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The Ancestry of Abigail Parke, wife of Jesse Brown and a reconsideration of Lydia Parke's marriage to Abraham Ackley

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The marriage of Abigail Parke to Jesse Brown on 26 September 1770, in the First Church of Norwich [Bozrah], Connecticut is well-documented.^[1] While the ancestry of Jesse Brown, born 2 February 1746/7^[2] to George and Elizabeth (Wells) Brown in Colchester, Connecticut, and the Wells,^[3] Beard-sley,^[4] Allis,^[5] and Meakins^[6] ancestral lines of Elizabeth (Wells) Brown are likewise well-documented, the ancestry of Abigail Parke does not appear to have been satisfactorily established. This failure may be traced to some late nineteenth-century writings^[7] on the descent of Jesse and Abigail (Parke) Brown through son Amasa^[8] who traveled from Utica, Oneida County, New York,^[9] to Beaver County, Pennsylvania. While these writings have demon-

strable errors with respect to the ancestry of Jesse Brown,^[10] as with many such writings of that period, they are probably more reliable for the later descent of the Brown line.^[11] However, at least one of these writings^[12] gives a birth date for Abigail Parke of 8 April 1748 in Norwich, Connecticut. This early purported birth date has made it difficult to reconcile with the otherwise best possible parents in Norwich at the time—Nathan⁵ Parke (Robert⁴, Robert³, Samuel², Robert¹), born in Voluntown, Connecticut, on 30 April 1731^[13] and Lydia (maiden name unknown), who had the following children:^[14]

1. Nathan⁶ (Jr.)^[15] (listed in Nathan's partition, probated 3 January 1764 in Norwich, Connecticut,^[16] as an only son)
2. Sarah⁶ (listed in Nathan's partition as the eldest daughter)
3. Mary⁶ (listed in Nathan's partition as a second daughter)
4. Lydia⁶ (listed in Nathan's partition as a third daughter)
5. Zerviah⁶ (listed in Nathan's partition as a fourth daughter)
6. Abigail⁶ (listed in Nathan's partition as a fifth daughter)

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7. Experience⁶ (listed in Nathan's partition as the youngest daughter)

Quite simply, it is difficult to reconcile Nathan⁵ Parke having a fifth daughter in pre-Revolutionary Connecticut by the time he was seventeen years and three weeks old. Similarly, the purported birth date for Abigail⁶ cannot be simply ignored as a very narrow window is left for Nathan⁵, born in 1731, to have had a fifth daughter of suitable age for marriage in 1770. However, this issue may be clarified by a study of the records of the First Church of Norwich [Bozrah], Connecticut,^[17] which list the following entries for the Parke surname, all of which can be reconciled to the family of Nathan⁵:

1. July 1753: baptism of Experience Parke
2. 19 January 1756 : baptism of Nathan Parke
3. 5 December 1762: marriage of Lydia Parke and Abraham Ackley
4. 20 December 1762: death of Nathan Parke (10 deaths listed that day)
5. 26 September 1770: marriage of Abigail Parke and Jesse Brown
6. 3 December 1770: marriage of Lydia Parke and Ebenezer Peck.^[18]

The 1756 baptism record is clearly that of Nathan⁶ [the younger], the only son of Nathan⁵ and Lydia Parke.^[19]

The 1753 baptism of Nathan⁵ and Lydia Parke's youngest or sixth daughter Experience⁶ establishes that all daughters of Nathan⁶ and Lydia Parke were born by 1753, thereby meeting the narrow window required for placing Nathan's fifth daughter, Abigail⁶, into a 1770 marriage with Jesse Brown. Likewise, the December 1770 marriage of Nathan and Lydia Parke's third daughter, Lydia⁶, to Ebenezer Peck^[20] provides a precedent for the later daughters of Nathan⁵ and Lydia to be of suitable age for marriage by 1770. In view of these dates, it is probable that the birth of fifth daughter, Abigail⁶, was not in 1748, but rather perhaps one year prior to the 1753 baptism of sixth daughter, Experience⁶, say 1752. This further suggests that Nathan⁵ Parke and Lydia were married about 1747 or 1748, rather than

having their fifth daughter in 1748, thereby resulting in Nathan⁵ being about sixteen or seventeen years of age at the time of the marriage, followed by several annually-spaced children—which, while being somewhat out of the norm for pre-Revolutionary New England,^[21] is certainly not problematic. Further efforts to find an earlier birth date for Nathan⁵, possibly with different parents, have been unsuccessful.

The death on 20 December 1762 can be attributed to the elder^[22] Nathan⁵ Parke, particularly in view of the 3 January 1764 probate date of his partition. However, the listing ten deaths in the church records on 20 December 1762 (as well as a similar number of deaths listed one year to the day later, 20 December 1763) suggests that this listing aggregates a number of previous deaths and therefore Nathan Parke may have died slightly earlier. This suggestion is confirmed in that eight out of the ten persons listed in the 20 December 1762 entry in the Norwich Church Records are listed among the dead in the French and Indian War, Campaign of 1762, First Regiment, Third Company under Major John Durkee of Norwich.^[23] These records from the Campaign of 1762 list the following dead and dates of death which match the names in the 20 December 1762 entry in the Norwich Church Records:

1. Nathan Parks: 22 October 1762
2. Samuel Allen: 2 September 1762
3. Miller Fish: 30 August 1762
4. Samuel Voice [or Lemuel Vose or Vorce]: 8 November 1762
5. Thomas Wilkee: 2 October 1762
6. Isiah Ford: 25 November 1762
7. John Ford: 3 October 1762
8. James Williams: 27 December 1762 (seven days after the entry in the church records)

Additionally, the Norwich Church Records of 20 December 1762 list Ezekiel Cook who appears on the rolls of the Company of Captain Billings of Preston, Connecticut, and the Seventh Company under the command of Captain Fitch of New London, Connecticut, in the French and Indian War.^[24] The only remaining death entry for 20 December 1762 is "Old Mrs. Edgerton, age 96." Otherwise, the other nine entries on this date appear to be for deaths of Nor-

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wich men from the French and Indian War during the autumn of 1762.

The 20 December 1762 death date in the church records for Nathan Parke is likewise improbable for historical reasons. This date is well after the 3 November 1762 date of the signing of the preliminary articles of the Treaty of Paris by Britain, France, and Spain which provided at least a temporary peace amongst the European powers.^[25] Indeed, the Third Company of the First Regiment, whose records document the 22 October 1762 death date of Nathan Parke, served at the Siege of Havana, Cuba,^[26] which ended on 14 August 1762,^[27] one of the last battles between European powers in the French and Indian War.^[28] As the weeks following of the Siege of Havana exacted a high toll in disease amongst British regulars and provincial troops,^[29] it is reasonable to assume that Nathan Parke died on or about 22 October 1762 from disease contracted during service in the Siege of Havana in the French and Indian War.^[30]

In view of this death date for Nathan Parke, reconsideration of the 5 December 1762 marriage of Lydia Parke to Abraham Ackley is suggested. It has been stated that this was the marriage of Nathan Parke's first cousin Lydia (born on 10 September 1749 in Voluntown, Connecticut, to Benjamin⁴ and Mary (Church) Parke and hence thirteen years old in 1762)^[31] and the Abraham Ackley who served in the Revolution in the Company of Captain Green of East Haddam, Connecticut, in the Detachments From Militia Horse, 1779^[32] as well as the French and Indian War serving in the Company of Captain Daniel Cone of East Haddam, Connecticut.^[33] This Abraham has further been purportedly identified the Abraham Acly who served in the Massachusetts and Continental lines, possibly as a drummer.^[34] This Abraham Acly, in his Revolutionary War Pension application filed in Columbia County, New York, stated that he was sixty-seven years old in July 1820 (hence born about 1753 and therefore about nine years of age in 1762), had enlisted in the Massachusetts Continental Line in Sharon, Connecticut, had been captured during the Revolution in January 1777, during the Battle of Princeton, and held prisoner "on board the Jersey prison ship and at the sugar house" for either

one year and eight months or two years and eight months before being exchanged.^[35] Unfortunately, this interpretation is problematic and unlikely in many respects. It requires an approximately nine year old Abraham, after having served in the French and Indian War, to have married a thirteen year old Lydia in 1762.^[36] It would have further required Abraham to travel from southeastern Connecticut (New London County, Connecticut) to northwestern Connecticut (Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut) to enlist in the Massachusetts Continental Line, possibly as a drummer, be held as a prisoner until exchange in the fall of 1778 or 1779, travel back diagonally across Connecticut to East Haddam, join a mounted company by 1779, move back to Sharon, Connecticut, move to New York and neglect to list his later East Haddam-based mounted service in his pension application.

A better interpretation is that the Lydia Parke of the 1762 marriage to Abraham Ackley is not Nathan's thirteen year old first cousin or even younger third daughter, but rather his recently widowed wife. Perhaps this was a marriage of a recent war widow with seven children and a war veteran given reason for optimism following the signing of the preliminary articles of the Treaty of Paris. Further, this better interpretation is that Abraham Ackley was indeed the mounted Revolutionary War soldier from East Haddam, Connecticut (Detachments from Militia Horse), but that this was not the same Abraham Acly who served in the Massachusetts Continental Line, but rather that he was the Abraham Ackley who appears on the rolls of Soldiers of the French and Indian War (and hence was a contemporary of Nathan Parke born in 1731, as well as of Nathan's widow) as serving in the Company of Captain Daniel Cone of East Haddam, Connecticut. This unit, just as the unit of Abraham Ackley in the Revolution, was from East Haddam and was mounted in that sixty-two of the approximately eighty soldiers of this company are stated to have "[ridden] horses from East Haddam."^[37]

The existence of two Abraham Ackleys is supported by the 1800 census which lists an Abraham Ackley living in Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, (the same town in which Abraham Acly enlisted

for Revolutionary War service), age 26-45 with eight children,^[38] and another Abraham Ackley in Whitehall, Washington County, New York, both he and his wife being over 45, with no children in the household and, three listings away, a George Ackley, age 26-45 with five sons.^[39] Hence, the theory of a single Abraham Ackley requires simultaneous appearances in different censuses with different family information.

The listing of property in Lydia Ackley's estate in Athens County, Ohio, examined by the Court on November 15, 1823 lists a note against George Ackley's estate^[40] while George Ackley's estate lists a note to Abraham Ackley and Henry Ackley^[41] as well as a payment to the "Collector, Washington County 1815." There is no clear reference in Lydia Ackley's estate to any of the children of Nathan and Lydia Parke. However, it is noted that the Abraham Ackley of Columbia County, New York (who previously lived in Sharon, Connecticut, according to the above research), is found living as a living pensioner in Columbia County, New York, in 1841.^[42] It is unlikely that Lydia would have lived in Athens County, Ohio in 1820 (with no mention of her husband in the estate papers) while her husband lived in Columbia County, New York, in at least 1810 and 1841.

Abraham Ackley appeared on property records in East Haddam as late as 1787 when he sold land to John Marsh,^[43] presumably prior to appearing on the 1790 Whitehall, Washington County, New York census.^[44] No entries for Abraham Ackley (or similar surnames) were found in the Litchfield County land records.^[45]

It is therefore concluded that the Abigail Parke who married Jesse Brown on 26 September 1770 in Norwich, Connecticut, was the same Abigail Parke who was the fifth daughter of Nathan and Lydia Parke and was likely born about 1752. It is further concluded that Nathan and Lydia Parke married about 1747 or 1748, that Nathan died in the French and Indian War on or about 22 October 1762 as a result of disease contracted during service at the Siege of Havana, that Nathan's widow married Abraham Ackley on 20 December 1762, that this Abraham

Ackley served in mounted or cavalry-type units from East Haddam in both the French and Indian War and the Revolution, and that this Abraham Ackley is different from the Abraham Acly who applied for a Revolutionary War pension in 1820 in Columbia County, New York.

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5. Horatio Dana Allis, *Genealogy of William Allis of Hatfield, Mass. and Descendants, 1630-1919* (Hartford: Art Press, 1919)
6. Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633*, 3 Vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995), 2:1246-47.
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- 1899), 61-63; *Millard F. Mecklam, Rochester, 1899* (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Murdoch-Kerr Press, 1908), 138-41.
8. Jesse Brown died intestate, see p. 575 of *Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787-1835* by Eardeley. Notices were printed in the newspaper "Columbian" between at least 24 November 1812 and 16 February 1813 and in the "Albany Register" between at least 8 January 1813 and 5 February 1813 that Jesse Brown's son George sought partition of George's real estate after Jesse's death. The notices list the following eleven tenants in common—George; Jesse and Park of Penfield in Ontario County; Levi and Nathan of places unknown; Amasa [or Amaza] somewhere near Pittsburgh in the state of Ohio; Barnice Dolly wife of Job Dolly and Jemima Briggs, wife of Russel Briggs of Genesee County; and infants under twenty-one Abigail, John and Benjamin. Bernice Brown married Job Dolly on 28 February 1809 by the Paris Religious Society, Paris, Oneida Co., New York. LDS Batch No. M511331, Source Call No. 0534222. No primary source document has been located to confirm the well-circulated birthdate of 12 September 1777 in Colchester, Connecticut, of Amasa Brown.
 9. Jesse Brown is found on the 1800 census of Oneida County, Paris Twp., Deerfield, New York, Roll M32-23, p. 115, image 395.
 10. The most egregious error is the attempt to connect this line to Peter Brown of the Mayflower. A much lesser error is confusion with a James Brown of Colchester, from a different family.
 11. Some clarification and correction, however, is in order for the children of Jesse Brown and his second wife, Marian, the widow of Benjamin Drury. John Ward is referred to as a grandfather of Benjamin (born 10 December 1811), John (born 26 March 1810) and Abigail Brown (30 January 1808) in a petition granted 20 August 1812 to make "Meriam Brown" guardian of the children. This strongly suggests Ward as the birthname of Jesse's second wife Marian. Eardeley at 1003-1005. The will of Benjamin Drury of Sangerfield was dated 16 December 1805 and probated 21 January 1806, mentioning a wife Mariam. *Abstracts of Wills of Oneida County, New York* by Gertrude A. Barber, 1939, at 7.
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 13. *Voluntown Vital Records*, Vol. 1, p. 8. The mother of Nathan⁵ Parke was Dorothy⁵ Bacon (Jacob⁴, Jacob³, Daniel², Michael¹), *Genealogy of the Parke Families in Connecticut*, 51; *Thomas W. Baldwin, Bacon Genealogy, Michael Bacon of Dedham, 1640 and His Descendants* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Murray and Emery Company, 1915), 124
 14. *Genealogy of the Parke Families in Connecticut*, 72.
 15. It is further noted that Jesse and Abigail (Parke) Brown named a son Nathan. *American Ancestry*, 11:70; *Book of Biographies*, 61. Also see newspaper notices in endnote 8 herein.
 16. *Probate Records of Norwich, Connecticut*, Volume 3.
 17. *Records of the First Church of Norwich*.
 18. Also cited at *Vital Records of Norwich 1659-1848* (Hartford: Society of Colonial Wars, 1913), 306.
 19. Nathan⁶ Parke the younger is probably the same Nathan Parks found in Captain Huntington's *Company of Connecticut State Troops from Norwich in the Revolution. The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of Revolution*, 405.
 20. This is probably the same Ebenezer Peck (III) who was born to Ebenezer Peck, Jr. and his wife Sarah in Norwich, Connecticut, on 3 April 1750. *Vital Records of Norwich*, 306.
 21. David Hackett Fisher, *Albion's Seed* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989), 813.
 22. All subsequent references to "Nathan Parke" are to Nathan⁵ [the elder] unless otherwise indicated.
 23. *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, Vols. IX and X, *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War 1755-1762*, 2 vols. (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1903-05), 2:301-03.
 24. *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War*, 1:83, 181
 25. Fred Anderson, *The Crucible of War* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000), 505
 26. *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War*, 2:294
 27. *The Crucible of War*, 501
 28. Perhaps better referred to as "The Seven Years' War" in this context.
 29. *The Crucible of War*, 501, footnote 8, citing *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War*.
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 32. *The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of Revolution*, 556.
 33. *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War*, 1:202-03.
 34. Virgil White, *Index to Revolutionary War Service Records*, 4 Vols. (Waynesboro, Tennessee: National Historical Publishing Co., 1995), 1:8.
 35. Revolutionary War Pension Application S44543 of Abraham Acly.
 36. Any suggestion that this Lydia was Nathan's third daughter, born about 1750 or 1751, is likewise implausible.

37. *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War*, 1:202-03.
38. 1800 census of Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, Roll 2, p. 781 (170), image 91. Also see 1810 census of Chatham, Columbia County, New York, Roll 31, p. 788; image 181.00, listing Abraham Ashly, along with James, Noah, Alden and Stephen Ashly.
39. 1800 census of Whitehall, Washington County, New York, Roll 26, p. 544, image 271. Also see 1790 census of Whitehall, Washington County, New York, Roll M637_6, p. 195 (213), image 256.
40. Wills Book 1B, 1820-1821, Athens County, Ohio, pp. 3, 20, 21, 64. FHL #311617, #3.
41. *Ibid.* pp. 109, 110. Additionally, papers relating to the guardianship of Jeremiah B. Ackley can be found at pp. 125-131, but do not appear to be relevant to this research.
42. The 1841 Pensioners List, New York State, (Albany, New York, [nd]), 131
43. *Connecticut Land Records, East Haddam, Connecticut*, Book 11, p. 152, dated 9 April 1787, FHL #004110.
44. 1790 census of Whitehall, Washington County, New York, Roll M637_6, p. 195 (213), image 256.
45. Litchfield, Connecticut, *Register of Deeds General Index 1719-1825*, FHL# #004742. Entry for Samuel Ackley found at Volume 15, pp. 81 and 238.

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Book Review

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Google Your Family Tree—Unlock the Hidden Power of Google, by Daniel M. Lynch

With an ever-increasing amount of genealogical information available from internet sources, the challenge for any genealogist is locating the online information pertinent to one's own research. Certainly, paid subscription sites such as Ancestry.com have their own search engines designed to locate information contained within their sites, but how can we find all the useful information out there on the internet residing in thousands of diverse locations?

To anyone who uses a computer, the answer may seem obvious—Google it! Google <www.google.com> is the world's leading search engine, and this book teaches us how to use Google (as well as several other leading search engines) as a tool for genealogical research. The author is not only a

professional genealogist, but has a background in marketing and technology with 15 years experience in the computer industry. With this background of knowledge, he takes the reader through the entire range of tools and techniques needed to glean as much information as possible from online sources. While the book focuses on searching for genealogically related information, the added bonus of learning these techniques is that they can be applied to any type of online search you might need to do.

General Search Techniques

The first three chapters give a thorough explanation of basic and advanced search techniques, including basic functionality, screen layout, use of keywords, basic commands, syntax, and use of the Advanced Search Form.

I will not attempt to discuss each chapter dealing with the different applications that Google offers, as the contents of the book can be found on the book's website <www.googleyourfamilytree.com> on the "Contents" page. I will, however, put a couple of examples below to illustrate how the book can be extremely useful for online research. (Note: This book was published in 2008. "Chapter 12—Google Notebook" deals with an application that is no longer available from Google as of January, 2009.)

Google Books

Google Books is a search tool provided by Google, giving the user access to an ever-growing database of digitized images of both out-of-copyright and copyrighted materials. Three years ago, the Authors Guild, the Association of American Publishers and a handful of authors and publishers filed a class action lawsuit against Google Book Search. Recently, that lawsuit has been settled, and it should prove a boon to researchers, making many more books available online.

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3. Click the menu option for Books

Using the Advanced Book Search to restrict the hits to books available for full view, a search of “parks genealogy” turns up 931 hits, including “Genealogy of the Parke Families of Massachusetts: Including Richard Parke, of Cambridge, William Park, of Grotton, and Others” by Frank Sylvester Parks, published by Higginson Book Co., 1909. All 262 pages are available for viewing online, and the entire book can be downloaded (free of charge) as a PDF (Portable Document Format) file.

The beauty of this search is that it also includes books one might not immediately think of searching for Parks information. A case in point is one of the hits from this search, “Foster Genealogy” by Frederick Clifton Pierce, published by F.C. Pierce, 1899. The search takes us directly to page 161, where we learn that Anna Maria Ives, born March 17, 1791 married Philo Parks of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 29, 1816. It also lists their six children with dates of birth, death, marriage information, etc.

A further example from “History of Kentucky” by William Elsey Connelley, Ellis Merton Coulter, published by The American Historical Society, 1922, page 284, shows the wealth of genealogical information available:

“Mrs. Lou Parks Letton, of Paris, is the widow of John Will Letton, representing one of the old families of Central Kentucky, and she is herself an interesting and capable representative of the Parks lineage.”

“Lou Parks, who became the wife of John Will Letton, is a daughter of Arthur Lee and Eliza Ann (Kincart) Parks, of Parks Ferry on Licking River in Nicholas County. Her grandfather, James Parks, came from Pennsylvania, married Jane Entrekin, lived for a time in Virginia, and, coming to Kentucky, located near Millersburg for a year or two. Arthur Lee Parks was born in that locality in 1797. A year later the family moved to the vicinity of Carlisle. When Arthur L. was six years old the family went to the farm on Licking River, where James Parks established the ferry. Arthur L., as a boy and young man, operated this ferry, and its ownership later passed to his brother Thompson, eight years his junior, who continued its ownership and operation until his death, at the age of ninety-four. The ferry was owned by the Parks family for almost 100 years, and after the death of Thompson it was sold. Thompson Parks served as a member of the Legislature, as did his father. Arthur L. Parks was county surveyor of Nicholas County, and spent his life near the old ferry, where he died in 1874. His wife, Eliza Kincart, died at the age of twenty-eight, when Mrs. Letton was fifteen months old.”

(Note: While you will be viewing the original page images, there is a feature available to convert the page images to plain text, allowing you to copy and paste the text, which is how I reproduced the above paragraphs for this article.)

Needless to say, if this happened to be your Parks family, the amount of genealogical information contained in the brief paragraph above would be an invaluable guide to search for the supporting documentation regarding this family. While there is no guarantee that books containing information on your Park/e/s line exist or are available on Google Book Search, the ease of searching from your home computer, rather than traveling to Salt Lake City or the Allen County Public Library to look for these books, makes this a feature well worth exploring.

Google News Archive

Mr. Lynch describes Chapter 6—Google News Archive thus: “Stepping beyond the current-day news into the rich historical news archive, learn to use the time line feature to quickly sort through historical results.”

Those of you familiar with Google may already use the News feature link found at the top of the Google homepage. While on the Google News page, you may search the news using the search box available, but if you click on the Advanced News Search feature to the right of the search box, it will take you to a page giving you options for more detailed searches. In the Date section of that page is a link to the Archive Search, a place to look for news items more than 30 days old. (I do think Google could make this feature a bit easier to find.) Again, there is an Advanced Archive Search link to the right of the search box on this page as well. Now that we've discovered how to find this feature, let me explain a bit about its value for genealogists.

Again, from Mr. Lynch: "The content indexed within the Google News Archive represents a broad collection of free and fee-based content from historical newspapers and magazines, news and legal archives, as well as other sources. Our ancestors were often involved in many activities we may never think to search for—business transactions, probate and other legal proceedings, immigration and other international travel."

Taking Dr. Roswell Park (a prominent surgeon of his day in Buffalo, New York who attended President William McKinley when he was shot in 1901) as an example, a search for: "roswell park" mckinley turns up about 157 hits. The results page also displays a feature of the Google News Archive Search, the timeline. At the top of the results page for this search is a timeline graph ranging from 1900-2009. The graph shows how many news article results there are for each decade within the timeframe. On this particular search, the timeline graph shows results in the decades 1900 and 1910, then nothing until one hit in the 1980 decade and numerous hits in the 1990 and 2000 decades. By clicking on the decade in question, the hits for that time period are brought to the fore.

For instance, most of the articles in the 1900 decade are related to McKinley's assassination, with Dr. Park quoted on the president's daily condition as he struggled for life. In the 1910 decade we find a New York Times article of February 16, 1914 about the

death of Dr. Roswell Park. Jumping to the decade of the 1990s, we find an obituary for John H. Koekoek, an expert on subsidized housing, from the Buffalo News dated January 12, 1999 identifying him as the great-grandson of Dr. Roswell Park, his mother being the daughter of Julian Park, son of Dr. Roswell Park. Most of the hits in the 2000 decade relate to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute or the Roswell Park Alliance, though there is one article from Medscape titled, "Historical Perspectives in Surgery, Part 5" which very interestingly reviews the case of William McKinley from a medical perspective.

Obviously, this search may not reveal results typical of a search you might conduct for your own family, but is used to illustrate how the feature works. I would urge you to use this feature, as it is an extremely user-friendly method of searching for news articles available on the web. Many of these hits may be lead to fee-based sites, but there should be enough information given on the results page to help you determine whether you want to pay for access to the full article.

Additional chapters in the book deal with video and images, maps, Google Earth, blogs (a possible venue for finding living relatives), as well as a chapter on top sites for genealogists. As mentioned earlier, there is also a chapter discussing the features of other leading search engines. Though I consider myself fairly savvy at using the web for genealogy-based research, I found this book extremely instructive and highly recommend it to anyone interested in improving their online genealogy skills.

A brief summary of the 2009 Annual Meetings

By Fr. Michael (Tad) Parks+, PS#425

As has been mentioned a number of times in this Newsletter and in other places, instead of a full blown Annual Convocation, the Trustees had decided to hold standalone Annual meetings of the Trustees and the Corporation for 2009. These took place on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, in Frederick Maryland.

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Summary of the 2009 Annual Meeting
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We will soon post the minutes of these meetings on the Parke Society Web site (in the Member's Only pages). A brief summary of the meeting follows.

At the Corporate Meeting, two incumbent Trustees, Robert Leon Parke, PS#755, and Lu Etta Terock, PS#861, were re-elected. Ronald Neal Parks, PS#1458, replaced Cynthia Hupper, PS#182, who chose not to run again. All their terms run for three years, ending at the Annual Meeting 2012.

At the Trustee's meetings, the current slate of Officers was re-elected for another one year term. Consideration was given to various Newsletter issues, and it was decided that the heretofore free distribution of the Newsletter to genealogical and historical societies will be replaced with a subscription based mailing. While we have been mailing these issues for at least the last 35 years, its original purpose (to publicize the Society) has now run its course. Almost all of our new members come to us via the Society's web site, and the expense to the Society just does not make good economic sense any longer. Also the Trustees adopted revised Standing Rules (which can be again found on the Member's only pages), as well as voted to put the By-Laws Revisions to the General Membership for ratification.

Addressing that issue, members will find in CCTM #66, included in this issue the various changed parts of the Bylaws that we need to adopt. The general object of these changes is to allow the Society to continue to carry on the necessary affairs needed to maintain the corporate entity. Annual meetings, by-laws and elections may seem unnecessary, but I can assure you that without the corporate entity known as the Parke Society, we could not carry on business and fulfill our mission and purpose, do banking, or publish a newsletter. This is even more true now than decades ago. We urge members to carefully review them.

All active members will receive an Adoption Ballot with the Winter issue of the Newsletter (Vol. 46#2) to be mailed in March, 2010. We strongly encourage all of you to look for the ballot, fill it out, and mail it in to the Society.

Historian's Corner

By Fr. Michael (Tad) Parks+, PS#425

Genealogical Executors

A recent article, "Family Tree: Nude Dude," by Ian Frazier (*New Yorker*, August 24, 2009, Vol. 85#25, p. 22ff.) relates the common lament of long time family genealogists: What is going to happen to my work after I am gone?

Ian Frazier was the keynote speaker at the 50th Anniversary Banquet of the Ohio Genealogical Society, and sitting at his side at the head table was Kenny R. Burck, a well known family genealogist. In the course of the evening's dinner Mr. Burck made the all too common complaint by family genealogists when he said: "But genealogists' kids generally don't care anything about it, and they sometimes throw out all their parents' hard work before an interested grandkid or cousin or somebody can come along and make use of it."

This is unfortunately quite true. Over the years, I have commented in this column about the need to preserve our work one way or another, until someone else will come along with enough interest to pick it up and carry it forward. Sadly, I have seen a number of our member's work disappear because no one thought enough of what had been done to save it for a future worker in the field..

In commenting on this issue I have always urged members to take steps to preserve their work, hopefully finding someone in the family that was interested, or if that was not the case, to take some kind of steps to save their efforts from the land fill. I have referred to this latter suggestion as appointing, formally or informally, a genealogical executor.

One suggestion I have made was, absent any other interested party, to deposit their work with the Society, either when they had decided that they were through with that phase of their lives, or as instructions to who ever would be handling their affairs after their passing. Recently, the Society has come into the possession of just such a collection or materials.

Mrs. Joan Sapp, PS#1092, a descendant of the Alexander Park line (LK=KY, through his son James),

deciding that she had completed all that she was going to do on her family research, just shipped to us her life's work. And what a lot of work she has accomplished in her years of searching and documenting. A total of nine fat three ring binders containing everything that she has found regarding her own line and that of some of the siblings. Her line is Alexander (1KY1) to James (2KY2), Robert (3KY4), Hannah (4KY134) Park, who married Samuel⁵ Shepard to Chauncy⁶ Shepard, Robert⁷ Shepard, Merle⁸ Shepard, Harold⁹ Shepard to herself in the 10th generation from Alexander. Much of this material is new to The Society, and will definitely help to flesh out our documentation.

Even more important to us, and to anyone who will take the time to look over her work, is how well she has searched and documented her findings. Her fattest volume on the descendants of John Handy (4KY149) is a classic example. Besides the usual family group sheets, we find maps, Census Search listings and results, letters to and from various organizations regarding various facts, copies of obituaries, war records, and even copies of original official documents (birth, marriage and death certificates). Frankly, I could not ask for any better documentation than she has provided: no guesses or assumptions here. It's in the records, even when the records don't always agree (which she takes care to point out).

Of the fourteen children we believe Robert had by his two wives (five by the first, Hannah (Unknown) and nine by Sally Ann (3KY26) Park), she has documented the descendants of her own line, Hannah (4KY134), and also Anna (4KY136), Sarah (4KY137), David (4KY138), John Handy (4KY140), Eliza (4KY141), and Josiah (4KY142).

We are pleased that she has decided to deposit with the Society all of her life's work, and we promise to keep in safely on our shelves, and indeed to use it as an excellent source of information for this line.

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Lineage key index—part 4

by Society staff

We have been publishing the index to the Society's lineage keys, starting with Vol. 45, No. 1, including data as to the founder and other details for the general information of Society members. This will be a continuing column as there are over 250 lineage keys currently in use.

As most Society members know, we keep track of the various Park/e/s lines by assigning them individual lineage keys. A lineage key consists of one or two letters like A, or JJ or RX. When new members join the Society, we try to find if their Park/e/s ancestry matches any existing lineage key. If not, we create a new key. Some lineage keys represent immigrant lines, but often they represent fragment lines: for example, Park/e/s who suddenly appear in Ashton, Ohio with no reference to where they came from or to whom they are related.

In the course of our work, either through identification of matching individuals, or via DNA evidence, we might discover that a fragment line is actually part of another line, either fragment or immigrant. When that is the case, with positive identification, the one line is merged or consolidated into the larger or earlier line, and all group sheets and related materials are relabeled with the new lineage key. Line mergers are indicated in the narrative.

Not all lines have Society members in them, and not all Society members are still alive or otherwise active in the Society. If any members are attached to a line, the word "represented" appears after the lineage key in the description; if that word doesn't appear, no Society member presently represents that lineage. In the Society's earlier days, we transcribed lineages from various available compilations. Where children are listed, if the name is in boldface, then we have descendants from that child; otherwise, we know nothing further. If the line has had DNA testing, then the word "DNA" appears after the lineage key.

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The following keys have been published to date:

Vol. 45, No. 1: **C** (Thomas Parkes of Virginia), **K** (Roger Parke of New Jersey), **R** (Richard Parke of Massachusetts), and the three branches of the Robert Parke line (Massachusetts, 1630: **2S1** (the Samuel branch), **2T1** (the Thomas branch), and **2W1** (the William branch).

Vol. 45, No. 2: **A** (William Parke, line named for son Arthur); **B** (Andrew Park, ca. 1720, Ireland?); **D** (Samuel Parks, 1730-1796); **E** (Samuel Park, 1730, Ireland); **F** (Thomas Parke, 1660, Ireland); and **G** (James Park/s, 1724-1769).

Vol. 45, No. 3: **V** (William Parke of Virginia—the Park/Custis line).

H **Edward Parks** of Guilford, CT (ca. 1645 England-1690 CT) married 1667/69 to Deliverance French at Killingworth, CT Arrived there c. 1670. (Parke Society Lib. book) A tailor. Five Children:

Nathaniel (1678 CT-1764 CT) married 1703 Abigail Hughes. Three children known. The other children were: Mary, Joseph, Thankfull, and Christopher

I (Represented) Known as the **Mungo Park** line in honor of the Scotch Explorer of Africa born 1771, it traces back to an Archibald Park in Scotland (1682-1768). The immigrant ancestor is David Park (1833 England-1913 probably Ontario, Canada) who married in 1854, Julia Ann Gardiner in England. David (111) Park (engineer) came to Chatham, ONT in 1866. They had ten children, six of whom were born in England, the remaining four in Ontario or Muskegon, MI. We have issue only for one.

David Gardiner Park (1855 England-1892 Ontario) married Jane Robertson, three children.

Other children were: Archibald, John Mungo, Janet Gardiner, Jane Murray, George

Paton Gardiner, Augustus, James, Marion Jemima, and George.

J **Alexander Park** (ca. 1688 Scotland-1760/2 Windham, NH) married before 1717 probably in Ireland, Margaret Waugh. Alexander immigrated from Antrim, IRE to MA ca. 1728/9 thence to Methuen, and finally to Windham, NH by c. 1733.

Information comes from Frank Sylvester Parks' 1909 volume on Parke Genealogy of Massachusetts. And also History of Windham, NH. Seven children: **Robert**, **Jennet** who married a John Park, heritage unknown, Thomas, **Alexander**, **Sarah**, Mary, and **Joseph**. Those in bold have issue of which we have records.

L **Roger Parke of Rye**, NY (ca. 1638-ca. 1690). (Represented) Many questions concerning this particular line. DNA is needed to sort out this line, thus far no suitable male heir has been found to accomplish this. This Roger was supposedly married twice, secondly to a Sophia Jans Claes. Three children are listed but it is clear that there are erroneous claims here. The main source is an article in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. XLIX, 1918, pgs 295-297, 382-383. Reference is also made to this Roger in FS Parks, Vol. III, p. 73, and in Families of Rye. pp. 431ff. It was substantially confused by the Becker work, *The Parke Family*, (1979) which made unwarranted assumptions. Currently there is no active member in this line, and no male Park/e/s heir known from which we might work on DNA testing.

M **Noah Parke** (01M1) of Rowan Co., NC, has been merged into LK= K to become Noah (04K6).

N **Nathan Parke** (01N1) of NJ, has been merged into LK= K to become Nathan (03K29).

O John Park married in 1797, Mary Ann McGee. Immigrated from Belfast, N Ireland c.

1760 to Pittsburgh, PA. Information found on Group sheets for birth can not be correct if he is supposed to have come to this country in 1760. Little is known of this line. There is no representatives of this line in The Society, and no DNA tests. This entry was written up based up an entry from the *National Cyclopedia of American Biography*. Vol. 35: P. 393, concerning the ancestry of one Harry Wiswall Parke of Toledo, OH, merchant and public servant.

P Peter Parke of CT (b.1726, perhaps Scotland-??) (represented; DNA) He married 1748, Lucy McDowell at Stonington, CT. Perhaps immigrated from Scotland, though there is no proof of this as yet. Resided in CT in 1738. Ten children, but issue is documented for only one of them.

Melvin (1751 CT-1804) m. Margaret Palmer, Ten children.

Other children are: Lucy, William, Elijah, Mary, Peleg, Asa, Mercy, Elizabeth, Sally.

Q John Parke (01Q1) of Virginia, has been merged into LK= K to become John (03K1).

U Robert Parks (ca. 1751-1802 GA) (Represented) He married a Mary Jordan (of Fuller) His origin uncertain; he purchased land in Jackson Co, GA prior to 1794. Eight children

James (ca. 1767 GA-1803 GA) married c. 1788 Sarah Miller, six children.

Other children are: Patrick, Samuel, Elizabeth, John, Garritt W., Ezekial Evan, and Robert.

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In memoriam

We note with regrets and sympathy to the surviving families the following members who have passed away.

Mr. Philip José (Park) Farmer, PS#453

Among our membership we have had a few luminaries, often unnoticed, keeping a low profile. The last thing these folks want to become is the celebrity hit, instead of being able to work on their genealogy.

Recently we learned of the death of Philip José (Park) Farmer, PS#453, on 25 February 2009, in Peoria, Illinois, American author, principally known for his science fiction and fantasy novels and short stories. He is best known for his Riverworld series and the earlier World of Tiers series. He is noted for his use of sexual and religious themes in his work, his fascination for and reworking of the lore of legendary pulp heroes, and occasional tongue-in-cheek pseudonymous works written as if by fictional characters. He had just turned 91 in January. Interested parties will find an extensive write-up on life and work on the Internet in Wikipedia, in addition to a number of obituary notices published around the world.



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Mr. Farmer won the Hugo Award for science fiction several times, was an SFWA Grand Master, and received the World Fantasy Life Achievement Award. He graduated from Bradley University with a BA in English Literature and Philosophy, and was a technical writer for the space-defense industry for thirteen years. He became a full time fiction writer in 1970. He has to his credit over 70 books, many collections and dozens of short stories.

Mr. Farmer was an 11th generation descendant of Roger Parke of New Jersey, LK=K, with a lineage of Roger, John, Andrew, Samuel, Amos, John P., Henry Harvey, William Albert (Park) Farmer, George (NMN) Farmer to Philip Farmer.

The story of the surname change is instructive to all researchers. In his own words (letter, 8 October 1986) he said, "My surname should be Park, not Farmer. When my great-grandfather Albert Park died circa 1877, his widow left her two year old son, William Albert Park, with a distant relative by marriage named George Farmer. She then took her two older daughters to Texas. Though George Farmer never adopted William Albert, my grandfather, he did raise him, and William Albert took the name of Farmer." Were it not for this personal knowledge of that event being passed down through the family, Mr. Farmer would probably have never known of his Park/e/s ancestry.

He was born in North Terre Haute, Indiana on January 26, 1918, to George and Lucile Theodora (Jackson) Farmer. He was married secretly to Bette Virginia Andre in 1941. She passed away in June of this year. They were together for over 67 years, and she did some writing of her own in later years. He leaves behind a son, Philip Laird Farmer, and a daughter, Kristen Farmer.

Mr. Hervey Cushman Parke, PhD., PS#162

Hervey Cushman Parke, 95, former resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, for more than 30 years, died August 8, 2009, at Reeds Landing, Springfield, Massachusetts.



Dr. Parke, a direct descendant of the immigrant Robert Parke, who came to the colonies in 1630 with the Winthrop Fleet, was born February 5, 1914, in New York City to Hervey Coke Parke, Jr., and Ethel Margaret Cushman. He grew up in Amherst, Massachusetts, graduated from Kent School, and received his BS from Yale University in 1936. After completing his PhD from the University of Michigan in 1939, he began his career at Parke-Davis & Co. as a senior research chemist and retired in 1977 as manager of International Market Research.

Mr. Parke's interests included bridge, traveling, and music. He sang with the Yale University chorus and with the choir at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe for many years. Mr. Parke also enjoyed theater, both as a spectator and participant. He added an interest in golf, tennis, sailing, and cross-country skiing when he retired to Leland, Michigan in 1978.

Mr. Parke's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Carpenter (Gage) Parke; sons Hervey Coke (Stephanie) Parke, III, PS#56, James Cushman (Lana) Parke, John Gage (Sandra) Parke; daughters Constance Kimball Waterman and Polly Parke (Steven); eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandsons. Two sisters predeceased Dr. Parke, Mary Allerton (Leslie) Fairfield, PS#61, and Priscilla Cushman Parke, PS#41. He is survived

by two brothers, Fr. John Holbrook (Andy) Parke, PS#62, and David Livingstone (Cecilia PS#535) Parke, PS#13, and also many nieces and nephews. Dr. Parke's line is from Robert Parke, the immigrant, to Thomas, Nathaniel, Joseph, John, Ezra Smith, Hervey Coke, to Hervey Coke, Jr., his father.

Dr. James Grant Parke, FACS, PS#102

We have recently learned of the death of James Grant Parke, PS#102, a long time member and sometime Trustee of the Parke Society, on 12 June 2009 at his home at Tryon Estates in Columbus, Georgia.

He was born on 7 June 1918 in Fairport, New York, the son of the late Howard Benjamin and Emma Luetta (Grant) Parke. He was preceded in death by his wife Marion Ann Robinson who passed away at Jekyll Island, Georgia, their long time home, after 57 years of marriage.

Dr. Parke received a BA degree from Oberlin College in 1941, and earned his medical degree from the University of Rochester in 1944. After completing his surgical residencies, he settled into a medical practice in Albion, New York from 1947 to 1978 when he and his wife relocated to Jekyll Island, Georgia. He served for many years as Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff and also as President of the Orleans County (NY) Medical Society.

Dr. Parke was also predeceased by his one brother, Donald Parke. He is survived by two sons, Robert (Teresa) Parke, and William (Ann) Parke, and one daughter, Ann (Max) Burr. He is also survived by two sisters, Ms. Kathryn Parke, PS#10H, and Mrs. Barbara (Robert) Butler, PS#26, seven grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

Dr. Parke's line is from the immigrant Robert Parke and Martha Chaplin, to Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Josiah, Thomas, Daniel, Benjamin, William Dunbar, to his father Howard Benjamin Parke. Dr. Parke is the 11th generation from the immigrant Robert Parke, LK=T, Chart 6.

Mrs. (Alice) Margaret (Park) Kilpatrick, PS#327

Word has reached us that Margaret Kilpatrick passed away on 5 March, 2009 at Fort Loudon, Pennsylvania in her 99th year. She was descended from a David Parke, born in Ireland in 1682, and died before 1740 in Pennsylvania, LK=JJ. Her lineage is David, to John who married Rachel Crooks, to John who married Isabella McMullin, to John who married to Margaret Jane Witherspoon, to John who married Margaret Jane Watt, George Watt Park, John McAllen Park, to Alice Margaret Park.

Born on 3 November 1910, Margaret was the daughter of John McAllen and Irene (Bartlett) Park of St. Petersburg, Florida. She took classes at the Florida State University, but started to work for a newspaper in Tampa, Florida, and eventually went to Washington, DC, as a reporter for them. After World War II, she worked for the fish canning industry as a lobbyist. In 1947, she met and married the late Edward Floyd Kilpatrick (PS#326), and had two sons. Mr. Kilpatrick died on his 80th birthday in 1993. She worked as a volunteer to fight a dam building project that had been planned for the central part of Pennsylvania, where they had a weekend home.

In their retirement, she and Mr. Kilpatrick, started a twice monthly newspaper called the Fort Loudon News in the south central part of Pennsylvania where they lived. That newspaper ceased publication with the death of Mr. Kilpatrick in 1993.

In addition to being an active member of the Parke Society, Mrs. Kilpatrick was a member of the American Farm Women, and the Path Valley Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by James Park Kilpatrick and Dr. William Ford (Joan) Kilpatrick and at least one granddaughter Julia Ann Kilpatrick.

Be sure to renew your membership!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

1536 (Mary) Lynn Griffin

Springdale, AR

Member lays claim to two lines: LK=OX starting with John (1OX1) Park who came here from Ireland circa 1715, settling in the Colony of Virginia, married in Orange Co., VA in 1735, to Margaret True. Line from there goes to Richard², who married Mary Graves, John³, who married Katherine Harrison, to Elizabeth⁴, who married Sylvanus Kendrick, and thence to Almira Catherine⁵ Kendrick, Quedalous Smith⁶ Park, Arthur Lindsey⁷ Park, to member⁸.

The second line is what brings the Park surname back into the line. Lineage is the new fragment line, Lineage Key=QO, starting with a William Park (1805, NC or SC–1864 GA) who married Almira Catherine (5OX) Kendrick, noted above, and hence Quedalous Smith² Park, Arthur Lindsey³ Park, to member⁴.

1537 Melvin Chadwick Parks

Elyria, OH

Lineage is Fragment Line, Henry Parks (c1800 NC–c.1838 TN) who married Elizabeth Thomas c.1823. LK=AP. Line is Henry¹, David², Henry Washington³, Wilmoth Henry⁴ Parks, to member⁵.

1538 Bryan Nelson Park

Cypress, TX

Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK=K, through Moses and Mary (Hill) Park. Line is Roger¹, John², John³, Moses⁴, John⁵, Ephraim Parham⁶, Thadius⁷, Walter Wesley⁸, Billy Wayne⁹ Park, to member¹⁰.

1539 Ronald Louis Bygott

Iroquois, Ont, Canada

Lineage is Robert Thomas, LK=T, Chart 13, Robert¹, Thomas², Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, James⁵, Cyrenius⁶, Deborah⁷ Parke who married Baltes Shewman, to Elizabeth⁸ Shuman, who married Francis Dupre, to Alice Melisia⁹ Dupre who married Abraham Loyst, to Ethel Elena¹⁰ Loyst, to John Loyst¹¹ Bygott, Thomas Wilson¹² Bygott, to member¹³. He is a member of the UEL Cyrenius Parke of Canada Line.

1540 Elizabeth Park Luis

Bainbridge Island, WA

Lineage is Robert Thomas, LK=T, Chart 10, Robert¹, Thomas², Robert³, Hezekiah⁴, Silas⁵, Elijah⁶, Silas Warren⁷, Elijah⁸, Thomas Parent⁹, Erwin William¹⁰, William Erwin¹¹, to member¹².

Have you renewed?

Check the date on your envelope.

Don't miss the next issue!

Notice to all genealogical societies, libraries, and museums

Please be sure to read the letter that will be enclosed with your issue of the Parke Society Newsletter concerning a decision that was made by the Trustees at their annual meeting in Frederick, Maryland, this past September.