

The Parke Society Newsletter

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Dedicated Service Award announced for 2012

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

From time to time, by vote of the Board of Trustees, the Society recognizes outstanding efforts of one of more of its members to the Society by presenting them our Dedicated Service Award. At the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on 22 September 2012, one such award was made. Formal presentation will take place at a time convenient to the officers and the recipient.

While the main purpose of the Parke Society is to pursue Park/e/s genealogy in North America, that couldn't happen without the all too often unsung efforts behind the scenes of our officers and trustees. There is a lot more to doing genealogy as a society than just searching out data, analyzing and organizing it. Indeed, probably most members do not realize

what all goes into the administration of the Parke Society. If it weren't for officers and trustees, the organization would quickly stumble and perhaps cease to exist.

At the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society, the Board of Trustees awarded the Dedicated Service Award to Arliene Marion (Parks) Callahan, PS#396, a 12th generation descendant of Robert Parke, who came to the Colonies in 1630 with the Winthrop Fleet, for her twenty-two years of faithful service as the Secretary of the Society.

Being the Secretary of the Parke Society involves more than just taking minutes and authorizing resolutions. She is also the Society's cashier, as it were, receiving the annual renewal dues envelopes and all other moneys, making deposits, and notifying the Treasurer and the Executive Director. Serving in this way, Arliene became the needed third person for adequate internal control of the Society's finances. She also handled dues, status inquiries, and thank-you notes for donations and gifts to the Society.

Arliene has been a member of the Society since 1979. She took on the role of Secretary in 1988 when Janet Snyder had to resign due to health issues.

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Arlene has also worked diligently to clarify the Robert connection of her Jehiel Parks (1745-1815) of Sharon, CT, and Stillwater, NY, thereby reducing the number of fragment lines by one.

The officers and trustees thank Arlene Marion (Parks) Callahan for her many years of faithful service to the Society, and wish her well in her future endeavors.☺

From the President's Desk

Ken Parks, PS#1406

As the newly-elected president of the Parke Society, I believe a regular column here in the newsletter will be an excellent way to keep members informed of the state of the Society, so here we are with our first offering!

First, I'd like to begin by acknowledging and thanking my predecessor, Curtis Parks, for his steady, sure leadership the past five years. Curtis will remain actively involved in the administration of the Society, and we all rely on his experience and expertise as we tackle new challenges in the coming months.

The 2012 Annual Meeting in Harrisburg

The attendance for our annual business meeting was up from previous years, with ten members, comprising officers, trustees, and members-at-large, finding many topics to discuss. Here's a brief recap of what happened at the meeting:

- With an overwhelmingly positive vote from members in attendance and a large number of proxy votes, the proposed changes to the By-laws were adopted. This reduces the number of trustees to a more manageable number, making the administration and conduct of Society business easier
- The following Trustees were re-elected for a three-year term:
Robert Leon Parke, PS#755
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- Officers elected for the coming year:
President: Ken Parks, PS#1406
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- Resolution adopted to increase the number of pages in each newsletter issue from 16 to 20 pages, at the Editor's discretion, subject to content availability
- Resolution adopted to bestow the Parke Society Dedicated Service Award to past Secretary, Arlene P. Callahan, PS#396 (see article, p. 1)
- Resolution adopted to hold the 2013 business meeting at same location in Harrisburg, PA on September 20-21. Fuller discussion of this below
- Discussion of the Society's finances and ways to enhance our financial status
- Broad, wide-ranging discussion of the Parke Society website, both the design and content aspects, as well as ways to employ social media to widen the Society's presence online. A fuller description follows below.

2013 Annual Parke Society Meeting

With attendance steadily declining at the annual Convocations, the Trustees voted several years ago to change the format to that of a simple business meeting, in order to satisfy the legal requirements of the Society's status and conduct the necessary business required by the by-laws. However, at this year's meeting it was noted that 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the Society, and discussion was held about the possibility of expanding the format of next year's meeting to reflect that occasion.

While some felt there was not enough time to investigate whether sufficient interest in a full-blown Convocation exists and make the necessary arrangements for a larger event, it was agreed that the existing location could certainly accommodate a larger

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member attendance should an expansion be warranted. While a more formal survey may take place soon, any member who would like to see the 2013 meeting expanded to celebrate the 50th anniversary is encouraged to contact either myself or Fr. Michael Parks to express your opinion and indicate whether you would be likely to attend. The earlier the better, as a decision would need to be made by year's end in order to begin preparations.

On a personal note, it was wonderful to meet members Gary Alexander Parks, PS#1528, newly designated Lineage Leader for LK=KY, and William Frew, PS#1180. Representing the best of two generations, we also had the pleasure of spending time with Sara Churchill, PS#1573 and past President Jean Reisler, PS#514. Jean's attendance record at our meetings is probably rivaled only by that of Fr. Michael (Tad) Parks, PS#425! And, as always, spending time with Curtis Parks, PS#1166, Jean Churchill, PS#934, Ron N. Parks, PS#1458, and Joanne Rodgers, PS#1523 amid lively discussions of the issues at hand made the weekend a pleasure.

Parke Society Website

The dominant topic at this year's meeting was the need to revamp the existing website and to explore the use of other social media to give the Society a better presence in these new avenues of communication. Sara Churchill, PS#1573 gave a clear, illuminating explanation of how both Facebook and Twitter could be used to bring the Society's news and items of interest to the attention of members and non-members alike, thus keeping current members informed and leading potential members to the Society's website.

After looking at several examples, there was general agreement on the desired look for the website. A need to examine the current content and accessibility of that content was also discussed. To that end, a committee will be formed to make this website renovation a reality, including the use of Facebook and Twitter. It is hoped this will be accomplished before the next newsletter is published, and any member

wishing to offer suggestions or help is encouraged to contact me in a timely fashion. By the way, some members may be aware that a Parke Society Facebook page was formed some years ago, but due to the "migration" of the page by the powers-that-be on Facebook, that page had become fairly inactive. Once the new PS Facebook page is created, we'll find a way to transfer the many wonderful photos that were posted on the old page and invite one and all to join us there!

The Park/e/s DNA Project

Since I'll be wearing a couple of hats for a bit, I'll include a brief mention of the DNA project here, though there will be separate dedicated articles in future issues. Without boring anyone with the details, this has been a very active year for me personally, and the lack of attention I've given to the DNA project has led to a slowdown in new members and compromised my ability to fully analyze the results we already have in hand. With an apology for that inattention, let me say that I'll be attending a conference for DNA project administrators in November, run by Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), the Houston-based firm we use for testing. While there, I hope to address issues I've had with the mechanics of maintaining the DNA project website, as well as questions regarding analysis of results that are beyond my layman's knowledge of the subject.

On a related note, I would like to take this opportunity to point out that it is very important that anyone wishing to use DNA testing to explore their Park/e/s heritage uses the Park/e/s project for that purpose. This means that ordering a DNA test from any testing firm other than FTDNA, such as those offered by Ancestry.com, is not the best idea. While I have nothing against other testing services, it simply does not allow us to incorporate test results into the Park/e/s project and compare those results with others in our database. Simply put, DNA results mean little in isolation. It is only by comparing results with others that meaningful information is gained, and the larger the database, the more likely useful information will be obtained.

The reasons for using FTDNA testing are several:

- Different testing firms look at slightly different sets of “markers” on the Y-chromosome. Because some markers may overlap, it’s not like comparing apples and oranges, more like comparing a Granny Smith with a Red Delicious—sort of the same, but not exactly.
- Though FTDNA does offer a conversion kit for incorporating test results from other firms, it’s an extra process and expense that can be avoided by testing with FTDNA from the beginning.
- A test ordered from FTDNA through the Park/e/s project is billed at a lower group rate than others ordering from FTDNA without the benefit of participation in a group project.

As always, if you or any family member has questions about the DNA project or how to order a test and join the Park/e/s project, feel free to contact me at any time.

Other News

Fr. Michael (Tad) Parks and I are planning to attend the 2013 conference of the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) in Manchester, New Hampshire April 17-21. I attended these bi-annual conferences in 2007 and 2011, and was able to set up a Parke Society table at the Society Fair in 2011, something we will repeat in 2013. I cannot recommend this conference highly enough to anyone interested in genealogy. The speakers and workshops are always top-notch, with three separate tracks of workshops to choose from over three days on a wide range of general genealogy topics, as well as some with a focus on New England research. Should anyone be interested in joining us at the conference, here is the URL for the conference website: <http://www.nergc.org>. Some information is not available there yet, but as the date approaches, registration information, as well as workshops and speakers, will be added to the website, so check back often if interested in attending: New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc.

A Look Ahead

With nearly fifty years behind us as a Society, there are many individuals to thank for making our existence possible. The Newsletter will be publishing a history of the Society, noting the contributions of several of those individuals. But in a very real sense, every member of the Society, past and present, has helped make it what it is today. By contributing their Park/e/s family history and sharing that information with other members, it has enabled scores of others to further their own sometimes limited knowledge of their Park/e/s heritage.

As we look ahead to the next fifty years, we realize that methods of genealogical research have changed, and will continue to change. Our challenge as a Society is to recognize and adapt to those changes to ensure that the large database of Park/e/s information we have compiled continues to exist, to grow, and is available to future generations of Park/e/s descendants. This is not an easy task, nor one that is guaranteed to succeed. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers the Society has survived and thrived for nearly a half-century—no small accomplishment!

One of our goals for the future is to find, encourage, and train the next generation of members who will carry on the various functions of the Society, an issue many historical and genealogical groups are facing. To that end, any member reading this who has a desire to participate more actively in the Society is encouraged to get in touch. Along with a general desire to participate, members with expertise in any particular field would be of great help to the Society. Legal training, financial expertise, knowledge of the online world, genealogy research experience, writing, editing, publishing—these are just some examples of the kinds of skills the Society needs from its members in order to thrive.

I look forward to this opportunity to help guide the Parke Society into the future, and with the help of you all, we’ll be able to preserve the legacy which past Society members left us, and pass it along to the next generation intact and better than ever!☺

David (EN) Parks of Coshocton, OH by Jean Churchill, PS#934, Missing Links Editor

Coshocton County, Ohio, is located in the southern section of northwestern Ohio. It was established from Muskingum County on 1 April 1811 and reached its present boundaries in 1825. Coshocton's Indian beginnings are seen in its name which translated from the Delaware Indian language means "union of the waters." The county seat, Coshocton, is at the forks of the Muskingum River where the Tuscarawas and Walhonding rivers join to form the Muskingum River. This county is bordered by the counties of Holmes, Knox, Tuscarawas, and Muskingum. The counties of Licking and Guernsey are also nearby.

Several different Park/e/s lineages lived in this general area during the early 1800s. One such was David Parks, his wife, Catherine and their children who settled in Washington Township before 1820. David's birth date has been given as 19 July 1775, but it is not clear where he was born. His death date is 1 May 1866 at Coshocton; he is buried in the Branch Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery. A family line researcher believes that his father was Samuel Parks Park (b. 1746 Ulster, Ireland - d. 1797 Berkeley, James, VA) but source material is lacking. On the 1850 census, David states he is 76 years old, born in Maryland.

The surname of Catherine, David's wife, is unknown, as is her place of birth. One researcher states that Catherine Case was born 18 March 1778, Exeter, Washington, RI. Place of birth is not given for Catherine on the 1850 census. She died that year and is buried in Branch Cemetery. It is obvious that their children did not know since each one named a different state on the 1880 census: NY, OH, PA, and VA.

Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850 has a David Parks married to Catherine Case at Greenbrier, Virginia on 18 January 1802 but this marriage date does not fit very well with the births of their older children.

David's will has been used to confirm the names of eight children born to this couple. His will was written July 1861 and probated 20 July 1866. "I will

and bequeath to Joseph Parks, William Parks, Mary Fiecoat, Sarah Musgrove, Deborah Squire, Elizabeth Squire, and Catharine McCoy - they being my legal heirs, each equal shares of my estate, after making the following deductions, my executor shall take out of the share of Elizabeth Squire the amount of \$25. and add same to the share of Catharine McCoy and shall pay --- to grandson, Charles Parks, son of Charles Parks, Sr. \$5. and no more. To great granddaughter Katherine Parks, daughter of David W. Parks, the sum of \$20. and no more."

1. Catharine Parks (ca. 1800 PA-) m. Unknown McCoy. In 1860 she is living in White Eyes, Coshocton with Alexander McCoy, age 21 b. OH; Mary Spencer age 24 b. OH, and Alexander Spencer age 3 b. OH.
 - a. Alexander McCoy (ca. 1840-). Civil War Draft. Registration: 1 July 1863: Alexander R McCoy, age 24, married, b. PA living in Franklin, Washington, PA may possibly be Catharine's son.
2. Joseph Parks (1800 Muskingum, OH-1865 Coshocton) m. Muskingum Co to Jane Richcreek (1799 VA-1861 Coshocton). Eleven children were born to this union. Nothing is known of Sarah (b. ca. 1823) or Thomas A. (b. ca. 1842).
 - a. David W. Parks (1821-1890) m. 1843 (1) Elizabeth Byrant (1821-1845), one dau. David m. 1847 (2) Mary J. Corder. 18 children. Family lived in Adams, Ohio.
 - b. Phillip Parks (1825-) m. 1846 Mary Jane Slaughter. Family moved to Greene, IN then in 1900 to Sheridan, NE. Census data shows Phillip with a second, possibly third wife. Phillip had a total of 12 children.
 - c. Catharine Parks (1827-1894) m. Jonathan Parks of New York. More on this lineage will be featured in a later article.
 - d. Samuel L. Parks (1829-1904) m. 1848 Mary Ann Kelley. Family stayed in Coshocton. Nine children.

- e. William E. Parks (1831- 1902) m. (1) Elizabeth McConaty; m. (2) Sarah Beard. William's Obit.: 5 children from 1st m.; 2 from 2nd. Lived in Indiana.
 - f. Hannah Parks (1834-1914) m. Daniel Slaughter. Eight children. Family settled in Ogle, IL.
 - g. Deborah Parks (1836-) m. David Passmore. Six children. Family moved from Greene, IN to Cowley, KS.
 - h. Joseph Parks (1838-) Family Lines and census offers conflicting data. Possibly 3 marriages and several children.
 - i. Susan J. Parks (1846-) m. James Morrow. Two children. Lived in Coshocton and Tuscarawas, OH.
3. Mary Parks (ca. 1802 OH-) m. Michall Fivecoat (Indian heritage). Son, Alexander (1827-1831) bur. Virginia Twp. Cemetery. 1860 US Federal Census Mitcheltree, Martin, Indiana has Micheal Fivecoat, age 59 with wife Mary A. age 58 b. OH. Others in hshd are: Charles W. age 16 b. OH and Elizabeth age 17 b. OH. Charles Fivecoat served as a Union soldier during Civil War.
 4. Charles Parks (ca. 1804 – 1830) buried Branch Meth. Epis. Cem. Charles m. Nancy Richcreek. There were three children. Nothing found for Andrew or Thomas.
 - a. Charles McDonald Parks (1827-1909) m. 1848 Mary E. Richcreek. Nine children. Family lived in Wright, Greene, IN.
 5. Sarah Parks (1809 -) m. (1) Lewis Ogan; m. (2) Thompson Roberts; m. (3) Moses Musgrave. There is a question whether the surname is Ogan or Ogden. Earlier researchers also reversed the name of Thompson Roberts. Ogan/Ogden children are: David P. (b. abt.1828); Lewis (b. abt.1830); Charles (b. abt.1833); John (b. abt.1835); Catherine (b. abt.1840); Joseph (b. abt 1842) NOTE: father died 1840. Roberts children are: Jane (b. abt. 1847) and Mary Elizabeth (b. abt.1848).
 - a. Charles Odgen (b. Aug.1832 OH) m. Margaret Unknown. Seven children. Living in Missouri by 1870.
 - b. John Ogan (ca. 1835) John served in the 51 OH Inf., Company D from 1861-1865. His rank in was Corporal, rank out was Sergeant. In 1868, he may have been living in Cleveland, OH as a carpenter.
 - c. Mary (Elizabeth) Roberts (ca. 1848) m. William Dickey. Four children in 1880 living in Coshocton. Mother, Sarah Musgrave also living in household.
 6. William Parks (1812 –1889) Coshocton bur. Branch Meth. Epis. Cem.; m. Mary Unknown (1812-1890). Six children. No information on daughter, Elizabeth (ca. 1843).
 - a. Joseph Parks (ca. 1836 -) m. Mary Woolford. Three children. Living in Coshocton in 1880.
 - b. William F. Parks (ca. 1839-1881) m. Nancy Wright. Nine children. Living in Coshocton in 1880.
 - c. Eli French Parks (ca. 1844-1875) m. (1) Sarah Dorcas Richcreek. Two children. Eli m. (2) Nancy Evaline Jones. Three children. In 1880 all five children are living with paternal grandparents in Coshocton.
 - d. Hiram Parks (ca. 1847-1921) m. Sarah Ellen Darr. Seven children. Family living in Coshocton in 1880.
 - e. Elijah Parks (ca. 1849-1929) m. Mariah Darr. Six children. Family living in Coshocton in 1880.
 7. Elizabeth Parks (ca. 1814-) m. William Perry Squire. Living in Greene IN in 1850 next door to Bradley Squire. Nine children –surname Squire. No information found on: William (ca.

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- 1837-); Jane (ca. 1839-); Sarah (ca. 1841-); Katharine (ca. 1843); Mary E. (ca. 1845-); Susannah (ca. 1847-); Martha (ca. 1847-); Loui A. [*sic* census sheet] (ca. 1849).
- a. David Squire (ca. 1852-) m. Alice Unknown. Nine children. Living Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory in 1900.
8. Deborah Parks (1817-1901) m. Bradley Squire. Family living in Greene, IN in 1870. Ten children – surname Squire. No information found for: Martha C. (ca. 1843-); Alfreda J. (ca. 1847-); Catherine (ca. 1850-); Mary E. (ca. 1852-); Susan (ca. 1861-).
- a. Perry Squire (1837-1922) m. (1) Elizabeth Haney; (2) Sarah A. Joyce. Seven children all from first marriage. Family lived in Greene, IN
 - b. Nathan Squire (1841-1925) m. Sarah Bonham. Eight children – six living in 1900. Resided in Greene, IN
 - c. Charles L. Squire (1845-1930) m. Lizzie Grant. Two children. Living in Greene, IN.
 - d. William Squire (1856-) m. Feta Ferguson. One child. Living in Greene, IN.
 - e. David Delano Squire (ca. 1858-1942) m. Sarah Unknown. One child. Living in Greene, IN.
9. Mariah Parks (ca. 1815-) m. 1836 Coshocton to Thomas Dunfee. Nine children - surname Dunfee. Nancy (ca. 1837 OH-); William (ca. 1839 IN-); Margaret (ca. 1842 IN-); Samuel (ca. 1844 OH -); Aaron (ca. 1846 IN-); Cordelia (ca. 1850 IN-); Mary A. (ca. 1850 IN-); Louisa (ca. 1860 IN-). Family in Wabash, IN in 1870.

NOTE: Mariah Parks (1815 OH-) m. Thomas Dunfee. Mariah is not named in David Parks's will. This name appears on the J. David Parks/Catherine Unknown group sheet compiled by

Bonnie Hamilton, Coshocton, OH 1992. The source of the initial "J" is not given and I have omitted it because David did not use it on any of his Coshocton County records.

This Parks lineage is definitely a work in progress. It has been difficult trying to sort out the various Parks lines particularly for those individuals born before 1850. Please send me any additions or corrections. I do have more information that I am willing to share. This lineage has been assigned LK=EN.

Sources: Census data, Family lines, Wills, Marriage records, Cemetery records, Civil War records, Obituaries. ☞

The Search for John Parks of NC/TN/MS

by James Parks, PS#1252

I and others before me have been stymied for years in efforts to nail down the ancestry of our ancestor, John Parks of NC/TN/MS. We have probate records which show that he died in MS in 1847, that he had two grown sons identified as Wylie (b. 1817 in NC) and James M. (b. 1818 in TN), that he died intestate in MS leaving whatever he owned (which apparently wasn't much and was loaded with debt) to his wife, Martha, and that there were two "small" children to be cared for from his meager estate. Best guess is that the two "small" children were William Foster, 18, and Sarah Rebecca, 14. Perhaps there were other small children who remain unknown.

U. S Census records show:

1810, Wilkes, NC: "John Parks (H. G.)" shows one male 16-26 (John) and one female 16-26 (Martha). No children are shown, which is consistent with a John Parks and Martha Felts marriage in 1809. Don't know what "(H. G.)" signifies. [See the following note on p. 9. *Editor*]

1820, Warren, TN: "John Parks" shows two males under 10 (Wylie and James M), one male 26-44 (John), one female under 10 (unknown), and one female 26-44 (Martha).

1830, Warren, TN: “John Parks” shows two males under 5 (William Foster and unknown), 1 male 5-10 (unknown), two males 15-20 (Wylie and James M), one male 40-50 (John, disagrees with 1840), one female under 5 (Mary Elizabeth), one female 30-40 (Martha).

1840, Winston, MS: “John B Parks” shows one male under 5 (unknown), one male 5-10 (William Foster), one male 40-50 (John, disagrees with 1830), one female 40-50 (Martha), two female children are missing, Mary Elizabeth, 10-15 and Sarah Rebecca, 5-10; this is the only known instance of the use of the middle initial “B.”

Such are the vagaries and pitfalls of U. S. Census data.

To remove some of the uncertainty, I submitted a y-DNA sample to the Park/e/s Surname Project, hosted by Family Tree DNA. The results didn't really make everything clear. My 25-marker sample differed in two locations from the mode sequence of descendants of Thomas Parks of Virginia (LK=C). I had expected that I would fall into that line with a complete match, but the two-marker discrepancy raised more questions than it answered. Adoptions or extra-marital affairs are the usual suspects in DNA mismatches, but the discrepancy here is not what would be expected in such a case, and no such event is known to have occurred in our line. Mutation is the more likely explanation. Further testing by male siblings and cousins with the Parks surname might shed some light on whether and when in our line the mutation occurred, but to date, I've had no success convincing any of them to submit to testing.

More questions than answers...!

Here's a simple register report for John Parks. The data is the best I have, and needs further research.

John Parks was born ca. 1790 in Wilkes Co, NC. He died Nov, 1847 in Winston Co MS. He married Martha Felts on 22 Apr 1809 in Wilkes Co NC, daughter of John Felts and Mary Walker. She was born on 04 Mar 1792 in Wilkes Co NC. She died after 1850.

Children of John Parks and Martha Felts are:

1. Wiley A. Parks, b. ca. 1817 in Wilkes NC, d. after. 1880, m. Winston Co MS.
2. James Monroe Parks, b. 20 Aug 1818 in Warren Co TN, d. 04 Aug 1895 in San Saba Co TX, m. (1) 24 Mar 1845 in Winston County MS, (2) 1869 in Lauderdale County MS.
3. Mary Elizabeth Parks, b. 26 Aug 1826 in TN, m. 27 Jun 1848 in Winston Co MS.
4. William Foster Parks, b. 13 May 1829 in Warren Co TN, d. 21 Aug 1904, m. 03 Aug 1856 in Winston County MS.
5. Sarah Rebecca Parks, b. 1833 in Warren Co TN, d. between 1883-1889 in Winston Co MS, m. 24 Dec 1850 in Winston Co, MS.☞

A Census puzzle

The 1810 Census shows several occurrences of the letters H.C., L.C., and W.O.C., in parentheses, following names. If any of our members know what they mean, please let the Newsletter editor know at parkenews@cseidl.org. As always, be sure to document your information!☞

Historian's Corner

by Fr. Michael Parks, PS#425H

Notes from all around

This year's annual meetings (our 49th) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, were extremely productive, profitable and enjoyable for all who came. Not only did we have a record number of core staff, some general members came, looking for help with their own genealogies.

Few of the smaller, family or even surname genealogical societies ever make it, to their 49th year. How have we survived? I believe the main reason for our success is that we're devoted to genealogy, to connecting fragment lines to immigrant lines, and aren't a social or reunion organization. Such activities occur, but they don't overwhelm our basic aim of doing genealogy.

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Another reason is that we've distributed our management. Family or surname genealogical organizations are often run by one person, and when that person fades from view, no one steps into the breach, and the organization dies. We, on the other hand, have survived the passing of our Founder (Ruby Anderson, PS#1) and all but one of the Charter members.

All the Society's officers contribute vital activities to the organization: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian/Executive Director, and Editor. We all see to it that back-office functions are performed efficiently. We've been lucky to have willing members step into these positions whenever needs arose.

The President's tenure is limited by the By-Laws to five one year terms, which prevents "perpetual presidency" and lets new blood step into the leadership role. This has been one of our strengths. But perhaps our best asset is an independent Board of Trustees, whose members are elected by the general membership. Their active participation in the life of the Society saved us in a constitutional crisis in the early 1970s. Their attention to the state of the Society at each annual gathering moves us ever nearer the elusive goal of tracking down the various Park/e/s lines that came across the pond to North America.

We're hoping to celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary in 2013 in some manner. Keep an eye out for further information on this subject.

As Historian and Executive Director...

...here's what I'll be doing over the coming months:

1. I'll be reviewing the files of deceased members, making sure that any data passed to us is appropriately recorded. An important part of this review will be relocating primary documents from members' files into the Lineage Binders with the proper family group sheets. This will help in locating such material later.
2. I'll be making sure all our records are in sync: that the data in the Givenname Index, in the

Lineage Binder family group sheets, and if they exist, the FTW files, are all in agreement.

3. I need to complete several projects that I've started over the past couple of years before starting any more. One has been to create an FTW file for the Richard (LK=R) line, probably the last major early line without such a file.
4. Having just completed a consolidation of Lineage Keys PZ and WS based on DNA and now-known connecting line information, I need to do the same with at least three more lines.
5. At this year's annual meetings, we devoted considerable time and discussion to our Website. We agreed that we needed to update it to include more materials, more genealogical information, and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section to address those issues that most puzzle our members, especially new ones: for example, what the devil is a Lineage Key, FGS number, or a Lineage Leader? We also want to start using online forms. Many things in the members-only section will become public.
6. In preparing the Lineage Key Catalogue for Newsletter publication (and subsequently on our Website), I've now completed a review of all single and double letter keys, as well as the AX, AY, and AZ groups. Over the next few years, we'll continue to review and prepare for publication all 300-plus keys currently in use, publishing as well as any on-going corrections, consolidations, and additions.
7. The Newsletter has published a number of articles by members or by Jean Churchill, our Missing Links editor. These often contained new and enlarged material that has not been incorporated into in the Lineage Binders family group sheets. Starting with the most recent issues of the Newsletter, and going backwards, I'll make sure this is done, noting as well where later information has been published that off-sets something previously published.

So I won't be sitting idle over the coming months!☺

Lineage Key Catalog—part 11

by Society staff

Starting with Vol. 45, No. 1 of the Newsletter, we've been publishing the Society's 300+ Lineage Key Catalogue, 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 see 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 members are active in the Society. The word "represented" following the lineage key in the description indicates that a current member belongs to that line. Where children are listed, if the name is in boldface, then 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 following keys have been published to date: all single-letter keys (Vol. 45, No. 1 through Vol. 46, No. 1), double-letter keys AA-ZZ and AX through ZX (Vol. 46, No. 2 through Vol. 47, no. 2), AY-IY (Vol. 47, No. 3), JY-PY (Vol. 48, No. 1). Further Lineage Keys will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

QY **Ruhamah Park** (1804, VA – 1879, IA) (Represented) married George Baughman, 1826 in Licking Co., OH. Eleven children known, surname Baughman:

Mary Jane Baughman (1836, OH – 1922, IA) m. Absalom Huffman, 1853. Had issue.

Other children: Francis (1827), Hannah Margaret (1828), Martha Ann (1831), Lydia (1833), Sarah Ann (1837), Ruhama (1839), George M (1841), Eliza (1844), Aleinda (1845, and on unnamed child born in 1825.

Source materials: lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

RY **Aaron Parks** (1764, CT – 1848, ??) (Represented) married 1) Rachael (Dolly) Walker, 1785, Windham Co., CT, secondly a Rebecca (Unknown) circa 1806. There is a total of 11 children by these two marriages.

This is another lineage that has offered some challenges over the years. Current theory now makes the above named Aaron as the forebear of this line, all descendant members of which come through Ebenezer Walker (Wesley in some places) to Alanson or Alonzo. Variations in names are not uncommon in this period of time. While there is still some question as to the first two generations, the line is solid via a paper trail from Alanson on. DNA evidence leads us to believe that this line is connected to the Robert-Thomas line (LK= "T"). Further research is needed on this point.

Eight children known by the first marriage:

Ebenezer Walker Parks (1788 – 1851, MI) m1) Roxcey Olds c. 1810, 4 children; m2) Mary Gildreth, 1831, 4 children; m3) Caroline (unknown) after 1844, one child known.

Other children by this first marriage were: Orrille (1786); Sabrina (1792);

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Mary (1794); Alanson (1798); Aaron Jr. (1800); Susan Prescott (1801); and Carlton (1802).

Three children known by the second marriage:

Hiram P. (1808); Harry C. (1810); and Orinda (1812).

Source materials: lineage papers and correspondence of descendant members, census analysis, on-line lineage by one of our former members.

SY Elizabeth Parke (1714, PA – ?????) (Represented) married Robert Hazlett, 1730 in Philadelphia, PA (1705, Ireland – 1774, NJ).

Eight children known, surname Hazlett:

John Hazlett (1736, NJ – 1784, NJ) m. Elizabeth Mason, had issue.

Other children (all surnamed Hazlett) are: Mary (1734), William (1738), Robert (1740), Hannah (1743), James (1745), Samuel (1748), and Elizabeth (1750).

Source Materials: lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member, census analysis.

TY Thomas Parks (1756, PA – ?) (Represented) married Hannah Sweet, before 1782, (c1760 – 1791). Information is very limited. It has been presumed (not proven) that Thomas had brothers Arthur and James, and they all appear to have gone to Kentucky since their names often appeared together in court documents of Fleming, Mason and Bourbon Counties, KY. Since no family group sheets were ever provided, little is known of this line. There were at least two children, perhaps more.

Only two children are known:

Martha Parks (1782, PA – 1875, KY) m. James Owings McKee, 1804 in Flemingsburg, KY; had issue.

James Parks, (b. 1794). Nothing further known.

Source materials: lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member, PS#235.

UY Reuben Parks (1769, MD – 1845, MD) (Represented) married Priscilla Crowell, 1805, Accomac, VA. Information is scant and sometimes confusing. Reuben's farther has been reported either as a Job Parks who married Rachel Crockett, or as another Reuben. There is also some confusion as to the number of children: the Society is accepting the number as seven.

If the parent is indeed Job, then this line connects to LK=VV, John of Accomack Co., VA [Job Jr.-Job Sr.-Arthur-John 01VV1 by his first marriage]. An acceptable DNA candidate in this line would solidify this connection.

Seven children known:

Priscilla Parks, (1819, MD – 1880, MD) m. David W. Webster, 1805, Somerset Co., MD, and had 4 children.

Mary Charlotte Parks, (1828, MD – 1902, MD) m1) John Walter Marsh, 1850, Somerset Co., MD, m2) William T. Blake 1857, Somerset Co., MD. Known children by first marriage only.

Maria Parks (1811, MD – 1884, MD) m. Levin S. Wallace, 1840, Sommerset, MD, had issue.

Reuben Parks (1812, MD – ?????) m. Julia M Mason, had issue (a twin?).

Retanna (perhaps also known as Ann) Park, (1812, MD – 1880) m1) George

Blake, m2. Sampson Black, both in Somerset Co., MD. One of the marriages occurred in 1835. Had issue (a twin?).

Other children for which nothing further is known are Severn Parks (may have been married and had issue) and John Parks who married an Amanda (Unknown), may have had issue.

This key was formerly used to describe:

01UY1 Capt. William Parke married Mrs. Abigail (Axford) McCollum. This line was reassigned to Lineage Key QU.

Source materials: lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member, census analysis, on line searches, review of Lineage Key VV.

VY Lineage Key not currently in use.

WY **Robert Parks** (VT – 1828, NY) (Represented) married Mary Ogden before 1826. She supposedly died in 1879, in Courtland, MI. While there are many hits for Robert and Mary (Ogden), almost all of them show only the one child. We believe he died early (hence only two children in our records), and that she remarried, after 1829, to an E. Welch. Two children known:

Beriah Grant Parks, (1826, NY – 1912, MI) m. Mary A. Skutt, 1848 in NY. Had issue.

Rosannah Parks, (1829, NY – 1901, MI), m. 1848 Wheaton L. Hewitt. Issue unknown.

Source materials: lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member, census analysis.

XY **Margaret Parks** (1752 – ????) (Represented) married Dr. Thomas Essex circa 1770. Since this line goes into Hampshire County, Virginia (later West Virginia) there is a possibility that it connects to the Roger line of New Jersey, LK=K.

Three children known:

Christina Essex, (1771, VA – 1814, OH) m. John Hull, 1788, Harrison Co. Virginia. Had issue.

Charity Essex married James Parson

Philip Essex (1775, VA – 1866, OH) m. Hannah Hull, 1802 Harrison Co., Virginia. Had issue.

Source materials: lineage papers and correspondence of descendant members, census analysis.

YY See double letter Lineage Keys in Vol. 47, No. 3.

ZY **John Parks** (c1758, SC – ????) (Represented) married Elizabeth Carson (a widow) 1791 in South Carolina. We have no dates for Elizabeth Carson other than the marriage date. Present lineage information is very thin showing only perhaps 9 children (3 males, 6 females) of which only one is named. Children known though not all named:

Johnny B Parks, (1798, SC – 1857, KY) m. ca. 1820 Sarah Hooper or Harper (b. 1801,SC); had issue.

Remaining children unnamed; nothing further is known. (PS#403, 1345R).

Source materials: lineage papers, correspondence of descendant members, census analysis.☺

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The Fighting Parks Brothers

by Gary Alexander Parks, PS#1528

Twenty Twelve marked the passing of my dad, Harold E. Parks at age 91; he was predeceased by his two older brothers, Floyd and Russell Parks. All three Dover, Morris County, N.J. natives saw action serving their country in WWII. Floyd, the oldest at age 21, was the first to enlist in the US Navy on Jan. 12, 1938, following in the foot steps of his uncle and namesake. Floyd's experience working with his father and grandfather, two generations of railroad men, no doubt prepared him for duty as a Fireman 1st Class (Engine Room) on the USS Fleet Repair Ship Medusa sailing out of San Pedro California with the Pacific fleet.

Russell soon followed Floyd into service with the Navy, enlisting at age 19 on Oct. 4, 1938. He served locally until Aug. 5, 1940 when the 1918 vintage destroyer William B. Preston, recommissioned and reclassified as a PBY seaplane tender, left the New York Navy Yard for the Pacific. Upon learning of Russell's deployment to the Pacific, Floyd, who was now on his second ship—the 1920 vintage aircraft carrier USS Langley, then sailing in the Philippines—vowed to sail with his brother. The W.B. Preston and the Langley were in the port of Manila together for Christmas, 1940. Floyd subsequently re-enlisted in Jan., 1942, barely a month after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and was transferred to the Preston, uniting the two brothers in Darwin, Australia.

Their youngest brother, Harold, had not yet joined the armed services, but was already serving his country as a civilian munitions specialist working at the Picatinny Arsenal Military Base near his home in Dover, N.J. After war was declared, with two sons already serving in the Navy, my grandmother was not anxious to have her 3rd son join up, so Dad continued to work at the military base as a civilian.

The two Navy brothers were on board the Willy B. Preston, which was anchored near her three PBY Catalina scout seaplanes in Darwin Harbor Australia, when the Japanese attacked and decimated Darwin Harbor on Feb. 19, 1942. A large formation of 188 planes including Zeros, torpedo planes and dive

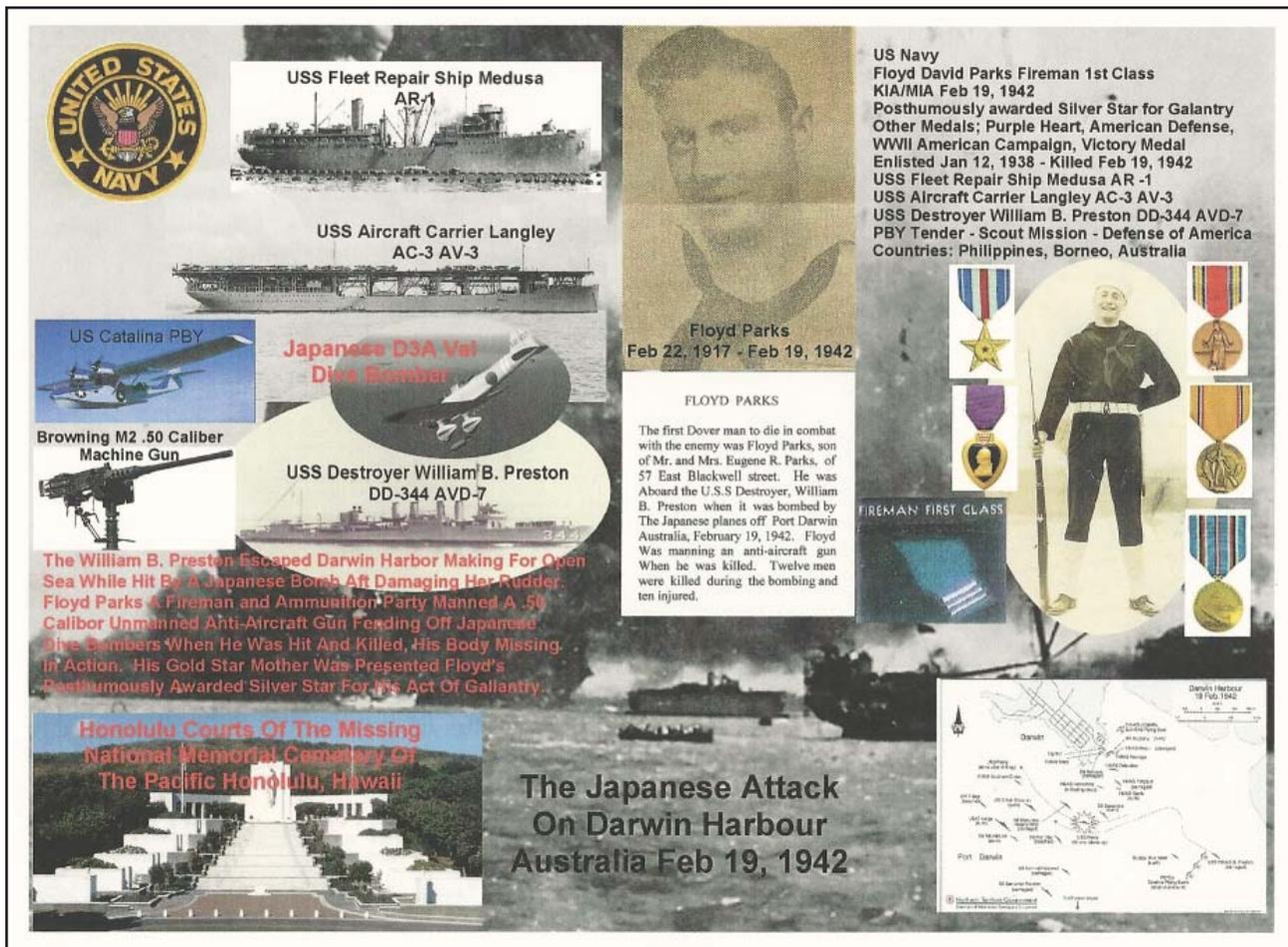
bombers, approached Darwin from four Japanese aircraft carriers—the Akagi, the Kaga, the Hiryu, and the Soryu. As Japanese D3A Val dive bombers made runs at the Willy B, her heavy .50 caliber machine gun fire and zigzag maneuvers kept the planes at bay as the ship made her successful run for open sea. Floyd, a member of the ship's ammunition party, noticed a Browning M2 .50 caliber machine gun, newly converted from its seaplane mount, that was unmanned. Going above and beyond his duty, Floyd manned the gun and laid down a hail of gun fire at the approaching planes. Though most planes broke off or missed their mark, one bomb hit the Willy B aft, just forward of the after deckhouse, partially disabling her rudder, killing eleven men, and wounding three, with two more missing. Russell saw that bomb blow his brother to pieces, his body never recovered from the sea—an image he would keep the rest of his life. Floyd was honored posthumously for gallantry, with the Silver Star and Purple Heart presented to his Gold Star mother.

My grandmother could no longer keep my dad from military service, and he was drafted into the Army on May 25, 1943. Because of his munitions experience, Harold was trained at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland as a bomb salvage technician with the 52nd Ordnance Group. He spent spring of 1944 in England with the allied invasion force and landed on the beaches of Normandy just after the D-Day invasion. While attached to the US Army's 29th Division he witnessed much carnage and was spared his life by the grace of God as a German Messerschmitt pilot flew 50 feet over his head and waved instead of firing. With the rank of Corporal Tech 5 Harold served as his Colonel's driver as part of General Patton's 7th Army, seeing action in campaigns in Northern France, the Rhineland, and central Europe (Germany).

Though Floyd had given his life, Harold lived to see Germany surrender on May 8, 1945 (VE Day) and Russell to see Japan surrender on Aug. 14, 1945 (VJ Day). Russell had achieved the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class and aboard his US Navy ship in Tokyo Bay, witnessed the official Japanese surrender ceremony on Sep. 2, 1945. Russell later suffered from thyroid cancer, believed to be the effects from

drinking contaminated water due to fallout from the Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombs; the cancer metastasized and took his life at age 70. Harold, my dad, continued to transport explosives as a civilian truck driver after the war at the Picatinny Arsenal Military Base in Dover, NJ where he was employed for 32 years. Dad was buried with taps and flag presentation at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, N.J. Russell was honored and buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix. Floyd is memorialized on the Honolulu Memorial Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

I created three military photo collages to honor the fighting Parks brothers' service to their country; Uncle Floyd's is below. I've written their story of military service to honor not only them but to remember all veterans and active servicemen. The minister presiding over my dad's funeral service raised the following questions: What would have happened if Floyd had not manned that anti-aircraft gun, and where would we be today if they and their brothers in arms had not prevailed in WWII? Would we be free today? Please join me in making a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) in honor or memory of a veteran or serviceman of your choice. 🌸



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

1586 H(arry) D(avison) Dave Parks

Pittsburgh, PA

Lineage is the Fragment line of Hugh Parks (1777, York Co., PA-1864, Farmington, OH) who married Mary Nichol in 1805 in Belmont, OH. His line from Hugh¹ is William², Hugh Whiteford³, Samuel McLaughlin⁴, Sr., Samuel McLaughlin⁵, Jr., to member⁶. LK=JP. This line has been identified through DNA analysis as being part of the Arthur line, LK=A, though the connecting point has yet to be determined.

1587 Heather Park-Albertson

Redmond, WA

Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK=K. Line is Roger¹, John², John³, John⁴, John⁵, Abraham⁶, Evan⁷, Charles Hiram⁸, Frank Keith⁹, Harold Keith¹⁰, to member¹¹.

1588 Scott William Henderson

Wendham, MA

Lineage is the Fragment line of Robert and Laban Parks, on the Robert (01WR1) side (1758, PA?-1840, OH) who married a Mary (Unknown) in 1797 in Harrison Co., OH. His line from Robert¹ is John B.², to Mary Emmeline³ Park, who married John Norman Steele, to Emily Ann⁴ (Steele) Ford, Mary Agnes⁵ (Ford) Haslam, Grace Muriel⁶ (Haslam) Henderson, Harry Convey⁷ Henderson, Jr., William Haslam⁸ Henderson, to member⁹. LK=WR.

1589 John Buford Parsons, Jr.

Fort Collins, CO

Lineage is Robert (MA, 1630, T) through his son Thomas (02T1), LK=T, Chart 11. Line is Robert¹, Thomas², Robert³, Robert⁴, Hezekiah⁵, Thomas Kinney⁶, Hezekiah⁷, Harriet⁸ Park who married Isaac Parsons to John

Isaac⁹ Parsons, John Howe¹⁰ Parsons, John Buford¹¹ Parsons, Sr., to member¹².

1590 David Michael Scott

Weston, FL

Lineage is a new Fragment line of Simon Parke (1836, Lietrim, Ireland – 1898, Grey, Ontario) who married Anne Crowe (1838, Lietrim, Ireland – 1920, York, Ontario) in Ireland, date unknown. It is believed his father's name was John. His line from Simon¹ is John Francis, Sr.², John Francis, Jr.³, Linda Kay⁴ Parke to member⁵. LK=FN

1591 William Douglas Park

Cincinnati, OH

Lineage is Roger of NJ, LK=K. Line is Roger¹, John², John³, Ebenezer⁴, Asa⁵, Ebenezer⁶, Gentry⁷, Wade⁸, June Douglas⁹, to member¹⁰.

1592 Yolanda Terry Parks

Sun City, AZ

The underlying line is what is currently known as the Fragment Line Jonathan Parks (1777, CT – 1865, WI) who married Lois Grant (1776, CT – 1834, NY) in 1798. This is LK=TV. The line from Jonathan is to Amos², William Stearns³, Ethan Eugene Balm⁴, Ethan Jerome⁵, Eugene Ethan⁶ the father of Ronald Ethan⁷ Parks, spouse to member⁸. It is believed that her Jonathan (01TV1) connects to the Robert line (MA, 1630) through his son Thomas (02T2), LK=T, Chart 11. The line to Jonathan would be Robert¹, Thomas², Robert³, Robert⁴, Robert⁵, Robert⁶, who is possibly the father of the above mentioned Jonathan (01TV1) Parks. Seeking additional proof of this connection. This is a cousin of PS#1482.☺

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