

# The Parke Society

## Newsletter

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### Climbing My Brick Wall

by Tonya (Parks) Pettit PS#1583

Let me start out by saying that we are a homeschooling family, and that we are always on the lookout for interactive ways to learn history, so when the idea formed to create a unit study on Family History in History, it was a natural fit. Along the way we discovered a lot about our Parks family, hit a brick wall, and took some detours into some collateral lines. We think this might interest others looking for a way to conquer their brick walls.

The Parke Society contacted us early on and began collaborating on what was a mystery for us and a missing link for them. This contributed greatly to our success, as we were able to work together to combine what was known separately into clues for us both to follow. ***Our first lesson: work with others.***

Our brick wall is located in Dutchess County NY. His name is Nathaniel Parks (Sr) and he was married to Lydia Talmadge at an unknown date. He was in the Revolution, and from that service we were able to find out that he lived in an area known as the Charlotte Precinct. His wife Lydia was well documented, her lineage going back to New Haven CT and all the way to England on the Talmadge side of things, but we hit a dead end at Nathaniel Parks (SR). ***Our second lesson: work backwards.***

Of course, when you work on genealogy, it always works best to start with what you know and work your way backwards, and so it has been for us. The first generation that we looked at was Enos Talmadge Parks, whose name gave us a great clue for finding his roots. We began to look for any Talmadges that had married into the Parks line. Lydia Talmadge (daughter of Enos Talmadge) was listed as having married Nathaniel Parks; a farmer from Stanford NY, in a book written by Arthur White Talmadge about the Talmadge genealogy, and the same reference listed an Aaron Tallmadge that died while visiting a cousin in Chenango County, NY. ***Our third lesson: look for published genealogies in allied surnames for clues on all variations of spelling of the surname.***

We looked for and found a will for Aaron Talmadge filed in Stanford, Dutchess County NY in 1828 and

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was witnessed by Nathaniel Parks, Maria Parks and Ira J. Parks. ***Our fourth lesson: look for wills that may have been witnessed by your ancestor.***

A quick look online told us that this Ira J. was the oldest brother of our Enos Talmadge Parks, and led us to Jonni Sue Schilaty, a cousin who had been digging into our family since 1970 when she received information from June Greenhalgh, who began investigating in 1940. Our cousin agreed to share her notes, and that led us on a search for some daybooks (a story in itself). ***Our fifth lesson: look at online databases; and our sixth lesson: reach out to family.***

The daybooks of Enos T. Parks confirmed several Parks relationships, including brothers Ira James, Joel (the folk artist), Alonzo and Augustus, and mentions brothers-in-law Jefferson Johnson and Peter Albright, as well as confirmed death dates for Nathaniel Parks (Jr) and his wife Maria Green. ***Our seventh lesson: look for family heirlooms.***

The hunt was on to find all these folks in the census, and it was discovered that Nathaniel Parks (Jr) and his family lived in the town of Bainbridge, Chenango County, NY, known as Jericho on the 1810 Census. Nearby were Jefferson Johnson, and Gideon Green. After investigating a bit we found that Gideon Green was denied a pension for service in the Revolution no reason given. A letter was written on his behalf by his son Garry Green, who is also ***spoken of as Uncle Garry Green in the daybooks.*** ***Our eighth lesson: look for military service and pension records.***

This confirmed the Maria's surname as being Green, and digging a little more led us to a baptism record in New Milford CT in 1802 for Maria (Green) Parks with her mother Patience Green, and siblings Garry, Betsy, and Richard Sackett Green, all listed as children of Gideon Green. ***Our ninth lesson: look for Church records.***

Becoming familiar with the history of Dutchess County introduced the name of Richard Sackett as

being the founder of Amenia NY, and so we had a clue that pushed us back several more generations on the Green end of things. ***Our tenth lesson: look at the history of the local areas for names ancestors choose for their children.***

We began to look backwards to see if more could be found about Nathaniel Parks (Sr) and his wife Lydia Talmadge. We found that Mrs. Lydia, widow of Mr. Nathaniel Parks, was buried in 1798 in the Square cemetery in Amenia, Dutchess NY, currently known as the Thompson Family Graveyard. Next to her was Joel Parks, who died at age 25 in 1800. After obtaining the probate packet for Lydia Parks 1799, we found that it was filed by Joel Parks, and Moses Tallmadge verified knowledge of her death. We then obtained the will of Joel Parks of 1800, and found that he names brother Nathaniel Parks, brother-in-law Eber Palmer, and sister Mary Parks, as well as some property left by his parents for their children. ***Our eleventh lesson: look for primary sources in probate packets.***

We then found that all our research was confirmed when we found the book, *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Vol X*, by Frank J. Doherty. There we found a reference to a land deal in 1806, in which Nathaniel Parks (JR) and his siblings Mary Deuel and Thankful Palmer are named as selling land to Moses Tallmadge. ***Our Twelfth lesson: look for others that are researching the area your ancestor lived and have already published.***

We contacted Gary Darling, the Town Historian of Bainbridge NY, and began working with him to piece together the story of Nathaniel Parks (Jr) and his siblings, and found that Mr. Darling was aware of a privately owned cemetery named the Park Prince Cemetery, where we found Nathaniel Parks (Jr), his wife Maria Parks, Lydia wife of Jefferson Johnson, and Aaron Tallmadge buried. This has confirmed that we do have the correct group of people, since one of our first clues was Aaron Tallmadge. ***Our thirteenth lesson: reach out to others interested in the local history.***

It has also lead to a mystery of sorts, in that the date listed on the tombstone for Maria, wife of Nathan-

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iel Parks matches the month and day but not year witnessed in the daybook of her son Enos T. Parks. Nathaniel Parks (Jr) and his wife were found on several records in Bainbridge, including tax, church and school records, and appeared before a local authority in 1847. ***Our fourteenth lesson: even tombstones may have mistakes.***

We have been working several directions with this line, and have found that by looking at the locations where the families and the collateral lines lived we have been able to keep finding great success. This family had a habit of sticking close by each other, and so can be found on the census, on church records, and in land deals with each other. Later generations are in the newspapers visiting each other, and in the case of the Civil War, publishing the letters they received with the newspapers. So it was no small surprise that we would find that Thankful (Parks) Palmer also lived in the town of Bainbridge. We are still searching for her burial place, but have found her on the 1850 census for Bainbridge NY living with her son Stephen Palmer. ***Our fifteenth lesson: look in the newspapers; and our sixteenth lesson: look for sisters' married surnames in the census.***

Our next step back was to look for more in Dutchess County. Kathy Spiers of the Historical Society of Stanfordville, pointed us to a newspaper article that identified the Tallmudge family property as having been located in Hall's Mills, near Stanfordville, Dutchess NY. We are now looking for any Parks families that lived in the area for more clues about Nathaniel Parks (Sr). ***Our seventeenth lesson: collect data on the area where you last had a trace of your ancestor using all the lessons you have already learned.***

Our best successes have come from looking closer at the history of the areas our ancestors lived in, and at the families of their siblings. Many times when we have been stumped we would find that knowing the married name of a sister would lead us back another generation, or forward and then back by working our way up to the 1850 census and then finding elderly

folks living with their younger descendents. In the process, we learned a lot about history, and brought it close to home because our ancestors lived it.

## Our Brick Wall

Nathaniel Parks (Sr): birth unknown, death between 1780 and 1787; married unknown date, wife Lydia Talmadge (born 1744 New Haven CT, died 1798 Amenia NY).

### Children:

1. Joel Parks (1775-1800; Amenia, NY)
2. Thankful Parks (about 1778–after 1850); m. Eber Palmer (date unknown)
3. Mary Parks (dates unknown; m. William Deuel (date unknown)
4. Nathaniel Parks (Jr) (4 March 1781–1847. of consumption, Bainbridge NY); m. Maria Green (unknown date–14 May 1849 Bainbridge NY

**Generation two:** Nathaniel Parks (Jr) and Maria Green

### Children:

1. Ira James Parks (b. 22 June 1808)
2. Joel Parks (the folk artist) (b. 13 March 1810)
3. Alonzo Parks (b. 1812)
4. Louisa Ann Parks (b. 30 May 1816)
5. Hannah Parks (b. 1817)
6. Lindia (b. Lydia) Parks (b. 1819)
7. Enos Talmadge Parks (b. 1 April 1822)
8. Nathan Parks (b. 1823)
9. Janet (Janette) Parks (b. 18 Dec 1824)
10. Matilda Parks (b. 1826)
11. Marcy Parks (b. 18 July 1828)
12. Augustus S Parks (b. 8 Oct 1829)

### *And finally, always say thank you.*

Along the way we have had so much help, that it is hard to say thank you to everyone, but we have to mention at least a few people without who this unit study would not have been such a success.

- Jean Churchill, PS#934, Thank you for tireless research on our missing link.
- Jim E. Parks, my father, for the will of Joel Parks 1800 and the probate of Lydia Parks

1799.

- Jim L. Parks, my uncle, for the cleaning of the Park Prince Cemetery in Bainbridge and The Settlers of the Beekman Patent volume 10 that he contributed to our homeschool library.
- Frank Doherty for responding so kindly to my email and for his excellent research and book series on the Dutchess County NY area.
- Kurt Riegel for the listing on findagrave.com for the Park Prince Cemetery in Bainbridge NY.
- Rikki Springsteed and the Tioga County Historical Society for two of the Enos T. Parks daybooks that were photographed by a volunteer and compiled into a PDF so that we could study them.
- Doug Tuhro for the other two daybooks that he so generously allowed us to scan to share with the family.
- Gary Darling, town historian of Bainbridge NY, for countless additions he has made to our knowledge of the life of Nathaniel Parks (Jr) and his family, including burial places, land deeds, and baptism records.
- June Greenhalgh and Jonni Sue Schilaty, for all the information shared that they have gleaned in their countless years of patient research, accomplished before the internet and mostly by snail mail.
- Kathy Spiers, Stanford Historical Society, for the photos of the tombstone of Lydia Parks and the additional information on the Tallmadge family.

And many more.☺

## 49th Annual Parke Society Corporate Meeting in Harrisburg, PA

For the Society's 2012 business meeting we will meet at the Country Inns and Suites Hotel just outside Harrisburg, PA on Saturday, September 22. This was the site of our 2010 meeting, and was

chosen again for its convenient location for most of the officers and trustees likely to attend. As always, we stress that all Parke Society members are both welcome and encouraged to attend!

Details of the hotel's location, room rates, and reservation information can be found in the "Society News and Notes" article below.

Though the primary purpose of our meeting is to conduct the required corporate business of the Society, it is also a treasured opportunity for all who attend to join in lively face-to-face discussions about the state of the Society, its future, as well as talk about research developments in various individual Park/e/s lineages. To that end, any member considering attending the corporate meeting is encouraged to contact the Society Historian well in advance, so he can bring along the pertinent files on the member's lineage for an in-depth discussion at the meeting.

For anyone considering attending, there are plenty of research venues in the Harrisburg area for the genealogist with Pennsylvania roots, as well as other sites to visit of a historical nature. The Pennsylvania State Library and the State Archives are both located in Harrisburg, along with the Historical Society of Dauphin County. For more information, visit the Announcements page for the Society's Website (<http://www.parke.org/announce.html>) and click on the link "recommended places to visit." Even closer to our hotel is the National Civil War Museum. The excellent Lancaster County Historical Society is a short drive away and is located on the same grounds as Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan. Of course, don't forget nearby Hershey and Hershey Park for fun of a completely different kind!☺

## Society News and Notes

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

In this issue: notes concerning the Annual Meeting, the Proxy Ballot and adoption of By-Laws amendments.

While our mission is genealogy, and particularly the genealogy of the Park/e/s surname, we do have to take care of certain administrative items so that we

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can remain a viable and functioning organization. So we ask you to review these notes and to follow up with the mailing of your Proxy Ballot.

### **49th Annual Meeting of the Parke Society, Inc.**

As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter, arrangements are now in place for the 49th (2012) Annual Meetings of the Parke Society, Inc. The date and time is Saturday, September 22, 2012, at 11 AM, and the place is the Country Inn and Suites Hotel, 1025 Peiffers Lane, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in a meeting room to be determined. The hotel is conveniently located just off of I-83 (exit 48, Union Deposit Road) just a few miles east of downtown Harrisburg. The trustees will be gathering the previous evening for their usual State of the Society session.

Sites and attractions that might be of interest to members are noted in an article found elsewhere in this issue.

Since this is a business session only, we normally do not bring any portion of the Circulating Library, or the genealogical materials. However, if you are planning on attending and would like to discuss your line with the Officers, be sure to so indicate on your Proxy Ballot, and we will be sure to bring whatever is pertinent to your line.

As usual, a small block of rooms have been designated for the Society, with the Standard Room (2 queen or 1 king bed) priced at \$102, and the Suite (2 queen or 1 king bed) at \$120 (plus an 11% room tax). The block is for Friday and Saturday evenings, but the rates most likely can be extended to a day before or after the current block dates.

The Country Inn and Suites offers complimentary breakfast, free high-speed internet access, refrigerators and coffee-makers in each room, and other amenities, including a fitness center and heated indoor pool.

Members, Officers and Trustees who are planning on attending the Annual Meeting need to make their own hotel reservations at the Country Inn and Suites. Simply call the hotel at (717) 558-9200 and ask for

a room in the Parke Society Block or refer to Block Code 1209PARKES. If you have any difficulty when making reservations, contact either the Executive Director (70741.2122@compuserve.com) or at the hotel ask for Sandy Nagle, General Manager, through whom the Group Reservation Agreement was set up.

While it is not like the four-day convocations that we used to hold, it can be your chance to meet the individuals behind the Society operations, and if desired to get one-on-one assistance with your line.

### **Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws.**

In the last issue of our Newsletter, we spoke about how By-Laws changes often become necessary as an organization grows and matures. We'll be starting our 50th year, and it should be no surprise to anyone that some of the ways we had done things in the past no longer work as originally intended.

One problem that we have been contending with over the last several years was to get an appropriate quorum at the Trustee's meetings out of the nine members of the Board. This is important because most of the operating decisions for the Society come out of the Board, and not the Corporate Meeting. You as members have input by electing the Trustees.

In order to streamline the operation of the Society, the Board has put forth revisions to the By-Laws that will, over a three year period, reduce the size of the Board from nine members to six members. As it currently stands, there are usually at least four Trustees (who also happen to be principle officers) at every meeting we have held in recent years.

The necessary amendments to the Parke Society By-Laws (Edition of 2010) were published in the last issue of the Newsletter (Volume 48 #2), and constituted the First Reading. This is the Second Reading of the By-Laws revisions. You will be able to do an up or down vote on these changes on the Proxy Ballot being sent to you with this Newsletter.

You should note that the mechanism for the reduction in the number of Trustees will be detailed in the Standing Rules of The Society. No current Trustee will have their term limited by this change. The changes will occur as terms come up for re-election.

The following is the proposed revisions of the changes to be made to the Edition of 2010 of our By-Laws, showing deleted text (by its crossing out) or inserted text (by its underlining). The Board recommends the approval of these changes.

#### **ARTICLE V: BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall be in full charge of managing the affairs of The Society. It shall consist of ~~nine~~ six elected members, in addition to whom all Officers shall be members ex officio if not already members of the Board, with voice and vote. Other Appointees of The Society shall be ex officio members without vote.

Section 2. The ~~nine~~ six members shall be elected at large from The Society Membership, provided that a majority of the Board at any time shall be Regular Members. ~~The Seats on the Board shall be designated by the Region numbers now in use, but only for reference and identification purposes of each seat.~~ Trustees must be members in good standing, and must maintain that status throughout their term of office.

Section 3. The term of each of the nine six members shall be three (3) years. with one third (1/3) of the seats coming up for re-election each year. The mechanism for reduction of the board from nine (9) to six (6) members shall be enumerated within The Society's Standing Rules, and that Rule shall become mute once the reduction has been achieved.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION**

Section 5. Only matters that are of concern to the general membership, as appointed by these By-Laws shall be eligible to be placed on the ballots going to members for Annual Meetings of The Society. These matters are:

- a) Election of ~~three~~ two (3 2) Trustees for three (3) year terms;

#### **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Section 4. All votes of the Board of Trustees shall be by simple majority of the elected Trustees present, as defined in Article III, Section 6, at the meeting. As for all other Trustees and ex officio members of The Board who will be unable to physically attend the Trustee's meetings, it is their responsibility as a duty of their office to diligently file their Trustee's Proxy Ballot.

#### **The Proxy Ballot (enclosed)**

Because of the Trustee's Election and the By-Laws Adoption, this year's Proxy Ballot is a little more complex. So here in summary is what you need to know and do.

If you are attending, mark Section A, together with the total number of persons that will be with you, so that we can be assured of having adequate accommodations. Be sure to print your name and PS#. Should you want assistance with you lineage, please mark the Yes Box on the form. As long as you have printed you name and PS# in the Section A area, you do not need to sign the form. Just fold, seal with tape, stamp, and drop it into the mails.

If you are not attending, you will need to mark Sections B and C, **and sign** (name and PS#) and date in Section E.

Concerning Section B (Trustee's Election), assuming that the By-Laws revisions do pass, we are asking you to vote for only two of the three Trustee candidates listed. The two candidates having the highest number of votes will be named as Trustees for the three year period ending at the Annual Meeting in 2015. Should the Amendment fail, all three candidates will be named as Trustees. Remember, please vote for only two (2) of the candidates.

Concerning Section C (Adoption of the Amendments to the By-Laws), you are asked to vote for or against their adoption.

Remember that for your Proxy Ballot to count it needs to be signed, with PS#, and dated. Then fold, seal with tape, apply the postage, and mail it to us.

We hope to see you in September.☺

#### **The Trustee Candidates**

In the past, we have had three candidates for three Trustee positions, and did not provide information about the candidates, relying instead on information you might have picked up concerning the candidates from comments in the Newsletter or personal interaction.

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## Trustee Candidates

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This time, we are asking you to choose two candidates from a slate of three that are being nominated for Trustee. To help you in your choice, here is a brief synopsis of the candidates, their history with the Society, and their genealogical background.

**Lu Etta Terock**, PS#861, has been an active member since 1988, and Treasurer since 1995. She was first elected as a Trustee in 2009, and is the CFO of a mechanical contractor firm in Indiana. She is a descendant of the immigrant line Thomas of Virginia (LK=C).

**Ronald Neal Parks**, PS#1458, has been an active member since 2005, became the Registrar in 2007 following the sudden death of Dan Park, and was elected a Trustee in 2011 to complete the unexpired term of a retiring Trustee. He is a retired Army veteran. He is a descendant in the Fragment LK=GP.

**Robert Leon Parke**, PS#755, has been an active member since 1986, a Trustee since 1989, and has been actively revising Frank Sylvester Parks's Genealogy of the Parke Family of Connecticut (1906) for several years. He is a retired Senior Manager for Disney World, Florida. He is a descendant of the Robert Parke (of Winthrop Fleet) line through his son Thomas Parke (LK=T, Chart 10).☞

## Robert (1WR1) Parks

by Curtis Parks PS#1166

Several of us have traced our lineage back to Robert (WR) Parks, born about 1756 in Pennsylvania. With the discovery of some yet unknown evidence, we hope to learn who his wife was, and most important, about his parents.

I am a descendant of Robert and began my search several years ago with a journey to my father's birthplace. This was the tiny farming community of Topeka, Indiana. I have been writing and calling folks who lived there and in Topeka's county of LaGrange. I stopped by the city hall, and spoke with

several members of the community. It soon became apparent that Topeka was not just my father's birthplace; three generations of my Parks had called this their home. The first of these generations were the brothers William and Laban. Many present residents trace their lineage back to one or the other of these brothers.

I was quite surprised to learn that the "Parks Block" a prominent 3-story brick commercial building in Topeka was built by one of Laban's descendants. Many of the families of these brothers had sons who joined the Indiana Infantry to fight in the Civil War. Many also left their parents' farms, influenced by the railroads, to find jobs in the emerging manufacturing industries. Among them, my father's family eventually found work in Chicago.

Topeka, prior to the arrival of the railroad, was known as the Haw Patch. An oval of land, extending over several square miles, was covered with hawthorn trees, and can still be identified by its rich black earth. The "LaGrange County Centennial 1828-1928" notes on page 90: "In this same year, 1834, came William Parks and entered the land in the very heart of Haw Patch. Some of this land is still in the family name and belongs to William Parks's granddaughter, Miss Lilly Parks, of Topeka." William, born in 1801, and his brother, Laban, born December 18, 1797, had both come from Harrison County, Ohio to establish homesteads in the Haw Patch. Their father was Robert Parks, who identified his sons in his will recorded in Cadiz, Ohio.

Robert (1WR1) is thought to have moved to Ohio from Pennsylvania, in the company with his brother Laban (1WR2). This Laban Parks married about 1795 and settled in Wayne Township, Jefferson County, Ohio in 1800. One history placed the date of the brother's arrival in Ohio as 1788. Another stated 1790; possibly later. Robert's brother died in 1812; his grave's whereabouts is unknown.

John Campbell in the Harrison News-Herald, Cadiz, Ohio states: "Robert Parks was living in Section 3 of Washington Township as early as 1806. He had come to his land 3 miles above Tippecanoe on Brushy Fork from his first Ohio home near Bloomingdale in Jefferson County."

We have found little evidence of Robert in earlier records. There seems to be a strong possibility that he was the Robert identified in Cecil County, Pennsylvania by Robert Wilson in his book about the Houston families who wrote: "The name of Robert Park(s) did not appear on the 1793 tax list for Cecil Township, nor in the 1800 census for Washington County. Could he have gone west, or did he die early? I did not find his name in the deed records as a grantor, nor in the records of will and the Orphans Court. So, I can not answer the question."

DNA participation from those of this Robert (1WR1) and Laban (1WR2) lineage has shown a genetic link to the Robert MA 1630 line, and also a genetic link to several other lineage keys: AO, CC, GU, RY, and WQ. However, no paper trail connections have been found at the present time.

My visits to northern Indiana were certainly the highlights of my quest for family history. They made me proud that my father and his earlier generations had made that place their home. It seems a place where those of us long out of touch with our agrarian roots can still appreciate what that life may have been like those many years ago.☺

## **William M. (1IQ1) Parks**

by Jean Churchill PS#934, Missing Links Editor

This fragment line begins with William M. Parks (June 12, 1812 Raleigh, NC–May 31, 1876 Carrier Mills, Saline, IL). William's birthdate varies from 1812 to 1819. By 1842, he had moved from North Carolina to Wilson County, Tennessee where on Apr. 2, 1842 he married Rhoda Sullivan (July 11, 1819 Middle, TN–1875 Carrier Mills, IL). Rhoda was the daughter of Holland Sullivan/Mary Ozment. In 1850, the family was living in District 24, Wilson County, TN which geographically is approximately in the center of the state. The family continued to travel northwestward and by 1870 was in Township 9, Range 5E, Saline, Illinois. In 1880, they were located at Township 11, Range 5, Pope, Illinois where they raised their large family. There are some questions as to whether all the children listed are correct. For this reason, I am not numbering them.

**Martha (2IQ) Parks.** I don't think that it has been proven that Martha is a daughter of William and Rhoda Parks. She was born Mar. 1837, five years before their documented marriage on Apr. 2, 1842 in Wilson Co, TN. She is on the 1850 census in the household of William and Rhoda Parks, but since relationships are not given, she could be a child of an earlier marriage or perhaps a niece. Saline County, IL court records have a marriage on May 23, 1858 between Martha Parks and Joseph L. Harris in Saline Co, IL. Census records show that this couple had six children (surname – Harris) and remained in Saline County, IL.

**Parthena (2IQ) Parks.** The birthdate given for Parthena Parks is 1841. She is supposed to have married Bedford Rice. She was not listed in the household of William Parks in 1850. My search of Family Lines, census data, and birth, death, and marriage records did find any Parthena Parks. However, Tennessee State Marriages 1780–2002 records the marriage of Bedford B. Rice and Parthena A. Sullivan on July 29, 1849 in Wilson County. Parthena Sullivan is a sister of Rhoda Sullivan. I also could not find another Bedford B. Rice; my conclusion is that an error has been made in believing that she is a child of William Parks. Bedford and Parthena Rice are in Wilson Co, TN in 1850 but have moved to Saline, IL by 1860.

**Berthenia Jane (2IQ) Parks.** Jane was born 1843 Wilson, TN; died 1879 Saline, IL. Family Tree Lines seem to be consistent with Berthenia Jane but census records say simply "Jane." She is in William's household in 1850 and in 1860 as Martha C. Family Lines give a date of 1864 in Tennessee for her marriage to James W. Henderson. (children's surname- Henderson). Her fourth child, James M. Henderson, was born Mar. 9, 1879, the same year as her death. So far, I have found no death or cemetery record. There is a Saline County, IL marriage record for James Henderson and Margaret C. Stricklin on Sept. 21, 1879. The family was living in Brushy, Saline, IL in 1880 and by 1900 had moved to Ash Hill, Butler, MO.

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## **William M. (1IQ1) Parks**

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**John Henry (2IQ) Parks.** John was born Dec. 23, 1844 TN; died Jan. 3, 1928 Pope, IL (IL death record). John is in William's hshd in 1850 and 1860. Our material has his wife as Laura Luticia Cheek (1848 NC–1933 Pope, IL). The name on her death record is Luticia Parks (Luticia Cheek). Civil War records show that John Parks of Saline, IL enlisted on Aug. 21, 1862. He served in Company F, IL 120th Inf. Reg. Oct. 29, 1862 and was mustered out on Sept. 10, 1865 at Memphis, TN. One child:

- William Henry (3IQ) Parks (Dec., 1868–bef. 1920), m. (1) Dora Calkin on July 13, 1893 Pope, IL; m. (2) Alice Bertha Gregory on Mar. 25, 1900 Pope, IL. There were three daughters and two sons from his second marriage. In the 1920 census for Columbus, Pope, IL, all five children are living in the household of their grandparents John H. and Luticia Parks.

It is interesting to note that in the 1900 census John H. and Luticia Parks have a child named Guy Clanahan age five, born Aug., 1894 IL, father b. IL, mother b. IN. He is still living in their household in 1910. It is not clear as to his relationship to them.

**Samuel Anderson (2IQ) Parks** was born 1847 TN, died July 31, 1918 Saline, IL. (IL death record) Samuel is in William's hshd in 1850 and 1860. Samuel married (1) Margaret Pankey Aug. 11, 1867 at Saline Co, IL; married (2) Maggie (Margaret) Monroe Cheek Wheeler Feb. 23, 1886 at Pope, IL. (Death record gives her mother's name as Margaret Cheek.) Illinois State Marriage records for both.

Children of Samuel (2IQ) and his first wife:

- Rhoda (3IQ) Parks (b. ca. 1868 IL)
- Mary A. (Polly) (3IQ) Parks (ca. 1869 IL–1958) m. 1887 Saline Co, IL to Alpheus Pyle. (IL marriage record) Lived in Saline, IL. Three children. Surname – Pyle.
- William Marshall (3IQ) Parks (b. ca. 1871 IL)
- Charles (3IQ) Parks (Apr., 1872 Pope, IL–1953) m. 1891 Emma Jean Elan. Charles is not in Samuel's household in 1880.

- Robert S. (3IQ) Parks (Sept., 1872 IL–1935 IL) m. 1894 Saline Co, IL to Frances Cain. (IL marriage record) Lived in Saline, IL. Three children.

**Note:** births of Charles and Robert are too close together.

- Harriet (3IQ) Parks (b. ca. 1874 IL)
- James Franklin (3IQ) Parks (Oct., 1876, Pope, IL–1929 IL) m. 1900 Ardeola, MO to Effie Marie Matthews. Lived in Saline, IL. Six children.
- Daughter (3IQ) Parks (b. Apr., 1879). Is not in Samuel's household in 1880.
- John Marshall (3IQ) Parks (1880 IL–1960) m. Edna Unknown. Lived in Saline, IL. One child.
- Harvey R. (3IQ) Parks (Mar., 1883 IL–aft. 1930) m. ca. 1907 Effie A. Ross. Harvey is in his Grandfather Stephen Pankey's household in 1900. Moved from IL to MO to IN. Nine children.

Children of Samuel (2IQ) and his second wife:

- Edward A. (3IQ) Parks (Apr., 1889 IL–1951 IL) m. Lutie B. Unknown. Lived in Pope, IL. Four children.
- Laura L (3IQ). Parks (b. Sept., 1890 IL)
- Carlos R. (3IQ) Parks (b. May, 1894 IL)
- Burgan Jane (3IQ) Parks (Mar., 1899 IL–1981 IL) m. Henry Lawrence. Lived in Saline, IL. One child. Surname – Lawrence.
- George (3IQ) Parks (Sep., 1901 IL–1976 IL) m. Ferne Unknown. Lived in Saline, IL. One child.
- Earnest Patrick (3IQ) Parks (Dec. 1903 IL–1970 IL) m. Edith Unknown. Lived in Saline, IL. One child.

**Robert A. (2IQ) Parks** was born June, 1849 TN. Robert is in William's hshd in 1850 and 1860. He married Martha T. Sullivan Feb. 20, 1874 Saline, IL. (IL marriage record) Two children:

- James E. (3IQ) Parks (b. ca. 1878 IL) m. Maudie Brothers Oct. 17, 1900 Saline, IL. (IL marriage record) One child.
- Robert Lee (3IQ) Parks (May, 1882 IL–1972 IL) m. Opal Unknown. Lived in Illinois. Six children.

**Mary E. (2IQ) Parks** was born Oct. 29, 1852 TN–July 3, 1926 Metropolis, IL. Mary is in William's

hshd in 1860 and 1870. She married Philip A. Ruble Oct. 27, 1878 Pope, IL. (IL marriage record) Lived in Pope, IL. Four children – surname Ruble. In 1900, Henry Clanahan age 12, b. Dec., 1887, IL (father b. IL, mother b. IN) is living in their household. One wonders what his relationship is to Guy Clanahan or to the Parks family. There is a death record for Harvey Clanahan 1888–1940 Pulaski, IL. Father: John Clanahan. Mother: Allie Franklin.

**William Bedford (2IQ) Parks** was born Feb. 2, 1853 TN and died Dec. 27, 1939 IL. William is in William's hshd in 1860 and 1870. He mar. Melissa McCulloch on Aug. 17, 1876, Pope Co, IL (IL marriage record). Our records have his wife's name as Susan m. McCullough although she is Melissa and later Louisa on census data. IL death record names William's parents.

- Laura Jane (3IQ) Parks (July, 1877 IL–1968) m. Melvin (William M.) Parks. Two children. Lived in Saline, IL.
- Harvey Lee (3IQ) Parks (b. Mar.1879 IL)
- Ammond H. (3IQ) Parks (b. Sep. 19, 1884 IL). Spelling of name taken from WWI Draft Registration card. Date of birth and spelling of name is different on WWII registration.
- Rutha (3IQ) Parks (Apr.1888 IL–1920 IL) m. Oscar C. (K) Parks. Two children. IL death record gives name as Rutha and parents as William B. Parks and Susan Milissa McCullie.  
**Note:**different Parks line. Oscar is the son of Nancy E. Parks, widow, born in Kentucky, parents born in KY. On the 1900 census Carrier Mills, Saline, IL, Nancy states that she had 7 children with 6 living. Others in her hshd are Oscar, Sina, Mary, Earl, and GL Parks (S son). It is very likely that Melvin is also her son.
- Earl (3IQ) Parks (Sep. 22, 1890 IL–Dec.1968 IL) Earl was a veteran, still single in 1930, married to Clara when he registered for WWII.
- Ray (3IQ) Parks (Mar. 11, 1896 IL–Aug., 1979 IL) m. Edith Martin. Ray was a Private, U.S. Army in WWI. Three daughters. Lived in Williamson, IL
- Orville (3IQ) Parks (July 28, 1900 IL–1990 IN) m. Dimple Stuart. Five children.

**Charlotte Harriet (2IQ) Parks** was born Feb. 1, 1856; our group sheet has a death date of Nov. 22, 1936 Carrier Mills, Saline, IL. Charlotte is in William's hshd in 1860 but not in 1870. I have not been able to find any census data after 1870 nor a death or cemetery record for her. Her name does not appear on several of the Family Lines.

**Harrison E. (2IQ) Parks** was born Feb. 1, 1856 - died Jan. 25, 1880. He is buried at Cemetery 7, Carrier Mills, IL. Harrison is not in William's hshd in 1860 but is in 1870. We have Charlotte and Harrison as twins but I am inclined to think that they may be the same individual.

**James Marshall (2IQ) Parks** was born Aug. 12, 1858, died Nov. 22, 1936 at Saline, IL. James is in William's hshd in 1860 and 1870. He m. Mary Alice Irvin on May 18, 1884, Pope, IL. (IL marriage record) His wife and two children were born in Missouri but in 1910 and 1930, the family is living in Saline, IL.

- Theodore (3IQ) Parks (b. 1896 IL) m. Edith G. Unknown.
- Tressa (3IQ) Parks (1899 IL–1933 IL) m. Arthur Hayes.

I have researched census, historical data and collateral lines trying to find earlier information about this fragment lineage but without success. I found three different Parks family lines in this general area between 1850-1900 who came from the Carolinas to Tennessee and on to this part of Illinois, but I have not found a connecting link. What they have in common is their use of given names such as Robert, Charles, and William. Also, each family line has an Earl Parks, one born in 1893, one in 1892, and the third born in 1890. This name problem, added to that of the Parks/Parks marriage, makes the research more difficult. There are family lines on Ancestry but their documentation is scanty and sometimes conflicting. Variations in dates along with errors from the census takers adds more confusion. I have inserted all the information along with my sources into my FTM program will be glad to send a GEDCOM to any interested Parke Society member. Please email me at sdtjs2001@yahoo.com with any additions or corrections.

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**Note:** Saline County, IL was formed in 1847 from Gallatin County. It is a small county in southeastern Illinois not far from the Kentucky state line. It is bordered by White, Hamilton, Franklin, Williamson, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, and Gallatin counties. Carrier Mills was platted in 1872 for William Housely and called Morrillsville after a railroad superintendent named Morrill. Though it was later renamed Carrier Mills (after inventor G. Washington Carrier, who built a large saw mill just south of the town), present day legal documents retain the name Morrillsville. Lumber, the Cairo-Vicennes railroad, coal mining, and farming kept it thriving during the early years. At one time, the population was approximately 2,500 but it had dropped to about 1,500 by the 2000 census. ❧

## Corrections and Additions to Joel Parks of Barton, Folk Artist

The story of Joel Parks of Barton, Folk Artist, that appears in Vol. 48, No. 2 of the Newsletter misspelled the name of Enos Talmadge Parks. Additional research by Tonya Pettit (PS#1583) provided the death dates of Joel and Melissa Parks. The Oswego New York Tioga County Records 1891-1893, Document # 0.228 records the date of Joel's death as December 24, 1891. His wife's death was reported in the Tioga County Record of January 25, 1907, viz.: "Rev. H.E. Coles attended the funeral of Mrs. Malissa [*sic*] Parks in Barton." (Source: Fulton History.com: Old Fulton New York Post Cards). ❧

## Historian's Corner

### Notes from All Around

All genealogy is uncertain!

Wow, that's some statement. Especially when it's coming from the "chief genealogist" (*i.e.* The Historian) of the Society.

But let's be honest here.

For every fact certain we find, it is almost guaranteed that we'll find conflicting facts that have "good" evidence behind them. And this is not just for facts of 200 or 300 years ago; even in the 21st

Century, we'll find one date reported in one place and another reported elsewhere. Such is the life of a genealogist. We just need to get as close to the real situation as we can.

This applies to the Parke Society in spades. We're an "accumulator" organization, and a "clearing house" of Park/e/s information. We collect and record information from various sources. Those sources are primarily our members' own work. But we also sometimes do a little digging on our own: checking census and other public records, checking what other researchers may have found, and so on.

What I like about our hand-generated family group sheets is that there's plenty of space for alternative dates and places, or versions of names. We're not confined to 20 character spaces that must conform to a certain predetermined format. This is the issue I have with some genealogical programs, where the alternative data can be recorded, but takes additional mouse clicks to find. And until you do that, you really don't know if there are alternative facts. Looking at our group sheets, it's immediately obvious.

Our goal is to accumulate data, sometimes to discredit it for being obviously wrong (perhaps a misprint, or someone's guess, or just could not be so), but mostly we just offer it up to searchers as possibilities or clues to get closer to the reality.

Do we claim to be the absolute last authority on any particular fact? Nope. What we will say is that such and such a place records this fact this way, and sometimes that in another place we find it recorded that way. Dates can be remembered incorrectly, and sometimes this happens on purpose. Places can be vaguely described, not taking into consideration later county divisions, or rearrangement of borders.

Maybe this is what makes my job so much fun, even though it sometimes seems to be overwhelming and even a little frustrating. I can look at and evaluate facts, and attempt to determine which is the closest to reality. This might offend some "professional" genealogists, but I don't hold myself out as such, just someone with a lot of interest in the various Park/e/s lines, who is willing to discuss and debate relative merits of certain facts.

And this of course is one of the problems of being a surname society with a name as common as Park in all its variations. Currently, we have identified over 300 distinct lines, some immigrant (place of origin and immigration known), but many as fragments—the Jacob Parks who appears in Ashtabula, Ohio in 1801, from heaven knows where. There's no really systematic way of attacking all these different lines. We just keep plugging away as new material comes in or something takes us back to them.

In my now 32 years in this post, I have never been bored or lacking for something to do for the Society. There's little rhyme or reason for the flow of projects. We attend to whatever comes to our attention. On that account, we usually have multiple projects under way at any given time. Here are some of the projects that are now underway or have been recently worked on:

**The Arthur Line LK=A:** in reviewing the Lineage Catalogue for publication, I ended up going back to the Arthur binders and doing a complete review and renumbering of the group sheets. This involved reviewing all applicable member files plus doing some of my own on-line research into the various federal and state census. This gave me a better grasp of Arthur and some of the thorny issues that we've encountered in Pennsylvania ancestry, particularly the issues with the Manor of Maske. Look for an article on this in a later issue.

**James Parks of Ewhurst, England, LK=KK:** thanks to Fred Saar's diligent work on the earliest generations of this line, I've been able to review what we have in our lineage binder, and update the group sheet numbering. Mr. Saar is now taking over as the Lineage Leader for this line.

**Lineage Catalogue:** not all tasks are as easy as they first appear. I thought that publishing the Lineage Catalogue would be a slam-dunk. The reality was quite different, especially among the oldest assigned keys. In some cases, members had never sent in the appropriate data, and in others what we had from them was terribly confusing. In both instances I have had to review member files, and even do some supporting research with census and other records. To date, nearly four of the fourteen volumes of Lineage

Keys have been published. We'll see many more issues before the entire Catalogue has been published. As a side project, we're also going to put the published catalogue sections on the Society's Website, possibly on the public side. In going through the Lineage Catalogue, I've made a number of interesting discoveries, which I will make note of in this column in the future.

**Dealing with paper:** as an organization, we gather a tremendous amount of paper. We have more than a half dozen full file cabinets, dozens of binders, and several file boxes of bits and pieces that have accumulated over the years. The questions are How we are to deal with all this paper? and Will any future Historian have the room for all of this material? While we can do some sorting out, much of this paper is needed as support to our work. One might think that the obvious solution to all this paper would be to scan it into optical images. We were going to do this with the Membership files, but realized that there was no good way to identify the scanned images so that we could determine what they were in their entirety without opening them individually. And while that idea came to nought, we did realize that there are in many of the member's files papers that are really of no good use to us as a Society in fulfilling our mission.

To this end, we now are in the process of going through all the members' files, cleaning out miscellaneous stuff that has accumulated, such as USPS address notices, address changes, Christmas cards, etc. Our habit had been to save everything. Now we discard anything not related to genealogy in some way. This may not reduce the size of a particular file, but when taken as a whole, it can save some space.

We're also removing from members' files copies of original documents attesting to various facts concerning Park/e/s surnamed individuals. Those documents are much more useful to the Society when they're with the relevant family group sheet, rather than lost in one of the 1,700 membership files. Of course, in this process, we also make sure that we update the respective databases, and/or Family Tree Maker file. We started this effort with the files of our

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deceased members; this closing of a file ties up loose ends for that member. Once completed, the closed file goes into a different storage location; it is never discarded.

Concerning active member correspondence: If you send something to me, either as an email, attachment or via snail mail, it is placed into your file, which is then pulled and set aside for review and follow-up. Unfortunately, due to time factors I don't always reply to let you know that I got your correspondence. But be assured that it is in my to-do materials. As you might suspect, there's a fair backlog of materials that need to be addressed. If sending me something via email, you might always want to request a read receipt as a confirmation that I have received, opened, and read it. I use Microsoft's Outlook Express which does understand read receipts (most of the time) and will automatically respond.

**Other ongoing research:** If the above items aren't enough, from time to time I come across a name or a question that intrigues me enough to want to go and do some original research myself. Because this is really outside of the scope of my function, this takes the lowest of priorities in the greater scheme of things. Currently I have a couple of these projects underway that I will report on in future issues of the Newsletter.

I'm also always on the lookout for connections in our fragment lines. I watch for familiar names or places and dates, and then recheck the sources to see if indeed there is a connection. Finding connections is a serendipitous. One can never tell when you will trip over link between different lines.

So there we are on some of my duties on as your Historian. I really do enjoy this task, and just wish that I had even more time to dig into all of the materials that I have at hand.☺

The next editorial due date is  
**November 15, 2012**

## Electronic Newsletter Distribution

by Fr. Michael Parks+, Executive Director

During the last couple of Trustee's Meetings we have been kicking around the idea of electronic distribution of the Newsletter for members who expressly request it, instead of the printed copy that they now receive via the US Postal Service.

We all know that postage and printing costs continue to rise, yet your Trustees are very reluctant to raise membership dues; we believe that would be counter-productive to our mission. However, the lure of electronic distribution can't be ignored for its efficiency and cost effectiveness.

**Important:** we are *not* discontinuing the printed edition of the Newsletter. For many of us it's easier to work with and has a certain permanence that electronic publications do not have. On the other hand, we also realize that most members that have come into the Society over the past, say, five years have email addresses (and hence, Internet access); in fact, it's rare that new members have no email address.

So, we'd like to offer that option to members who would prefer an electronic version of the Newsletter. We anticipate starting the electronic distribution option with the next Newsletter (Vol. 49 No. 1), which will go out in November, 2012. It would be a "push" operation; that is, upon its publication and its normal mailing to the Society we'll automatically send the Newsletter to you as an attachment to an email message from the Society. You won't have to respond to the message or click on a link to get your copy of the Newsletter. You'll be able to simply download it to your computer.

The electronic edition will be distributed in the standard Adobe PDF format (Portable Document Format) which can be read by the Acrobat Reader available in a free download from the Adobe Website. Generally, most computers already have the Reader installed, as the PDF is a popular and widely used format for distribution of all kinds of documents.

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## Back Issues: Let’s Try this Again

On p. 6 of Vol. 48, No. 1, we ran a short piece about extra copies of the Newsletter stored by the Executive Director. We’ve already permanently archived the necessary number of issues, and still have surplus issues that we don’t need. Instead of discarding them, we’d prefer members to have them, on a first-come first-served basis.

A caveat: with any printed source, hardcopy or internet website, things change; just because it happens to be published somewhere does not make it gospel. However, with that in mind, back issues might still provide some clue or tidbit to help you with your research.

We had hoped to have posted to our Website a listing of the available back issues with their tables of contents. Unfortunately, that hasn’t happened.

Let’s try again. In the next month or so, we hope to have that listing posted to our Website, readily accessible. Back issues will be available for \$2 each or 5 issues for \$7.50, first-come, first-served, and when they’re gone, they’ll be gone. We’ll keep the remaining stock for another 18 months or so, then probably discard what remains. So keep an eye out for the Stock Listing on our Website, and see if there are any issues you might need or want. ☺

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## In Memoriam

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

**Mary Isabell (Vander Cook) Dundas**, PS#272, passed away peacefully at the Waters of Martinsville, Martinsville, IN on April 27, 2012, at age 87.

Born in Chicago, IL on October 17, 1924, she was the daughter of Francis Ira and Dorothy Isabella (Powell) Vander Cook, PS#112, who predeceased her. She married Frederick Burke Dudnas on June 9, 1945 in Glen Ellyn, IL. Mr. Dundas passed away in 1996, after 51 years of marriage. Mary graduated from North Central College, Naperville, IL and received her Master’s Degree from Butler University in Indianapolis, IN. She taught kindergarten in the Indianapolis Public School System and after retirement traveled extensively with her husband throughout the US and Europe. She is survived by her daughters Elizabeth Ann Feucht and Mary Jane Morris, five grandsons, and nine great grandchildren.

Mary was a member of several patronal societies, including the DAR, Daughters of American Colonists, and the Indianapolis Chapter of the Scottish Society, as well as the Parke Society. In honor of her husband’s military service, she was also a lifetime associate member of the 351st Bomb Group. Besides genealogy, Mary enjoyed reading, bird watching, history, and was a fan of the Indianapolis Colts.

She was a 12th generation descendant from Robert Parke (LK=T, Chart 13) who came to America on the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, through Robert’s son, Thomas (02T1) Parke; the line continues to Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, Andrew James<sup>9</sup>, to Isabella<sup>10</sup> Parke, Dorothy Isabella<sup>11</sup> Powell (PS#112) who married Francis Ira Vander Cook, to member<sup>12</sup>.

**Donald George Pray**, PS#107, died at Fort Worth, TX on Sunday, July 31, 2011, at age 83.

Donald Pray was born January 19, 1928 at Troy, New York to George Emerson and Jansje Cornelia (Ouwejan). He took a Bachelor’s Degree in Physics at Texas Christian University (1955) and a Master’s

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in Mechanical Engineering from Southern Methodist University in 1979. He married Betty Ann Williams on October 1, 1950, at Fort Worth, Texas. He was predeceased by his wife of 59 years in 2009; a son, Jonathan Cornelius Pray, an infant daughter Patricia Ann Pray, and a grandson Stephen Pray. He is survived by his children, Dr. Jennifer Loie (Dr. Gail Russell) Hall, Judy Hendrix, Jeffrey (Lori) Pray, several grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Donald Pray had a long and successful career as an engineer with General Dynamics, LTC Astronautics, Chrysler Corp., and Bell Helicopter among several others. He also contributed articles to professional journals.

He had two Park/e/s ancestral lines: He is a 12th generation descendant from Robert Parke (LK=S, Chart 16), who came to America on the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, through Robert's son, Samuel (02S1) Parke. The line from there is Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup> Bennett, Eunice<sup>5</sup> Bennett, Rufus<sup>6</sup> Glass, Lucinda<sup>7</sup> Glass, Oliver S<sup>8</sup> Pray (who married the Richard descendant), George Orrin<sup>9</sup> Pray, Ralph Emerson<sup>10</sup> Pray, George Emerson<sup>11</sup> Pray, to member<sup>12</sup>.

He also is a 13th generation descendant from Richard Parke (LK=R, Chart 1), who came to America on the aboard the Defense in 1635, through his daughter, Elizabeth (2R4) Parke. The line continues to Joseph<sup>3</sup> Winship, Abigail<sup>4</sup> Winship, Joseph<sup>5</sup> Manning, Daniel<sup>6</sup> Manning, Lydia<sup>7</sup> Manning, Eliza (Betsy)<sup>8</sup> Hyde, Emily<sup>9</sup> Lamb (who married the Samuel descendant), George Orrin<sup>10</sup> Pray, Ralph Emerson<sup>11</sup> Pray, George Emerson<sup>12</sup> Pray to member<sup>13</sup>. ☺

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

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

### 1583 Tonya Dawn Pettit

Naples, NY

While this line has strong possibilities of being tied into The Robert-Thomas line of Massachusettes (LK=T) the positive proof of connection has yet to be verified. Hence her line is currently being classified as a Fragment line starting with a Nathaniel Parks (ca. 1740 – bef. 1790) who married a Lydia Talmadge (1743, CT – 1798, NY) before 1775, place unknown. This is being labeled as LK=DN, and thence goes to Nathaniel<sup>2</sup> Parks Jr. (who married Maria Green), to Enos Talmadge<sup>3</sup>, Elmer<sup>4</sup>, Howard Lawrence<sup>5</sup>, to Elbert Elmer<sup>6</sup>, to James Elbert<sup>7</sup>, to member<sup>8</sup>.

### 1584 Larry Martin Parke

Hindman, KY

Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK=K. Line is Roger<sup>1</sup>, Roger<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>4</sup>, who married Esther Shipton, to (Robert) Shipton<sup>5</sup>, Caleb Brown<sup>6</sup>, John Waller<sup>7</sup>, Harris<sup>8</sup>, Harris Martin<sup>9</sup>, to member<sup>10</sup>.

### 1585 Amy Rene Berger

Chappaqua NY

Lineage appears to be Robert (MA, 1630) through his son Thomas (02T1), LK=T, Chart 13. Line is Robert<sup>1</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jehiel<sup>7</sup>, Daniel<sup>8</sup>, Leonard<sup>9</sup>, Byron<sup>10</sup>, Edward Aloysius<sup>11</sup>, to Marjorie Grace<sup>12</sup> Parke, who married Isaac Lavern Stiff, to David Leo<sup>13</sup> Stiff, to member<sup>14</sup>.