised in OH, married Elizabeth Livingston of Franklin Twp., Fayette Co., PA. We conclude from this that very strong ties existed between our Belmont and Harrison Co., OH families and Fayette Co., PA families over a period of three generations.

Jerry, originally Jaroslav, was born Sept. 1, 1923, at Zliechov, Slovakia, son of Jaroslav Ostadal, Sr., and Alice Zerich. Up to WWII, Ostadal Lumber Industries operated three mills, exporting lumber from Slovakia to western Europe and Great Britain, and supplying lumber yards in Hamburg and Rotterdam owned by the Sondheimer Co., U.S.A. In 1934, Jerry moved to Prague and lived with his grandparents while attending Prague English Grammar School and the Business Academy.

During WWII, he served in a Czech army reconnaissance unit under U.S. and British command, whose mission included escorting downed U.S. and British pilots back to safety in Italy, from which they returned to action. Years later, these Czech troops were extolled by former Senator Robert Dole, and those who became U.S. citizens were given veterans' benefits and recognition for their courage in Public Law 94-491. Following the war, Jerry attended Charles University at Prague, graduating with a degree in business and forestry. The Ostadals' sawmill at Karlsbad was untouched by the war, and Jerry and his father quickly put it back into operation.

In the Communist coup of 1948, the Czech government was taken over and all business and industry were nationalized, including the Ostadals' mill at Karlsbad. Jerry was assigned to manual labor only, and was given the job of truck driver for the logging crew at the Karlsbad mill. One fateful day, the crew was logging in an area close to the German border. It was noontime, and the other workers had taken off. Jerry had made his plan. He drove the truck into the forest as far as it would go, and started walking, and crossed into the American Zone, later part of West Germany. Following interrogation by representatives of the U.S. forces, the local commander gave Jerry a rail pass and he went to Nuremberg. He stayed at the International Refugee Center for a short time, and then was employed by the U.S. military headquarters at Nuremberg as a land and building surveyor. Jerry served in this capacity until he received his visa to emigrate to the United States.

Jerry was given free passage on the U.S.S. General Taylor, which sailed from Bremerhaven on November 29, 1949, arriving in New York on December 10, 1949. Remembering his family's association with the overseas operations of the E. Sondheimer Lumber Company, he contacted the company president at Sondheimer, Louisiana. In 1950, Jerry began his long career with the Sondheimer firm. At about this time also his name ceased to be Jaroslav, thanks to an immigration judge at Shreveport. In 1971, he had the opportunity to purchase the Sondheimer company, and served thereafter as president and owner. In 1989, Jerry sold the sawmill, retiring after 40 years with Sondheimer and a lifetime in the hardwood lumber business.