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GORHAM PARKS (07R174) – MEMBER OF CONGRESS

BY KEN PARKS PS#1406

Call it an occupational curse, but I have a habit of scanning any type of list for the Park/e/s surname. Watching the credits roll after a movie or TV show finds me looking for our name in the rapidly moving list, so it's no surprise I think of all sorts of areas where our Park/e/s ancestors may have made a name for themselves. With so much news of politics these days, I wondered whether any Park/e/s individuals had served in the U.S. House or Senate. As it turns out, there have been five members of the House of Representatives bearing the Park/e/s surname, and several whose given or middle name was Park/e/s, indicating a family connection. I will feature these gentlemen in future articles, and begin the series here with Gorham Parks.

ORIGINS

Gorham Parks (07R174) was born 27 May 1794 in Westfield, Massachusetts, the son of Revolutionary War General Warham Parks (06R448) and his second wife, Rebecca Gorham. Rebecca Gorham was the daughter of Nathaniel Gorham, who succeeded John Hancock as president of the Continental Congress, and was a signer of the United States Constitution. Gorham Parks attended Phillips Academy (class of 1807) and was graduated from Harvard University in 1813, where he studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1819 and began his practice in Bangor, Maine in 1823. Gorham Parks was a descendant of Lt. Richard Parks (03R2) who, as we now know from DNA evidence, was not a descendant of Richard Parks (01R1) but represents a distinct Parks lineage, related genetically to a Pershouse family with roots in Staffordshire, England as far back as 1595 or earlier. His direct line of descent is: Richard (03R2)>Josiah (04R7)>Elisha (05R47)>Warham (06R448)>Gorham (07R174).

CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Gorham Parks represented Maine in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth United

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States Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837). He was a Jacksonian Democrat, and served as a leader of the Locofoco, or radical, faction of the party. The Locofocos originated in New York as a reaction against Tammany Hall, and took their name from the type of friction match, dubbed a locofoco, used to light the candles in order to continue their political gathering after the Tammany men had the gas lights turned off in an attempt to break up the meeting. The Locofocos were originally known as the Equal Rights Party. They were for free trade, greater circulation of specie, legal protections for labor unions and against paper money, financial speculation, and state banks. Walt Whitman, then a newspaper editor, was also a prominent leader of the Locofocos.

After serving two terms in the House, Gorham Parks ran for governor of Maine in 1837, losing to his Whig opponent, Edward Kent, by less than 1,000 votes (out of about 70,000 cast). Though the race was close, Parks was one of many ex- or sitting House members from Maine who were unsuccessful in achieving the governorship, only one in three being elected in twenty-nine instances. Parks was subsequently appointed United States Marshal for the District of Maine, serving from 1838 to 1841, then as United States Attorney for Maine from 1843 to 1845.

Upon the election of Jacksonian Democrat James Knox Polk to the presidency in 1845, Gorham Parks was appointed U. S. Consul in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He served in this position until 1849 and, because of his position, was at times deeply involved in the controversy surrounding the use of American ships in the slave trade between Africa and Brazil. The United States had banned the importation of African slaves by this time and had forbidden American-owned ships from participating in the slave trade to other countries as well. However, there was an ongoing practice of decep-

tively using American ships, often originating from New York or New England ports, to carry "supplies" from Brazil to Africa, whereupon the ships would be "sold" and the passengers suddenly became the new crew. The American captain and crew would go ashore, the ship would take on a cargo of slaves bound for Brazil, flying the flag of Brazil, Portugal, or another country.

The advantage in flying under the American flag from Brazil to Africa was to ensure the ship's arrival without being stopped and boarded by a British navy vessel. Britain by this time was attempting to curtail the international slave trade and felt the need to stop and inspect a ship's manifest and cargo to determine if the ship was outfitted as a slave carrier. A long, contentious disagreement between the United States and Great Britain on the subject of the latter's right to board and search an American vessel had been an issue for a good many years. It was one of the causes of the War of 1812, when many American ships were boarded and crew members suspected, often wrongly, of being British deserters were taken off the ships. Because of this, the United States would not allow British naval vessels to interfere with American ships at sea, thus making any ship flying the Stars and Stripes safe from inspection.

A report from Gorham Parks in 1850, shortly after having left his position as consul, to David Tod, U. S. Minister (Ambassador) to Brazil explains Parks's attempts to curtail or frustrate this practice. In his report, he agreed with an estimate that during the years 1846-49 Brazil imported at least 173,500 slaves from Africa, an estimate Parks believed was likely to be on the low side. He stated that he had initially refused to grant a sea letter (essentially, a ship's passport) to any American ship bound anywhere except the United States until he received instructions from the State Department ordering him to grant sea letters to all American ships. Following that instruction he then granted nineteen

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sea letters, with seventeen of them heading to the coast of Africa.

Another controversy during his consulship also involved American ships in the port of Rio de Janeiro. He was called upon to remove the captains of several vessels, usually at the request of the passengers and sometimes by the crew itself. He was denounced for this by a number of merchants, ship owners, and insurance underwriters, claiming he had no power to do so. A lengthy defense, entitled *Power of Consuls to Remove Merchant Captains; or an Examination into the Legality and Propriety of the Conduct of Gorham Parks, Esq. Late United States Consul in Rio de Janeiro in the Removal of the Captains of the Ships "Pacific" and "Xylon" and of the Schooners "Friendship" and "Sacramento"* (New York: Oliver & Brother, 1850), was written ostensibly by friends of Gorham Parks, though his role in its authorship may have been greater than represented. In it, numerous examples are given of tyrannical and dangerous conduct by the ships' captains which endangered the passengers, the crew, and sometimes the safety of the ship itself. Some of the accounts make Captain Bligh of *Mutiny on the Bounty* fame look like the captain of *The Love Boat*. In each instance, removal of the captain was sought by those involved as their only means of relief upon reaching the port of Rio de Janeiro. Some of these ships were bound for the west coast of the United States, some with passengers headed to California as part of the Gold Rush of 1849. They had often sold all their assets back home to raise money for their passage, and were faced with either continuing the journey under horrific conditions, or being stranded in Rio with no money to pay their passage on another ship, headed on to California or back home.

Some contended that Gorham Parks's removal as consul was due to these actions, but his defenders pointed out that he was removed for political reasons, the

Democrat Polk having been replaced by the short-lived Whig president, Zachary Taylor. Parks had no objections to his removal, well understanding the practice of rewarding political supporters with such positions. Ironically, Gorham Parks's replacement as consul was none other than Edward Kent, the same man who defeated him in his bid to become governor of Maine in 1837!

FAMILY

Gorham Parks married Mary Ann Thompson on 4 September 1825 in Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine and the couple had nine children, three of whom died young: Warham (08R696), Elizabeth (08R697), and Gorham (08R699). The remaining children are:

Rebecca Gorham Parks (08R698), was born in Bangor, Maine about 1831, and was married to Joseph Conklin Eldredge (1818-1881), U.S. Navy, on 3 July 1848 at the U. S. Consulate in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She died on 10 October 1896 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.

Gorham Parks, Jr. (08R700) was born about 1832 in Maine, served in the U. S. Army during the Civil War in a regiment from Maine. We find numerous letters dated 1863 written by prominent figures to Secretary of War Edwin Stanton recommending Gorham Parks, Jr. for the position of paymaster in the Union Army. Several of these letters were from men who'd served in Congress with Gorham Sr. as well as one from David Tod, the above-mentioned U. S. Minister to Brazil under President Polk and governor of Ohio during the Civil War. In later years Gorham Parks, Jr. served as Clerk of the New York Court of Appeals. He married about 1890 Sophia Ann "Annie" Donagan (29 January 1857 Virginia-29 April 1940 Newport, Rhode Island) and had twin daughters, Ruth (30 September 1891 Albany, New York-May 1987 Newport, Rhode Island) and Amy (30 September 1891 Albany, New York-15 Sep 1966 Newport, Rhode Island). Gorham Parks, Jr. died in Albany of a heart

attack on 26 October 1897. Neither of his daughters married, living with their mother in Washington, D.C. and working as decorators, and later in Newport, Rhode Island as real estate brokers.

Caroline Parks (08R701) was born about June 1835, married Henry Swift on 28 May 1859 in New York City, and died in New York City on 16 April 1911.

Rufus Parks (08R702) was born in Maine 9 April 1837, and was a career officer in the U. S. Navy, serving as a paymaster in both the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. He retired with the rank of rear admiral. He married Aline Petty on 14 May 1877 in Norfolk, Virginia and died on 9 August 1917 in Jamestown, Rhode Island, and is buried in Richmond, Virginia.

William Henry Parks (08R703) was born August 1841 in Maine, married Anna [?-] about 1879. He died in Manhattan, New York, New York on 27 January 1903. No issue.

Edward Parks (08R704) was born about 1842 in Maine, served as a clerk in the 13th Brooklyn Regiment during the Civil War, and was working as a clerk in Steuben County, New York in 1880.

LATER LIFE

After leaving Rio de Janeiro, Gorham Parks returned to the United States and is found in Rockport, Essex County, Massachusetts in the 1850 census. By 1858 he had moved to Brooklyn, New York, where we find a notice in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* dated 6 August 1858 of his appointment as assistant store keeper in the Custom House. In the 1860 census we find him, his wife Mary Ann, four sons, and his sister-in-law, Matilda Thompson, living in Brooklyn. He is listed as a clerk, with son Gorham Jr. listed as a lawyer and the remaining sons, Rufus, William H., and Edward, all listed as clerks as well. By 1870 Gorham Parks is still in Brooklyn (Bay Ridge) living with sons Gorham Jr., Rufus, and Edward, joined by his younger sister Elizabeth Parks (07R178) and sister-in-law Matilda

Thompson (his wife, Mary Ann, having died in 1867 according to a notice in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*). He is now listed as an officer in the customs house.

Mary Ann Parks died on 17 April 1867 in Brooklyn, New York and was buried in Village Cemetery, Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine with her parents. Gorham Parks died on 23 November 1877 and is buried in Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery. Coming from a distinguished American family, he made a career of public service, serving his country well and leaving a legacy of which all Park/e/s can be proud!~

Be sure to renew your membership!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Ken Parks, PS #1406

I'm writing this in the midst of a very cold and snowy New England winter, in the hopes that by the time this issue arrives in your mailbox spring will be arriving soon wherever you are!

ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING 2015

Although last summer's Convocation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was an enjoyable experience for all who attended, we are reverting to the practice of the past several years of holding an annual business meeting to fulfill our organizational requirements, with no additional activities planned. We will be meeting for the fourth time in the same location, which is a centrally convenient spot for the officers and trustees who will likely be attending. As always, members are both welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The 52nd annual Parke Society meeting will be held September 18-19, 2015 at the Country Inns and Suites Hotel at Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. More detail about meeting times and proxy ballots will appear in the next newsletter issue.

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NERGC CONFERENCE

Father Michael (Tad) Parks PS#425H and I will once again be attending the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium conference, held this year in Providence, Rhode Island 15-18 April, 2015. As we've done the past two conferences, the Parke Society will have a table at the Thursday evening Society Fair, where we'll have Society materials on display and be available to talk about the Parke Society and answer questions from attendees. We have met Park/e/s descendants through this activity in the past who have since become Society members, and some people who stop by the table, though not Park/e/s descendants themselves, sometimes have friends who are and go home to tell them about us, so participation is well-worth the time and effort setting up the table.

The NERGC conference is one of the most well-run and well-attended genealogical conferences in the country. Top-notch speakers on a wide range of topics, some focusing on New England resources, but most sessions on topics of general interest to any genealogist seeking to improve their research skills. I would encourage any interested member to attend, and should you do so, please let us know you'll be there so we can get together! Information on the conference and how to register can be found at: www.nergc.org

PARK/E/S DNA PROJECT

As you may remember, FTDNA had an end-of-year sale on new tests and upgrades, and a number of members took advantage of the lower prices. Many others took advantage as well, and FTDNA has experienced a bit of a backlog in processing results lately. As of this writing, results are due in for a number of project members, and some are behind schedule. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is published we'll be caught up on those results. In the meantime, as always, I urge any member whose Park/e/s lineage is not represented

in our DNA database to order a test, if they are a male Park/e/s, or enlist an eligible male Park/e/s descendant from their family to participate. We continue our policy of underwriting half the cost of a Y-DNA test for any Society member or a participant who joins the DNA project through a Society member. Any questions can be addressed to me at the email address listed here in the newsletter.~

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

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

A CHANGE IN OUR PROCESSING

One of the recurring issues in the Historian's Office is the time it takes to process new members. When you send in your initial materials, you really do want to hear from us sooner rather than later. Unfortunately the methodology I have used in the past has been detrimental to this initial processing.

So I am changing my ways. Starting with the new members listed in this Newsletter, I will expedite initial processing upon receipt of their file from the Registrar. I will review the file, see if the line matches anything we already have in our Lineage Catalog, and if not decide upon a new lineage key. I will check for completeness, get the new member into our membership database (a most important step) and then craft an initial email/letter to the new member. In that communication I might ask some initial questions or request copy of family group sheets so that I can complete getting all of the necessary information into our databases.

The problem for me is that in the past I have gotten bogged down in the processing, trying to do everything that is needed with a file before moving on to the next one. That might have included pulling other member's files, rewriting our family group sheets, or reworking the information in the genealogical database (GIVENAME INDEX). All of this takes considerable time. In this new operational procedure, everything will

get done, but in stages, following the initial communications.

THE BACK OFFICE WORK

People may be surprised just how much back office work there is to maintaining the Society. Most members have no idea unless they happen to come to convocation and see the library and all of the Lineage Binders lined up on tables around the room. We are no small Sunday afternoon garden club to be sure.

One of the things that the Editor mentioned to me recently was how to set up our databases so that they are not so absolutely reliant on one or two individuals. None of us will be working with the Society forever. There will come the time when we need to stand down, either voluntarily, or not so voluntarily. The danger for non-profit organizations such as ours is that too much responsibility is vested in a very few people. And when something happens to one of them, the organization can grind to a halt. This is obviously not healthy for the organization. It is something that we need to be thinking about as we plan for the future. We have made it to fifty years. We have been very lucky to have people step up to the plate when there was a need. I only hope it will still happen in the future?

I know most of you come to the organization to get information on your Park/e/s genealogy, but keep in mind that a lot goes on behind the scenes to make that happen for you, more than you might realize.

THOSE MULTIPLYING FRAGMENT LINEAGES!

You'll see in the new member listings in this issue of the Newsletter that five out of the nine new members have lineages that go back to Park/e/s ancestors that are not already in our Lineage Catalogue. There is seemingly no end of finding new and as yet uncatalogued Park/e/s. We may not be tracing the Jones or Smith name, but there is no scarcity of Park/e/s.

ODDS AND ENDS

I continue to go through membership folders as they come across my desk, pulling

out stuff that really doesn't need to be in there (address changes and the like), moving primary documents, pictures, and so on to the appropriate Lineage Key Binder. This has been another change in operational procedure. When you have over 1600 membership folders, things that are in those folders are just plainly lost to us. We may know that we saw a will copy but in which folder? It is just not possible at this stage of the game to do that. This will be a long term project. As I pull folders for whatever reason, I will take care of this business at the same time. It may mean an expansion of the Lineage Binders as we add more sheets of paper to them

Oh yes, those Binders. We have discussed how to eliminate paper in our processing but there are no easy answers. One of my pet things when I was working in management was to take an idea that had been proffered and run it through the logical progression to see how it looked in, say, five years down the road. Often, the long run outcome had some unexpected results, and it would be back to the drawing board. We'll keep talking about our inventory of data, binders, folders and so on. It needs to be on our long term planning chart.

By the way, have you renewed yet? If not please do so today as you read this issue of the Newsletter. If you aren't sure whether you have or not, check the mailing label on the envelope that held this Newsletter. At the end of the top line should be a year or other terminology (like "Life") that will show your status. The only fly in the ointment is that obviously the mailing labels won't be fully up to date as they are produced about a month before the Newsletter goes into the mails. So if you have renewed, say in the last five weeks or so, just consider it a timing issue with the labels.

Another by-the-way: the initial mailing goes to all active members, basically so you can advise us of any changes in status, addresses, or phone numbers. It is our one chance each year to get our database updated. If there is an email address change,

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please do print it plainly so we don't have to guess what you have written. Unlike names and street addresses, there is no rhyme or reason to email addresses, and a simple one character error will bounce back your emails from us faster than a speeding bullet.

COMPUTER SCAMS

As I have mentioned before, it being tax season, remember neither the IRS nor State Revenue agencies will send you an email as an initial communication, nor will they ask you to get cash cards. They don't do business that way.

Also remember that Microsoft does not phone you to tell you that you have a virus on your computer and they would like to help you get rid of it. Such "notifications" are terrible scams to invade your computer and to raise havoc.

So, if you get a message from any organization (including the Parke Society!), saying they want you to click on a link to fill out a form with your personal information, delete the email without clicking the link. Also mark it as spam, if your email program has that capability. If you recognize the organization named in the email as one you trust, then log into their web site directly (not through that email) to see if they really do want to verify information. This is most likely not the case, as "verify information" is a well-known scam term concealing spam, a virus, or other malware. Just tonight I saw an email purportedly from Amazon asking exactly that kind of question. Looking at the source (there is a way to see under the covers as it were), I discovered that the domain from which the email originated was in Russia, home of many a scam.

Remember, if we are utilizing computers in our daily lives, they can be wonderful, but take the wrong steps, and they can create a lot of headaches.

WHAT'S WITH THE ADDRESS?

A final late note: a few of our members commented on an unusual address that appeared on their renewal envelop. "Where did that address come from?"

For a small number of our renewing members (36 out of 450) the database engine apparently decided to substitute another member's destination address (street or PO box) for the correct one.

We have no idea how this came about; it shouldn't have been able to happen. The label generation was done in the same way that it has been done for years. Nor was there any rhyme or reason or discernable pattern as to the result. As the mail pieces bounced back, we corrected the addresses and remailed them. There are still a few that haven't been returned; "return to sender" is not always a speedy process. If you haven't yet received your renewal envelope, a second reminder mailing went out at the end of February.☺

JOSIAH B. PARK (4KY142), 1831-1873

By Joan Sapp PS#1092

Josiah Park was born April 23, 1831 in Erin, Chemung County, NY, the youngest child of Robert and Sally Park. Nothing is known of his early childhood, one can assume he helped his father on the farm and attended school.

In January, 1850 he married Ellen M. Jones the daughter of Edwin K. Jones and Mariah Andrews. On June 6, 1850 Josiah's father Robert died from mumps. Sometime after that, between 1850 and 1852, Josiah and Ellen, his mother Sally, his brothers James and John and his sister Elsie moved to Owosso, Shiawassee County, MI to be close to his older sister, Anna Park Shepard.

While living in Owosso, Josiah was the Justice of Peace in 1852 and 1856, and Highway Commissioner in 1855. Sometime

in 1856, he and Ellen moved to Ovid, Clinton County, MI, just over the county line. He was a Supervisor in 1857 and Postmaster also 1857. Ovid's first Grist Mill was built in 1857 by Josiah Park and a Mr. Kellogg.

Josiah and Ellen had four known children and one unknown child.

1. Edwin R. Park was born September 17, 1852 in Owosso and died May 10, 1861, in Ovid; he is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid
2. Carrie M. Park was born July 12, 1856 in Ovid, died March 13, 1860 in Ovid, and is also buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery
3. William L. Park was born August 6, 1859 in Ovid, died June 15, 1936 in Clair, Clair County MI, and is buried in the North Platte Cemetery in North Platte, Nebraska
4. Louise B. Park was born June 24, 1869 in North Platte and died October 16, 1880 in North Platte; she is buried near her father in the North Platte Cemetery
5. The unknown child listed in William L. Park's *Pioneer Pathways to the Pacific* traveled from Ovid to Omaha to North Platte. Nothing is known of the child after that.

When the Civil War broke out, Josiah organized the 1st Michigan Cavalry Regiment in the summer of 1861. He was commissioned Captain August 10, 1861, Company D and promoted to Major of the 4th Michigan Cavalry August 14, 1862. Josiah was wounded in action at Winchester, VA on March 23, 1862. He was struck by a Minié ball (a type of muzzle-loaded rifle bullet commonly used in the Civil War) in the left shoulder just below the joint. The bullet splintered the bone and cut off the muscles of the arm, then passed out the back of the left shoulder, leaving Josiah with acute deafness in the right ear and blindness of the right eye; he also could not raise his left arm to his head. Josiah remained on

General Stanley's staff as Inspector General from December 9, 1862 to March, 1863 and was commissioned Lt. Colonel February 18, 1863. He resigned and was honorably discharged on account of disability on November 26, 1864.

At the urgings of General Grenville M. Dodge, Chief Engineer of the Union Pacific Railway, Josiah, Ellen and two children arrived in Omaha, Nebraska to undertake government contracts in connection with the survey of the Union Pacific Railroad in western Nebraska. Josiah was an U. S. Deputy Surveyor in western Nebraska from 1866 until the time of his death in 1873. He worked with a Mr. Campbell laying out guide meridian and standard parallels and staking out many townships in western Nebraska. Josiah apparently had contact with the Indians in the region and one wonders if the unknown child was killed or abducted in one of those contacts. No burial has been found.

Josiah bought the newspaper the Lincoln County Advertiser in approximately 1870 and sold it in 1872 to Prof. I. W. LaMunyon. Ira LaMunyon was married to Sarah Linnaberry, Josiah's niece.

On October 29, 1872 Josiah wrote to General E.E. Cunningham explaining trouble with his legs and having trouble walking. He says a doctor in Omaha told him it was the effects of taking calomel (mercurous chloride, once used in medicine especially as a purgative and fungicide). Josiah died June 27, 1873, likely of mercury poisoning.☞

[Editor's note: an extended piece on Col. Josiah Park by Gary Alexander Parks, PS#1528 will soon appear on the Society's website.]

Got something to tell?
Write it up and send it to
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LINEAGE KEY CATALOG—PART 16

by Society staff

Starting with Vol. 45, No. 1, we've been publishing the Society's Lineage Key Catalogue, including founder data and other details, for the general information of Society members.

As most Society members know, we assign individual lineage keys (LKs) to each Park/e/s lineage. Keys consist of one or two letters. When new members join the Society, we try to match their Park/e/s ancestry with an existing key. If we can't, we create a new key. Some keys represent immigrant lines, others fragment lines such as Park/e/s who exhibit no reference to where they came from or to whom they are related.

Sometimes, by identifying 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. If a child's name is in boldface, we have descendants from that child; otherwise, we know nothing further. We also indicate DNA testing of lines.

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), and AW-TW (Vol. 50, No. 3 and Vol. 51, No. 1).

Further Lineage Keys will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

Note: Corrections to LK=TW necessitate its re-appearance in this issue.

TW Moses (01TW1) Parks (ca. 1780, NC – 1845, IN); represented. M. (1) Nancy Davis (1778, NC – 1820, KY) 27 July 1801, Wilkes Co., NC; nine children; (2) Abigail Eaton (1787, VA – 1863, IA) 1820, KY, two children. DNA evidence points towards a connection to the Thomas of VA Lineage, LK=C. Some researchers have ascribed a middle name to Moses of "Ustel" but no authority is shown for this.

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

Children by first marriage:

Reuben L. (02TW1) Parks (b. 1802, KY – 1830, IN) m. Mary "Polly" Davis (1804, KY – ??, IN), 1820 in Whitley Co. KY, four children.

James (02TW2) Parks (1804, KY – 1884, IA) m. Jane Butler 1824 in Orange Co., IN, six children. This family group was formerly classified as 01UW1.

Moses (02TW3) Parks (1806, KY – 1879, IA) m. (1) Elizabeth Pearson (1803, KY – 1838, IN) 1824 in Kentucky. (also referred to as Mary Elizabeth Burgan, she may have had another marriage), ten children; (2) Lucinda Nausler (1820, IN – 1879, IA) 1840 in Indiana, another thirteen children.

Mary "Polly" (02TW4) Parks (1808, KY – 1895, IL) m. Moses P. Walls (1807, NC – 1849, IN) in 1826, Indiana, seven children.

Mariah (02TW6) Parks b. ca 1811, IN. Nothing further known

Jonathan Davis (02TW7) Parks (1813, KY – 1895, IN) m. (1) Louisa Wills (1812, TN – 1834, IN) 1833 in Hendricks Co., IN, no known issue; (2) Mrs. Martha Ann

(Jones) Darnell (1812, KY – 1885, IN) 1835 in Hendricks Co., IN, seven children.

Nancy (02TW8) Parks (1816, KY – 1890, IN) m. Hiram Bagley Stewart (1816, KY – 1888, IN) in 1834, Hendricks Co., IN, fourteen children.

Pleasant Hawkins (02TW9) Parks (1819, KY – 1894, MN) m. (1) Nancy West (1812, KY – 1865, MN) 1866, Hendricks Co., IN, possibly eleven children; (2) Margaret Brady (1842, IRE – 1907, MN) in 1866 Hendricks Co., IN, three children.

John (02TW10) Parks (1810, KY – 1873, IA) m. Nancy A. Nelson (1824, KY – 1913, IA) 1846 in Hendricks Co., IN, seven children. Issues exist for this John, see below.

Children by second marriage:

John (02TW11) Parks (1825, IN – 1880, IA). The existence of two children named John is problematic. There appears to be confusion among researchers as to who m. Nancy Nelson, and who did the other John marry if anyone. Further Research is needed.

Rebecca (02TW5) Parks (1828, IN – ??); has been confused with a Rebecca D. Parks (03TW1). Information is uncertain regarding this Rebecca. Was single in Boone Co. IN in 1847.

(PS#1434, 612R, 836R, 995R).

UW Currently not in use; formerly used to describe 01UW1 James Parks (1804, KY – 1884, IA), m. Jane E. Butler (1808, GA, – 1870, IA 1824), now classified as 02TW2; see above, LK=TW, Moses Parks (01TW1), second child by first marriage.

VW **George Washington Parks** (1780, PA – 1860, PA); represented. M. (1) Mary Fleming (1785, PA – 1817), before 1804, probably Chester Co., PA, seven children. m. (2) Mary Ross (d. 1863, probably Chester Co., PA) after 1815, again probably in Chester Co., PA, three children. George Washington Parks is possibly a descendant from the Arthur of Pennsylvania line. yDNA needs to be accomplished.

Source materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant members.

Children by first marriage:

David Parks (1805, PA – 1875, OR) m. (1) Catherine Schnellabarger (1808, PA – 1890, KS) 1827 Kosciusko Co., IN, ten children; m. (2) Esther “Etta” Ann Schnepf (1840, OH – 1916, WA) 1862, Kosciusko Co., IN, five children.

Other children (surnamed Parks) are John F. (1808, PA – 1859); Mary Letitia (1804, PA – 1806, PA); Caroline (1806, PA – 1882, PA); Joseph Maxwell (1810, PA – 1898, Somme, France); Samuel Slaymaker (1812, PA – 1884); and George W. (1815, PA – 1903, Somme, France). None of these children have known marriages or children.

Children by second marriage (surnamed Parks):

Thomas Jefferson (nothing further known); Winfield Scott (1821, PA – 1843); and Charles Ross (1823 – 1908, KY). Nothing further is known concerning these children.

(PS#613R, 614R, 706D; no active members on this line)

WW See double-letter lineage keys

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XW James Park (1746, PA – 1837, PA); represented. M. Frances (Fanny) Kerr (ca. 1752, PA – 1829, PA) c 1770, Cumberland Co., PA, ten children. This Lineage Key appears to be part of the Arthur of Pennsylvania lineage (LK=A). The ancestry appears to tie back to John (03A24) & Rachel (Crooks) to David (02A4) and Catherine (unknown), son of William (02A1), and brother to Arthur (02A2) the namesake of that lineage.

Source materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant members; also Mitchell, Eula E., *A Chick and Kin Book* (Private, Utica, NY, 1983, Vol. 4, Park-Ross Families; material found in papers entitled “John Park, Manor of Maske.”

Children:

David Park (1780, PA – ca. 1865, KY) m. Rebecca Fitzgerald (1789, DE – 1861, KY) in 1806, nine children.

James Park (1784, PA – 1857, PA) m. Janes Watson (1795, PA – 1863, PA) in 1816, twelve children.

Mary Ann Park (b. ca. 1774, PA) possibly m. in 1801 John Linton, in Green Castle, PA. No issue.

Elizabeth Park (b. ca. 1780 PA) possibly m. in 1801 John Agnew, in Green Castle, PA. No issue.

Samuel Park (ca. 1782, PA – 1876, PA) m. Rebecca Clara Parks (1793, PA – 1865, PA) 1809 Green Castle, Franklin Co., PA, five children. Her Park/e/s ancestry is not known.

Joseph Park (1790, PA – 1858, PA) m. Anne Rennison (1797, PA – 1877, PA) in 1821. eight children.

Thomas Park (1789, PA – 1839, PA) m. Sarah Bell Scott (1799, PA – 1844, PA) in 1816, seven children.

William Park (1791, PA – 1883, PA) m. Hannah Rundel (Reynolds) (1800, PA – 1885, PA), nine children.

Rebecca Isobel Park (1776, PA – 1864, PA). Never married.

John Park (1777, PA – b1826, PA). Was married, spouse is unknown, there were six children, three males and three females.

(PS#1177L, 623D, 1186D).

YW John Parks (1792, NJ – IN); represented. M. Mary “Polly” Fordyce (1791, NJ – 1853, IN) 1813 in Clark Co., IN, six children.

Source materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

Andrew Park (1816, IN – 1893, IN) m. (1) Mary Jane Smith (1817, IN – 1845, IN) in 1835, five children; m. (2) Eurania Marianna Huston (1826, IN – 1863) in 1846, five children; m. (3) Margaret Campbell (1820, IN – 1886, IN) in 1866, no issue. All three marriages took place in Clark Co., IN.

James Park (1818, IN – 1877, IN) m. Hannah Kimberlain (1821, IN – 1906, IN) 1841, in Scott Co., IN, five children.

John Park, Jr. (1820, IN – ??) m. (1) Nancy Fisher (b. 1819) in 1846, four children; m. (2) Rebecca Fisher in 1864, no issue. Nancy and Rebecca are thought to have been sisters.

Elizabeth Park (1815, IN – 1865, IN) m. Silas Harmon (1817, IN – 1903, IN) 1842, Clark Co., IN,

nine children. He may have m. (2) Sarah Catherine Taflinger.

(Capt.) Cyrus M. Park (1827, IN – 1871, IN) m. Isabella Enlon (1830, VA – 1871, IN) 1850, Clark Co., IN, four children. Cyrus was an officer for the Union Forces in the Civil War.

Jarius Park (1831, IN – 1922, IN) m. Maria Jane Enlon (1832, PA – 1887, IN) 1853, Clark Co., IN, six children.

(PS#626R, 1175R; no active members on this line)

ZW **James Uriah Parks, Sr.** (1815, KY – 1355, KY); represented. M. Elizabeth “Betsy” Stephens (1826, KY – 1900, KY) 1830 probably Whitley Co., KY, two children only due to his early death. Some believe that this line leads back to the Thomas of Virginia Lineage, LK=C.

Source materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

James Uriah Parks, Jr. (ca. 1832, KY – 1863, KY) m. Helen Thomas (1836, KY – 1902, KY) 1853 Probably Whitley Co., KY, five children. She m. (2) Griffin Morgan in 1870 and had another four children (not Park/e/s).

Elisha Parks (1830, KY – 1901, KY) m. Nancy Hatsfield (ca. 1840, KY – ??) 1856 in Whitley Co., KY, five children.

(PS#649WD; no active members on this line)

AV **George Ballard Parks** (1820, VA/KY – 1898, OR) (Represented) m. Cynthia A. Richardson (1826, IN – 1887, WA) 1845 Tipton Co., IN. Eleven children total. In some places the middle name(s) are noted as Benton, or as B. W.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

George Ballard Park (1861, OR – 1922, WA), m. Rebecca Elizabeth Whiteley (1869, OR – 1944, ID) 1888, Nez Perce Co., Idaho Territory. Four children.

Siblings were: Mary Ann, b. 1846, IN, William Wade, b. 1848, IN; Robert H., b. 1849, IN; Celia Jane, b. 1850, IN, died 1851, IN; Charlotte Ellen, b. 1851, IN; Margaret Isabel, b. 1854, OR, died 1854, OR; Caleb Andrew, b. 1855, OR (m. in 1879, Mary “Molly” Campbell); Elizabeth Ellen, b. 1856, James R., b. 1859 and Flora Parks, b. 1869, OR

(PS#592R; no active members on this line)

BV **Abraham Park** (1781, England – 1857, NJ) (Represented) m. Annis Atkinson (1775, England – 1822, England) 1806, Shipley, England. Five children are known, three came to the US and one went to Canada. This is an immigrant line, Abraham arrived at the port of New York in 1830.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

Nathan (Nathaniel) Parke (1817, England – 1880, NJ), m. Sarah

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Ann Belcher(1851, NJ – 1907, NJ). Three children.

James Park (1807, England – 1885, Ontario) m.

Sarah(unknown) (1802, England - ??) in England, Six children, two born in England, remaining four born in Canada.

Sarah Ann Park (1809, England – 1884, PA) m. Daniel June (1813, NJ – 1887, PA) in New Jersey, Five children surnamed June.

Atkinson Park (1812, England - ??) m. Rachel (unknown) (1818, NJ – b1870, NJ), seven children.

Shuttleworth Park (1814, England – died young).

(PS#653)

CV Samuel Parks (1769, NC – 1846, IL) (Represented) m. Phoebe Caldwell (various spellings found) (1761, NC – 1873, IL) 1794, Rutherford Co., NC. Eleven children known.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

Andrew Caldwell Parks (1802, NC – 1848, NM) m. Sarah Franklin (1806, NC – 1873, IL) 1827 in Franklin Co., TN. Eight children

Other children of Samuel and Phoebe were William M. (m. Mary Brown), had issue; Samuel C. (m. Rebecca (unknown)) had issue; Nickolas W. (m. Julia (unknown)) had issue; Robert Caldwell (m. Flora Wakefield) had issue; Phoebe (m. Jesse Franklin Brown) had issue; Theresa Nancy (m. Joseph Martin Brown) had issue; George W. (m. Sarah Douthat) seven children; David M. (m. Martha A. (unknown))

had issue; Joseph C. (m. Lucinda Awalt) and issue; and Hannah Parks (PS#654L, 1481)

DV James Thomas Park (1832, GA – 1882, TX) (Represented) m. Pemacy “Neice” Pickens (1842, AL – 1926, TX) 1865 in Jacksonville, TX. Five children are known.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

Lela Gertrude Park (1877, TX – 1971, OK) m. Henry Austin Stanley (1874, TX – 1958, OK) 1908, Jacksonville, TX. Six children surnamed Stanley.

Loraine (Lorena) Park (1866, TX – 1945, TX) m. Thomas Hayden Neely as his second wife, in Cherokee Co, TX, five children surnamed Neely.

Willard Elizabeth “Willie” Park (1873, GA – 1945, TX,). Nothing further known.

W. Reece Park (1874, GA – 1914, CA) was m., twice, supposedly had no issue

Ellsworth Stark Park (1878, TX – 1949, TX) m. Anella Douglas, in Texas, two children.

(PS#689R; no active members on this line)

EV James (Franklin) Parks (ca. 1728, VA – ca. 1780, VA) (Represented) m. Margaret Sankey (1744 – 1772, VA), bef. 1770, probably Virginia, perhaps three children. Whether James really had a middle name is in question, mid-17th century being a bit early for middle names. Thought perhaps to be a descendant of the Thomas of Virginia lineage, LK=C. Early Virginia lineages are particularly problematic, many simi-

lar names, and much confusion over the years

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant members.

Children:

James (Franklin) Parks (1757, NC – 1806, VA) Hannah Martin (1761, NC – after 1806, VA) ca. 1780, North Carolina, four children.

Andrew Parks (1760, VA – 1848, VA) not known if married or had issue.

Some researchers have added Henry, Samuel, William and Joseph as children, but proof is lacking.

(PS#659R, 1010R, 1196R, 1446WD; no active members on this line)

FV **George Berkingyoung Parks** (1875, WI – 1953, WA) (Represented) m. Anna Margaretha Hecker (1878, MI – 1903, CO), 1899, Carlton Co., MN, two children of which one died in infancy. Member is the grandson of individual named above; no additional information supplied, and internet searches turned up nothing more.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

George Bernard Parks (1901, MN – 1967, CA) m. Lelia Joy Taber (1906, MI – 1991, CA) 1930, Los Angeles Co., CA, two children.

Herett Parks (1900, MN – 1900, MN).

(PS#668R; no active members on this line)☺

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

1628 Melissa Elaine Halvin

Palmyra, PA

Lineage is Robert (MA, 1630) , LK=S, Chart 16, through his son Samuel (O2S1). Line is Robert¹, Samuel², Elizabeth³ who married John Bennett, to Thomas⁴ Bennett, Thomas⁵ Bennett, Solomon⁶ Bennett, Thomas⁷ Bennett, George D⁸ Bennett, Bertha⁹ Bennett who married Aaron Marshall Eckert, to Gladyce Romaine¹⁰ Eckert who married Melvin C. Wilt, to Susan¹¹ Wilt, who married Dennis Ray Deaven, to member¹².

1629 Carolyn Jane Weekley

McAllen, TX

Lineage is a new fragment line, LK=QN, starting with an Ester¹ (Easter, Esther) Parks (c1775, NC — a1850, AL) who married in 1792, Rowan Co., NC, Thomas Briggs, (c1770, ? – b1840, AL) son of William Briggs, thence to Elizabeth² Briggs who married George Washington Smith, Martha³ (Smith) Pruett, Hettie Alice⁴ (Pruett) Robison, Lucile⁵ (Robison) Nelson, to member⁶.

1630 Gary Leigh Parks

Kapolei, HI

Lineage is a new fragment line LK=RN, starting with a James H.¹ Parks (born circa 1809 – died 1890 Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO; family researchers are “confident” as to J./James; 50/50 as to the “H”). Little else is known concerning him. The line continues to James² M Parks (1835, TN – 1873, MO), married Malinda C. Perry (1835, AL – 1900, OK), probably 1853-54, place unknown, to James Hamilton³, Paul James⁴, to member⁵.

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1631 Donnie Lee Parks

Tallahassee, FL

Lineage is a new fragment line, LK=SN, starting with a Patrick Jenkins¹ Parks (1807, GA – 1875, GA) who married in 1827 at Madison Co., GA, Rutha Stapler (1810, GA – ??), thence to Richard Russell² Parks, Josiah³, Lewis Joe⁴, Lewis Carlos⁵, to member⁶.

1632 Susan Etta Welch

Placentia, CA

Lineage is Robert (MA, 1630) , LK=T, Chart 13, through his son Thomas (O2T1). Line is Robert¹, Thomas², Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, James⁵, Cyrenius⁶, John Cyrenius⁷, John Silas⁸, Robert Nelson⁹, Harold Nelson¹⁰, Robert Warren¹¹, to member¹².

1633 Tammy S. Markwood

Oakland, MD

Lineage is a new fragment line, LK=TN, starting with a William L.¹ Parks, Sr. (ca. 1782, VA – 1871, WV) who married a Louisa Watson (c1772 – 1866, WV). From there the line goes to Henry Lone² Parks, Lucian Lone³, James Wilber⁴, Gerald Aubrey⁵, James Aubrey⁶, to member⁷.

1634 (Shubael) Lane Park

Collegeville, PA

Lineage is Robert (MA, 1630), LK=T, Chart 10, through his son Thomas (O2T1). Line is Robert¹, Thomas², Robert³, Hezekiah⁴, Silas⁵, Amos⁶, Shubael⁷, Charles⁸, Douglas Rapelje⁹, Shubael Irving¹⁰, (Shubael) King¹¹, to member¹². Lane Park is the son of the late (Shubael) King Park, PS#7 (1912, NY – 1968, IA).

1635 Mary Katherine Kelly

Missoula, MT

Lineage is the Moses Parks line, LK=TW. Line is Moses¹, who married 1) Nancy Davis in 1801, NC; 2) Abigail Eaton in 1820, KY; to Moses², Morgan S.³, David Riley⁴, Myrtle Lavara⁵ Parks who married George Baeth, Ethel Leora⁶, who married Edward Laurence Hewitt, to member⁷. There is yDNA evidence that this line connects to Thomas of VA, LK=C.

1636 Maxine MacRae

Lake Havasu City, AZ

Lineage is a new immigrant line, LK=UN. The earliest known ancestor in this line is a Thomas¹ Parks (1806, Ireland – 1855, ONT) who married a Catherine Gilpin (1803, Ireland – 1868, ONT) in 1839 at Simcoe Co., ONT. From there the line goes to John William² Parks, John Edward³, Frederick Coleman⁴, to member⁵.☺

CORRECTIONS

In the New Member listings for V51, No.1, Bonnie Jane Evans, PS#1627, actually has a lineage key of PN, not PH.

In the same issue we misspelled Samuel T. Park PS#1618's last name as "Parks"; it should be Park.☺

Be sure to renew your membership!

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