

# The Parke Society Newsletter

Clearinghouse for research on all Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles.  
*Promoting Fellowship, Genealogical Research and the Preservation of our Heritage*

## 2014 Parke Society Convocation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania by Ken Parks, PS#1406

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Parke Society is holding its first full Convocation since 2008, to celebrate our fiftieth year of existence. For this gathering, we chose the wonderful facilities at the Lancaster Historical Society as the location for most of our Convocation activities. A number of members have already sent in their registrations, and we are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable experience for everyone in attendance—but we're not satisfied! We want you to join us as well! If you've been considering attending but haven't sent in your registration yet, please do so using the registration form included with this issue. Here's what we have planned for those in attendance:

### The location

Both the general area of Lancaster County and the specific site of our Convocation at

the Lancaster Historical Society offer much in the way of scenic beauty and historical interest. Best known these days as the location of Amish Country, Lancaster County has a much older and wider historical significance. The campus on which the historical society's library and museum is located includes an arboretum and is the site of Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan, both available to our Convocation attendees.

### Research opportunities

Those who have roots in Lancaster County, or Pennsylvania and its neighboring states, can take advantage of the Lancaster Historical Society's 15,000 volume library and archives, with full access included in the registration fee.

For those wishing to extend their research opportunities, excellent facilities in nearby Harrisburg include the State Archives and the State Library. Also found in Harrisburg is the Historical Society of Dauphin County, and looking eastward from Lancaster are the excellent facilities at the Chester County Historical Society and the Chester County Archives. Should any members have Amish or Mennonite ancestors, the nearby Lancaster Mennonite Society has an extensive research library.

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In addition to the Lancaster County Historical Society's excellent resources, the entire contents of the Parke Society's Dana Parks, Jr. Memorial Library will be on hand for members' use during the Convocation, all in one location! We are also offering one-on-one consultations on your specific Park/e/s lineage research problems through our "Genealogy Roadshow" by prior appointment, allowing Parke Society staff time to prepare and bring materials specific to your lineage.

### **Events**

The Convocation schedule begins on Thursday with members checking in at the Lancaster Historical Society, with time for general research or scheduled consultations with Parke Society staff, followed at the end of the day with a Member Reception at the Convocation hotel.

Friday's events begin with research time in the morning, more scheduled consultations, or visiting the other sites on the campus or in the area. A boxed lunch will be followed in the afternoon by a lecture/panel discussion of early Park/e/s lineages in Pennsylvania.

Saturday is again available for research, consultations, visits to other research facilities, or sight-seeing in the area. The Convocation banquet, held at the excellent John J. Jeffries restaurant located in the historic Lancaster Arts Hotel, once a tobacco warehouse dating from the 1880s, will take place on Saturday evening, followed by a brief (15 minutes or less) Corporate Meeting, as required by our by-laws.

The cost of the banquet is included in the member registration fee, and includes the three-course meal, all non-alcoholic beverages, tax and tip. There will be a cash bar available, with a selection of wines, craft-brewed beers, and other alcoholic beverages. Though there is no registration fee for spouses or friends of members, attendance by non-member spouses and friends at the Saturday banquet will require an additional fee of \$55 per person to cover the cost of the meal.

### **Convocation registration**

The registration fee for members attending the Convocation will be \$80 per member which, in addition to the use of our research room and Genealogy Roadshow, includes access to the Lancaster Historical Society's library and archives, as well as all Society events (Thursday reception, Friday luncheon/presentation, Saturday banquet.) Non-member spouses or friends of members attending will be able to accompany members at no charge in the Historical Society's library and to Society events (Thursday reception, Friday luncheon/presentation). As noted above, for spouses and friends of non-members, there is an additional charge for the Saturday banquet.

### **The convocation hotel**

We have secured a block of 15 rooms at the Comfort Inn in nearby Columbia, Pennsylvania, west of Lancaster and an easy 7 mile, 13 minute drive to the Lancaster Historical Society. The hotel has given us a room rate of \$111.99 per night which, with the applicable taxes, will bring the total cost to just under \$125 per night.

Since this is, as mentioned earlier, an extremely popular area for summer tourism, the hotel is expected to be filled to capacity at the time of our gathering. Because of this, those planning to attend are strongly urged to book their room as early as possible. Should member demand exceed our 15 room allotment, the earlier in the year we know how many rooms we will actually need above the original allotment, the more likely we will be able to add rooms to the block if, and only if, they are still available. As we get closer to our 30 day cut-off date of July 21st, it is unlikely that extra rooms will be available. The need to book early cannot be stressed enough, as it will enable us to add rooms to the hotel block, while giving us a more accurate idea of Convocation attendance for other planning purposes. Our block of rooms is for the dates of August 21—23 (checking out on the 24th). Anyone attending who wishes to arrive earlier or stay later than those

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dates will be able to add additional nights to their reservation at the group rate provided the hotel has available rooms at the time of booking. Again, early booking is important!

The Comfort Inn is located at 3903 Abel Drive, Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512. The phone number is (717) 285-9100. Simply ask for a room in The Parke Society block of rooms. Should you have any difficulty, the contact person at Comfort Inn for our group is John Ashbrook.

### **Let us hear from you!**

We hope you'll make plans to attend, and fill out the enclosed registration form and make your room reservations as soon as possible. For those not able to join us, please fill out the proxy ballot and send it in soon, as we need votes from a good representation of our membership. ☺

## **From the President's Desk**

by Ken Parks, PS #1406

Preparations are well underway for this summer's Convocation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and all the details can be found in the lead article here in this issue. We're looking forward to seeing all the members who have already made plans to attend, but would love to see more of you there! It promises to be a wonderful research experience, and we hope to welcome many more of you for fun, food, and fellowship!

August will be a busy month for me, as I'm planning an extended road trip prior to the August 21-23 Convocation, heading to Emporia, Kansas for a family reunion of descendants of Hugh Parks (LK=IP), with stops along the way visiting friends and relatives. On my way back from Emporia, I'll visit the graves of Reuben and Mahala Parks, my gg uncle and aunt, who moved to Marshfield, Missouri from Tennessee after the Civil War.

### **Parke Society website**

The mechanics of the password-protected Members Only section will be in place soon, and content is being readied to be avail-

able there. These past few weeks I've been in the process of abstracting all the Park/e/s Revolutionary War pension files. In addition to having access to the actual pension files themselves, the abstracts will identify the pensioner, as well as any other Park/e/s individuals mentioned, by Lineage Key and the individual's personal FGS number, when known, along with the pertinent genealogical information found in each file.

Reading through these pension files has been a wonderful experience. Hearing the pensioner's own words as they related their war service to the examiners or judges taking the testimony brought them to life. Learning details about the pensioner's health and financial situation also makes them come alive in a way that other documents may not be able to convey. Once these are available, I would urge you to read through some of them, even if they are not your direct ancestors, as it will give you an appreciation of what it was like to serve in the army during the Revolution, as well as what life was like for them years later.

Though we've been able to identify about two-thirds of the Revolutionary War pensioners, there are a number of files that do not provide enough information to be able to ascertain who they are, or who do not as yet appear in our database. These will be the subject of research going forward, and should any of our members be able to offer help in this area, it would be greatly appreciated.

Once the Revolutionary War pension files are finished, we will move on to the available War of 1812 pension files, which are still being digitized. At some point in the future, we'll do the same for the Civil War, though due to the sheer volume of those files, their availability will take longer. In addition to the pension files, the Members Only section will contain our eLibrary, with links to downloadable free books containing information about many different Park/e/s lineages and individuals. The beginning entries in our State/County project will also appear here, with new content being added on a regular basis. Lineage Key folders will also begin to appear, which

will be a repository for all manner of documents, photos, and information about each individual Lineage Key.

### **Park/e/s DNA Project**

We announced in our last issue the policy of subsidizing half the cost of DNA tests for our members from the project's General Fund. We also called for donations to the General Fund for the purpose of making this possible, and I'm pleased to announce that some members have already generously donated. We urge more of our members to take advantage of the "half off" bargain, especially those whose lineage is not currently represented in the DNA project database. And, of course, we welcome donations to the General Fund, using the link found at the bottom of the project's homepage. For more information on any of this, feel free to contact me.

Taking my own Parks line as an example, we see how DNA can further our research in a way not possible through any other means. When I first tested, along with two known cousins, we were seemingly descended from aliens dropped to earth, with no matches in the entire FTDNA database for the longest time. After a couple of years, one close match turned up which suggested a common ancestry in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary War. Then other matches began to appear, recently with a Canadian Parkes line which came from Ireland in the 1860s. Even more recently, a close match with an individual in England, whose roots are in County Antrim, Ireland, gives our genetic group a more specific location to look for clues to our early ancestry. None of this would have been possible without the knowledge of a common Parks ancestry that the DNA provided.

If your research has hit a brick wall and you have not explored the possibility of DNA testing, you are depriving yourself of a potentially valuable resource. I urge all members who have not done so, to consider the option of DNA testing for your Park/e/s lineage if it is a possibility. If you have any questions about whether DNA testing is a viable option for your Park/e/s research, please contact me directly!

### **One final thought**

Even though you may not be able to attend our Convocation this summer, I would urge everyone to fill out the proxy ballot enclosed in this issue. An important part of our annual meetings is to conduct the necessary business of the Society, and we need the representation of our members, either by attending and voting in person, or by voting by proxy. So, if we can't see your smiling face in person, please fill out your proxy ballot and mail it back today!☺

### **Historian's Corner: Notes from all around**

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

#### **Membership biographical materials**

As you certainly have noticed, we like to keep track of our members, even if they've fallen off the active rolls. We even go to the extent of passing along information to other new members who have like-lineage connections with them. It is in our best interest to keep growing the Park/e/s clearing house of information and in being able to help our members, which is our reason for being. I add caveats to members when I pass on this information that (a) the address/etc. may be stale and no longer valid, and (b) they should always inform the other party that they have gotten the information from the Parke Society of which they were once an active member.

We also do like to know when members, both active and inactive, have passed away. Elsewhere in this Newsletter we publish notices about members who have died. Sometimes we get this information in a relatively timely matter, and sometimes, well, let's just say to can take a while, even sometimes years, before we learn of a death.

We try to put together a meaningful death notice, not only noting their genealogical information, but also something about their lives. The Internet is a wonderful thing, but not always the answer to all questions. Even the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is not a sure bet. We may know of a death, but

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can't find it in the SSDI. One such notable example was the death of a former Registrar of the Society. To this day, there is no entry in the SSDI. The funeral was handled by a regular funeral home, he was a citizen, and was of an age that would have, and did, collect social security benefits. But his name is not to be found there.

In the affiliation process we ask new members to supply us with a photograph, and a brief biography for our files. Unfortunately, not everyone does this. And so when we learn of a death, sometimes we really have to scratch around to find enough pertinent information in order to write a good notice.

What I ask of all our members is this. If you did not send us that kind of information about yourself, or if you are unsure and you joined many years ago, could you take a moment to send to us a current biography and a picture? It does not need to be a portrait as such, just a picture that let's us see your countenance. As to the biography, we are all more than just a name in a genealogy report, we have done other things and been part of various events. We would like to share them with the larger Society when that day comes. Please think about this.

### **Family Tree Maker: some comments**

By default, Family Tree Maker (FTM) seems to have cornered the market of computer genealogical software. The present owner of that brand name has done a lot of advertising of its brand, and it seems to have paid off. There is other software that is just as good if not better, but they do not have nearly the market penetration that Family Tree Maker has.

Unfortunately, things have not always gone well for FTM users. One gripe many of us have had with FTM is that every time the brand has changed hands (several times over), it has undergone a major, sometimes radical change if not in the underlying database structure, at least in its user interface.

The most radical of the changes occurred after Version 16 (V16), released in 2006, was replaced with FTM 2008. Incorporating a completely redesigned database platform, the "upgrade" was uniformly declared a disaster, even by Ancestry insiders. The problems were legion. Functionality was lost, things did not work, it gobbled up huge amounts of memory, and did not automatically release it after the program closed. Even importing from earlier versions had issues, with data being lost, scrambled, or turned into garbage. To top it all off, it was so slow you could almost step out to get a cup of coffee while it started up. Other than comments from Ancestry.com no one was particularly happy with FTM 2008.

To me, the most objectionable change in the operation of the program was its inability to export a native file to any earlier version. We can not expect all our members to be on the "latest and greatest" version of the program, so it was really useful to be able to export from V16, to say V11 for a particular member. That ability is now gone. You can only export via a GEDCOM file, which has its own difficulties and issues.

Subsequent releases have not particularly improved the situation. The current version (FTM 2014) is often seen by many commentators as FTM 2008, Service pack 11. Problems remain that should have been addressed long ago.

As for the Society (and me), V16 is the preferred choice of FTM for the time being. Using this version, I can distribute FTM native files in whatever version a member might need or as a GEDCOM file. I've thought about buying the latest version, just so I would have it in case someone sent me a native file in the new format, but based on what I am reading, I am not sure I want to grant myself that aggravation. I have been a member of Ancestry.com for many years., but if I were a certain consumer reporting organization, I would issue a 'do not buy' recommendation.

In the meantime, I am contemplating obtaining copies of some of the other well known software packages, such as The Master Ge-

nealogist, Roots Magic, Legacy Family Tree, and Brother's Keeper. I note that Personal Ancestral File, a product long distributed by the LDS Church, was discontinued in 2013 and people are now being referred to another product.

### **Some computer notes:**

In today's world computers are ubiquitous. They are everywhere, and many of us use them daily. While I still do have my IBM Selectric III typewriter (mainly for typing labels and information on the Membership Index cards) I do all of my composing on the computer using a word processor. Oh, how that has saved on the paper. If whatever I am writing, be it article, essay or email is going terribly wrong, one or two key strokes sends it off to electronic heaven.

However there are a number of precautions that we need to take to insure that we don't get into problems that are not easy to resolve, and which may cost us some money, not to mention time and energy. So here are a few tips for you to remember.

1. When writing anyone in the Society via Email, it is much appreciated if you would include on the Subject Line the words Parke Society. This then tells us that you are purposely writing us, and that the email is not coming from some hacker who has your address book listings. We will be very cautious otherwise, and might even delete your message without opening.
2. In addition to putting "Parke Society" on the subject line, please include some relevant short description of the subject matter of the email. Also it would be appreciated that a single email covers only a single thread of information.
3. When sending an attachment, tell us in the body of the email what that attachment is, so we will know what we are opening if we click on it. Otherwise we will probably delete the email and attachment. A "Look at this" message will probably mean an immediate delete to the message.

4. On your end, never open an attachment, even if it is from someone you would ordinarily trust, unless they have told you what it is and why you should open it. If you are totally curious, check with the actual sender (and not by hitting reply to, as the address may have been spoofed) for verification.
5. Beware of internet links that arrive in emails supposedly from someone in your address book. Most of the time they're malicious in nature, and can do damage to your data on the hard drive, will burrow into the operating system, and perhaps make your computer a zombie sending out hundreds, even thousands, of emails disguised as you. No one, I repeat, *No one* should just send a link embedded in an email without further commentary. The sender might address you by name, and even sign the supposed senders name, but such links are poison. Delete them without further ado.
6. Recently, the FBI's Internet Crime Center has been warning computer users about a particularly vicious new kind of malware, called ransomware. The particular version that is going around currently is CryptoLocker which encrypts your files and then holds them hostage until you pay a ransom of several hundred dollars, typically within three days. Because they are using basically untraceable money transfer methods (like Bitcoins or Green-Dot Moneypak prepaid cards), the perpetrators have not been tracked down as yet.

This malware worm gets into your computer via what is called a drive-by email. You get a message from, say, FedEx saying they have a package that they have not been able to deliver to you, and just click on the attachment for more information. The fact is: that email doesn't come from FedEx, and downloading the attachment brings you the malware worm.

One way to avoid this kind of a disaster is not to open anything you're not expecting. If

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you get an email from companies like FedEx or UPS, consider them suspicious. If you are not expecting anything via either of these carriers, you probably aren't getting anything from them. Remember the IRS, and most state revenue departments don't use email; they send out USPS letters. Finally, get in the habit of religiously doing regular backups of your files. It is your best insurance that you will not be completely wiped out should you receive some unwanted gift.

### Online searching and sourcing

The Internet has opened up to us "non-professional" family genealogists vast resources that were not available as little as thirty years ago. Not only in terms of actual records, census, pension applications etc., but also columns concerning where things might be found or alternative search methods.

In my work for the Society, in addition to being a subscriber to Ancestry.com, I make use of five other sources, that you might also find useful. Sometimes they involve an expense, but it is certainly far less than one would have to pay to travel to distant locations. It is money well spent.

For its vast pool of information, the free Cyndi's LIST (<http://www.cyndislist.com/>) can't be beat. Here is the description of the site from its home page:

Cyndi's List has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 18 years. Cyndi's List is free for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

Another that I would highly recommend is Genealogy Today (<http://www.genealogytoday.com/>). It is a paid subscription service that sends out a weekly digest of articles of genealogical interest. Once signed up, you can register to receive weekly digests of articles concerning genealogy from innumerable sources. When you get the digest, you can scan the titles to see if anything is of interest, then click on the title and it will

take you right to that article. I save all my digest emails in case something comes up that might have been covered in the past.

Another service I subscribe to is Eastman's On line Genealogy Newsletter ([www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com)). There is a free Standard Edition, which has advertising, but for \$20 you can get the Plus Edition that has no advertising, more articles, and articles are delivered right in the newsletter (in the Standard Edition you have to click on the link which takes you to the article). Again, you can scan the articles and follow up, or you can just file the email for future reference.

If you are a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, you can sign up for The Weekly Genealogist, which gives information concerning events at the NEHGS, additions to their collection, and so on.

Then there's RootsWeb (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>), a vast collection of all kinds of data contributed by volunteers from all over the country. From the RootsWeb home page:

The primary purpose and function of RootsWeb.com is to connect people so that they can help each other and share genealogical research. Most resources on RootsWeb.com are designed to facilitate such connections.

This is just a small sampling of the information that is out there just waiting to be tapped. Check them out. The information you are seeking may be as near as your fingertips.☺

## A Family of Doctors

By Ken Parks PS#1406

In our last issue we began a three-part series of articles about various members of a Parks lineage that settled mainly in the counties of Bourbon, Marshall, and Kosciusko in the state of Indiana. This article will focus on the family of Edward Roten Parks (O2KN6), his second wife, Maria Jane Lepper, and their only child, Martha Jane "Jenny" Parks. All



three of these individuals were doctors, joining Edward's two brothers and a nephew in what became something of a family profession.

### **Dr. Edward Roten Parks**

Edward R. Parks was born 12 June 1816 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, son of James Orison and Elizabeth (Hughes) Parks. He married three times: first to Alcemida Willets, who was born about 1818 in either Canada or New York. She died between 1850 and 1853. Edward and Alcemida Parks had four known children; Marshall H. (1842-1889), Lawrence (1844-1864), Emaline C. (1846-bet. 1864-70), and Xingo Parks (1849-1918).

After the death of his first wife, Edward R. Parks married Maria Jane Lepper in 1853; they had one daughter, Martha Jane "Jenny" Parks (1854-1917). Though no record has been found to date, it would appear that this couple divorced between 1860 and 1867, as Edward R. Parks married his third wife, Catharine "Kitty" James on 6 July 1867. There do not appear to have been any children from this third marriage.

Edward R. Parks was the first school teacher in Bourbon, Indiana in 1838, and his brother John F. Parks was the first physician in 1839. At some point Edward began to study medicine, primarily on his own, later attending medical courses in La Porte, Indiana. He served briefly as a surgeon in the 30th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. All three of his sons served in the war as well; son Marshall H. as an adjutant in Company C, 12th Regiment, Indiana Infantry, son Lawrence as a corporal in Company F, 12th Regiment, Indiana Infantry, and son Xingo as a thirteen year old drummer boy in Company H, 58th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. We'll discuss Xingo Parks in more detail in the next issue.

Lawrence Parks was killed in action near Atlanta in 1864, with this account of his death appearing in a letter from E. H. Webster to the Warsaw Northern Indiananians:

Corp. Lawrence Parks, son of Dr. E. R. Parks and brother of our Adjutant, was mortally wounded just as we were leaving

the works the second time. He was shot in the left side, injuring the spine, by a bullet from the rebels in our rear and was unable to make his escape. The rebels showed that fiendish brutality which has been characteristic of them through the whole war, by shooting him every time they were driven over him. His career as a soldier has been an example worthy to be limited, always prompt in his duties and with courage unsurpassed by his superiors, his death has left a vacancy which cannot be filled.

This narrative illustrates the regard the troops had for Edward R. Parks:

From Kentucky Army Correspondence, Camp Nevin, Kentucky, November 1, 1861

Friend Foulk:

...The sick in the Brigades now here were sent to the Army Hospital at Louisville Daily Journal, day before yesterday:-- Those who went from this regiment were accompanied by our Surgeon, Dr. Parks. He returned today and reported the boys as doing well. The Doctor is liked as a physician by the whole Regiment, and from personal observation, I can but say that the confidence now reposed in him is not misplaced. He is assiduous in his hard duties and is doing for the sick all that is in his power.

This account of Edward R. Parks' skill as a surgeon appeared in the Warsaw Northern Indianian in January of 1863:

Dr. Parks performed a very scientific and difficult operation last week in extracting a bullet from the front part of the head of Mr. Samuel Ivins, which has remained imbedded in it ever since the bloody and desperate battle of Shiloh. Mr. Ivins was shot on the second day of the battle, while bravely fighting at his post and ever since has suffered more or less pain from the wound. The bullet (a Minnie) entered the head just below the left eye and then took a downward course, perhaps to the length of an inch and a half. It was extracted by

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making an incision into the check bone, chloroform being administered to the patient during the operation. The ball was perfectly flat, when taken from its lodging place. Mr. Ivins, we are glad to note, is now improving, and will perhaps soon entirely recover from the effects of the wound, which his friends at home and in the army will be happy to learn.

Edward R. Parks was held in high esteem by the men in his regiment, but this was due not only to his skill and a physician and surgeon, but for his dedication to his men, even in the face of bureaucratic problems, as witnessed in this account of an incident that occurred in Kentucky in late 1861:

I notice in the Indianian an article in reference to the removal of Dr. Parks. I will give you as near as possible, a true statement of the facts. While at Camp Nevin (and here let me say it is the most sickly hole on God's foot-stool,) a great many of our men were taken sick, and at the time I am now speaking of, 267 out of our regiment were down with various diseases. Dr. Parks run out of medicines and applied, to the Brigade Surgeon, Dr. Maylent, for such as he needed, which were refused upon technical grounds alone. Dr. Parks offered if furnished with the medicines needed to make out the requisition as directed when he had more spare time, but he was again refused. It would have taken some two or three days to comply with the requirement of Dr. M's proposition, and in the mean time our brave boys would have had to went without the proper medicine, and I firmly believe that the miserable and low-lived epualetted Dr. Maylent stands today before his maker, responsible for twenty as brave and as true hearts as were in our regiment...Every man and every officer of the 30th are satisfied with Dr. Parks, and his restoration to the post of Surgeon of this Reg't. would be greeted with three loud and long huzzahs.

Dr. Edward R. Parks died not long after the Civil War on 2 July 1868, and is buried in Leesburg Cemetery, Kosciusko County, Indiana.

### **Dr. Marie J. Parks**

The second wife of Edward R. Parks was the reason I began researching this lineage several years ago. Maria Jane Lepper, born about 1832 in Indiana, married Edward Roten Parks 28 September 1853 in Kosciusko County, Indiana. Her family origins are unclear, as no parents have been discovered to date. She was mentioned as a sister in the 1909 obituary of Lovina (Parsons) Northam. Lovina Parsons married Daniel Kurt Northam in 1858, and we find Lovina under her maiden name of Parsons in the 1850 census in La Porte County, Indiana living in the household of Asa Northam and family, including son Daniel, her future husband. Lovina (Parsons) Northam's obituary also mentions an Isaac Rambo as an uncle, but again, this clue has not helped in learning more about this family. No explanation has been found for why the two sisters seemingly had different maiden names.

We find Maria J. Parks in the 1860 census with her husband, Dr. Edward R. Parks, his four children by his first marriage, and Martha Jane "Jennie" Parks, daughter of Edward and Maria. At some point after this, she must have begun her medical studies, and she was the first female doctor in Indiana, having attended The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, founded in 1850 as the first medical institution in the world to train women in medicine and offer them the M.D. degree. By the 1870 census Maria is still in Warsaw, Kosciusko County listed as the head of household, along with daughter Jennie, and her occupation is that of a physician. She evidently moved to New York City shortly after, as she is listed in the 1871 graduating class of The Eclectic Medical College of New York. Eclectic medicine was a branch of American medicine which made use of botanical remedies along with other substances and physical therapy practices, popular in the latter half of the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries.

Marie J. Parks, as she was now known, was accompanied in New York by her daughter Jennie, and this is where both became acquainted with Marie's classmate, twenty-three year-old Edward S. Gordon of North Carolina. It was the correspondence between the Parks women and Dr. Gordon which was the origin of this entire line of research, the letters to Dr. Gordon being in the possession of a descendant who made contact several years ago, wanting to know more about the mother and daughter.

From these few letters, it appears that the older Marie J. Parks was a mother figure to the much younger Edward Gordon, while the letters from then sixteen year-old Jennie to "Eduardo," as she called him, suggest there may have been a schoolgirl crush or even something a bit more advanced between them. At some point, a remark made by Jennie in one of her letters alluding to "Southerners" provoked a harsh response from Gordon, and there are several letters from Jennie apologizing for any inadvertent offense and the wish that they could speak in person and quickly clear up the misunderstanding. In any event, the relationship seems to have cooled, though may not have ended completely.

After finishing her advanced medical studies, Marie returned to Indiana to practice medicine, while daughter Jennie attended boarding school in Steubenville, Ohio. In 1877, Marie J. Parks married Gilbert Furlong, a marble dealer and manufacturer of tombstones, an interesting juxtaposition of professions for a couple! She died on 10 January 1888 in Kosciusko County, Indiana, though no record of her burial place has been located.

#### **Dr. Jane Clarke-Owen**

As mentioned earlier, Jane "Jennie" Parks was the daughter of Edward Roten Parks and Marie Jane Lepper, both physicians. From the letters referenced above, we can tell she was a bright, well-educated young girl, and her later life bears witness to a strong intelligence and an independent spirit inherited from her mother, no doubt.

Jennie was pursuing her medical studies, probably under the tutelage of her mother, even before her boarding school days. She married Thaddeus L. "Tom" Clarke, a saw-mill worker, in 1875 and had two daughters, Laura, born in 1877, and Therese, born, in 1878. After divorcing her husband in 1885, she attended Women's Medical College in Chicago from 1888 to 1889. She began her medical career in Boston in 1890 and continued to practice in various locations on the east coast.

Though she lived apart from her daughters during much of her medical training and early career, daughter Laura lived with her mother in later years, apparently never marrying. Daughter Therese became an actress, appearing under the stage name of Marguerite Urquhart, marrying an actor named Will Dougherty, who performed under the name of William H. Dupont. The couple had two sons, Richard and Edwin, before their marriage ended.

Dr. Jane Clarke-Owen married a second time, briefly, to a railroad worker named Ole Owen. During her career, at times she supplemented her earnings from practicing medicine with jobs such as writing, working for Charles Evans Hughes' presidential campaign in 1916, and operating a convalescent home. She died in 1917.

The papers of Jane Clarke-Owen, including correspondence of both daughters as well, are housed in the library at Duke University. These include some letters from various Parks family members as well as from her "Aunt Vine Northam" (Lovina Parsons Northam, sister of Marie J. Parks). I hope someday to be able to visit the library at Duke and read over these letters, which could provide some clue as to the parentage of Marie J. Parks.☺

Got something to tell?  
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## A Park Family Reunion

Heck Park and about forty others from Chattanooga went yesterday to Post Oak, in Catoosa county, Ga., to attend a reunion of the descendants of James Park, who was the pioneer citizen of LaFayette, having settled there two years before the Cherokee Indians were removed from this territory.

Descendants of this father of all the Parks are widely scattered through Catoosa, Walker, and Dade counties in Georgia: a hundred or more of them live in Chattanooga, and other hundreds are residents of various states of the Union, north and south.

It was a prolific family, and the latter-day descendants seem inclined to emulate the example of the pioneer in this particular. Nearly all of the living generations have large families or are members of large families. Mr. Heck Park, who is a great-grandson, said on his return from the reunion, that he estimated the total number at five hundred, including three or four generations now living.

The trip of Chattanoogans to this reunion was by auto and sightseeing cars. About one hundred and fifty of the relationship gathered at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Bird, one of the granddaughters of the late James Park. Five generations were represented. The reunion was an occasion for much enjoyment of whatever sort the guests chose. The youngsters played baseball, went swimming or wading and strolled in the groves surrounding this fine Georgia county home. The older people sat in comfort and talked over family events. Post Oak is about two miles north of the little town of Boynton, on the Ringgold road.

James Park settled at LaFayette in 1836. He established the first tavern in that town, and it was probably the first tavern in northern Georgia. His inn was situated on the lot now occupied by the Bank of LaFayette. There is none of the second generation of the family now living. Of the third generation there are a number living in this immediate section. William Park, of Alton Park, is probably the oldest. He is 84. He was unable to attend this reunion. There are grand-children living in

and near the city. Five granddaughters and one grandson were present. They were Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Mattie Jones and Caldonia Lansford, of the Post Oak vicinity. Mrs. Virginia Fricks, of Rising Fawn, Mrs. Juliet Fowler, of St. Elmo, and Richard Park, of Chattanooga. Another branch of the family was not represented. This is headed by the Hon. Judson Clements, of the United States interstate commerce commission, probably the most distinguished descendant of the original Park stock. He has a brother and one sister, none of whom was able to attend the reunion.

Yesterday the chief feature of the reunion was the picnic dinner spread in the grove near the Bird home. The table was about fifty feet long and those who attended say they never saw such a spread before. It was a temptation back to the farm, for the city representatives of the family could not approach it in quantity or variety. Mr. Park said the table was loaded, piled high with every sort of good thing to eat that a fertile farm could produce. The entire company of 150 ate at once, enjoying a period of reminiscences while engaged in the pleasant occupation such as none of them had ever known before. Some of those gathered had not met in fifteen years. It is the purpose next year to begin early and invite every known descendant of James Park to gather at one of the Catoosa county homesteads, and it is believed that no less than 600 persons will respond. There was no organization or particular effort made to secure the presence of members of the family at the reunion of yesterday.☺

Thanks to Rollie Taylor for this contribution, published July 27, 1914 in Chattanooga's *Daily Times*. This was the first reunion of the North Georgia and South Tennessee Park Family, LK=K (Roger, WJ 1682, through James Park 05K33).

## Lineage Key Catalog—part 14 by Society staff

Beginning with Newsletter Vol. 45, No. 1, 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 consisting of one or two letters like A, or JJ or RX. When new members join the Society, we try to match their Park/e/s ancestry with an existing lineage key. If not, we create a new key. Some keys represent immigrant lines, others fragment lines such as Park/e/s who suddenly appear in Ashton, Ohio, with no reference to where they came from or to whom they are related.

Sometimes, through identification of matching individuals, or DNA evidence, we discover that a fragment line is actually part of another line. With positive identification, the line is merged with 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 are represented by Society members, 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. We also indicated when the line has had DNA testing.

The lineage keys published to date are: 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-ZY (Vol. 47, No. 3, Vol. 48, No. 1, and Vol. 49, No. 1), AZ-ZZ (Vol. 49, No. 2 and Vol. 50, No. 1). Further Lineage Keys will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

**AW Joseph Miller (02AW4) Park** (1849, PA – 1908, IL); represented; m. Mrs. Eliza Ann (Evans) Nutting, 1872 (some say 1875), Chicago, IL. Probably from Mahoning Twp., Lawrence Co., PA. Father (01AW1) is unknown but mother was Ann Miller. Both parents were born in Pennsylvania. Seven siblings to Joseph: James, Vianda (male), Charles, Clara, Lois, Ella, Laura. Nothing further known on

Joseph’s parent’s family. Joseph had seven children; there was a step-child by wife’s first marriage to Nutting, a daughter Margaret Nutting.

Source materials: lineage papers, correspondence of descendant member

Children:

**Leroy Eli Park** (1878, IL – 1972, IL), m. Bertha Blanch Warren, 1900, place unknown; five children.

Other children were: Charlotte Marie (married Jack Henry); Laura Bethina (married Fred Smith); Samuel (married Ella Herbert); Richard (married Lena Merck); Etta Mae (married David Gillespie); and Vianda (married Catherine Josky). Birthdates range from 1873 to 1885; all the children except Charlotte (born in Chicago) were born in Joliet, Will Co., IL.

PS#568R; no active members.

**Note:** LK=01AW1 was formerly used to describe Daniel Parks of New York, (1785 – 1872), m. Nancy Phelps, 1808. New York, and who is now classified as 08T6964.

**BW Salmon Parke** (1800, NY – 1888, WA); represented; m. Sophronia Mason (1809, OH – 1865, OR) in 1825, IN. Recent research discoveries moved this lineage back one generation from the previous earliest known ancestor (Robert Judson Parke). Eleven children known, though there are some unanswered questions concerning the last two listed children. Further research seems to indicate that this line may have a paper trail that leads back to Robert Parke through his Son Thomas (02T1), on Chart 13. DNA testing would be useful to confirm connection.

Source materials: Lineage papers, correspondence of descendant member.

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Children:

**Robert Judson Parke** (1844, OH – 1934, WA), married four times, a total of 14 children (questions remain). Wives in order of marriage: Lavina Jane Dearing, Angeline Tuttle, Lelah M. Rich, and Mary Ellen Sales/Sayles.

William Mason Parke (1826, OH – 1892, OH) m. Mary M. McNeal, 1849 Ohio, 6 children.

Clarissa Jane Parke (1842, OH – 1918, OH) m. Alexander (03CT2) Parks, (1839, OH – 1899, OH) 1862 in Morrow Co., OH. 6 Children surnamed Parks. LK = CT is another Fragment Line.

Elisha Almon Parke (1847, OH – 1915, OH) married Lucinda Jane Sheets 1869, Clark Co., MO, 4 children. There is also a possible second marriage to a Josephine M. Burchett with 7 more children.

Lewis Marion Parke (1850, OH – 1910, WA) married Clara Almira Maynard. 2 children.

Other children of Salmon and Sophronia are Beulash Susannah (1828, OH – 1829, OH); James Hervev (b. 1830, OH); Clarinda Sabina (b. 1832, OH); John Jackson (1836, OH – 1845, OH); Susan Sophronia (b. 1838, OH); and Solomon Van Buren Parke (b. 1840, OH).

PS#546D; no active members.

**CW Samuel (IICW1) Park** (1723, Ire – ca. 1786, Ire); represented; m. Anna Carson (1728, Ire – 1784, Ire) 1747 in Ireland. We start back two generations from where we normally do, because the immigrants are actually the grandchildren of Samuel via two different sons. These are immigrant lines.

Source Materials: Jean Isabelle Parke Lee, *The Park Family of Stewartstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, 1700-1996* (Privately printed: Vercheres, Quebec, Canada) 1996, three volumes. An excellent, well documented work of compilation, though the organization can be confusing.

Children and grandchildren:

William (ICW1) Parke (1748, Ire – Ire) m. Sarah Patterson (b. 1752, Ire) 1771 in Ireland. Eleven children, of which only one of which immigrated to the United States:

**Russell (01CW33) Park** (1776, Ire – 1851, PA) m. (1) Martha Hopkins (1785 – 1830) in 1802, Northumberland Co., PA. 16 children including two sets of twins. (2) Mary Woods Moore (d. 1864) in 1834, Jerseytown, PA. No issue.

Other children of William and Sarah, all born in Ireland, and none of which are believed to have immigrated: Jane (b.1771); Samuel (b. 1774); Elenor (b. 1779); Elizabeth Sarah Ann (b. 1781); Robert (b. 1783); William Russell (b. 1786); John (b. 1788); James Little (b. 1790); Alexander S. (b. 1794); and Thomas Park (b. 1797). Nothing further is known concerning these children.

James (ICW8) Parke, (1772, Ire – 1851, Ire) m. Mary Ann Boyle, (1771, Ire – 1857, Ire) 1791 in Ireland. Had 15 children, of which five are known to have immigrated to the new world.

**John (01CW15) Parke** (1792, Ire – 1881, QC); m. Elizabeth Fairservice (1794, Ire – 1877, QC) 1818 in Ireland. Had eight children.

**James (01CW19) Parke** (1798, Ire – 1874, QC); m. Mrs. Sarah (Stevenson) Whiteside (1788, Ire – 1868, QC) 1824 in Ireland. Five children known.

**George (01CW25) Holmes Parke** (1807, Ire – 1900, QC); m. (1) Mary Josepha Anderson (1815, Ire – 1840, QC) 1834 in Quebec. No known issue by this marriage, (2) Annie Elizabeth Smith (1815, Ire – 1843, QC) 1843 in Quebec. Only one child to this marriage, mother died in childbirth.

**William (01CW17) Parke** (1794, Ire – 1848, NY); m. (1) Ann Little, 1819, Ireland. Three children. (2) Isabelle Dudgeon, 1841, New York. No issue.

**David (01CW24) Parke** (1805, Ire – 1891, QC); m. (1) Mary Jane McGaw, 1834, Ireland. Two children (2) Mary Jane Brown, 1866, Quebec. No issue.

Other children of James and Mary Ann Boyle who did not migrate as far as we know: Samuel, Robert Alex, Elizabeth, Anna Carson, Martha Stuart, Boyle, Marie Belinda, Andrew Godfrey, Mary Ann, and Charles Little Park.

PS#478, 895, 427D, 548R, 864D, 918R.

**Note:** LK=WW has been merged with LK=CW. The Rev'd. Oscar Park of Illinois formerly FGS 01WW1 is now FGS 02CW141.

**DW** **Lorenzo Parks** (1857, Nova Scotia – 1911, ??); represented; m. Augusta Drusilla Risser, bef. 1908. Six children are known.

Source materials: lineage papers, correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

**John Gordon Parks** (1884, NS – 1915, MA) m. Edith Dwinelle Keith (?? – 1970, CT), 1906 Gloucester, MA. Two children known.

Elizabeth Maud Parks, (1886, NS – ??) m. Leander Lewis, in 1913.

Oscar Lorenzo Parks, (1896, NS – 1962, NS) m. Mamie Bertelda Webber (1896 – ??). Had issue.

Other children include William S (1882-1883), Margaret (1887-??); and Morris Harding Parks (1889-??).

PS#300R; no active members.

**EW** **George Parks** (ca. 1735 – ca. 1810, TN); represented; m. Catharine Dunlap, (ca. 1745 – ca. 1810, TN), ca. 1770, place unknown. Four children known. This is supposedly an immigrant line. Papers say that George came to the Colonies before the Revolution apparently to Guilford Co., NC. He moved to Tennessee in 1796.

Source materials: lineage papers, correspondence of descendant members.

Children:

**Jacob Parks** (1777, NC – 1841, TN) m. Ann Hamilton (1783, NC – 1848, TN) 1800 in Sumner Co., TN. Five children.

William J. Parks (1775, GA – 1817, GA) m. Mary Calloway (1773, NC – 1852, AL) 1795 in Anson Co., NC. Had at least one child.

Jane Parks, m. John Zaricor or Saricor, four children.

Mary Parks m. John Burney, no issue known.

PS#553R, 1279W; no active members.

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**FW Jennet or Janette Park** (?? – 1835, OH); represented; m. James Cunningham, (ca. 1740 – 1814, OH) c. 1786, Jefferson Co, KY. There are ten children surnamed Cunningham.

Source materials: lineage papers, correspondence of descendant members.

Children:

**Robert Cunningham** (ca. 1788, KY – ??) m. Abigail William, 1819, in Ohio. Eight children.

**James A. Cunningham** (ca. 1796, OH – 1867, IN) m. Elizabeth Rosebrough, 1820 in Hamilton Co., Ohio. Six children.

Sarah (Sally) Cunningham (ca. 1790, OH – ??), m. (1) Abijah Johns (died 1826), (2) James Graham, four children, unknown as to which marriage.

Samuel Cunningham (ca. 1798, OH – ??), m. (1) Mary (Unknown), (2) America (Unknown). At least 5 females, and two male children.

Arthur Cunningham (ca. 1800, OH – 1863, IN), m. Mary Goldtrap (ca. 1799 – 1873), 1819 in Hamilton Co., OH. 10 Children.

Janette Cunningham (ca. 1802, OH – ca. 1823), m. William Goldtrap, 1820. At least one child.

Jesse Cunningham (1804, OH – 1861, OH), m. (1) Jane Baxter, (2) Sarah Jane Bryant (1815 – 1888) 1833 Butler Co., OH. Three children.

Francis Cunningham (1806, OH – 1884) m. Caroline M. Bryant, 1855, Hamilton Co., OH. Three children.

Other children: Mary Cunningham, b. 1792; Ann Cunningham,

b. 1794; both in Hamilton Co.; OH. Nothing further known.

PS#660R, 873R; no active members.

**GW John Parks** (1777, Ireland – 1852, NY) (Represented) m. (1) Elizabeth McGaul, (ca. 1784 – 1813) (2) Nancy Ditty, (ca. 1787 – 1844). Dates and places of marriages unknown. There were four children by the first marriage, seven children by the second marriage. Immigrated between 1821 and 1825. This is an immigrant line.

Source materials: lineage papers, correspondence of descendant members; *A Walk in the Park*, published privately by John Richard Parks, PS#574, in 2000.

Children of first marriage:

**Robert Parks** (1809, Ireland – 1857, NY) m. Lydia Louise Harris (1812 – 1901), 1834 in Quebec, Canada. Nine children.

**John Parks** (ca. 1812, Ireland – aft. 1880, NY) m. Betsy Straight (1812 – ??) 1834, in Grand Isle Co., VT. Nine Children.

Jane Parks (1807, Ireland-1887, WI), m. William S. Sweet, 1827, in Vermont. Eight children

Esther Parks (1813, Ireland-1886, NY) m. Platt Sweet, c. 1830, in Vermont. No issue known.

Children of second marriage:

Richard Ditty Parks (1818, Ireland – 1904, NY) m. Amanda Dow in 1840. Four children.

William Parks (1819, Ireland – 1894, WI) m. (1) Mary Hunter, (2) Mary Moon (a widow), issue unknown.

Letitia (Letty) Parks (1821, Ireland – 1903, WI) m. William Hunter. No known issue.



Mitchell Parks (1824, VT – ??) m. (1) Alzada Bullis, before 1847, two children; (2) Elizabeth Graham, before 1853, five children.

Mary Parks (1825, VT – 1906, MI) m. Ebenezer Barker Jewett (1821, ME – 1893, TN) 1852, in Winnebago Co., WI. One child known, possibly others.

Hugh Parks (ca. 1826, VT – 1848, NY). Does not appear to have married.

George Sanderson Parks (b. 1930, VT – 1891, WI) m. Rachel Clemono (a widow). Issue unknown.

PS#574, 584, 802R

**HW Robert George Parks** (1829, Quebec – 1873, NH); represented; m. Elizabeth Dougherty, (1825- 1931, Quebec) 1852, in Quebec. Eight children.

Source materials: lineage papers, correspondence of descendant members.

Children:

**John Parks** (1853, Quebec – 1916, NH) m. Nellie Morton (1870, NH – 1967, NH) 1885, Coos Co., NH. Five Children.

Other children include Thomas (1855, Quebec-1932); Mary J. (b. ca. 1857, Quebec) married a Remick; David (1858, Quebec - 1931) m. Susie J. Young; Martha Malinda (baptised in 1863); Alexander Herbert (baptised in 1865); Norman (no further information known); and Sarah Parks who married William David Lowery, nothing further known.

PS#575R, 806R; no active members.☺

The next editorial due date is  
**October 15, 2014**

## In memoriam

The Parke Society membership is located all over the United States and Canada, and as such it is not always easy to keep track of our members. Unfortunately, members just sort of drop away: they don't renew. We might hear that there are health or finance issues, or that they have just lost interest in genealogy altogether. At other times, our correspondence goes unanswered until, one way or another, maybe some years later, we learn of the member's death. Nevertheless, we still think it is good for the Society membership to know of these passages, and so we list those here as they come to our attention.

### Died in 1988

**Erma Eileen (Parks) Atteberry**, PS# 600, passed away on 16 June 1988 at Newberg, Yamhill Co., Oregon, at the age of 69 years. Erma was born on 25 January 1919 in Keighley, Butler Co., Kansas. She married John Andrew Atteberry in Reno, Nevada on 29 March 1941. Mr. Atteberry passed away on 9 July 1963 in Newberg, Yamhill Co., Oregon.

Erma was predeceased by her parents, Evert J (nmn) Parks and Elva Luvenia Williams, and sisters Evelyn Irene (Ira) Tharp, Estel Arlene (S. Paul) Redding, brothers Ivan Evert (Mattie), Lyle Elburn (Norma), and Derald Dean (Evelyn) Parks. Only Donna Darlene (Robert) Kolstad survived. She is also survived by daughters Frances, Sharon, and son Larry Atteberry.

Erma was descended from a Eli M. P. Parks (1817-1882) and Mary Lightfoot of North Carolina, Indiana, and Butler Co., Kansas, LK=QW. Line is from Eli M. P. (01QW1) Parks to William Alfred<sup>2</sup> to Evert J<sup>3</sup> to member<sup>4</sup>.

### Died in 2003

**Lowell William Parke**, PS#1318, passed away on 24 April 2003, in Wilmington, Delaware. Born in Canton, South Dakota, Bill Parke was the youngest child of Dr. Leroy Lowell and Naomi Everett (Dalton) Parke. In 1943 he joined the US Army Air Corps serving until 1945. He graduated from the University of South Dakota, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Chemistry in 1949. He was called back to active duty in the US Army Chemical Corps in 1951 until 1953.

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He completed his coursework and received his Master of Arts Degree in Physical Chemistry in 1953, and began his career with E.I. duPont de Nemours, Inc., Seaford, Delaware, moving to Wilmington with the company in 1956. He retired from the Textile Fibers Division at E.I. duPont de Nemours in 1986 after serving the company for 34 years. He was an active member of the Republican Party, serving as a Regional Chairmen, State Convention delegate, and a delegate to the National Convention in Kansas, Missouri in 1976; he was also an elector for the State of Delaware in 1980.

Mr. Parke is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lois Anne (McDonnell) Parke, his sons, Kevin W. Park, (PS#1615) of Dallas, Texas, Philip E. Parke of Wilmington, Delaware, and his daughter, Kathleen Helen (Parke) Mestre, (PS#1614) of Bowie, Maryland. He is also survived by four grandsons.

Lowell William Parke is a sixth generation descendant from William (01X1) Park (ca. 1762-ca. 1820) who married Synah Perry (1765-ca. 1815) in 1787 at Granville Co., North Carolina, LK=X, thence to Thomas Perry<sup>2</sup> Park, William Marion<sup>3</sup>, William Ulysses<sup>4</sup>, Leroy Lowell<sup>5</sup> Parke, to member<sup>6</sup>.

## Died in 2010

Word has been received that Life member **Barbara Jean (King) Hayes**, PS#662, late of Jacksonville, Florida, passed away on 14 August 2010. She was born in Paducah, McCracken Co., Kentucky on 3 March 1933, and married James Franklin Hayes, Jr., in Jackson, Madison Co., Kentucky on 16 December 1956. He died after 46 years of marriage on 5 March 2002 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents Noah Dosset (Rose Elizabeth Parks) King. She is survived by her two daughters, Paula Katheryn and Barbara Elizabeth Hayes, and one son James Franklin Hayes, III.

Barbara was the 9th generation descendant from Roger (01K1) Park of West Jersey, LK=K, through his son John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Noah<sup>4</sup>, Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Spruce McCoy<sup>6</sup>, James Alexander<sup>7</sup>, Rose Elizabeth<sup>8</sup> Park, who married Noah Dosset King, to member<sup>9</sup>.

## Died in 2012

**David Allen Park**, PS#149, the Webster Atwell Professor Emeritus of Physics at Williams College, died on 19 January 2012 at the age of 92. A close comrade of his spoke of him as a brilliant scholar, a natural teacher, and an inspiration and mentor to his colleagues. He was born 13 October 1919 at New York, New York, the only Child of Edwin Avery and Frances (Paine) Park. After graduating with a prize scholarship from Harvard in 1941, he taught at Williams as an instructor until 1944, when he sent off to support the war research effort as an operations analyst at the Harvard Radio Laboratory in Boston and then in England, working on developing radar-jamming technology, while attached to the Eighth Air Force. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1950, and was subsequently a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, before returning to Williams as an assistant professor in 1952. He retired in 1988, after which he set the gold standard for professional accomplishments in retirement.

David was the author of eight books, including *The Image of Eternity*, dozens of articles, countless book reviews, and letters to editors of all sorts of publications. A prolific and wide ranging scholar, his final book, a history of cosmology entitled *The Grand Contraction*, was published in 2005 when he was eighty-six.

He married the former Clara Justine Claiborne in August 1945 and together they raised four children. Clara, a scholar, educator, and writer in her own right passed away in 2010. He is survived by his children, Katharine Spotswood, Rachel Allen, Paul Claiborne, and Jessica Hilary Park, and two grandchildren.

Dr. David Allen Park is an 11th generation descendant from Robert Parke, who came to America on the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, through Robert's son, Thomas Parke, LK=02T1; the line continues to Robert<sup>3</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, The Rev'd. Paul<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin Franklin<sup>7</sup>, Edwin Avery<sup>8</sup>, Franklyn Allen<sup>9</sup>, Edward Avery<sup>10</sup> Parke, to member<sup>11</sup>.

**Gloria Estelle (Morrow) Murray**, PS#94, one of the earliest members of the Parke Society, having attended the very first organizational meeting of the Society, in at the Mill House in North Stonington, Connecticut, passed away on Wednesday, 10 October 2012 at the Elizabeth House in Flat Rock, North Carolina at the age of 82 years. Born 20 August 1930, Gloria was a native of Westerly, Rhode Island, the daughter of the late Michael Carlis, Sr., and Louise Esther (Spencer) (Handley) Morrow now deceased. Gloria lived in Lyme, Connecticut until 1965, when her husband, Arthur Lee O'Connor was killed in a tragic accident. She moved to Hendersonville in 1967 with her three children, Michael Arthur, and Thomas James O'Connor, and Tracy Anne (O'Connor) McGraw. She later married James Edward Murray and had another son, James Henry Murray II.

In 1976 she started a nursing career, working at the Pardee Hospital as an OB nurse, later as an Office nurse to a specialized physician practice, and then as an Industrial Nurse for Sayles Biltmore Bleacheries in Asheville, North Carolina. Gloria loved living in Hendersonville.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers, Russell, Marshall, Charles, Francis, Gilbert, and Michael C Morrow, Jr., William and Frank Handley, and three sisters, Elizabeth Morrow James, Hazel Handley Cauley and Anne Spencer Morrow Schwer. In addition to her children, she is survived by her seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, her sisters Verna Morrow Gencarella and Carol Morrow Miller, other relatives, including many nieces and nephews.

Gloria Estelle (Morrow) Murray is a 7th generation descendant of Peter (01P1) Park

and Lucy MacDowell, LK=P, through his son, Melvin<sup>2</sup>, Israel Palmer<sup>3</sup>, Leroy<sup>4</sup>, Carrie Ida<sup>5</sup> Park who married Joseph Spencer, to Louise Ester<sup>6</sup> Spencer who married Michael Carlis Morrow to member<sup>7</sup>.

Honorary Life Member **Margie Lee (Eliis) Howell**, PS#88, a 1986 recipient of the Society's Dedicated Service award for her extensive research and writing on her various lines, passed away just 3 days shy of her 94th birthday on 20 November 2012 at Kansas City, Kansas. Margie (as she was always known), was a lifelong genealogical researcher and is the compiler of Kinfolks of William Parke and Synah Perry and Josiah Wilson and Margaret Crow, the only known comprehensive compiled genealogy on this line, LK=X. In her will she had bequeathed her entire genealogical collection to the Powell Memorial Library in Troy, Missouri, her childhood home, but faced with a move to smaller quarters in 1983, she decided to go ahead and have the collection moved to the Library at that time. The collection is now catalogued and available for public review. It covers all of the research she had done on the Parke, Perry, Wilson and Crow families among others, including materials that she had started to put into order for a second volume.

Margie had a long and successful career with Farmers Insurance Group in Kansas City, Kansas as a training Instructor in the personnel department. She was not, however, one to sit back in a rocking chair for the rest of her golden years. As she kept saying "I probably haven't got the hang of this retirement business yet" as she continued to work at the Roberts Memorial Stadium, in Evansville, Indiana, as an Event Coordinator and Director for many years after her initial retirement. After she moved to the Kansas City Area in the late 90's she continued to work on her genealogy, taught classes, and assisted others as needed. She remained active until just a few months before her death when she moved to Assisted Living in Leawood, Kansas.

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Margie Howell was predeceased by her husband Roy Howell (1917-1975) and her only child, Jon Lee Howell (1941-1988). As far as we know, there is no surviving family.

Marie Lee (Ellis) Howell is a sixth generation descendant from William Park (ca. 1762-ca. 1820) who married Synah Perry (1765-ca. 1815) in 1787 at Granville Co., North Carolina, LK=X, thence to Perry<sup>2</sup> Park, William Perry<sup>3</sup>, Mary Ann<sup>4</sup> Parke who married William Duncan Ellis, to William Lee<sup>5</sup> Ellis, member<sup>6</sup>.

**Died in 2014**

Life Member PS#720, Grace Elizabeth Vaughan, passed away on 3 April 2014 at the LifePath Hospice in Temple Terrace, Florida following a period of declining health. A lifelong high school teacher of Physical Education, she had spent most recent years between a cottage in Oscoda, Michigan (summers) and in St. Cloud, Florida in the winter.

She was predeceased by her parents Charles Hubbell and Maribell Aline (Park) Vaughn, her sisters Ella Ann (Sam) McManus, Lois Aline (Elmer) Keaton, and her brothers Charles Hubbell and Park Warren (Pat) Vaughn. She is survived by her brother Gale Granger (Pattie) Vaughan, many neices and nephews, and friends.

Grace Elizabeth Vaughan was an 11th generation descendant from Robert Parke, who came to America on the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, through Robert's son, Thomas Parke, LK=02T1, Chart 10; the line continues to Robert<sup>3</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>5</sup>, Amos<sup>6</sup>, Halsey<sup>7</sup>, Phillip Bender<sup>8</sup>, Michael Moore<sup>9</sup>, to Maribel Aline<sup>10</sup> Parke who married Charles Hubbell Vaughan to member<sup>11</sup>.☞

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Lineage is the Fragment line of Eli M. P. Parks (1817, NC – 1882, KS) ), LK=QW, who married in 1843 at Rush Co., IN, Mary Lightfoot (1819, KY – 1888, KS, thence to Paulina Louisa<sup>2</sup> (Parks) Mizener, to Bellephena Ellen<sup>3</sup> (Mizener) Brown, Elbert Garnett<sup>4</sup> Brown, Charles Elbert<sup>5</sup> Brown to Member<sup>6</sup>.☞

**The Candidates for Trustee.**

In the past we haven't provided information about the Trustee Candidates. Because of overall reduction in the number of Trustees from nine to six over a three year period (2014 is the final year in that process) we're electing only two candidates this year. Even though there are only two candidates listed, we thought that we ought to provide you with a brief synopsis of the candidates, their history with the Society, and their genealogical background.

**David Cole Parke** #52, has been an active member since before 1976, when the current membership listing was established. He has been a Trustee of the Society since 1995, He is an eleventh generation descendant of Robert Parke who came to the Colonies in 1630 aboard the Winthrop Fleet, through Robert's son Thomas Parke who married Dorothy Freeman; LK=T, Chart 13.

**Joanne G. Rodgers**, PS#1523, has been an active member of the Society since 2008, and was elected Secretary Co-Adjutor in 2010, becoming Secretary in 2011 upon the retirement of Arliene Parks Callahan from that position. She is a seventh generation descendant in the fragment line, LK=LO, John Parks of Scotland to Pennsylvania and his son John K Parks (1784 – b. 1860 who married Mary Ann Parkinson in 1816.☞