

The Parke Society Newsletter

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Am I the Storyteller?

by Robert Parke, PS#755

My feelings are that in each family there is one who seems to be called to find the ancestors, to put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. For me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before.

We are the storytellers of the family. All families have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: "Tell our story." So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before and cried? I have lost

count. How many times have I told the ancestors you have a wonderful family, you would be proud of us? How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference, and saying "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a nation and a people. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are them and they are us.

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So as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones. Other members of the family need to provide the storyteller with information about the past. Such items as photographs, copies of old land deeds, wills, Family Bibles, diaries, postcards, and family recipes all furnish wonderful clues about family life. Letters and other family correspondence are treasures that give us an unique peek into the lives of our ancestors. Remember that your family storyteller must have your help in order to provide an accurate and complete family history.

Opportunity for Service: Parke Society Secretary.

Our long time Secretary, Arliene Parks Calahan, PS#396, wishes to retire, having served since 1988. The Society is looking for a replacement.

The Secretary serves a dual role: first, doing those things expected of a corporate secretary; second, and more importantly, serving as the Financial Secretary, handling the receipt of dues and other monies, creating the receipts journals, and depositing them to our financial institution.

This is a key long-term volunteer position within The Society management structure. As an officer, annual membership dues are waived. All ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by the Secretary on behalf of The Society are reimbursed. Skills desired include basic computer literacy, an active email account, and having the communication skills to write tactful letters

or emails when needed. Attention to detail in financial matters is a must. The busiest time of the year for the Secretary is from November to about February when the annual dues payments are being received and need to be posted and deposited.

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Photograph Information for the Internet

by Jean Churchill, PS#934

My daughter helped me use this site for some of our photographs. We were able to make excellent use of the "free" area of the site. It allows you to crop your photograph, center it, add background shading, frame it, etc. Our son had purchased a new camera and took photographs of himself that we wanted to keep. Unfortunately, like his mother, he did not hold the camera level for several of them. By using this site, we were able to straighten the photo, shade in the background, and frame it. We then took the results to a local drug store and made copies.

The photo-editing website: <http://www.picnik.com/>

Query

I am seeking information about Baptist Park (1800-1853) and his wife, Frances Chandler. Baptist Park was the son of Wilson Park (1775-1812) and Hannah Milligan. Wilson Park may have been from North Carolina; he died in Jackson County, GA.

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Park/e/s DNA Surname Project

By Ken Parks PS#1406

I have not written about the DNA project for several newsletter issues, and I'm sure that has been a contributing factor in the slowdown of new participants joining the project in the past year. As you will see below, we have a plan to turn that around in 2010 and make the project even more valuable than it has already proven to be!

We currently have over 170 participants in our database. With good representation of some of the major Park/e/s lineages, as well as many fragment lines seeking others who share their genetic heritage, our goals in the coming year are to:

- Systematically recruit test participants for any Lineage Keys not currently represented in the database
- Seek additional test participants for Lineage Keys currently represented by only one or two participants
- Encourage test upgrades to a consistent 37 marker level, with upgrades to 67 markers when circumstances warrants
- Make stronger efforts to recruit participants from overseas, particularly the British Isles.

Over the coming weeks I will be contacting Parke Society members who belong to lineages not currently represented. Those members who are male and bear the Park/e/s surname will be encouraged to take the test, while others will be encouraged to recruit male relatives who can supply the needed DNA. Even members who are many generations removed from the surname may know an eligible donor through the course of their research.

Of course, I would encourage members to proactively visit the project website and determine whether their Lineage Key is represented. The easiest way to do this is to go to the site: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/park-e-s> and click on the "Results" page. Once there, you will notice a list of LKs represented. However, there are additional LKs "hidden" within the page (I hope to correct that in the coming weeks) so the best method is to use the "find in page" function on your computer. Simply type in LK=HX, for example, and all instances of that LK should appear as hits. Even if your LK is represented, it may be among those needing additional tests to determine the true ancestral haplotype, or "signature" for that line, so if you are in doubt as to whether you should test, please feel free to contact me. Even groups such as the Thomas LK=C line can always use more participants to clarify branches of the family tree and aid in focusing the research of fragment lines showing a genetic connection.

A Parks/Parker mystery afoot!

Several years ago, at a meeting of DNA group administrators in Houston, I met one of the administrators of the Parker surname project. We spoke at lunch one day about whether there might ever be a genetic connection between the two surnames, both having similar origins in the distant past. Well, we now have such a connection, but it appears the common ancestry may be much more recent.

I hope to have enough information in the coming months to write about this more fully, as ongoing DNA testing plus traditional genealogical research will shed more light on this mystery. Basically, we have two Parke Society members who belong to a fragment line showing a definite genetic descent from the Roger Parke LK=K line. They share a common mutation on

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one marker not found in the rest of the LK=K group. However, sharing that genetic connection to Roger Parke, as well as the common mutation, is a gentleman bearing the Parker surname. We have now found another Parker who tested with another firm, and who matches as well, though that firm did not test for the particular marker with the mutation. That test is now taking place with FTDNA and we should have those results soon. What is exciting about this is that, not only may we be able to determine when the Parker lines merged with the Parks lines, it may also take us back to a point in time and a location where we can better determine how the Parks fragment line connects to a known Roger Parke descendant. More to follow...

Membership Survey 2009

by Ronald Neal Parks PS#1458

Last year members of the Parke Society were afforded the opportunity to participate in a survey that could help shape the future of the society. From the survey we hoped to gain a better understanding of how our members are conducting their genealogical research, as well as to gain a better sense of how you as a member view the Society and what you hope to gain from Parke Society membership.

The results of the survey summarized here are based on input from 84 members of about 400 members who were afforded the opportunity.

The responses provide us with some very useful information for future planning, and importantly may give us direction to some areas of administration that can be changed or improved.

- **Research:** In this first category of questions, it was found that seventy-five per cent of the respondents have been researching their ancestry for thirteen years or more, and ninety percent have been doing so for at least five

years. The second question in this category regarding the best source of information produced multiple answers by many of the respondents. Best it be said that sixty-three percent said that living relatives were the best source, and the internet was listed by thirty-five percent. This figure, however, is probably much higher because of other responses that indicate internet access would be required. In total, there were over 180 different sources cited for this question. To close this category, the internet resources used most frequently were Ancestry.com, Rootsweb.org and FamilySearch.org, in that order.

- **Parke Society (General):** There were a few more questions in this category, but as can be seen, some very valuable information to be considered. Over seventy-one percent of the responses say that Parke Society membership has been helpful in their research. That is very important information. Also of importance is the response to how often the Parke Society website is visited: sixty-six percent responding seldom or never. However, sixty-five percent responded they would visit the website if more information was available. Twenty-five percent of the respondents have participated in the Park/e/s DNA Project and thirty percent have visited the Park/e/s DNA Project website at some time.
- **Parke Society Convocations:** Thirty-three of the respondents had attended convocation sometime in the past. Fourteen indicated they had attended convocation within the past five years and eight responses showed attendance within the past six to ten years. The most common means of transportation to convocation was by automobile, at 76 percent of attendees

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Two-thirds of attendees found the material available to be more than expected and useful, while about one-fifth stated they did not. The most frequently stated reasons for not attending convocation in the past were expense (31), schedule conflict (27) and location (25). Regarding the likelihood of attending convocations if held in the future, eight responded very likely, forty-three responded possibly, and thirty-three said probably not.

We thank those of you who responded to the survey. Any Parke Society member desiring more specific information on responses to the survey questions should contact the society registrar at registrar@park.org.

Historian's Corner

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

Various notes from all around:

The Lineage Key Catalogue.

Editor Paul Jordan-Smith continues to publish installments of the Lineage Key Catalogue for your information. In this issue he finishes up the Single letter Lineage Keys (X, Y, and Z) and starts on the Double Letter Keys. He has done a very good job of describing how the Keys are constructed, so there is little for me to add.

With nearly 300 Lineage Keys now in use, it will be some time before we publish in the Newsletter the whole catalogue. Sometime in the near future, we hope to also start publishing the same installments on the public pages of our Web Site to give prospective members a feel for the scope of our work.

Unfortunately, a vast majority of the Lineage Keys belong to what we call the Fragment lines: with earliest known ancestors who seem to have sprung up out of the ground, *ex nihilo*.

Our task, as a group of Park/e/s researchers, is to find the connection back to an immigrant ancestor. Sometimes this can be very difficult. DNA might help, but then there might be one or more generations that separate our ancestor, from any viable connection to the DNA suggested line.

That we have Park/e/s Fragment Lines should not come as a surprise. People moved substantial distances, for lots of reasons, some good, some not so good. Travel was difficult (a fact often forgotten) and communication was poor. Life on the frontier (and that is usually where we find these fragment ancestors) was hard. It was much more important to have food and shelter than to have contact with parents or other family members, especially if ill will amongst the family members was part of the reason for leaving. Too often, I think we tend to give our forebears more credit for doing "the right things" than they might deserve. That's not to say there weren't indeed really good people. But there were also people who seemed to have a dark cloud following them around perpetually.

The human complexion of 200 years ago was not so very different than that of today. Why is it we think that they had less family difficulties, occasions of crime, or instances of children coming close on the heels of a marriage, if not before? As a whole I don't think that the human race (at least in America) has gotten any worse than it was 200 years ago. So let's stop trying to make them all out as angels. Some definitely weren't.

But then again, this is what makes genealogy such a great human endeavor: to realize that we and our ancestors perhaps aren't all that different after all. As you explore the lives of your ancestors, you begin to understand how they lived, and what struggles they had; and you start to appreciate what characteristics were perhaps passed down to you today.

So learn more about your ancestors than just their dates and places. See if you can learn about their surroundings. Hopefully you might find letters or other documents that will give you an insight into their place in history. But above all relish their experiences.

Why I still love the paper Family Group Sheet.

I have been doing genealogy seriously for 30 some years now. Most of that in the context of being an officer in The Parke Society. Likewise, I have been messing with computers of various shapes and sizes since my college days in the mid 60's. But the marriage of genealogy to computer has not been an easy one for me.

True, there are some definite advantages to using a genealogical computer program in tracing your roots. For example, once you have entered a date correctly (!!!) into your program, it will always be correctly displayed when ever that record is called up. Not so with paper documents. Transcription errors are very easy to make, and even harder to find.

But what has been the stumbling block for me is the inherent inflexibility of genealogical programs. Data elements (name fields, date fields, location fields) often have limitations on what kind and how much data can be entered in them. I hate to be told that I can't put in a date like, say, "between 1785 and 1793." I don't care if the program doesn't understand it: I do and frankly, that is all that matters. After all, that may be the very best data that I have, and a better answer than to have to say "before 1794 or after 1784," both of which leave you open ended.

Also there is the ability to add (easily!) notes and comments about data elements, without having to move and click your mouse a half-

dozen times. And one can see, simply by looking at the sheet of paper, those variations. No need to drill down to the note pad by mousing.

And that is the problem with genealogy. Very little of what we learn is absolute. For every date or place we learn of in our research, we are almost guaranteed that there will be at least one variation on an official record someplace. How do we cope with that? We need flexibility in how this stuff is recorded.

Oh yes, I do have some lineage information in Family Tree Maker, mostly stuff that has been sent to me. And I do appreciate having those files. But the basic record of the Society is still the hard copy paper Family Group Sheet. And it shall remain so during my term as the Society's Historian. I like my paper Family Group Sheets, thank you very much. It works wonderfully for me.

Standards!

In the Accounting business, we are trained that there are certain ways we ought to be recording revenues and expenditures so that we can have comparable results. These have been codified in what is know as the "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" also called GAAP. As one professor told us, "If it isn't GAAP, it's GOOP", in other words garbage. These Principles have been codified and pretty much have the force of law in the profession and for the businesses which are being examined. Fail to follow GAAP, and you might find yourself getting a "qualified" opinion, or worse yet, the death knell of a "no opinion" letter. Then see just how welcoming you local friendly bank still is, if they will even talk to you any more.

The problem with genealogy is that anyone can start to do family history without any kind of learning curve at all. You just pick up a note pad

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and start writing down the "facts". And then as the "facts" accumulate, they decide that they are going to put together something to give to their family as a keep sake of their heritage and history. Unfortunately, what we may be doing is still further muddying the waters of genealogical research.

What family genealogists (especially) ought to be doing as a very first step is to learn the proper way to go about gathering and reporting information and facts. You need to have a code of "Generally Accepted Genealogical Principles," or if you will GAGS, that will help you do and report things the right way the first time and every time. In this way your genealogical data will become comparable to that of other researchers and much more useful to all involved in family history

There are any number of books out there to use in doing genealogy. If there is a local genealogy club near by you, attend meetings, and perhaps join (to help support their efforts). Check out who seems to be the most knowledgeable and ask them for recommendations on what book or books you ought to have as references sources on your book shelf to follow GAGS.

The Board for Certification of Genealogists located in Washington, DC www.bcgcertification.org has a good assortment of publications that are excellent if not a bit technical to help guide you in doing your genealogy the right way. They are generally considered THE source of genealogical rules codification

In the next Historian's Corner, I will discuss some of the more problematic issues with doing family history: dates, places, and names.

On the Front Burner.

Society work flow might look a bit haphazard to the outsider, but my work is generally governed by that comes through the door in snail or email correspondence. In fact a lot more correspondence comes to my desk than I was led to believe would be the case when I first became the Historian back in 1980. Nevertheless, it keeps me very busy, and also presents me a wide variety of areas to work on.

Currently here are some of the areas that are in process.

Lineage Key G has been getting a much closer examination. This was brought about by the receipt of long awaited Lineage Papers from a former member. Professor Jay Wright, PS#216, has graciously taken up the cause, and is busily working all research angles to sort out some of the many questions that surrounds this Lineage. I am grateful for his assistance. In an upcoming issue of the Newsletter there will be an update on this line and its first three generations.

When ever we receive a compiled genealogy, we attempt to create group sheets for all the Park/e/s mention there in, and to get their names in our Givename Index for future reference. Sometimes that takes a bit longer than we would like.

Sometime ago we received from Jean Isabelle Lee, PS#548, three volumes covering the Parke Family of Stewartstown, County Tyrone, Ireland and their North American descendants, Lineage Key CW. I am now in the process of integrating her data into our Lineage Binder system, and Givename Index.

I am also reviewing files for members who have dropped out of the Society over the years. If they have passed away, I examine the file and prepare it to be moved to a permanent storage

drawer. (I never throw away materials that have been sent to us.) Otherwise, if there is an unanswered request by us, I try to follow-up on the earlier request.

Of course there are always administrative things that need to be done, not the least of which is monitoring annual dues payments. Please check the mailing label on this Newsletter. If it says 2009 or earlier, and you haven't recently mailed in your annual dues, please do so now. Your continued support is vital to us.

Finally, please remember to take out the By-Laws Adoption Ballot, complete it and send it in. Do it now. Thank you for your time and consideration in these matters.

Lineage key index—part 5

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.

The present listing shows the last of the single-letter keys, followed by the start of the double-letter keys.

Regarding the Double Letter Lineage Index

The current Lineage Key catalogue was created in 1976 by the then Historian, David L. Parke, PS#13. None of the materials that were in the possession of the Society at that time had been catalogued. So he started with whatever the Society had, and then branched out into some of the then popular genealogical sources that were available so as to start assembling as much Park/e/s information as possible. Many of the lines that are catalogued under the double letters were picked up from such sources as members' lineage papers, wills that had been sent to the Society, as well as sources like the American Compendium of Genealogy or the National Cy-

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lopedia of American Biography, both of which must be used with caution. Many of these lines have no representation in the membership of the Society.

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).

Vol. 46, No. 1: **H** (Edward Parks of Guilford, CT), **I** (Mungo Park line), **J** (Alexander Park (ca. 1688, Scotland-1760/2 Windham, NH), **L** (Roger Parke of Rye, NY), **M** (Noah Parke (01M1) of Rowan Co., NC; merged into LK=K), **N** (Nathan Parke (01N1) of NJ; merged into LK=K), **O** (John Park m. 1797 Mary Ann McGee), **P** (Peter Parke of CT, b. 1726), **Q** (John Parke (01Q1) of Virginia; merged into LK=K), and **U** (Robert Parks (ca. 1751-1802 GA)).

X **William Parke** (ca. 1760-ca. 1825) (Represented) married 1787 (1) Synah Perry and in 1816 (2) Polly Barrow. Came to Granville Co., NC in 1787 and thence to Adair Co., KY by 1806. (Parke Society Lib. book) Six Children, of which we have descendants for five.

Polly (1789-a1869) married 1896, Thomas Hammonds. Ten children surnamed Hammonds.

John (ca. 1790-ca. 1857) married Harriet Jane (Unknown). Nothing further known.

Perry (1792-1866) M. 1815 Nancy Wilson. Eight children.

Peggy (1794-ca. 1855) married 1816, Slade Hammonds. Four children surnamed Hammonds.

Thomas Perry (1798-1843) married 1827, Mrs. Mary Ann Estes Ficklin, Six children

William (1805-1850) Three marriages, last in 1827, to a Hannah Hardesty. Seven children.

Y **William Park** (1705 Scotland-1788 MA) married in 1730 Scotland to Anna Law. Immigrated to Boston, MA, 1756, and then onto Groton, MA. Five children, three of which immigrated to the Colonies. Source for this information is an entry in FS Parks' Parks Genealogy in MA (1909)

John (1731-1793) M. Jean Stewart. Seven children.

Thomas (1745-1806) married Rosannah Conn. Ten children

James (1741-1778), never married

Margaret and Janet were the two children who remained in Scotland.

Z **Andrew Park** (1760 – 1848 VA) (represented; DNA) He married in 1779 Mary (Anne) (Unknown). (Parke Society Lib. book). Nine children, for which we have descendant information on two.

William (1798-1879) married in 1818 Sarah Ellen Hoskinson. Twelve children.

James (1802-1884) married four times, nine children total.

The other children were Phoebe, Polly, Margaret, Andrew, Joseph, Sidaina, and Nancy.

DNA Information: test results show a match between Andrew Park and Joseph Parks (LK= LQ). DNA Administrator believes that Andrew and Joseph may be brothers or certainly cousins

- AA** **Ann Parke** (1618-1641 Roxbury, MA), daughter of Robert Parke (MA 1630) m. Edward Payson. No surviving children from this marriage. Source: F.S. Parks, Parke Family in Connecticut, and the Clark and Worth Families.
- BB** **Andrew Park** (1745 Antrim Co, Ire. -1786) m. Rachel Welch. Maryland. Two children known. Source: Descendants of Andrew Park, Gertrude Katz, 1972.
- William born 1782, married Rebecca Spry Hadaway, had issue.
- James born in 1784, nothing further known.
- CC** **John Parks** (1793-1861) (Represented, PS#1113) of Rhode Island. John Parks (carpenter) m. Sally Louisa Ogden. John b. Rhode Island- d. New York, NY; 7 known children. Was run over by a train in NYC. There appears to be DNA evidence linking this fragment line to the Robert of MA (1STW1) line. Source: John Parks & his Family, Charlotte Heilbronn, 1925.
- William Chadsey, b.1820, Savannah, GA, m. Charlotte Ellen Harris, had issue.

Jepha Baldwin, born c.1823 New York City, was married three times, had issue.

John Allen, c. 1825, married Anna Marie Kent, had issue. There are descendant members in this line.

Other children include Nathaniel O., Charles R., Abigail L. and Frances M. Varying pieces of information is known on these children.

- DD** **Andrew Parks** (1770-1836) m. Harriett Washington. Geographic area: Baltimore, Fredericksburg, West Virginia. Seven children known: Anne Eliza, Lawrence Augustine, Bushrod, Laura Angela, Andrew, Mary, and John Parks, born between 1797 and 1816. Source: Genealogy of the Families of the Presidents, Reginald Buchanan Henry, 1935. [A historical tidbit here: There are several recognized genealogical numbering systems (of which the Parke Society is one). Reginald Henry created what has come to be known as the Henry System, which uses a series of digits to describe the place of the descendant in the family scheme. It can get rather complex as the generations go, and one you move beyond the 9th child you run into the possibility of confusion. If you see in a compiled genealogy something like: 138523, you are looking at a Henry Number.]
- EE** **Thomas Park** (c1735-by 1803) (Represented) (PS#22) m. County Down, Ire. to Mary McKee. This line is unusual in that we have in our records five generations that remained in Ireland before anyone immigrated to America. The line is to William (2EE2) Park (1765-1849 Coler-

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aine, Ire.) m. Mary -?- > John (3EE13) Park (1812-1864) of Early Hill m. Ann Jane Greer, to Robert (4EE132) m. Sarah Lindsay Gough, to Sarah (5EE530) Park who married Samuel McQuillan, to Margaret McQuillan who immigrated to Massachusetts before 1911 and married William James Dick. While children are know of the preceding generations, there is no further descendants shown. Source: Lineage information submitted by Member descendant.

FF **James Parks** (Rev. War) d. 1791 at Northampton Co, NC m. Sarah -?-. had issue perhaps 8 children.

James Parks (1753 NC- ? Chariton Co, MO) m. c1776 to Sarah Ann Stancil; m. (2) c1785 Rebecca Jordan. Moved to Kentucky in 1808 and on to Chariton Co., MO circa 1831.

Other children were Peter, Andrew, Anne, Sarah, Rebecca, Agnes and perhaps an Alice, all born between 1753 and 1767.

Source: The Compendium of American Genealogy, 1600's to 1800's by Frederick Virkus, Volume VII, Page 485. Virkus' Compendium must be used with great caution.

GG **James Park** (c1775-) m. c1795 Margaret McCurdy. James from N. Ire. to Baltimore, MD, then to Pittsburgh, PA before 1800. Three known children James, William, Eliza Ann. Source: National Cyclopedia of American Biography, Editor: James Terry White. Volume 18, Page 125. [Again use with caution. Primary sources are not cited.]

HH **John Park** (c1798-) (may be son of a James Park) m. Annie Stillson.

Six children: Sarah, Elsie, James, Mary, J(ohn?) S(tillson?), and Hezekiah.

There is information on the son James (1825-1908) who married Arminta Brees who eventually came to reside in Northumberland County, PA. James and Arminta had 4 children.

Source: Genealogical & Biographical Annals of Northumberland County (PA), J. L. Floyd, 1911.

II **James Washington Park** (1828 SC-1873 TX), son of Andrew & Jane (Little) Park, m. Martha Ann Allphin, 17 August 1849. Six known children, appear to have all been born in Texas.

James Washington (Jr.) (1856 TX to 1927 TX) married Sarah Elizabeth Webb, 22 April 1875, had 12 children of which further information is known for one child.

Other Children were , John Hiram, Andrew Shelton, Martha Jane, Larissa E. and Thomas Nathan Park, born between from 1849 to 1870.

Source: DAR papers and Family Bible records.

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June 15, 2010

In Memoriam

by Fr. Michael Parks

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

Mrs. Alice Josephine (Parks) McKissick, PS#1532, of Columbus, Texas, passed away on November 8, 2009, at the age of 100 years, 7 months, and 19 days. She was predeceased by her husband Fred, McKissick, her parents James Devere and Frances (Thurman) Parks, and three of her sisters. She is survived by one brother, two daughters, five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She was buried from the First United Methodist Church of Columbus, Texas.

The question was what do you give someone who is going to celebrate a 100th birthday? What else does someone who is 100 years old need—or want? This was the question that Kimberly and Frank Parks (PS#1423) pondered as the birthday approached. And then they thought: here is someone who has Park/e/s ancestry, and has researched the Park/e/s (as well as her other lines) all her life, and yet never became a Society member. Well, that settles it. We will give her a gift Life Membership.

And so it was. It took a bit of scrambling on the part of the Society, but the Life Membership Certificate arrived in time to be presented to Alice McKissick at her birthday celebrations.

Alice's line of descent was a one of our Fragment Lineages (LK=WQ) starting with a James Parks who married Elizabeth Ellsworth in 1804, to James A. Parks, Calvin Elson Parks, James Devere Parks to herself. This fragment line is somehow related to the Robert Thomas line through DNA evidence by a connection that is as yet unknown.

Mrs. Barbara Jane (Parke) Butler, PS#26, of Black Mountain, North Carolina, passed away on October 31, 2009, after a short illness. Born March 27, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Howard Benjamin and Emma (Grant) Parke of Fairport, NY. She graduated from Fairport High School, and in 1941 received a BA degree from Oberlin College in Ohio, where she participated in the College's musical activities. Soon after graduation she married Dr. Robert Butler, who predeceased her. Their children, who all survive, are Dr. Thomas Butler, PS#362, Pamela Jane (Butler) Simonic, Kathryn Emily (Butler) Doolin, and Dr. Lawrence Elliott Butler. She has four surviving grandchildren. Besides raising four children and being an active doctor's wife and sometimes his secretary, Barbara Jane Butler was generally involved in the education work of her home town, Irondequoit, NY, and is remembered as helping found a library for the village. She was also active in the Third Presbyterian Church of Rochester, NY. She and her husband traveled widely. Barbara was usually the photographer for their travels. In later years, she volunteered at the Warren Wilson College library in Swannanoa, NC.

An 11th generation descendant from Robert Parke who came to the Colonies in 1630, through his son Thomas (LK=T), thence to Thomas, Thomas, Josiah, Thomas, Daniel, Benjamin, William Dunbar, to Howard Benjamin Parke, her father.

Mr. James William Parkes, PS#1486, of Trenton, Florida, passed away on July 22nd, 2009, his 62nd birthday. Born in Newton Center, Massachusetts to Klein Ethelbert and Shirley Taft (Nichols) Parkes, he moved a lot during childhood, his father being a Baptist pastor, and Chaplain who spent most of his life working for the Veteran's Administration in their various hospitals up and down the east coast.

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Mr. Parkes attended Florida Presbyterian College (now known as Eckerd College) for his Bachelor's degree followed by graduate work with computers at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. He worked there for many years consulting to faculty, staff and students. He went on to earn two Master's degrees, one in Pharmacy and one in Electrical Engineering. He retired due to disability in 2002 and moved to Trenton, Florida three years ago.

Mr. Parkes's line is one of our Fragment lines. His earliest known ancestor is a William Thomas Parkes born in North Carolina around 1825, and who married Harriet Williamson. We believe they had a total of eight children. Unfortunately there is little information available on most of them. The Society has assigned the Fragment Lineage Key DP to this line. The second generation is much better documented, being James Nickson Parkes who married Nancy Alvenia McCarty in 1875. Mr. Parkes's line continues to James Lovelace Parkes (married Alice Allene Sanders), to Klein Ethelbert Parkes, his father. At this point there is about 50 cousins, all descendants of James Nickson Parkes who meet yearly in Philadelphia, Neshoba Co., Mississippi for a reunion.

Mr. Parkes is survived by his wife, Lynn Rose Parkes, two daughters, Gabrielle Elizabeth (Tim) Fillon of Ohio, and Virginia Clara-Marie (Anthony Paul) Lagana of Gainesville, Florida; two sons, Alexander Klein of Gainesville, and Daniel James Parkes of Trenton, Florida, and a sister Carol Ann (Enrique) Woodroffe of Tampa, Florida, and w grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents. Mr. Parkes was buried at the Harperville Cemetery, in Harperville, Mississippi.

Marjorie Jean (O'Brien) Ward, PS#1112 passed away October 6, 2009 at Otsego Lake, Gaylord, Michigan at age 86. Mrs. Ward was born January 3, 1923 in Bellevue, Michigan, to Frank Richard O'Brien and Evolyn Spencer. After graduating from Bellevue High School, she attend for a short time Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, but left during World War II. She later graduated from Ferris State College with a degree in Human Services.

She married Robert Hudson Ward on November 30, 1947; he preceded her in death on November 16, 1980.

Mrs. Ward is survived by a son Robert James (Annette) Ward of Grand Ledge, Michigan; a daughter Ann Elizabeth Ward of Gaylord; and three grandchildren.

She worked for the State of Michigan in various capacities for many years, retiring in 1982. She was active in a variety of volunteer social service organizations, especially in assistance to the disabled and handicapped.

Marjorie Jean (O'Brien) Ward is an 11th generation descendant of the immigrant Robert Parke through his son, Samuel Parke (LK=S). The line then goes to Robert, Joseph, Robert, Robert, Olive who married Nelson Madden, to May Ann Madden who married Clark Beach, to Lodema Olive Beach who married Walter Alonzo Spencer, Marjorie's mother, Evolyn Spencer.

Mrs. Janet Marie (Keiser) Hart, PS#448, of Centerville, Indiana, passed away July 27, 2009. Born January 9, 1927 in Richmond, Indiana, daughter of Harry Oran Keiser and Grace Golden Harris, she was married to James Edward Hart on October 28, 1945 in Richmond, Indiana.

She is an 11th generation descendant of the Roger Parke line of West Jersey (LK=K), her

line being from Roger Parke to his son Roger, thence to Nathan, Charles and Ann "Nancy" Parks who married Bafford (Barefoot) Runyon, on to Catherine Runyon who married Josiah Conger, to Aaron Ross Conger, John Newton Conger and then Carrie Luella Conger who married Eli Gilmore Harris, to her mother Grace Golden Harris who married Harry Oran Keiser.

She is survived by a son, Douglas Edward Hart, and a daughter, Deborah Marie Hart. Her husband, James Edward Hart predeceased her on November 30, 2005.

Mrs. Jeanette Ann (Reymann) Wisner, PS#332, passed away on August 4, 2008, at Altamonte Springs, FL. She had been inactive for a number of years. Some of you may remember the wonderful article on St. Mary's Church in Gestingthorpe, England that was published in the Society Newsletter, Vol. 33, No. 1 (1996).

A 12th generation descendant from Robert Parke (MA, 1630) (LK=T), her line was Thomas Parke, Nathaniel, Joseph, Daniel, Lt. Daniel, Solomon, Zina, Wallace to Effie May Parks who married Ira Chauncey Lockwood, to Eleanor Iris Lockwood who married Charles Reymann, her father.

Mrs. Wisner is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jackson Ward Wisner, three sons, David, Jay, and Peter; four daughters, Christine, Linda, Deborah and Katherine; and 17 grandchildren.

Be sure to renew your membership!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

1541 **Ronald E. Brown**

Fairfield, CT

Lineage is Robert Samuel, LK=S, Chart 16, Robert¹, Samuel², Lt. Robert³, Robert⁴, Nathan(iel)⁵, Abigail⁶ Parke who married Jesse Brown, to Amasa⁷ Brown, Milton⁸ Brown, Joseph Milton⁹ Brown, Hartford Samuel¹⁰ Brown, to Betty Lee¹¹ Brown, who married Ernest W. Brown, to member Ronald E¹² Brown.

1542 **Lynnette L. Storrs**

Arroyo Grande, CA

Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK=K. Line is Roger¹, Roger², John³, John⁴, William⁵, John McCollum⁶, Henrietta A.⁷, Elizabeth Parke⁸ Minhinnick, Alvin Palmer⁹ Lewarton to member¹⁰.

1543 **Johnny Lee Parks**

Gainesville, GA

Lineage is new Fragment Line, Jeremiah M (Jerry) Parks (c.1828 GA - ??) who married Milly Elenor Busbin in 1854 in Oglethorpe Co., GA LK=RO. Line is Jeremiah¹, David "Harrison"², Willie³, James Donald⁴ Parks, to member⁵.

1544 **Larry Allen Peck, Sr.**

Port Charlotte, FL

Lineage is Robert Thomas, LK=T, Chart 13, Robert¹, Thomas², Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, Daniel⁵, Daniel⁶, Benjamin Marvin⁷, Jehiel⁸, Sarah Angeline Elizabeth⁹ Parks who married William Henry Lile, to Angelina Eliza Elena¹⁰ Lile who married Robert Lyle Hicks,

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Sr., to Ethel¹¹ Hicks, who married Elijah Benjamin Fletcher, to Worth Elijah¹² Fletcher, who married Cleatis Iowa Bundy, to Barbara Lee¹³, who married Louis Alma Peck, Jr., to member¹⁴.

1545 Lora Lundberg Schultz

Billings, MT

Lineage is Robert Thomas, LK=T, Chart 13, Robert¹, Thomas², Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, James⁵, Cyrenius⁶, Elias⁷, Elias G/Jay⁸, Catherine Mary⁹ Parks who married Benjamin Franklin Ferguson to Dorothy Allene¹⁰ Ferguson who married Ivan Edward Gilman, to Dorothy Emogene¹¹ Gilman, PS#936, who married Benjamin Victor Lundberg, to member¹².

1546 Gwyneth Erin Hayes

Lebanon, PA

Lineage is Robert Thomas, LK=T, Chart 13, Robert¹, Thomas², Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, Joseph⁵, John⁶, Ezra Smith⁷, Hervey Coke⁸, Hervey Coke Jr⁹, David Livingstone¹⁰ PS#13, to Elizabeth Cushman¹¹ Parke, PS#200 who married Robert Louis Hayes, to member¹².

1545 (Robert) James Ward

Grand Ledge, MI

Lineage is Robert Samuel, LK=S, Chart 16, Robert¹, Samuel², Robert³, Joseph⁴, Robert⁵, Robert⁶, Olive⁷ Parks who married Nelson Madden, to Mary Ann⁸ Madden who married Clark Beach, Lodema Olive⁹ Beach who married Walter Alonzo Spencer, to Evolyn¹⁰ Spencer who married Frank Richard O'Brien, to Marjorie Jean¹¹ O'Brien, PS#1112, who married Robert Hudson Ward, to member¹².

1546 Andrea Kay Lofye

Austin, TX

Lineage is new Fragment Line, Stephen Parks (dates uncertain) who married Indiana Followell, LK=SO. Line is Stephen¹, George Washington², Edward Aaron³ (Parks) Andrews, to Garold James⁴ Andrews, Gary Grant⁵ Andrews, to member⁶.

An interesting issue on this membership is that Edward Aaron Parks "went west about 1905 after argument with father over checks he forged at the Belmont Indiana, General Store. He is thought to have gone to Iowa and changed his name to Edward Aaron Andrews sometime before marrying in June 1910. He listed his father as George Washington Andrews and mother as Caroline Senn."

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