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Newsletter

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Lola Spohn Nielsen (LK=WR)

by Jean Churchill, PS#934, Missing Links Editor

Richard Neil Parks, PS# 1468, began corresponding with Lola Spohn Nielsen in the early 1960s. Through sharing a common interest in their lineage, they developed a deep friendship. He saved her correspondence and now has given it to the Parke Society for safekeeping. It is under Richard's sponsorship that each year since 2005 the "Lola Parks Spohn Nielsen Award" plaque has been given out honoring those who have done genealogical research on the Park/e/s family tree or related families. It also honors volunteers in the field of genealogy and those who have worked to preserve our cultural and family history. The intent of this profile is to let our readers know more about Lola and why her memory is treasured by the WR lineage. Today, this is a very large lineage with several excellent researchers including

Curtis Parks, PS#1166, our present Parke Society President.

Lola Isabel Spohn was born on July 2, 1910 in Garnett, Kansas. Her parents were Clarence Victor Spohn and Julia Rosetta (04WR81) Parks. She had one older sister, Opal Genevieve born April 22, 1900. Lola married George C. Nielsen December 24, 1960. She was left a widow in 1986. She kept active with her research until her death on October 3, 2001 at Maryville, Missouri. Neither she nor her sister had children.

The family moved to Missouri when Lola was seven. In her letters, Lola makes a point of saying how different she and her sister were. Opal was a tomboy, loved sports and majored in physical education at college while Lola was a very quiet child enjoying her dolls and books.

In 1917, the family moved to Whitesville, Kansas where her father was proprietor of the General Store until his death in 1946. Because of growing up "behind the counter," she learned at an early age to talk to everyone. Their store resembled that of the time period with a pot-bellied stove in the center of the room surrounded by wooden benches for the comfort of customers and village loafers. The store provided a place for neighbors to exchange news as

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well as shop. In one corner of the store was the Village Post Office—her mother was Postmistress from 1918 until her retirement in 1940. Here is Lola's description, written in 1964:

There's something about life in a village that gets in your blood, . . . the friendliness of the people—the air so fresh and sweet scented in springtime with flowers and fruit trees in bloom—and—fragrance of wild grape blooms being wafted down—Birdsong is everywhere. So many birds: Robins, Wrens, Mocking Birds, Blue Jays, Cardinal, Oriole, Thrush, Woodpeckers, Sapsucker, Meadow Lark, Turtle Dove, Wild Canaries, Red Wind Blackbird, Flickers, Bluebirds, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Raincrows, Junco's, Chickadee, Martins, Swallows—frogs sing along the riverbanks and crickets conduct a symphony on summer nights. Then—there's Mosquitoes, grass fleas, humidity, cyclones, and hail big enough to bash a hole in your head!

In Autumn, there is color everywhere. The Elms and Hickorys turn golden; the Oaks bronze; Maples and Sumac are crimson. Thistles are purple among the tawny Goldenrod—and if you're lucky you can find the orange-red Bittersweet berries in hedgerows along the few remaining country lanes. . . Wild ducks and geese can be heard and seen as they fly in formation across deep blue October sky toward the deep South.

In winter—the blanket of snow is white and clean. Hoar frost makes trees, shrubs, and clotheslines into fluffy things of beauty. All sound is muffled, making everything unreal—like walking through a cloud.

Returning to the Village now (1964) it is no longer busy or picturesque. The old mill was torn down several years ago and the lovely winding tree shaded river was dredged into a straight and ugly channel (to alleviate flooding on the lowlands) But—a River seems to have a Will! Man nor machines can conquer it completely, for it is

beginning to gradually curve again, seeking its original bed. All the old store buildings have been torn down along Main Street—there are just 2 small stores up on the highway—that is all.

But we still keep the homeplace. The small white house nestles cozily among tall trees on two acres where in Spring the yard is carpeted with purple river Violets. I am a sentimentalist. I see the Village not as it really is. There are many memories there for me—all of them beautiful.

In this same letter, she tells Richard her reason for researching genealogy. "My reason for taking up Genealogy? Largely sentiment, I think. You see I was born too late to get to see any of my Grandparents (and too few Aunts and Uncles). By finding records, I can better visualize my long ago loved ones." In 1955, she wrote in her Ancestry Book:

I was thinking today about the Past, to me it is never "dead" or "musty", but mellowed, like old Stone and is the firm foundation of everything we know today. The Future—particularly in the field of Science is fascinating, too, for the strides of advancement are great, and possibilities open in the unexplored sky promise exciting discoveries! But the Past is mauve with the brocade of Memory—and sweet with the lingering fragrance of lavender. . . Sweet and dear like the Oldsters we love so very much.

Lola's mother and her grandparents were very musical as was Lola. She played the piano for a dance band from 1932 until 1960. It was a small band playing for enjoyment. Although she couldn't read music, she could play by ear once she heard the song. At times she would have to be very creative fitting her music to the rhythm when she wasn't familiar with a particular song request.

She and her mother were very close and it was her mother's influence that encouraged Lola in her quest for information. Her early knowledge of her Parks ancestry also came from her mother so she knew about her own history from John Madison (03WR18) Parks. She was the first active researcher of this lineage who was interested in tracing all of

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the descendants of the Robert and Laban Parks. Her income was limited so she did not do much traveling but relied on correspondence. She wrote numerous letters requesting information from various court-houses, historical societies, etc. She sent for census data, deeds, and wills. Her interest became well known resulting in her name being given to others searching the Parks surname and often she received mail from strangers who had been referred to her. An example of her perseverance in tracing elusive descendants was when she wrote to everyone of the Parks surname living in Stockton, California. She was trying to locate descendants of Robert Findley (3WR19) Parks who left Ohio in 1848 for California's Gold Rush. She also occasionally received surprising phone calls. One such was from Dr. Henderson of Omaha, NE whose great gr.grandmother was Mary Emeline (03WR22) Parks. In 1990, she was delighted to be able to write Richard that she was finally successful in finding more family members of Rezin (02WR8) Parks who left Ohio about 1840 for Illinois

When I first became interested in writing a Missing Links article on this lineage, I visited several historical societies in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. It became obvious that I was following Lola's trail because each of them had her beautiful handwritten notes in the Park/e/s file. Lola was able to document her research to Ohio but then could not discover any definite clues leading further back. She found several Robert Parks in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Ohio but soon realized that they did not belong in her line. She corresponded with Ruby Parke Anderson who agreed with her that Robert must belong with the Robert Parke MA1630 lineage.

We all tend to have a closed mind about some facets of our family history even though we know it is not wise. Lola was positive that the Robert/Laban Parks line descended from Josiah Bo'son (06T343) Parks and she insisted that Josiah had an Indian wife. She was sure that there was Indian blood within her family line. Bessie Hammond Hope (a direct descendant) author of *Descendants of Bo'son Parks* strongly disputed this. I think that this attitude of Lola's

might have caused her some problems in receiving information. Not everyone was interested in having Indian heritage.

After Lola's death, Richard Parks offered to purchase any historical or genealogical documents and artwork from her executor but met with a definite refusal. This is particularly sad because Lola was positive that this lineage was part of the Robert MA1630 and the DNA results have proven her to have been correct. Was there something among her records that gave her a hint, or was it just ESP? This is a wake-up call for all of us who have compiled our family genealogies, hopefully with documentation. We need to make a definite written plan as to where this material should eventually go so our history is not lost to future generations.

Spohn Award Winners Announced

Recently, The Robert and Laban Parks of Ohio Group announced the winners of the 2010 Lola Parks Spohn Nielsen Awards for Outstanding Service and Research in Genealogy. Five of the six honorees are society members

The Award, established in 2005 by the Robert and Laban Genealogical Group, spearheaded by Richard Neil Parks, PS#1468, is given in recognition of long and faithful service to the avocation of genealogy. Nominees do not necessarily have to be working on the Robert and Laban lines of Ohio to be considered for this award, only that they have been dedicated to this pursue in one fashion or another and have in some way enabled or enriched others by with their work. This can and certainly does include those unheralded individuals who perform all of the administrative tasks that are so important for keeping an organization moving forward.

Mr. Parks has often remarked that most devoted genealogists never receive their due, especially those who work quietly in the background, researching and reviewing materials, or for performing back office tasks which enable others to accomplish more in their available time.

The 2010 Society Member Honorees are:

William Grant Cook, PS#66 (posthumously), an eleventh generation descendant of Robert Parke

(MA, 1635) through his son Thomas (02T1), LK=T, for his many years of research culminating in the publication of the book *Looking Backward: A Brief Study of More Than 50 Generations of One American Family's Ancestors*, with a second edition in 1995.

Corabell E. DeClerg, PS#842, a fifth generation descendant of Silas Leonard Park (1801, VT – 1876, MI), a Fraquent Line, for her many years of work in sorting out the lineages of Peter Glick Parks, Silas Leonard Parks, LK=CU, and Loudon Parks (currently classed as LK=IO, who could possibly be another brother of Peter and Silas).

Kathryn E. Parke, PS#10, an eleventh generation descendant of Robert Parke (MA, 1635) through his son Thomas (02T1), LK=T, a long time Robert-Thomas Parke researcher, and one of the few remaining surviving members from the earliest day of the Society, who served as a long time Trustee and then President of the Society.

Jeanne Ila Reisler, PS#514, another eleventh generation descendant of Robert Parke (MA, 1635) through his son Thomas (02T1), LK=T, long time member of the Society and served as both Vice President and President of the Society for many years and researcher for the Robert-Thomas line. Ms. Reisler still comes to the Society Annual Meetings each year to keep in touch with what is going on in the Society.

Lu E. Terock, PS#861, a ninth generation descendant of Thomas Parks (VA, 1682) through his son John (02C1). LK=C, for her services to the Society as its long time third official Treasurer, a back office position that is often overlooked for its importance.

Over the years, a total of 17 other Society members have been honored with this award, including, the founder of the Society, Mrs. Ruby Rilla Parke Anders, PS#1, and long time Historian, sometime Editor, Registrar, Trustee, and general Lord High Everything, Mr. David Livingstone Parke, Sr., PS#13.

We congratulate this year's winners, and wish them the very best in all their future endeavors.

Historian's Corner: so little time....

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

So many _____ (fill in your favorite word: movies, books, guys, gals), so little time! It's an old phrase that we often hear and use, but isn't it so true? There just seems to be too little time to get the things done that we would like to do.

So much genealogy to do, and yet so little time to do it.

As you'll note elsewhere in this issue, we've continued our serial presentation of the Lineage Keys used by the Society with an installment that includes at least a part of the Block III, Lineage Keys AX through ZX. It was in the course of preparing this block for presentation that I became acutely aware of the fact that there was so much genealogy yet to do, and still so little time to do it, whether one is retired (more or less) or not.

In fact, I had to actually stifle myself from digging in deeper when ever there seemed to be missing information or something had gone awry. Unfortunately, now was not the time to do that sort of digging. My plate currently runneth over.

When I came into the Society some 30 years ago, I had little experience in genealogy beyond my own Richard Line of Massachusetts. While I knew there were other Park/e/s lines, I had no idea that there were so many. And at that time we had only catalogued about 70 different lines.

It didn't take me long to grasp the system that the then Editor/Registrar/Historian David L. Parke, #13, had devised to keep these various lines from getting mixed up. It was to my inordinately organized mind a pure wonder.

Over the years, I have expanded upon David's system, with now about 350 different Lineage Keys in use, give or take a couple dozen or so. I have always liked the system, and frankly can not conceive of the Society operating without this schema.

Recently, Editor Paul Jordan-Smith mentioned in an email that the Lineage Keys are one of the most

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significant contributions that the Society has made to the work of general surname genealogical scholarship. As far as I know, we are the only surname society that has such a system in place.

What drove the system was the ever increasing scope of what the Mission of the Society was to be. As it was originally conceived by our Founder, it was only interested in the descendant lines from Robert Parke who came to the Colonies in 1630 aboard the Winthrop Fleet.

But with increasing requests for help on other non-Robert lines the Trustees were eventually convinced that our scope had to broaden, and so it has been from 1963 when it was Robert only, to today, when we are interested in any Parke line that we find in North America. The only Park lines that we obviously do not deal with are those that come from Korea, where the Park name is a very common surname, but which is an entirely different ball of wax.

The design of the Lineage Keys is already being covered in the introduction to serial postings. What we might briefly touch upon here is how the Lineage Key comes into play in the numbering of the Family Group Sheets (hereinafter FGS).

The FGS number has three parts, the most important of which is the Lineage Key. Before it is a generation number, and after it is a sequential number within that generation. The Founder of the line always carries the generation number 1. His children are the 2nd generation, and so on. So, for example in the Roger Parke line, Roger, the immigrant has a FGS number of 01K1. His son John is 02K1, daughter Ann is 02K2, and his other son, Roger is 02K3. In general there really is no relationship between the Lineage Key and the founder's name, although that does happen now and then in some early lines, like Richard (MA,1635) whose Lineage Key happens to be R. Otherwise the Lineage Keys were just sequentially assigned. Nor is there any way to tell from the Lineage Key itself whether the founder is an immigrant or belongs to one of the fragment lineages that seem to have appeared out of nowhere.

From time to time, we need to merge Lineage Keys. This usually happens when we discover that the founder of one key can be identified with a descendant of another, earlier, ancestor. It might be based solely on names, dates and places, but DNA evidence may solidify the connection. When this happens, the former group sheets are renumbered in the appropriate matter and inserted into the latter lineage. I should note that we do leave spaces in the sequential numbering for just such occasions.

On the other hand, let's say we have DNA evidence that says a certain Fragment line is indeed related to another earlier lineage but we don't know exactly how. We note that in the database, but we do not merge the group sheets because as yet we do not know just where the fragment line is supposed to connect to the earlier ancestral line. Either there is not enough pieces of evidence to enable us to assert where the fragment individual connects, or there seems to be, which is more often the case, a missing generation or even two. The Fragment line remains until we have further evidence of the proper connection.

In the past membership was defined by lineal descent from a Park/e/s forebear. There were Regular members (those actually descended from a Park/e/s forebear) and Associate members (anyone else), but in practical terms, there is absolutely no difference between these classes of membership. And in fact quite often it is the non-Park/e/s spouse which is the one interested in genealogy and hence the member. (We really would rather have the genealogically active spouse as the member, and not the other way around.) The *only* time that we count heads for "Regular Members" is in the composition of the Board of Trustees, which becomes a legal issue for our status as a 501(c)7 organization.

Beside that point, our mission remains the working of all Park/e/s that have ever appeared in North America over the past 400 years. Even some of those who came into the Park/e/s names in ways we might not at first think about. Yes, it is even greater scope than the footer on our official stationary might imply, viz.

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It is generally our hope that eventually all of our Fragment lines will be someday connected to some Park/e/s/ immigrant. That does seem logical doesn't it? After all being created *ex nihilo* is not an option these days. Every individual has to have a set parents. But sometimes that may not happen as we would have expected.

Things do happen. Babies are passed over fences. Children are taken in and raised as part of a different family, and no one eventually is the wiser. Things like this especially happened out on the frontiers. But I am still interested in those Park/e/s lines. They carry the name; they are of a concern to me and my work in tracing Park/e/s ancestral lines.

We are not an honorary or heritage organization, say like the DAR or Founders and Patriots. We are a surname oriented organization that wants to research anyone who carries the Park/e/s name themselves, or have it in their genealogy. Even if there seems to be an oops in the line somewhere back when.

This is the philosophy by which I have and will continue to operate. And frankly, I find these situations really of far more interest than the rudimentary run of the mill family situations.

There is another Park/e/s area that we apparently have never pursued, namely, African American Park/e/s lines. It all started with an email concerning what information we might have on African American Park/e/s lines, to which I had to honestly reply: Well, none! I know there are African American Park/e/s out there, because I have met some of them. But when I have tried to pursue their genealogy they have pretty much uniformly said, thank you but no thank you. And yet they do carry the Park/e/s name, and somehow their lineage had to obtain it from somewhere, other than perhaps conventional means. The response I got back from the correspondent was to go and see the 1850 census of Virginia. I would indeed like to work on this angle, and I would appreciate any input that readers of this piece might have

on this particular aspect of Park/e/s genealogy.

A final note. If in reading through the Lineage Catalogue you find your PS# listed with a note about lack of group sheets or other documentation, please take the hint and help us fill in those gaps. Remember the more we know about your line, the more possibilities we have of helping your further, or someone else you may never have met.

Lineage Key Catalog—part 7 by Society staff

Starting with Vol. 45, No. 1 of the Newsletter, we have been publishing the index to the Society's 250+ lineage keys, including data as to the founder and other details for the general information of Society members.

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 happens, 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. At first, we transcribed lineages from various available compilations. Where children are listed, if the name is in boldface, then

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we have descendants from that child; otherwise, we know nothing further. The word "DNA" appears after the lineage key if the line has had DNA testing.

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. He started with whatever the Society had, and then branched out into some of the available popular genealogical sources, assembling as much Park/e/s information as possible. Many lines catalogued under double letters were picked up from such sources as members' lineage papers, wills that had been sent to the Society, and sources like the *American Compendium of Genealogy* or the *National Cyclopedia 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).

Vol. 46, No. 2: Double-letter keys AA through II.

Vol. 47, No. 1: Double-letter keys KK through RR.

The following continues the list of double-letter keys SS through ZZ. Part 8 of this catalog, covering Lineage Keys AX through XX, follows. Further Lineage Keys will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

- SS** **Jonas Parks** (1849-1919) m. George Ann Robertson. Both Jonas and George Ann buried Dugger, Sullivan Co, IN
- TT** Currently vacant, not in use.
- UU** **Major William Park and Jane Park** (brother and sister) Jane Park (1750 VA-1841 Washington Co,PA) m. Thomas Marquis (DAR/Lt.) Maj. William Park (d. Vance's Fort, Cross Creek, Washington Co, PA) m. Ann Marquis. Thomas & Ann Marquis were children of Thomas Marquis/Mary Colville
- VV** **(PS#1223) John Parks of Accomack Co, VA** (c.1652/60 Eng.-1709 Accomack Co,VA) m. (1) -?-; m. (2) Mary -?- (c1668-1733). John (VA c1678) VA/MD area. (See PS Newsletter Vol. 31 pp.1, 8, 43;Vol. 32 pp.44-45)
- WW** **The Rev. Oscar Park of IL** m. 26 Jul. 1848 at Albany, IL to Cecilia Maria Hudson. Oscar (b. 1817 PA -d.1871 Chatsworth, IL)
- XX** **James (IVXX) Park** (c1714 Glasgow, Scotland?) m. 1739 Glasgow, Scotland to Agnes Knox. William (III) Park (1745 SCT-?) m. Martha McConnell James (II) Park (1766 SCT-?) m. 1788 SCT to Marion Allen Andrew (I) Park (1796 SCT) m. (1) 1820 Jean/Jane Pollock; m. (2) 1849 to Margaret Gould James (01XX1) Pollock Park (1821 SCT-1889 Utah) m. Agnes Findley.(James Pollock Park also had other marriages)
- YY** **Prudence Parks of Dutchess Co, NY.** Prudence (c 1744 Middletown,CT -1818 Penfield,Monroe Co, NY) m. 1960/61 Dutchess Co, NY to Ephriam Goss 1790

Census shows her in Hillsdale, Columbia Co, NY

ZZ **Stephen Parks** (Eng.-1792 Long Island,NY) m. Annie Williams Isaac (2ZZ4) Park (1784 New London, CT-1850 Orwell Twp,Bradford Co,PA) m. 1812 at New London, CT to Hannah Gray (d. Orwell Twp,Bradford Co,PA)

Lineage Key Catalog—part 8 by Society staff

Note: Children's names in bold indicate a descendant member in the Society.

AX Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:

01AX1 Amos Park, born 1794, married Sarah Horn in 1815, who is now classified as 05K89

01AX1 Andrew Baker Parks, Born 1793, married 1) Rhoda Neely, who is now classified as 04C144

BX **John Brier Parke** (1844, PA or NY- c 1912, Philadelphia, PA) (represented) m. Helen Ida Black, c1872. Four Children known. Source: Lineage Papers of PS#467 (deceased), and #493.

Helen, born July, 1874, married Wilson Evans, and had at least two children.

Reuel Stuart, born Sept., 1879, married Ruth (Unknown), had at least one son.

Margaret, (1883, PA – 1975, NJ), married LeRoy Mann Robinson. Had issue.

Henry Black, (1884, PA – 1946, PA), married Mary Hester Oliver. Had issue.

CX **Roland (or Rowland) Park** (1807, NY – 1887, KS) (represented), married Hannah B. Miller, c. 1830, St. Lawrence Co., NY. 10 known children. Source: Lineage papers of PS# 470 (deceased), #663, #1049 and #1561

Alonzo George (1835, OH – 1917, KS), married (1) Amanda Dye and (2) Angelina Stevenson, had issue.

Resolvo H., (1837, OH – 1902, KS), married (1) Mary E Bradshaw, and (2) Catherine Brown, had issue.

Chester Julian, (1856, OH - ?) married Alice Henrietta Park, had issue.

Other children include Lorenzo D., Alfonso Charles, Mary Annette, Huldah L., Helen L., Hiram, and Cordelia R. Park.

DX **James Parke** (b. c1835, Ire - ?) (represented) m. Eliza Brown, probably in Ireland. **Note:** Since no Family Group Sheets have been provided as yet, the information is limited to what is in the member's Lineage Application Form B. Only one child known, probably others. Source: Lineage Form B only, PS#100L, currently active.

Robert William, (1869, Ire - ?), married Anna Carson in Concord, MA, had issue.

EX **John/James Parks** (c1758, PA – 1815, PA) (represented) married Rebecca (Unknown), Lancaster Co., PA, 1784. Four known children. Source: Lineage Papers of PS#648 (deceased).

John M. (1795, PA-1865, IL) married Margaret Kitchell, 1818 in Ohio. Had issue.

Other children include Joseph, Thomas, and Rebecca.

This key was formerly used to describe:

01EX1 Elbert Parke of KY who was reclassified to 04N13 and is now classified as 06K893.

FX Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:

01FX1 Micajah Parke, (c1759-c1844), married Mary Beemer in 1789, who is now classified as 05K295.

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- GX** **Frederick Parks** (1801, CT – 1872, IA) (represented) married in 1828, Lucy Deas/Dean, in New York, NY. Seven children known. Source: Lineage papers of PS#132 (deceased).
- Elizabeth** (1831, NY-1892, IA) Married Jonathan P. Barber in 1854 in IA. Had issue.
- Other children include, George (died in infancy), Sarah, Frederick Jr., Jerome Deas, Thomas, and Lucy Christina.
- HX** **Jesse Parke** (1822, OH – 1873, IL) (represented) married Mary Jane Cochran, 1848 in IL. Eight Children known. Thought to be son of John Parke, 05K119, the Roger of NJ line. Source: Lineage papers of PS#658, and #1457
- Emma Francis** (1863, IL – 1922, IL), married Unknown, one child.
- John Robert (1868 MO – 1927, IL), married Emma L. White, 1889 in Pike Co., IL Had issue.
- Other children include Josephine, Rebecca Anna, William R., Elizabeth Ellen, H. Douglas, and Franklin C.
- IX** Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:
- 01IX1 Peter Glick Parks (b. 1807, VT), married Charlette Lamb, who is now classified as 01CU2.
- JX** **John Parks of VT** (d. bef. 30 Nov 1809) (represented), married Mary (Unknown) before 1775. Only two children are known, there are perhaps others. Source: Lineage Papers of PS#452 (deceased).
- John Jr.** (1775 – 1825, VT), married Sarah “Sally” Crane in 1799 at Royalton, VT. Had issue.
- Andrew was born circa 1781. Nothing further is known of him.
- KX** **Jemina Parks of PA** (1745, McKean Co, PA – 1800) (represented) married Jonathan Colegrove before 1774 probably in Pennsylvania. Source: Lineage papers of PS#207.
- Benjamin Colegrove** (1787, PA – 1875, MI), married Lucy Garlick in 1815. Had issue.
- Other children surnamed Colegrove: Olive, Phoebe, Esther, Park, Jonathan, Jemina, and Mary B.
- LX** Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:
- 01LX1 Henry Parks, born 1758, married Martha Justice in 1872, who is now classified as 04C2.
- 01LX1 Thompson Parke, born 1799, married Rebecca Burtch, and who is now classified as 06K600.
- MX** Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:
- 01MX1 Moses Parks of VA (1738-1828), married Mary Hill in 1770, who is now classified as 04K4.
- NX** Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:
- 01NX1 Nathaniel Parks (1742-1784), married Elizabeth Parlee c 1759, who is now classified as 04K77.
- OX** **John Parks** (VA, c1715), (c1708, Ire – after 1775, VA) (represented) married Margaret True, 1735, VA. This appears to be an immigrant line. This John lived and died in Culpepper Co., VA. Thought to have had only four children. Source: Lineage papers of PS#233 (deceased), #798 (deceased), #804 (deceased), #856 (deceased), #1046, #1048, #1259, #1356, and #1536.

Richard, (c1736, VA – c1817, VA), married 1) Mary Graves, 2) Anne Faver. Had issue.

Other children include: John Parks Jr., Bernard, and Ann. Nothing further known.

PX Samuel Parks/Parkhurst (both names are seen in the registers). (1776, MA – 1860, NB) (represented) m. Elizabeth Bradstreet, 1799 in New Hampshire. There is considerable debate as to Samuel's identity. For whatever reason, a number of variations in the surname seem to appear relating to the one and same individual. He had a number of children who seem to have carried the Parks surname. Sources: Lineage Papers of PS#1184. Also see Currier Family Records of USA and Canada, Philip Joseph Currier (June 2002). Vol. 5:463

Marada Marie (1825, NB – 1912, ME), married Francis Currier in 1856, had issue.

Other children were: Daniel, Joseph, Mahala, Bradstreet, Samuel, Nathan, Thomas, George, and Matilda.

This key was formerly used to describe:

Polly Parks of CT (c1790 – 1850) who married in 1815 Joseph Beecher, and is now known as 05H889.

Jehiel Parks of Malta, NY (c1745, CT - ?) married Mary (Unknown), and is now known as 06T1379.

QX Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:

01QX1 Timothy Parks (1742, KY-1832), married Esther Shipton in 1773, and is now known as 04K44.

01QX1 Ransom B. Parke (1822, NY -?), married Mary Ann Amsden, 1847, now described as 08R4004

RX John Park, Sr. (VA, 1754), (c1705, Essex Co., England – 1781, Berkeley Co., VA) (represented) married Mary Patterson by 1730 in England. Had siblings Samuel, Lydia, and perhaps George. Whether they immigrated to the colonies or not is unknown. This line is often referred to as the Berkeley Co., VA Group. Source: Lineage Papers of PS#985 (deceased), #1089 (deceased), #1307, #1445, #1513L.

William (c 1736, VA – c1806, PA) married Elizabeth (Unknown). Had issue.

Elizabeth (c 1740, VA – c1815, OH), married Hugh Vance in 1773. Had issue

Other children were: John Jr., James, Moses, and one other, name as yet unknown.

This key was formerly used to describe:

Rufus Parks of NY (c1793, NY – ?, IL) married Anna Wilson, and is now known as 07T1904.

SX Sarah Ann Parks (1791 – 1858, Quebec) (represented) married Tilley Blakley by 1809, as his second wife. There were perhaps nine children. Information is sketchy. Source: Lineage Papers of PS#126 (deceased).

Diantha Blakley (1809, QUE – 1896, IA) married Thomas Percy. Had Issue.

Other children were: Leonard, Edward, Louise I., Permillia, Mehitabel, Melissa, Charlotte M. and Daphne.

TX Robert Park (c1857, Ire – ?) (represented) married Mary Robinson in Caro, Michigan. Since no family group sheets were ever provided, little is know of this line. There was at least one child, perhaps more. Source: Lineage Papers of PS#235 (deceased).

Samuel Robertson Park (1887 MI – 1943, MI) married Mary Purdy in 1911 in Caro, MI. Had issue.

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UX Currently vacant, not in use. This key was formerly used to describe:

01UX1 James Park, (1781, NJ –1828, PA), married Barbara Steer circa 1806, now classified as 03KY4.

VX Because of the scarcity of information concerning the immigrant generation, two generations are mentioned as the caption for this Lineage Key.

William Park, from Scotland “about the time of the Revolutionary War, settling in South Carolina.

Samuel Park, his son (c1767, Scotland – c1855, Maury Co., TN) (represented), married Jane Thompson in 1792, possibly in South Carolina. One child known from the Lineage Application, perhaps more. Source: Lineage papers of PS#259

Per member “My knowledge of the family prior to their Tennessee residence is very scant, but I understand that three brothers came to the Philadelphia area prior to the Revolutionary War – one went further north to Massachusettes [*sic*], one remained in Pennsylvania, and one [William, above] went south to South Carolina.” David L. Parke, then Historian, surmised that this line might be tied to the so called Arthur line, Lineage Key A, but no DNA testing has been done on this line to confirm this possibility.

John Joseph Andrew Park (1813, TN – 1904, TN), married Elizabeth Winifred Steele. Had issue.

Perhaps other children.

WX **Ephraim Park** (c1800, NC/GA – 1848, MS), (represented) married Clara Jackson, probably in South Carolina before 1826. There being no Family Group Sheet information, data is limited to what appears on

the Lineage Application. At least one child, perhaps other. Source: Lineage papers of PS#260.

Matthew Park (1826, SC – 1891, AR), married Caroline Jane Walker circa 1849. Had issue.

Perhaps other children.

XX See the Double Letter Lineage Keys.

YX **John Park** (c 1796, Ire – 1875, NS) (represented) married circa 1825 Rebecca Crowe in Nova Scotia. Again, there being no Family Group Sheets information is limited to what is contained on the Lineage Application. At least one daughter, perhaps others. Perhaps related to the Lineage Key “CW” which also came from Ireland to Nova Scotia. Source: Lineage Papers of PS#269 (probably Deceased)

Eunice Park (1853, NS – died in NS?) married John Rodman circa 1787. They had issue.

Perhaps other children.

ZX **Thomas Parke** (1793, Ire – 1864, ONT) (represented). Married 1) Sarah (Unknown) who died in 1841, 2) Harriet Rose Wilkes. Per biographical notes found in the member’s file, Thomas had three sons and possibly a daughter by the first marriage, and at least a son and two daughters by the second marriage. We have information only on the son of the second marriage. Source: Lineage papers of PS#280 (deceased), #423, and #1193

Edward Dean Parke (no dates given) married Susan Wilkes. Had issue.

Had other children, names and dates currently unknown.

Society News and Notes

By Fr. Michael Parks+, SSC, PS#425H
Executive Director

Note: this column replaces the separate Closed Circuit to Members insert in the Newsletter, both as a cost savings and because a separate insert is no longer needed.

Annual Meetings of the Society

As a sequel to the former *Closed Circuit To Members* (CCTM) the purpose of this column is to keep Society members in general abreast of what is happening within the Society that might be of interest to you; who is doing what and what things are on the schedule.

In the latter case, I call your attention to the preliminary notice, following this article, for the 2011 Annual Meetings of the Corporation and the Trustees, to be held on the 16th (Trustees Meetings) and the 17th (Meeting of the Corporation) of September 2011. This year's gathering will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Civic Center in Charleston, West Virginia with a special reduced room rate of \$92 per night plus the usual taxes.

For me the switch away from the three or four day Annual Convocation was not an easy one. I enjoyed the format, and the opportunity to meet with members and to work with them on their genealogy. I was probably the last officer to finally admit that with the increased costs and efforts that it took to stage, it just was no longer economically feasible. Will there be another convocation in the future? Perhaps, maybe even for our fiftieth anniversary which is only a few years away.

The resulting solution gives us the ability to meet as a society, to conduct our necessary business, to review where we are and where we want to go, and if members choose to come, to be able to give them time with the Core Staff to discuss their genealogical work. Of course, to do the latter, we need to know who's coming so that we can bring with us the appropriate materials. Advance notice is required as we do not otherwise bring any of the libraries with us.

Further information about the meeting, hotel reservations and the like will be published in the July Newsletter, together with your Annual Corporation Meeting Proxy Ballot. That ballot is important to you as it gives you a voice in the operation of the Society. Watch for it.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the September meetings. If you are thinking about that possibility, do your planning now.

Dues renewals

The renewal notices for the membership year 2011 have gone out to all the members. If you haven't already sent in your renewal, please do so now. Otherwise this will be your last Newsletter from the Society. There will be only one reminder mailing going out in the coming weeks. Please do your part now.

While we are a fairly frugal organization, there are financial needs to maintain this organization. Postage, supplies, research memberships, and the cost of publishing this newsletter to name a couple of our expenditures. Your dues are what support us. We get no grants, nor do we have a well-healed benefactor. We feel that our dues are modest, and have not changed for a number of years, even though our costs have gone up. And we certainly do appreciate, and gratefully accept any donations you might make to the Society.

Lineage Leader updates

Please note that Susan Avery, PS#1331, is covering the Lineage Leader duties for the Alexander Park line, Lineage Key KY, as well as those for the Roger of NJ line, Lineage Key K, her main line of interest. For many years it was thought that John (02KY1) Park and Mary Gordon, was a Roger descendant until disproved by DNA evidence and the discovery of further information about Alexander Park. Because of this closeness in activities between these two lines, she felt it would be good to do the two lines in tandem.

We are also thrilled to announce that after a vacancy of many years, the position of Lineage Leader for

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the Richard (01R1) Parke of MA line will be filled by Mrs. Natalie Park Schutz, PS#1086. She will be assuming her duties later this year.

Officer updates

The transition of the duties of the Secretary of the Society continue to move forward, to be fully complete by June of this year. We wish to thank Arliene Callahan, PS#396, for her many years of faithful service in this unheralded but very important position within the Society. We wish her all the best in the future. After June 1st all correspondence with the Secretary should be directed to Mrs. Joanne Rodgers, PS#1523. Her address will be found on page 18 of this Newsletter.

Help on the Virginia Park/s/

The various Park/e/s lines in the Virginia area have been problematic for years now. While we do seem to have a fair amount of materials on that area, little has been done with those materials to organize and sort them out. It's been one of those projects that have sat on the corner of the desk awaiting its turn for attention and time.

Now comes Randall Dickinson, PS#1498, who has a strong interest in the Virginia line on account of his own lineage. He has graciously agreed to review the materials on hand and to try to put them into some sort of logical order. Hopefully he will be able to give the Society a report on what he has found through the Newsletter.

And finally

In any organization, there is always the issue of successorships. Who will take over for whom when that time comes? While we may think about this question from time to time, it usually is not seriously considered until it is confronting us directly.

Unlike the Sunday Afternoon Garden Club of St. Swithin's by the Swamps, the loss of a critical staff member of the Society could bring us to our knees. There is no central office or staff. It is as simple as that for such a geographically diverse organization as ours. Perhaps even more so for the positions that

I cover as Historian and Executive Director. My car accident last September, though not serious enough to cause any major problem for the Society, was a rude awakening for the trustees and myself. To that end we have been discussing possibilities and alternatives, not only for my positions, for any society critical position.

As for me, while the accident was an unfortunate experience, both of us were extremely lucky to be able to walk away with much less than life-threatening injuries. I am pretty much done with my back injury therapy, and I now have a new vehicle (a couple years earlier than I had originally anticipated). So we move on, but now with our eyes more open to the possibilities of the future.

Please note!

We are moving the editorial due date for Vol. 47, No. 3 up by two weeks to allow for early mailing.

The new due date is

June 1, 2011

2011 Parke Society Corporate Meeting

by Parke Society Staff

Notice is hereby given that the Parke Society Annual Corporate meeting will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, 17 September, 2011 at the Holiday Express Civic Center, Charleston, WV. Check the lobby for direction to the meeting room. Officers and Trustees please plan on attending to carry out matters of Corporate business. Lineage Leaders are also encouraged to attend. This meeting is open to all Society members.

The official meeting notice now having been given, we think you'll enjoy this year's meeting venue. It has been selected for its amenities, appearance, and its proximity to a large shopping mall, the civic center, fine restaurants, and many visitor attractions. The hotel, with whom a contract is pending, is located near the junctures of I-79, I-77, and I-64. We have been quoted a rate of \$92 (plus tax), which includes a complimentary breakfast. To obtain this special rate, please contact Nancy Watkins, Manager, at (304) 345-0600 and mention "The Parke Society." Following the official business we will open the meeting to helping any who wish with their genealogy research. This will be a fine chance to discuss your lineage with our Historian: please email him in advance so he can bring documents relating to your family. You can also make arrangements for various books and periodicals from our Library holdings to be brought to the meeting. Ken Parks, our DNA Project Administrator, will be on hand to help you with the information that has been discovered through member participation in our DNA Project.

Following the contract with the hotel, we will post further information under Announcements on our Web page at <http://www.parke.org>.

From our Parke Society Site to your Site

by Curtis Parks, Webmaster, PS#1166

If you are posting information on your Web site that may be useful to other Society members, please consider adding your URL (Web address) onto our "Members Links" page; just let us know your link address.

When GeoCities dropped support for many of our members' pages, some of you moved your family genealogical postings to private Web hosts, and we'd like to re-establish your link. We have found the archived address of some of those pages, but as you are aware, those archives are static and cannot be updated. If you've thought of updating or sharing your new information on the Web, it is now more economical than ever to have your site hosted and protected without the support of advertisers.

If you sent your lineage information to the LDS or to one of the commercial genealogy organizations, those lists can easily be found with that organization's search system, but if the site is your own, or perhaps is posted on one of the open genealogy or historical sites, then we'd be delighted to add your link into our Society Member page. Send your URL to Curtis Parks, Webmaster, at chparks@mdo.net.

We also maintain a list of general links of interest, and if we've overlooked a site that you have found that may be useful to other members, do let us know.

We want your Society site to be a rich experience for all our members.

Be sure to renew your membership!

Passages

The Society notes the passing of several members this year. Among those discovered by checking the Social Security Death Index, many of you will recall **Bess Hope, PS#169**, formerly of St. Louis, MO who died 9 September, 2009 at the age of 91 years. She was an old time member in the Robert line. Another early member of note is **Warren Joy, PS#294**, who died 26 August, 2010, aged 84, at Cincinnati, OH. **Jean Grube, PS#50**, an Honorary Member, died on 11 July, 2010 at the age of 90 years at Corvallis, Oregon. **Attorney A. Lauriston Park, PS#452** of Wickford, RI, died 6 September, 2010 at the age of 75 years. And then there was **Vir D. Harrison, PS#849**, of Shoreline, WA, a long time editor of the CCTM, who died on 20 October, 2010 at the age of 88 years. Also noted is the passing of **Edward Wallace Parks, PS# 105**, who died on 17 November, 2007 at age 84, just 6 days following the death of his wife, Christine West Parks; they lived in Middleboro, MA. He did a Colonial War talk, in costume a few years ago at one of our convocations. Another long time member who recently passed away was **Mrs. Helen S. DeLuca, PS# 119**, who died on 8 September, 2010 at age 92 years in St. Petersburg, Florida. As a group, our members have been fairly hearty. The youngest death was at the age of 75 and the oldest at 101 years.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

1565 Allison Dean Love

Columbia, SC

Lineage is Thomas of VA, LK=C.
Lineage is Thomas¹, Thomas², John Sr³, John Jr⁴, Benjamin Franklin⁵, John Franklin⁶, Wiley Hill⁷, Amelia Dell⁸, member⁹.

1566 Anna Mae Elmhurst

Fountain City, WI

Member has two apparently unrelated Park/e/s lineages:

The first Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK=K. Line is Roger¹, Roger², Nathan³, Charles Sr⁴, Charles Jr⁵, James Quick⁶, Overton⁷, Milo "Bob"⁸, Paul Wilson⁹ Park who married Ruby Mae Parks (see below), Irma Lorraine¹⁰, who married Ralph Allen Sonderberg, to Cindy Lee¹¹ Sonderberg who married James Caleb Elmhurst, to member¹².

The Second Lineage is the Fragment Line of James Parks, born c. 1797, died c. 1875, married probably by 1824, Margaret (Unknown), L=BU. Lineage is James¹, John H², Wilson Washington³, Ruby Mae⁴ who married Paul Wilson Park (see above), Irma Lorraine⁵, Amelia Dell⁶, to member⁷.

1567 Margaret Ellen Parke

Fairfax, VA

Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK=K. Line is Roger¹, Roger², Joseph³, Timothy⁴, Robert Shipton⁵, Curtis⁶, George Pearson⁷, Benjamin Everett⁸, Everett Austin⁹ Park, PS#557, to member¹⁰.

Reclassifications and corrections

1563 Carey James

Cape Coral, FL

In Newsletter Volume 47#1, Mr. Parks was reported as having a Lineage Key assignment of LK=WO. Due to a cataloging error on the part of the Historian, we failed to realize that Key was already assigned (PS#1312, Leonard David Murdock; with 1WO1 being Francis Park, b. 1834 d. 1911).

Therefore the new Fragment Line lineage for Harvey A. Parks (1866 PA- ??) who married Clara Smith (1871-1959) before 1897 probably in Pennsylvania, is now being reported as LK=XO. Line is Harvey A.¹, Harvey A.², James Addison³, to member⁴. The Historian regrets the error.

1564 Byron Neil Park

Waverly, OH

Likewise, in Newsletter Volume 47#1, due to the same cataloging error reported above, Mr Park's Lineage Key is also changing from LK=XO to LK=YO, for this new Fragment Line, Thomas Park (1819 England – 1898 OH) who immigrated here from England by 1853, and who married Elanor Sullivan in 1843 in London, England. Line is Thomas¹, James², Pearl Floyd³, Neil David⁴, to member⁵.

Have you renewed?

The top address line on your envelope will tell you if your membership is up for renewal. Don't miss the next issue!