

The Parke Society Newsletter

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Promoting Fellowship, Genealogical Research and the Preservation of our Heritage

Come to our 44th Annual Convocation

by Ed Park, PS#1465

On behalf of the approximately 800 Chattanooga/ North Georgia Park family cousins, I extend a hearty welcome to the Parke Society for the 44th Convocation here, September 27 through 30 this year. Many of us look forward to participating with the Convocation and this will be a first chance for most of us to do so.

The Chattanooga vicinity is renowned for its river, railroads, geography, and epic Civil War legacy. The host hotel, the Chattanooga Choo Choo, is the very site of Chattanooga's rail terminal, complete with its 1909 Victorian themed building, featuring an 85-foot dome. The grounds include 24 acres of restored buildings, rail cars, shopping, and connection to the free downtown electric bus system. Visit their official site at www.choochoo.com for more information.

The convocation agenda is still under development, but for now I can tell you that Chattanooga has a paddlewheel riverboat where one can enjoy a scenic river front cruise with fine dining from the parlor. (Having been scolded—by Arizona attendees—for not including this with our 2005 reunion here, I am covering my backside this time!) The city also boasts an excursion rail line with rebuilt authentic steam engines (bring your cinders jacket!). Chattanooga also has a very significant Civil War history, with the Chickamauga Battlefield Park just 15 miles south of the hotel, and the Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge battlefield sites within clear view of the hotel. The Battle of Chickamauga was the third costliest struggle of the war in terms of human casualty. Some area cousins are direct descendents of those whose farms became the battlefield.

The majority of Park cousins here are descended from Moses Park (1738-1828), and are therefore of the Roger Parke of New Jersey line (lineage key K). Moses's son James settled in nearby Lafayette, Georgia along with his large family, about 1834. Ninety percent of our local cousins have descended from James. We still get confused who is who and who's descended from whom. Please, come.

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Historian's Corner: Non Renewable Resources, Part I

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Will they be around when we need them?

While this is not an article about the Clean Air Act, endangered species, or tree hugging there are some similarities between ecology and genealogy. Like natural resources, there is a general assumption that our various genealogical resources will always be there.

Not necessarily true, in either case. Like natural resources, much of the material, records, and data resources that are the touchstone of our genealogical work, do not naturally renew themselves. There are any number of events that could (and do) permanently destroy these genealogical resources. And once gone, they are usually irreplaceable. While there is a lot of steps that can be taken to physically protect these resources, there is no technology to protect these resources against politicians, tight budgets, and the need to appease the voting taxpayer.

I realize that our individual interests lie in "doing" genealogy, and that for most of us this is an avocation, a hobby, and not our life's work and livelihood. We need to be as efficient as possible with our available time. But we also have a responsibility to help preserve and protect these resources for other researchers and future generations. That may mean taking some of your time to help in the preservation effort. Any efforts on behalf of the avocation will be in the very best interest of all.

Libraries and Societies

There is an unfortunate perception that brick and mortar buildings containing the vast resources of libraries and the various societies will soon be a thing of the past. They won't be needed. For years now, not a few of the so-call visionaries had predicted the total and utter demise of libraries and such, in light of the Internet and the World Wide Web. They believed (and still do believe) that books will be things of the past, that everything and anything we might ever want to know will be on the Web. So why

maintain these expensive edifices and their attendant staffs, when it can be done so much easier and cheaper electronically. The demise, in the eyes of the visionaries of 1990, was imminent.

But wait. It's now 2007 and guess what? We still have libraries and such, and hard copy books, magazines, and pamphlets are still widely available. Books are selling better than ever. Perhaps, to paraphrase a famous personage, rumors of their demise were greatly exaggerated. However, we are not out of the woods yet. There are a number of forces, which could ultimately do in libraries and historical/genealogical societies as we now know them. And they won't be the visionaries.

So, lets argue first, why I don't believe that libraries and societies will go away completely. Witness the range and variety of materials that you might find in a library, or at a historical/genealogical society. You will find that it is far more than just books and magazines. These places are the repository of all kinds of materials. Much of which you will not find anywhere else, period. Not in the Internet, that's for sure. And they have been collecting this material, cataloging it, and preserving it from the beginning, for users today and tomorrow. A vast majority of libraries will have a local history and/or genealogy room that is dedicated to those areas, with individuals who know the materials and can direct you to what you need.

Take for instance the Milwaukee County Public Library (Milwaukee, WI). Besides the usual stuff, they have a complete set of Milwaukee Phone books dating from the early 20th century. They have all of the City Directories dating from back in the late middle of the 19th century. You will find copies of the Blue Book (essentially the Social Register, pointing out what each listed household observes as its "calling day"), Fire Plot Maps, and plat maps showing the various subdivisions within the city as it grew. (Contrary to what you may think, subdivisions are not new. Once a city started to grow and expand its borders, plots of land was handed over to developers to build on. The names and histories of these lands can be very interesting.) And it is not just for the city

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and county of Milwaukee that they have materials, but also for surrounding counties, and various parts of the state.

Then too, the only place that you will find bound copies of newspapers will be in these institutions. So you can go and search for death notices and obituaries without having to pay a fee. All you need to do is a little elbow grease.

Much of this stuff will never be seen on the Internet. There is just not enough call for it to make converting it to electronic form to be profitable. And remember web sites do not operate at no cost. That's where those pop-up ads come into play.

Now granted there is an awful lot of stuff out there if you are willing to hunt for it and perhaps also to pay the price. Recently, while working on some short pieces for death notices for our Newsletter, I was pleased to be able to come up with more information than we already had in our files on deceased members. But then again, there is a limitation here. Sometimes what was available was only a capsule of the actual story, and to get the rest you had to sign up and pay a fee. And, unfortunately sometimes the supposed link was dead. You received the dreaded 404 Error, page not found. In those cases, you were just out of luck.

So, have I made my case? Visiting a library should be an adventure. We need to explore all the things they have. If we're nice to the specific Librarians, we may find original materials and documentation riches beyond our wildest dreams.

But as I said, not all is well with libraries and historical/genealogical societies. They need money to operate, to keep the doors open. And that is where the rub comes in. You put together money (tax levy or fees), politicians (who want to stay in office), tight budgets, and the voting (and sometimes vociferous) taxpayer, and you have the potential for problems.

First there are the finances. While libraries do freely exist, they don't exist for free. No matter how small the library or society, there are costs associated

with its operation. In today's age of ever tightening budgets, libraries are often high on the hit list for service reductions. Libraries themselves will offer up their own list of "do with-outs" just to survive. And more often than not, that includes resources that are vital to us: the local history/genealogical sections but not highly used by the taxpaying public. It has happened, and will continue to happen if we allow it. Especially in the local history area, as I said earlier, much of the materials that they have on hand are just not available anywhere else.

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

How can we help to prevent these possibilities? Here are three ways to show our support: physically, financially, and politically.

Use your library, if not for research; use it for general reading. If you explore the facility I bet that you will find many things that are of interest to you. "Traffic," the number of users coming through the doors is a strong determining argument for the worth of its services and collections. Believe me, it is very easy to close a location that is seldom used. So, talk up your library. Get others interested in its collections. The more it is used, the stronger the argument for its continued existence. You might suggest their using "Gate Counters," providing some proof that the particular collections are being used. Hard facts like this are hard for administrations to ignore.

Support your Library financially whenever possible. If there is a "Friends of the Library" organization, join it. Even if you don't make much use of the facility, your few dollars help to keep it going. And numbers in a supporting organization are hard to ignore. This proves that there are individuals interested in keeping the library there, open, and the collections usable. I happen to be an associate of The Newberry Library in Chicago. My \$50 associate fee is contributing and giving evidence of my support, even though I get there perhaps but once a year.

If your library has volunteer opportunities, try to

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

Finally, support your library politically. Few libraries are truly private. Most are publicly supported and operated. While the library itself may have its own board (some times elected but more often appointed), they are often dependent upon the whims of an elected Board of Supervisors or City Council. Ah! There is the key point.

Elected officials must from time to time, be *re-elected*. And believe me, they are campaigning continuously. After more than eighteen years in the bowels of County government (following twenty-plus years in private industry), I now understand a few things about government. Whether it is City Hall or the County Court House, nothing is said or done without review of the possible political consequences. Votes count. You need to make sure that your vote counts before the ballot box day rolls around.

Be aware of funding issues. Let your elected representatives know that you won't stand for any services reductions. "Friends" or "Associates" groups are the best way to stay informed. They make it their business to keep on top of issues. Remember that it doesn't take many phone calls for an elected official to realize that his electorate doesn't like what he or she is doing. And elected officials are aware that for every call they get there are probably ten that don't get made, and all that translates into votes. And votes do count.

Now, this is a golden rule area of concern. Perhaps you have no tradition in your area. There is nothing in your local library or society that has any genealogical significance to you. None of your family were ever in this area before. Your interest lies in other parts of the country. You would certainly like to be able to use the resources in those places. And, in turn, there are people who might very well be interested in using the resources of your local institutions. So the rule is, Do for others, as you would want them to do for you. Watch out for your

local resources, as you would hope that someone is watching out for resources of interest to you in other places.

Some libraries have come up with ways of preserving their collections and maintaining the access to the public. One such example is the Denver Public Library, in Denver, Colorado. Faced with the possibility of the curtailment of services, they decided to push their resources up a notch. What they did was to join with other institutions in the area, to become the center for the Western History Archives (WHA), a rather extensive collection of both historical and genealogical records documenting the westward expansion of the United States. In deed the collection is so respected that he is being used by world class scholars, who attest to the fact that they have resources that are available no where else. As a result the WHA has had no problem getting funding from the parent governmental bodies or grant agencies. Putting multiple collections under the same auspices makes a lot of sense. This can give the genealogical side a new lease on life. And more important, its existence is guaranteed for the foreseeable future.

The fact is, genealogical collections are usually conceived as a narrow interest area. But, as it was noted, genealogy and local history go naturally together. If I haven't said it in the past, I'll clearly state it now. You really haven't done your family history if you haven't learned the local history surrounding your ancestors.

This was the key point made by our speaker at our Symposium. To ignore local history is to ignore the meat and flesh of genealogy. Dates, names, places are only the bones. By themselves, they only tell us that someone live and where. Who were they? What did they do? Why did they move and settle where they did? What problems did they encounter? All this may be in the local history section and can give you a most interesting picture of your ancestor.

While we are talking about the brick and mortar edifices, let's not forget Courthouses, and Town, Village, and City Halls. Each of these will have records that can not be found anywhere else. Records that

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can illuminate the lives of our ancestors in marvelous ways. In every case, if the institution or agency ceases to exist, or if access to the materials there kept becomes extremely limited or unavailable, we all lose.

For all these institutions, our task is clear. We need to be an advocate on the behalf of the institutions, and for the maintenance of public access to public records. In this article I have discussed some of the ways in which we can be of assistance. They boil down to, using them, helping them, and letting the politicians know that they are important to us. And that you do vote, thank you.

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by Jean Churchill #934, Librarian

A note about sending me email: Please begin the subject line with the words: Parke Society. Our computer has strong anti-virus protection and tends to bounce any unusual subject heading into our Bulk Mail folder which we automatically delete.

The Roger Parke (LK=K) line is fortunate to have two new books on CD available for sale. This lineage has grown to include over 170 Parke Society members.

Cecilia Parke (PS#535), retired Lineage Leader for the Roger (LK=K) line, is offering her updated book: *Descendants of Roger Parke Immigrant England – New Jersey 1648-1738* for sale. The price for this 466 page “read only” CD is \$25. DNA results have provided added confirmation to the John and Roger Jr. lines. However, DNA also shows that the John and Mary (Gordon) Park lineage, as well as his

related line, Robert Park of Chemung Co, New York, are a separate lineage; they have been removed from this book. The book begins with a chart showing the early English ancestry of Dr. Roger Parke. I enjoyed reading through the interesting early history of this Parke family which is found in the notes for Dr. Roger Parke. This CD is very easy to follow because its Bookmark style on the left margin lists all the pages—simply click on the page that you want to read. Cecilia suggests that the reader consult (and perhaps print out) the Index first, then bring up the section of interest. Remember this book is under copyright, so paper copy is limited to the reader's own use. Order this CD by Email: davcel080@aol.com or snail mail: Mrs. Cecilia Parke, 7162 Cambridge St, Springhill, FL 34606-4201.

Doug Park (PS#1305) has announced the official release of his new 650-page historical volume (CD-ROM) entitled *Ancestors & Descendants of Ebenezer Park, Sr. (1747-1839) & Tabitha Mills (1752-1826): History of a Remarkable Pioneer Family (1530-2006)*. This electronic book comes complete with a 500-digital photo gallery collection including nineteenth-century family portraits; ancient and remote cemeteries; old uninhabited Parke and allied family homesteads; and other historical sites, particularly in the Eastern United States.

This volume retraces the steps of twelve generations of this Park family (LK=K) to Eastern Kentucky; beginning in Lancashire County, England during the Quaker persecutions, through subsequent migration to Hopewell, New Jersey in 1682 with William Penn. This family traveled on to Frederick County, Virginia (later Hampshire Co, VA/WV) in 1735 where they settled in present-day Capon Bridge, WV during the French & Indian War. In the early 1760's, they left the Colony of Virginia for the Yadkin Valley in Salisbury, Rowan Co, North Carolina and finally moved into Madison and Estill Counties in the Great Commonwealth of Kentucky, beginning in 1796 where they flourished for eight generations, over a span of more than two centuries in places such as Boonesborough, Richmond, Drowning Creek, Irvine, and Wagersville.

Allied family lines include Cobb, Durham, Taylor-

Phelps (Boonesborough Settlement), Duncan, Simmons, McCord, Wagers, Dillingham, Boian, Simpson, Bentley, Duvall (Colonial Maryland), and Pepper.

Doug and his father PS#1299 have spent thousands of hours of research on this book which integrates cemetery exploratory history with detailed discussions on key allied family lines spanning geographical and cultural boundaries. "Our book's magic lies in the guiding spiritual presence of our ancestors who continue to have an unmistakable, indelible, and lasting impression in our lives...where past meets present at the crossroads of newfound wisdom in a field of treasure that is Our Park Family Heritage."

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Missing Link Update (LK = CU)

by Jean Churchill #934, Librarian

John Russel Parks/Parkes Missing Link LK=XQ

Nancy Sorensen (PS# 1415) has provided information on John Russel¹ Parks (LK=XQ), who was born between 1790 and 1800 in either Pennsylvania or North Carolina. His wife Sarah -?- was born in 1803 in North Carolina and died between 1857 and 1861 in Clinton Co, IL. They had five children:

Charles² Parks (1825 NC–bef. 1857)

John E. ² Parks/Parks (1816 NC or IL–1899)

Mary ² Parks (1836 IL–?) m. Thomas J. Herrin

Elizabeth² Parks (1839 IL–?) m. Jacob Phillips

James² Parks (1841 IL–?)

John E. ² Parks/Parkes married Sarah Caroline Brewster on November 16, 1848, in Illinois. Sarah was born February 22, 1826 in McMinville, Warren Co,

TN and died Aug. 31, 1907 in Jefferson Co, Illinois. John died February 27, 1899 in Jefferson Co, IL. John and Sarah had nine children, of whom five died without issue. The four remaining are:

John Russel³ Parks/Parkes (b. 13 Apr. 1852–?)
Does not appear on 1860 census with family

Charles Calvin³ Parks/Parkes (1857 Centralia, IL–1933 Pratt, KS) m. 1880 in Jefferson Co, IL to Effie Mae Boudinot (1862 IL–1941 Hooker, OK) Four of their seven children married:

Clark⁴ Parkes (1882–bet. 1933 and 1976) m. in Dodge City, KS to Jessie -?- (b. 1884)

Frederick⁴ Parkes (1889 Stonington, CO–1967 Dodge City, KS) m. Daisy -?- (b. 1891)

Frank⁴ Parkes (1894 Stonington, CO–1976 Hooker, OK) m. Fern -?-

Nellie Iona⁴ Parkes (1896 Pratt, KS–1980 Hugoton, KS) m. 1914 Pratt, KS to Henry Lewis Davis (b. 1892)

Agnes Josephine³ Parkes (1859 Clinton Co, IL–1926 El Paso, TX) m. 15 Oct. 1878 Jefferson Co, IL to William Henry Wilbanks (1851 IL–1925 El Paso, TX). Three of their four children married:

Pearl⁴ Wilbanks (1880 Raymond, IL–1965 National City, CA) m. Gottlieb James Frick (b. 1881–?)

Bess Mabel⁴ Wilbanks (1884 El Paso, TX–1914 El Paso, TX) m. Frank Gurney

Douglas Parkes⁴ Wilbanks (1886 El Paso, TX–1978 El Paso, TX) m. 15 Apr. 1922 El Paso, TX to Helen Rives Lucas (1892 Salisbury, MO–1982 El Paso, TX)

John A. ³ Parkes (b. 1872–d. 1900 Jefferson Co, IL) m. 24 Mar. 1897 Bluford, IL to Ella Crews (b. ?–1900). One surviving child:

John Calvin⁴ Parkes (b. 1899)

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The contact person for this line is Mrs. Nancy Sorensen (PS# 1415), 8311 Elizabeth Dr, Lincoln, NE 68505. (Email messages will be forwarded to Nancy by Jean Churchill, Librarian) Nancy's article detailing her search for John R. Parks/Parkes ancestry appeared in Vol. 42 #1 pg. 14-15.

Have you renewed?
Check the date on your envelope.
Don't miss the next issue!

Park/e/s in the Arts

by Ken Parks PS #1406

I suspect I am not the only Parke Society member who wonders, when happening upon a reference to an individual with the Park/e/s surname, what that individual's particular lineage might be. Are they a descendant of Roger (NJ 1682), Robert (MA 1630), or a more recent line, perhaps?

Having trained as an actor and singer, I have always made note of others in the arts who bear the Park/e/s surname. This led to the idea of a series of articles featuring some of these individuals. If members have suggestions for individuals to include in this series, I will be happy to research them for future articles. I hope to include all areas of the arts, but will begin our series in the musical world.

In addition to looking at the individual's artistic career, I hope to trace their Park/e/s genealogy so far as is possible. If anyone has more information on their lineage, I would love to hear from you.

We begin our series with this article on composer and music publisher, James Asher Parks (1862-1945).

Setting the scene—musically, of course!

I have a particular fondness for American popular song from the era before the advent of the phonograph and the radio. The history of vocal music in America is a fascinating story, but far too rich a subject for the limited scope of our article here. However, we will provide a bit of historical context before we begin.

The importance of the piano in American life had a large influence on American song, and there was a time in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when the piano could be found in a great many American households. Music was something to be "home-made," with family members or groups of young people gathering around a piano to sing the latest songs from recently purchased sheet music.

While much of the performance of vocal music was centered in the home, choral groups based in communities, or associated with institutions of higher learning also created a demand for new compositions or arrangements of existing songs.

As the demand for sheet music grew, it became possible to earn a living composing songs, and many composers and lyricists were savvy businessmen who also became publishers of their own work, as well as that of others. While much of the music publishing business was centered in large cities (most famously, "Tin Pan Alley" in New York City), the industry did thrive in other parts of the country. Such was the case with James Asher Parks, whose career and business were located in Nebraska.

A Musical Life

James Asher Parks was born near Livonia, in Centre County, Pennsylvania on 22 May, 1862, the son of James L. & Mary (Gilbert) Parks. By his own account, he moved to Chicago, Illinois at the age of seventeen and worked in a wood finishing company while studying music at the Chicago Music College after hours and on Saturdays.

By 1887 he had moved to Nebraska, and from 1887 to 1889 was supervisor of the voice department at the Nebraska Conservatory of Music in Lincoln. He married Helena M. Knott of York, Nebraska on 18

April 1890, and established the J. A. Parks Music Company in York a year later.

The Music Company sold sheet music and instruments, and James A. Parks gave lessons and produced musical events, all the while continuing to compose, arrange and publish vocal music. By 1901, his music publishing business was successful enough that he was able to withdraw from the retail shop and concentrate on traveling to promote his music.

The musical subjects James A. Parks addressed were quite wide-ranging, from religious compositions to songs meant for more popular consumption. During WWI, many of his songs were quite popular and were internationally known and translated into several foreign languages.

James Asher Parks was a prolific composer and arranger, with over 90 book titles to his credit, over 1,700 choral pieces in addition to many sheet music titles. On his 75th birthday in May of 1938 (the year of his birth was at the time thought to be 1863), he was honored on a nationally broadcast radio program by the York Male Chorus.

There are two excellent sources for learning more about James Asher Parks and his music. These two library websites were the source of much of the information for this article on the musical career and early life of James Asher Parks. In the last few years, Kilgore Memorial Library (York, Nebraska) has begun collecting J.A. Parks Music Company publications and information about Mr. Parks and the Parks family. The url for their J. A. Parks information is:

<http://216.170.15.163/japarks/japarks.html>

In addition, the Polley Music Library, located in Lincoln, Nebraska has much information on the history of music in Nebraska from earliest pioneer days. Scrolling down the page of the link listed below will take you to a section on "Early Individuals of Note" and a paragraph on James Asher Parks, with links to images of some of his sheet music.

<http://polleymusic.lincolnlibraries.org/History.htm>

The Genealogy of James Asher Parks

A search of the Parke Society's given name index,

as well as the index to past newsletter articles would seem to indicate that this particular line is not associated with any Parke Society members, past or present. Of course, my search efforts may have been faulty or incomplete, so if any reader notices a connection to a known Parks lineage, please contact me.

The biographical information for James Asher Parks indicates a birth date of 22 May in the year 1862 or 1863, with Centre County, Pennsylvania as the location of his birth. His parents are listed as James L. Parks and Mary Gilbert. From this information we began our search.

Our research took us back as far as the grandparents of James Asher Parks, with limited success. We are not able to identify the grandfather by name with certainty, but his name may have been John. We know his grandmother's name was Elizabeth, who was born c1787 in Pennsylvania. We also know from later census information provided by a number of his children that the grandfather was born in Ireland. Since the family appears to have been of the Protestant faith, we will also assume for the moment that this would indicate a location in Northern Ireland.

Though John? and Elizabeth Parks may have had daughters and additional sons, these are the sons we can be fairly certain of:

John Parks (23 February 1816 PA—9 January 1894 Snyder Co. PA)

James L. Parks (June 1818 PA—1900-1910 Snyder Co. PA)

Robert Parks (1821 PA—1 May 1876 Elkhart Co. IN)

Levi Parks (March 1823 PA—1900-1910 Noble Co. IN)

James L. Parks (the father of our subject, James Asher Parks) was born in June of 1818, most likely in Union County, Pennsylvania. Union County was formed from Northumberland County in 1813, and Snyder County was formed from Union County in 1855. From census information, he was a tailor by trade.

James L. Parks had two wives, the first being Elizabeth [—?—] (b. 27 Aug 1821—d. 20 May 1855-buried Waggon's Union Cemetery, Snyder Co.

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Children of James L. Parks & Elizabeth [—?—] are:

- Benjamin T. (Dec 1842—aft. 1910, Lincoln, Lancaster Co. NE)
- Martin Luther (b. c1844)
- Margaret S. c.1846-bef. 1860)
- Anna (b. c.1851)

James L. Parks married Mary Gilbert about 1857.

They had eight children, five of whom were living in 1900.

Known children of James L. Parks and Mary Gilbert are:

- Catharine (b. c.1857)
- Lydia (b. c.1858)
- Jerome L. (Dec 1859—aft. 1930 CA)
- James Asher (22 May 1862—17 Oct 1945 NE)
- Robert (c.1865—bet. 1870-1880)
- Jessie E. (f) (b. c1870)
- William L. (b. c1875)

It would appear that all of the children of James L. Parks were born in Pennsylvania, with the exception of Anna b. c1851, who was born in Indiana. We find this family in Elkhart County, Indiana in the 1850 census. Since daughter Margaret S. was born in Pennsylvania about 1846, daughter Anna was born in Indiana about 1851 and wife Elizabeth died in 1855 and is buried in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, we have a rough idea of when they moved to Indiana (1846-1850), as well as when they returned (1851-1855).

Several other members of this Parks family also moved to Elkhart County and remained there. Also found in the 1850 Elkhart County, Indiana census are Elizabeth, mother of James L. Parks, and brothers Levi and Robert. The eldest brother, John Parks, appears to have remained in Pennsylvania.

While the young James Asher Parks went to Chicago, Illinois to work and study music, it appears his older half brother, Benjamin, now married and a lawyer, had moved with his family to Lincoln, Nebraska. The biography of James Asher Parks

states he came to visit an older brother, and this is likely the brother it refers to. Older brother Jerome, a minister in the United Brethren faith, seems to have moved to Michigan and Indiana (Elkhart County being on the border with Michigan) before settling in Los Angeles by 1900. Jerome L. Parks and his family remained in California, with Jerome appearing in Orange County in the 1930 census.

James Asher Parks married Helena M. Knott of York, Nebraska on 18 April, 1890 and the couple had three children:

- Helen Stoddard (Jun 1892—15 Jul 1900)
- Pauline Marie (3 Jul 1894—Nov 1976) m. Claude R. Lambe (1898—1981)
- Robert Knott (1896—9 Aug 1898)

Pauline (Parks) Lambe, the only child to reach adulthood and marry, did not have children. Wearing my DNA administrator hat, I have searched other branches of this family for a surviving male Parks, in the hope that the test results might provide further information about this line. Several branches seem to have either ended without male descendants, or I have been unable to trace them solely from online sources. There is one possibility in the descendant line of Jerome L. Parks, and I will follow up on that in the coming weeks. Again, I welcome hearing from anyone with information on this particular Parks family, and will be happy to share the census and other information I have gathered in this search.

The 1870 census shows the family of James & Mary Parks living in Miles Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, and includes children Jerome, age 10, James (our subject) age 8, and Robert, age 5. The occupation of James Parks is difficult to read, but appears to be something like “works in wools”, which would be consistent with his occupation as a tailor in the 1850 & 1860 censuses.

Looking back in time before the birth of James Asher, we find James L. Parks, age 42, listed in Snyder County, Pennsylvania in 1860 living in Selinsgrove. Here we realize that Mary Gilbert was not the first wife of James, as he has several children too old to be the children of Mary, age 22.

In 1850 we find James L. Parks, age 31, tailor, living in Concord, Elkhart Co., Indiana with a wife named

Elizabeth, age 28. All in the household are listed as being born in Pennsylvania, indicating a move to Indiana sometime after 1846. Here we find children listed thus: Benjamin T. 8, Martin Luther 6, Margaret S. 4. Living in the next household we find Mrs. Elizabeth Parks 63, and Levi Parks 23, both born in Pennsylvania. One would assume this to be the mother of James L. Parks and a younger brother.

Also living in Concord, Elkhart County in 1850 is Robert Parks, age 29, carpenter, born in Pennsylvania. His wife is listed only as Mrs. Parks, age 29, with children Henry J. 6, son West W. 5, John D. 2, all born in Pennsylvania. If this should prove to be a brother of James L. Parks, as seems likely, this might narrow the time of the family's move to Indiana to between 1848-1850. A search of land records or tax lists in Elkhart County might confirm the family's arrival from Pennsylvania.

It appears that James L. Parks and family moved back to Snyder County, Pennsylvania sometime after the birth of daughter Anna about 1851. We know from online records that Elizabeth Parks, first wife of James L., died in Snyder County on 20 May, 1855 and is buried in Wagenseller's Union Cemetery.

John Parks (23 February 1816—9 January 1894)
James L. Parks (b. June 1818)
Robert Parks (b. 1821)
Levi Parks (b. March 1823)

Opportunity for Service: New Registrar Needed

Your Society is recruiting for a new Registrar, to take office as soon as possible to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of R. Dan Park, PS#1422 (see Obituary, p. 28). The Registrar is the first official point of contact for people interested in joining the Society. As such, he or she has significant impact on the Society's future. We're seeking an interested volunteer to fill this essential position.

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Because this is an officer's position, the incumbent's annual membership dues are waived. The President will make the appointment of the interested member to fill the unfinished term, which runs to the annual convocation, to be held this year at Chattanooga, TN, in September. At that time, the Board of Trustees will elect the appointee to the normal term of office, which runs year to year. As is the case for all the Officer's positions, except that of the President, this position has no term limitation; Registrars usually serve for several years running. The Society reimburses all ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by the Registrar on behalf of the Society, upon submission of the proper form.

Duties: the Registrar receives and answers inquiries about membership in the Society; sends application forms and instructions to applicants; receives and processes completed applications; assigns membership numbers; prepares certificates as necessary; and forwards information to designated individuals within the Society.

Volume of work: currently the Registrar can expect to receive from 40 to 50 inquiries, and to process from 20 to 25 new members each year.

Skills: the Registrar needs communication skills sufficient to enable him or her to write tactful letters or e-mails (this can sometimes be a challenge). He or she must be able to pay attention to details in processing applications, and to be organized in maintaining tickler files of those who have requested application papers, but have not yet returned the completed forms. While not mandatory, it is very highly desirable for the Registrar to be computer literate, and to have an e-mail address.

At present, the Registrar's work has been transferred to the Society's Milwaukee office. Interested persons are invited to contact: Fr. Michael (Tad) Parks #425H, Executive Director, P. O. Box 590, Milwaukee WI 53201-0590. E-mail: 70741.2122@compuserve.com

The next editorial due date is
June 15, 2007

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Obituary: Ransom Deur (R. Dan) Park (1941-2007)

By Fr. Michael Parks, Executive Director

It is with great sadness that we report the recent death of our Registrar, Ransom Deur (R. Dan) Park, late of Houston Texas. He passed away 1 February 2007 at his home, from congestive heart failure. Dan had mentioned in an earlier email that he was having some health issues, but none of us expected his passing

R. Dan Park was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on 17 April 1941, and was dubbed with the unlikely moniker of Ransom Deur Park. He graduated in 1959 from Vassar High School in Vassar, Michigan, and went on to complete a degree in Speech, finishing up at what is now Cedarville University (Ohio) in 1964. He served on the college FM station for two years during the 60's being one of the original announcers on (the then fledgling college radio station) WCDR-FM, now referred to as The Path (CDR Radio Network).

Dan liked to say, "Similar to Moses, I spent the next 40 years in the wilderness, completely out of my field of study, teaching school and then pursuing computer technologies." After teaching Special Education in the public schools for two years, he embarked upon his career in computer programming and systems analysis which had spanned a third of a century. For three years of that time, Dan was Data Processing Manager with Life Action Ministries in Buchanan, Michigan.

Once retired, Dan pursued Internet-related activities. He returned to his first love, media communications, to finally begin what turned out to be his third career and, thanks to the Internet, he again found himself on the cutting edge of technology; Internet Radio has been called "the FM of today." For the last couple of years Mister Dan, as he was known in that arena, hosted a radio channel on OutBound Music featuring EasyMix.

So where did this "Mister Dan" come from? As he explained to his Internet Radio audience: "After I came to Houston, I joined a small church where there were many young children whose parents



naturally had them addressing me as 'Mr. Park.' My father was still living at that time, though nowhere nearby, but I had always considered him to be 'Mr. Park.' Also, I remembered my two difficult years as a public school teacher where I was addressed in that manner, and I really wanted something less formal. I knew that some would object to having their kids call me "Dan," so that was when "Mr. Dan" came into being." In fact, this pseudonym went on to appear on his personal website as "Mr. Dan's Neighborhood" as well as being his "on-air persona." Some of Dan's lifelong acquaintances, though, were uncomfortable even referring to him as Dan—since that was a nickname he assumed following high school.

Mr. Dan's on-air persona had been likened by some to that of Kasey Kasem, and that was certainly all right with him! Dan was a student of interpretive speech, Reader's Theatre and stage production; he was also the son of a vaudeville performer, the late R. Keith Park, who worked as a singer, dancer, actor

and entertainer for some twenty years as a youth, and was always in demand for related work during the rest of his life.

Dan came to The Society in 2003 with the question concerning any connection between Robert Parke (MA, 1630) and Daniel Parke (VA 1678). In the course of that discussion Dan decided to affiliate with The Society and started the process. Being a true blooded techie, he was astounded at what he considered to be a very archaic way of handling new memberships, since at that time practically nothing was being handled electronically for membership enrollment. I quote from an early email to me: "I am now prepared to purchase a life membership in The Parke Society. But first, I have a question: is it true that the only means to obtain membership is via pony express (that is, USPS)? Is there any more speedy method than sending a check to a PO Box in Oregon? In these days of the Internet it would seem expedient to provide such an alternative."

My response was: "Unfortunately, no." After explaining that the then current Registrar was not into computers, I also mentioned that he was looking to step down, and that we hoped the next Registrar would be able to utilize computer technology and email.

He replied: "Not to steal anyone's thunder... but as a retired Information Technology person with over a third of a century experience, I would consider the Registrar's job an honor and privilege to perform. Since my first encounter with a modem was back in 1967(!), I am no stranger to the online world." Dan was, in his own words, "an early adopter." And so the position was offered, and Dan became our new Registrar, and the Society made a step forward into the 21st (some would say the 20th) Century.

His line was from Robert Park (MA, 1630) to Thomas (02T1), Thomas (03T2), Samuel (04T10), Nehemiah (05T49) Park, Nehemiah (06T321) Park, Nathaniel (07T121) Park, Ransom Heath (08T489) Park, Lucius Alexander (09T1471) Park, Ransom Sylvester (10T2693) Park, Ransom Keith (11T3852) Park, to himself, Ransom Deur (R. Dan) (12T3852) Park, PS#1422.

He married first Edith Lorena Dudley in 1964 Roulette, PA, and secondly Julie Ann Watkins.

He is survived by a son, Robert Daniel (Jennifer) Park and grandchildren, Kelsey Elizabeth and Christopher Daniel Park. He is also survived by sisters Linda Mary (Torkild) Nielsen, Karen Adell (John Michael) MacDermaid, and Carmen Helene (Gary) Minard, and an Aunt, Genevra Adell (Paul Peter) Pace, several cousins, nieces and nephews, and many many friends throughout the country.

Mister Dan was a unique person with a unique personality. He had a great outlook on life and lived it to its fullest, even in the rough-and-tumble business of being a Information Technologist, which he described as "a field which has not enjoyed a great deal of stability for people of my tenure."

Due to the demise of our Registrar, all materials regarding registration should now be sent to Fr. Michael Parks (see p. 18 for his address).

In Memoriam

By Fr. Michael Parks, Executive Director

Recent mailings have brought to light the passing of a number of long-standing members of the Society. We note these here, with whatever information we have on them. We extend out sympathy, even if belatedly, to the surviving family members.

Betty Margaret (Obersmith) Kneubuhler, PS#867

On October 28, 2006, Mrs. Betty (Obersmith) a life long resident of Bellflower, MO, passed away at her home.

She was born February 4, 1929, in Bellflower, Missouri to George and Emma Roseanna (Von Eschen) Obersmith. Mrs. Kneubuhler, graduated from Truman State University, formerly Northeast Mis-

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souri State Teachers College and then taught in area schools for several years. She later married Harry Edward Kneubuhler in 1952 at Bowling Green, MO. They farmed all of their married lives. She was a member of the Bellflower Presbyterian Church and was active in the life of the Church. She was also a member of the T. I. E. Club; and the Genealogy Clubs of Pike and Montgomery Counties. She enjoyed working with her roses, her genealogy projects and her faithful dog "Dolly." Betty always enjoyed spending time visiting with family and friends.

Betty was a descendant of William¹ Parke & Synah Perry, to Perry² Parke, William Perry³ Park, Margaret Ellen⁴ Parke who married Henry Herman Obersmith, to George⁵ Obersmith to Betty Margaret⁶ (Obersmith) Kneubuhler. Lineage Key "X."

She is survived by two sisters, Mary Trower of Copperas Cove, TX, and Dorothy (Tom) Armstrong of Montague, MI. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Burial was at the Bellflower Cemetery, in Bellflower, MO. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Orlo Edward Park, PS#1061

Anchorage resident Orlo Edward Park, 81, died on October 13, 2006 at his assisted-living home.

Mr. Park was born on November 2, 1924 and raised on a farm near Cedonia, Washington. He graduated from high school in Hunters, WA and served in the 85th Signal Battalion, US Army during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He then went on to receive a BS in Physics in 1950 from Washington State College, Pullman, WA and a B.Ed in 1951 from the same college. He was employed with the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC, and in Boulder, CO from 1951 to 1957. He married Gloria Loree Knowles (PS#1478) in 1952 at Grandview, WA and had four Children. After moving to Anchorage, AK in 1957, he worked at the Elmendorf Air Force Liquid Oxygen Plant, the US Bureau of Mines and at the Elmendorf power plant. He retired from Civil Service in 1982. After retirement they traveled in

their motor home extensively.

Mr. Park's Lineage was Roger of NJ, LK = "K". Starting with Roger¹, to John², John³, John⁴, John⁵, Azariah⁶, Millard Filmore⁷, Halvor Millard⁸, to Orlo Edward⁹ Park.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Gloria Park, a son Loren Park, a daughter Diane Park, several grandchildren, a sister Carol Lee, and a brother, Dale Park. He was preceded in death by two sons, Galen Craig, and Kevin Byron Park. He was buried at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

Stuart Nye Park, PS#19, Past President

We recently learned of the death of Stuart Nye Park, at the Fletcher Allen Health Care Center in Burlington, VT on July 7, 2001, after a long illness. He was 92 years of age.

Born at Wells, Vermont, on July 4, 1909, he was the son of Leon Darius Park and Edna E. Cooke. A lifelong resident and historian for the Wells area, he served for many years in the Vermont Legislature as the Representative from Wells. He had recently written a "History of Wells." He was a member of several local historical societies, including The Wells Historical Society, and the Park-McCullough House. Stuart was a World War II veteran, having served in the US Army. He was also an avid baseball fan. Mr. Park was President of The Parke Society from 1975 to 1980.

Stuart was a descendant of Robert Parke (MA, 1630, STW) through his son Thomas² who married Dorothy Thompson, to Thomas³, Eleazer⁴, Simeon⁵, Elijah⁶, Joseph⁷, Darius S⁸, Alva M⁹, Leon Darius¹⁰ Park, to Stuart Nye¹¹ Park. Lineage Key "T," Chart 7.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Park of Danby, VT, and David Park of Granville, NY, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Laura (McClure) Park; his daughter Nancy Elizabeth Kelly, and his son Theron Alva "Tindy" Park.

Theodora Eliza Adell (Caner) Haney, PS#85

Mrs. Theodora C. Haney, 91, of Marysville, MI, died on November 24, 2003 in Evangelical Home, Fort Gratiot Township, Genesee Co., MI.

She was born January 21, 1912 in Saginaw, Michigan to the late Jerome Marvin Caner and Eveline Lenora Golson. She married Neil G. Haney on June 19, 1938 in Harrison, MI, who died on September 6, 2003. Mrs. Haney was a school teacher with the Battle Creek School District for seven years and with the Marysville School District for 23 years prior to her retirement in June of 1972. She was a member of the Marysville United Methodist Church, and several other organizations.

Mrs. Haney was a descendant of Robert Parke (MA, 1630, STW) though his son Thomas² who married Dorothy Thompson, to Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, Daniel⁵, Daniel⁶, Joel⁷, Lenora⁸ Parks who married Benjamin Perry Martin, to Oliver Perry⁹ Martin, Eliza Lenora¹⁰ Martin, Eveline Lenora¹¹ Golson, to Theodora¹² Caner. Lineage Key "T", Chart 13.

She is survived by a son, Dean O (Nancy) Haney of Fenton, MI; a sister, Ruth Carrow, PS#40, or Clare, MI; and many nieces and nephews. Burial was at the Riverlawn Cemetery, Marysville, MI.

Alice Elaine (Fletcher) Hicks, PS#87

Mrs. Alice Hicks, 100, of Mountain Home, ID, died on the December 14, 2005.

She was born July 29, 1905 in Mountain Home, the daughter of Elijah Benjamin Fletcher, and Ethel Hicks. By 1919 her father had bought the Fir Grove Ranch on Camas Prairie and went back into the sheep business, something had he had done previously. Alice spent her summers on the ranch and winters in Gooding, and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1922 at the age of 16. She attending Gooding College and began her teaching career in Mackay, ID in 1926. Thereafter she taught at a number of other schools, retiring from the Mountain Home school in 1970. Alice Fletcher married Earl Delbert Hicks in 1931 and they had five sons. She loved nature and enjoyed a number of outdoor activities. Besides being active in the Congregational Church, she was also involved with many other organizations. For thirteen years she prepared a

pioneer historical account of events in early Elmore County, ID and published "Our Heritage" quarterly for members of the Elmore County Historical Society.

Mrs. Hicks was a descendant of Robert Parke (MA, 1630, STW) though his son Thomas² who married Dorothy Thompson, to Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, Daniel⁵, Daniel⁶, Benjamin Marvin⁷, Jehiel⁸, Sarah Angeline Elizabeth⁹ Parke who married William Henry Lile, to Anna Elena Eliza¹⁰ Lile, Ethel¹¹ Hicks, to Alice Elaine¹² Fletcher. Lineage Key "T", Chart 13.

Alice Hicks is survived by four sons, Bruce Alison (Ralene) Hicks, Lisle O'Dell (Donna) Hicks, Ricky Lynn (Eugenia) Hicks, and Robin Kent (Cheryl) Hicks, in addition to numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son Lauren Earl Hicks, and three brothers.

Reuben Hatch Parke, PS#103

Reuben Hatch Parke, died March 3, 2005 in Los Angeles, CA. He was 88 years old.

He was born September 14, 1917 in Tremonton, Utah, the son of Clarence Winfield Parke, and Christie Hatch. Mr. Parke married Marguerite Stevens in 1942 and had one son and two daughters.

Mr. Parke was a descendant of Roger Parke (WJ, 1682, K) though his son Roger², Joseph³, Joseph⁴, Macajah⁵, Thomas Harris⁶, Charles Curtis⁷, William Henry⁸, Clarence Winfield⁹, to Reuben Hatch¹⁰ Parke. Lineage Key "T."

Reuben Parke is survived by his wife Marguerite Parke, PS#411, one son, Robert David Parke, and one daughter, Susan Joan Jensen.

Amelia Woodward Shears, PS#109

Mrs. Amelia Shears died on February 29, 2004 at Shawnee Mission, KS. She was 97 years of age.

She as born March 17, 1906, in Kansas City, Missouri, the daughter of Marvin Robert Woodward and Grace Etna Rider. Ms. Woodward married Joe Eugene Shears in 1936 in Lawrence, KS. They had no children.

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Mrs. Shears was a descendant of Robert Parke (MA, 1630, STW) though his son Thomas² who married Dorothy Thompson, to Thomas³, Eleazer⁴, Simeon⁵, Elijah⁶, Elijah⁷, Robert⁸, Louisa⁹ Parks who married Harrison Emmett Woodward, to Marvin Robert¹⁰ Woodward, to Amelia¹¹ Woodward. Lineage Key "T," Chart 7.

Roger D. Park, PS#147

Mr. Park, of West Hartford, CT died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at the age of 78 years.

Like Stuart Park, Roger was born and raised in Wells, Vermont, having been born on July 24, 1922, the son of Frederick & Eunice Mary Park. In 1941 Mr. Park moved to the Hartford area where he married Beatrice Carolyn Frohman in 1946. Mr. Park was a mechanical engineer and worked for Colt Firearms and eventually for Peabody/Part Wash, Inc., which he eventually purchased and ran as its Chief Operating Officer until his retirement in 1996. A veteran of WW II, he saw action in the European Theater and later was very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Life was a celebration for Roger Park, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. He was active in genealogical research and came to The Society at an early age.

Mr. Park was a descendant of Robert Parke (MA, 1630, STW) though his son Thomas² who married Dorothy Thompson, to Thomas³, Eleazer⁴, Simeon⁵, Elijah⁶, Joseph⁷, Darius S⁸, Alva M⁹, Frederick¹⁰ Park, to Roger D.¹¹ Park. Lineage Key "T," Chart 7.

He is survived by his wife Beatrice, two sons, Roger Jr. (Elizabeth) Park of Lewiston, ME, and Philip Scott (Kelly) Park of Norfolk, VA and daughter Kristin Ann Park of South Orange, NJ. He will be missed by his grandchildren and his many friends. Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, CT.

New Members

1473 John Russell Parke

This is a case of where a paper trail, and the DNA are at odds. Based on Mrs. Isaac Shank's "A Collateral Descendant of John Ayers &c..." it was believed that he was of the Alexander to John & Mary (Gordon) Park line (now separated from Roger). However, DNA evidence does indeed point to his being of the Roger Parke line of NJ, Lineage Key "K". Further information on his lineage will be posted once we sort out where the paper trail and the DNA diverge. Temporarily assigned Lineage Key="QP".

1474 Carl Travis Holtzclaw

Lineage is Thomas of Virginia, LK="C" Reported line is Thomas¹, John², Benjamin³, Linsfield⁴, Alfred⁵, Amanda Hannah⁶ Parks who married Jasper Dobson, to Rachel Amanda⁷ Dobson who married James Luther Holtzclaw to Carl Thomas⁸ Holtzclaw, to member⁹.

1475 Leonard Wayne Smith

Lineage is Richard of Massachusetts, LK="R" Line is Richard¹, Thomas², Jonathan³, Jonathan⁴, Jonathan⁵, to Reuben⁶, Levi W⁷, Albert M⁸, Levi Wesson⁹, to Marg Lee¹⁰ Park who married Leonard Wayne Smith Sr., to member¹¹.

1476 Patricia Lucile Johnson

Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK="K". Line is Roger¹, John², John³, Moses⁴ who married Mary Hill, (William) Thomas⁵, James⁶, James Andrew⁷, Madison Atticus⁸, Madison Jackson⁹, to member¹⁰.

1477 Robert Duane Tackitt

Fragment Line, Lineage Key "RP", George Washington¹ Park, (c1824-) married to Mahala Silkwood (c1828, KY to 1891, IL), to James Henry² m. Elizabeth Ann Stroud, to Benjamin Harrison³ m. Nellie Laura Henson to Geneva Mae⁴ Parks to member⁵.

1478 Mrs. Gloria K. Park

Widow of PS#1061, Orlo Edward Park. Associate member, carrying on husband's research. Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK="K". Line is Roger¹, John², John³, John⁴, John⁵, Azariah⁶, Millard Filmore⁷, Halvor Millard⁸, to Orlo Edward⁹ Park, deceased spouse to Associate member.