

The Parke Society Newsletter

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William Arthur Parks 1868-1936

BY SUSAN VAN ALLEN PS#1653

During a recent trip to Toronto, Canada I came across a Heritage Foundation sign, spotlighting William Arthur Parks and his affiliation with the Royal Ontario Museum. This isn't the first time I've run into a Park(e)s ancestor during my travels, but I decided to take this opportunity to do a little research on this man. I was unsuccessful finding him in the Society files, but I confess to being a novice when it comes to our lineage keys. Historian Tad Parke will need to offer an assist and report back in the next Newsletter. Not having our files to



go on, I turned to the internet and my online genealogical resources. The following is the result of those efforts. If you recognize William Arthur Parks as a member of your line, please let me know!

William Arthur Parks was born in Hamilton, Ontario, December 11, 1868, the son of George Dyer Parks and Mary Kate Snelgrove. George Dyer Parks and Mary Kate Snelgrove married on May 25, 1865 in the Church of the Ascension (Anglican), Hamilton, Ontario, and had six children (four of which survived to adulthood). George Dyer Parks was a cabi-



netmaker in Hamilton until 1879, when he moved his family to Bowmanville and began working in the town's piano factory as a master craftsman. During the family's tenure in Bowmanville, William Arthur Parks graduated high

school with honors in Mathematics and Modern Language, completed teacher training, and taught from 1886-1888 at the School Section No. 9, Darlington, Ontario. At some point after 1888, the family moved back to

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William Arthur Parks, 1868-1936

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Hamilton, where Mary Kate Snelgrove died on March 20, 1902, and William Arthur Parks continued his studies in Toronto. William's ancestry beyond his parents wasn't addressed in the materials I consulted, however, his obituary indicated his mother and father were both from Exeter, England.

William Arthur Parks graduated with distinction in Natural Sciences from the University of Toronto in 1892. Although his first job following graduation was as a chemist for Canadian Copper Company, he quickly returned to the University, as a Geology Fellow, and remained there until his retirement. Over the years Parks held several roles including Head of the Department. Fun fact – William Arthur was the first person in Canada to receive a PhD in Geology in 1900.

William Arthur Parks took an ardent interest in field reporting (University pay was low and the trips allowed him to supplement his income) and became a prolific writer as a result. His early land surveys helped the mining community identify rich gold producing areas in Canada and pointed out geographical map inaccuracies. When he later turned his attention to Paleontology, Parks used the establishment of the Royal Ontario Museum in 1913 and his appointment as Director, to hunt for dinosaur fossils in the Red Deer River region in Alberta. Through his efforts the Museum received a world class collection of fossilized remains. In addition to his field and publishing accomplishments, he was also noted as a kind and gifted teacher. In paying tribute to Parks, a colleague said, "knowing him well and liking him were synonymous."

During the course of his career, Parks received numerous awards and recognitions, including among others, President of the Royal Society, officer of the Geological Society of America, officer of the Paleontology Society, President of the Geological Section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, President of the Royal Canadian Institute, and shortly before his death, the

honorary degree of LL.D. by the University of Toronto in recognition of his outstanding service to the University and Science.

William Arthur Parks married Jean McLennan of Stratford, Ontario in 1901, and was survived at his death on October 3, 1936, by his wife and one son, Dr. Arthur E. Parks, Vice President of Canada Life Assurance Company, Toronto, Canada.

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Photos: First photo taken by Susan Van Allen, 7 October 2019; second photo from *William Arthur Parks, PhD., LLD, FRS, 1868-1936* (see above).☺

From the President's Desk

By Susan Van Allen, PS# 1653

Happy 2020! While I had every intention of writing an inspiring article for the newsletter, life intervened and I found myself caught short on time. That said I didn't want to pass up the opportunity to thank everyone who reached out to me following my inaugural article as President of the Parke Society and wished me well or offered support and suggestions. What fun I had reading messages from folks all over the country! We are an interesting and diverse group of people indeed! Please keep the emails coming as the Board needs to know what you want and need out of the Society.

I also wanted to let you know that the Parke Society will be holding its annual meeting in Harrisburg, PA from August 26-27, 2020. We would love to you! More information to come, but feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,
Susan☺

From the Executive Director: Society Business

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

On donations

Due to a technical difficulty, we have not been able to send out personal hand written thank you notes for the contributions that members are sending in with their dues payments. The Society really appreciates those who have contributed generously to the Society over the last couple of months. Over the years, the Society has been very reluctant to increase yearly dues. People generally don't get interested in family genealogy until the gray hairs start to show up, they are retired, and probably on a fixed income, so an increase in dues might dissuade members from renewing.

Running an organization such as ours has its costs. While we are quite frugal, some costs are unavoidable. Our major expense is the Newsletter, which is important because it proves with each issue that we are alive and functioning. But other costs come with being able to provide service to our members and to advance various projects such as the digitizing of at least some of our records. All our income goes to helping us help you find your roots. So contributions no matter how small help us to maintain our financial stability.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed in the past and will in the future.

On our purpose and our goals

We are now in the midst of the annual renewal cycle for 2020. I am always disappointed when I see members not renewing their membership in the Society. It might be due to age, or health, or just losing interest in doing family history and genealogy because no one else in the family has the slightest interest in following up on our own work. (Their day will come!) Often it is because certain expectations of what membership in the Society can or might be able to do for them. In fact I would bet that many of those who chose to not renew after just a year or two of membership, do so because we have failed to

fulfill their expectations as to what they will gain from membership.

A recent issue of QST (November 2019), the periodic publication of the American Radio Relay League, the national association devoted to Amateur (Ham) Radio, had an interesting piece by the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Howard E. Michel, WB2ITX, regarding the role of the CEO in the organization. But beyond that he eluded to what was the organization's purpose. He spoke about having just finished reading a newly revised Business Roundtable Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation, which had been signed by nearly 200 CEOs. They answer, in the broadest sense, the question, "Why are we doing this in the first place?"

While that article dealt with customers and shareholders, it can also be a question that applies to non-profit organizations such as ours. This goes to the point of what is our purpose for existence and what are our goals in the long term.

This is where the misunderstanding comes in. Just why do we exist in the first place?

Our goals and purpose have evolved over the years since our founding in August 1963. At the beginning, we were essentially holding ourselves out as a family reunion society for descendants of a certain Robert Parke who came across the pond in 1630 as part of the Winthrop Fleet. Founder Ruby Rilla Anderson, PS#1, had a grand vision. A Library & Museum building dedicated to Robert Parke and descendant materials, a centralized permanent headquarters for the Society. Unfortunately, it wasn't a very practical vision. While there were (and are) a great number of Robert Parke descendants, not many of them were really interested in a "Robert Parke Library/Museum," and fewer still who had the means to make her vision possible.

But a funny thing happened along the way. Family genealogically-minded people who had a Park/e/s somewhere in their ancestry started coming to the Society for help in tracing their own roots. The trustees took notice and realized that as an organization we could

do more than just plan Robert Parke family reunions. We could be a surname (one name) society that could provide assistance in tracing family roots.

And so we exist to be, as our Newsletter states, a “clearing house for research on all Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles”: an organization that gathers information from numerous sources and passes it on to members working on their individual lines. As any reliable genealogist should acknowledge, almost nothing can be ascertained as absolutely the truth. For every given fact, there will almost always exist variations, even in “legal” documents. But what we do is to let you know what we have found, what has been reported to us, and then letting you use that information as possible clues to getting closer to the truth of the matter.

In nuce, we exist to help you in your own work. We are not the DAR, SAR or SR. We don’t certify lineages. We pass along what we have, and together, you and us help each other by sorting out genealogical information.

A couple of disclaimers are probably important here, like what the Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell, does each year. We don’t hold ourselves out as certified genealogists. We do not do genealogy for any member on a paid basis. And we do not pass along information without always attaching this disclaimer.

THE CAVEAT: The Society has provided you with copies of its current Family Group Sheets as discussed above. These have been prepared based upon individual Member’s submissions, and materials gathered from compiled genealogies and other works. The information contained thereon has NOT been independently verified as to accuracy. The Society makes no warranties as to the information contained thereon. The Society is always open to changes in this data, based on new information and research.

So, there we are. We exist to help one another. That’s why we are doing this in the first place.

On the annual meeting of the Society

The dates for the 2020 Series of Trustee and Corporate Meetings has been set as weekend of September 26-27, 2020. The location, as in the past, will be the County Inn & Suites in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The meetings format is a Trustee’s Meeting on Saturday, and on Sunday a short Annual Corporate meeting, followed by an equally short Second Trustees Meeting, where we formally elect the officers for the following year, and finish up any remaining items left over from Saturday’s meeting. The Trustees are elected at the Annual Corporate Meeting. Further information will be passed along in the next Newsletter. We usually have set aside a block of rooms for Society members.

As in the past, a Proxy Ballot will be enclosed with the next Newsletter. If you plan on attending, we like to know in advance so we can plan appropriately. If you are not planning to attend, we encourage you to complete and mail in your Proxy Ballot. That is your chance to pass along any comments you might have concerning the business of the Society. If you are planning on coming and wish help with your Park/e/s line the Proxy Ballot should indicate that fact, so that the Historian will be sure to have the appropriate materials on hand. We no longer bring the whole library.

On back office opportunities

Every organization has its back office. While we may be about family genealogy (in the clearing house mode) we could not continue to function without the able help of key officers. Collecting dues, handing finances, publishing the Newsletter, and maintaining our genealogical database are all things that need to happen. The Society could not continue to exist otherwise. Two positions will be opening up soon, and we are looking for volunteers. If you might have an interest in either one, write or email us and we can take it from there. Sitting Officers have their annual dues waived. (In what follows I use a single pronoun only as a convenience to avoid the gender trap.)

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From the Executive Director

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Secretary

The duties of our secretary, as with most nonprofit organizations, is to take and publish the minutes of the various Trustee and Corporate Meetings. She also becomes the Proxy Secretary, collecting the proxy ballots and reporting the sum of them to the various meetings. More especially she acts as the Financial Secretary, receiving all receipts coming to the Society, depositing them and forwarding reports to the Treasurer and the Executive Director.

This position requires attention to detail, timeliness, and some computer skills (emails, spread sheets, and some word processing). While attendance at the annual meetings (currently held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) is not required, it would certainly be beneficial both to the secretarial tasks and the Society. The current secretary announced at the 2019 Annual Meeting that this year would be her last year. She will be available to help in the transition to the new person who takes over the position.

Vice President

The main purpose of the Vice President's role is to have a logical succession plan: to have someone able to step in should something befall the incumbent President—an understudy if you will. With the election of Susan Van Allen as the President last fall, the former President graciously allowed himself to be elected to the Vice Presidency position for one year. He was fairly clear that it didn't want it to go longer than that.

Other duties of this office would be worked out in concert with the President, Executive Director and the Board of Trustees. Attendance at the Annual Meetings, while not mandatory, would certainly be expected as an understudy. It would be reasonable to expect that the VP would be able to use email, and work with a word processor, spreadsheets and databases—simple enough tasks.

On dues and renewals

As mentioned earlier in this piece, we are in the midst of the 2020 Dues/Renewal cycle. Generally you can tell your dues status by looking at the envelope label your Newsletter came in. If the year is anything other than 2020, your annual dues need to be taken care of. Note that there is a timing issue here as these labels are generated and accurate as of the middle of February 2020, so if you mailed in your dues around that time the label may not reflect your recent payment. We will mail a dues reminder sometime early in March.

As to why we mail renewal envelopes to Life and Honorary members, this is our once a year chance to communicate with all active members. It gives them (and everyone) an opportunity to advise us as to changes in address, and status, and perhaps to make a contribution to the operation of the Society.☺

Related Families of Joseph Parke (01AN1) and His Second Wife Susanna (Stoneking) (Parke) Richman (1841-1911)

By Bryan Dean Parkes (PS# 1571)

Part II

Note: This article concludes the tracing of the Joseph Parke (01AN1) fragment line from the point reached by Part I, published in The Parke Society Newsletter, Vol. 56, No. 1.

1900-1920

By 1900, Hiram Lincoln Stoneking was in Hartville, Laramie (now Platte County), Wyoming (five miles north of Guernsey). By then, his cousin, Joseph C. Parkes, was a Section Foreman on the railroad at Horn, which was north of Crawford, Nebraska. About 1901, James Crawford Parkes and his family moved to Crawford from Chariton, Iowa.

Millard Lee Boylan was the only son Kate (Mrs. Joseph C.) Parkes had with her first

husband. On 31 December 1903, Millard Boylan married Maude Pearl Reeves, daughter of Mary Ann Stoneking and her first husband. Again, Mary Ann (Mrs. Lyman) Reeves was the niece of Susanna (Mrs. Bryan) Richman.

By 1906, the third and fourth children of James Harvey Stoneking II had been born in Crawford, Nebraska. Little is known about the family of James Crawford Parkes there, but around 1905-1906, they left Crawford and moved to the Big Muddy-Cole Creek area of western Converse County, Wyoming.

During the Thirteenth Census of the United States (30 April 1910), the family of James Crawford Parkes was near what later became Parkerton, an abandoned oil company town between Casper and Glenrock, Wyoming. During the same census (2 May 1910), his oldest brother, Henry S. Parkes, was still in the Cottonwood Valley of Sioux County, Nebraska, and so was the family of their cousin, James Harvey Stoneking II.

His younger brother, Hiram Lincoln Stoneking, sold his homestead in Wyoming to a son, Hiram Elmer Stoneking, in 1919. By the Fourteenth Census of the United States (20 January 1920), Hiram Lincoln Stoneking was on First Street in Crawford, Nebraska. As of January 5th, his cousin, Joseph C. Parkes, had a rooming house on Second Street in Crawford, and their household also included an adopted daughter, Martha Helen Parkes, who went by her middle name.

By February 9th, James Harvey Stoneking II had left Sioux County, Nebraska, and was in Lusk, Niobrara, Wyoming. On 1 April 1920, Martha Helen Parkes married Charles C. Page in Harrison, Sioux, Nebraska. Her parents were listed as Joseph C. Parkes and Zoe Foster, but nothing else is known about Foster. There was a 35-year age difference between Helen Parkes and Charles C. Page. However, he had been a boarder/lodger in the rooming house of Joseph C. and Kate Parkes since at least 1910, and as a railroad laborer, Page and Joseph C. Parkes were more than likely co-workers too.

1923-1930

It's believed Helen (Mrs. Charles) Page married Lee Elsworth Hudson around 1923, and they later lived in Midwest, Natrona, Wyoming (1930-1945). It's unknown why she was not listed as a survivor in the obituary for Joseph C. Parkes, but she was shown as an adopted daughter in the obituary of his widow, Kate Parkes.

By 1926-1927, Joseph C. Parkes and Kate Parkes were still in Crawford, Nebraska. According to their obituaries, this is about when Henry S. Parkes and his wife moved to Crawford from Cottonwood Valley in Sioux County.

By the Fifteenth Census of the United States (9 April 1930), Lucinda "Cindy" (Mrs. Joseph William) Stoneking was a widow, but still in Pleasant Township, Iowa. Her step-son, Charles Henry Stoneking, lived nearby, and one of his sons, Homer Ainsworth Stoneking, was with Rachel (Mrs. David Edward) Darrah, another neighbor who was "Cindy" Stoneking's sister.

During the same census, Hiram Lincoln Stoneking was on a farm near Crawford, Nebraska. A week earlier (2 April 1930), his cousin, Joseph C. Parkes, was managing a hotel at 105 Second Street in Crawford (presumably the same rooming house he'd had since 1910). As of April 11th, Hiram Lincoln Stoneking's other cousin and Joseph C. Parkes's oldest brother, Henry S. Parkes, was at 101 Fourth Street in Crawford.

1940 to Present

During the Sixteenth Census of the United States (20 April 1940), Kate (Mrs. Joseph C.) Parkes, was at 115 Second Street in Crawford. Her brother-in-law, Henry S. Parkes, lived on or near East Pine Street, and by then, his cousin, Hiram Lincoln Stoneking, was on First Street in Crawford.

Hiram Lincoln Stoneking had eight children, but only two, Hiram Elmer Stoneking, who also used his middle name, and John William Stoneking, stayed in Wyoming. After

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Related Families of Joseph Parke

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Elmer Stoneking sold his parent's homestead (1936), he was in Hartville (by the 1940 Census). From 1900-1917, John William Stoneking, was also in Hartville before he moved to the neighboring town of Guernsey (1920-1940). According to her obituary, their mother, Hannah M. "Hattie" (Mrs. Hiram Lincoln) Stoneking, lived in Guernsey from 1944-1946.

Wheatland is the seat of Platte County, Wyoming, and it's about 29 miles between Wheatland and Guernsey. The only son Joseph William Stoneking had with his first wife, Charles Henry Stoneking, remained in Iowa, but three sons with his second wife came to Wyoming. As of 1935, two of them, John W. Stoneking and Homer Ainsworth Stoneking, were in Casper, while their younger brother, Steven Henry Stoneking, was in Chariton, Iowa. By April 1940, all three lived by each other on farm(s) near Wheatland.

As seen here, families lived closer together (and were more dependent upon each other) through the early 20th century than in today's society. Converse and Platte Counties are adjacent to each other, and by the time my great grandfather, James Crawford Parkes, established a homestead in Converse County, Wyoming, his youngest daughter and only son had settled in nearby Glenrock. They occasionally had contact with family in Chariton, Iowa, and Crawford, Nebraska, but the author does not recall either of them talking about any distant relatives in Guernsey or Wheatland--and it appear the Stonekings there knew nothing about the Parks in Glenrock--yet they were an hour and a half drive from each other.

Author's note: I joined the Parke Society in 2011. This article represents almost eight years of research so far. For additional information, or to exchange further information of mutual interest, contact me at genealogy-4Dean@yahoo.com.

Historian's Corner

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

In an earlier installment (V55#3) I talked about our Lineage Catalogue, how it was constructed, where we find the materials, and how we adjudicate what we find or are told. In this column, I'll talk a bit more about the finding and adjudicating process.

To be clear concerning our scope and goal: we are not to be considered a patronal organization, like the SAR or DAR. We are a clearing house of information concerning Park/e/s lines that came into North America from the British Isles, beginning actually around 1630. As far as we know, there were no Park/e/s appearing on this side of the pond prior to that date. Of course, we could always be surprised as there were earlier colonies in the New World, and some of those records are incomplete or confused.

In this issue of the Newsletter we continue our serial publication of the Lineage Key Catalog with Part 26. This has been a long-term project indeed. We've been working on publishing since Vol. 45, No. 1 (2008). With well over 300 different Lineage Keys (defined in the article) currently in use it will probably take a few more years before we have published the entire Lineage Catalogue.

And then, like tuning the world's largest fully working pipe organ (the Wanamaker Grand Court organ, Philadelphia, PA) we will start over, reviewing and publishing any new information that has been discovered over the years. (By the way, it takes about a year for the pipe organ tuning crew to go through the whole instrument, and then they start over again.)

The best thing about this process is that it gives me the chance to review lineages that perhaps haven't seen the top of my desk in years. With so many different lines, it is just not possible to stay on top of all of them.

One of the first things I do when I start a lineage review, prior to publishing it in our Lineage Catalogue series, is to pull any

member files connected with that line. I then check to see if any of those members are still active. Unfortunately, all too often they aren't and contact information is no longer valid. I review everything in those files and what we have on the group sheets in our Lineage Binders.

Then the fun begins. I start scrounging around on the Internet to see what, if anything, is out there. You would be surprised at what turns up in a Google search (my favorite search engine).

To be clear, a lot of incorrect information is to be found on the web, but occasionally something will turn up that is a clue to clear up a mystery. I use Ancestry a lot: it's worth the money, especially if you are working several different lines. But again, you have to look at things with a jaundiced eye.

For working the various Park/e/s lines it has proved invaluable. Their search engine is remarkable, and the links can prove to be very useful, especially when it takes you to grave-stones, census pages, and other documents. But the caveat, as always, is this link to the right Robert or whoever? It is nice when a researcher posts a question on an individual's timeline as to how this can be. One line I worked on had all the children born in Virginia, except the first, who was supposedly born in Pennsylvania. One researcher asked, How can this be? I agree, in 17th century travel conditions, with nothing else pointing to Pennsylvania, this just didn't seem right.

So you search, you collect possibilities, and then you search some more. An exhaustive search looks for any and all kinds of records to verify or refute these possibilities. Then you document what you find and why you think it is right or wrong. To do this properly, you need to keep a documentation log, starting off with the individual and what things you have found, one by one writing down what you find and what that means to what you have. Eventually, you might put together a compiled genealogy, but these research notes should be the appendix to that work, showing how you came to the conclusions that you did.

The importance of continued membership

As I've mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter issue, we are in the midst of the 2020 dues renewal season. Obviously, I think it is important for members to renew, to keep in touch. As any time-worn genealogist will tell you, sometimes it takes a long time to find that missing piece of the puzzle to move your genealogical work one more step towards completion. Should we find something that might be of benefit to your work, we'd like to pass it on to you. But alas, members fail to renew, and when we try to reach out to them, the addresses are out of date as well as the phone numbers. We have no way to get in touch with them. In this most recent published segment of Lineage Keys, not one of the them still had an active member. There were some surprising discoveries and I would love to pass them back to the original submitters.

Location issues

Many counties in America have changed their size and shape so often that today it can be really difficult simply to determine which courthouse holds the certificates of birth or death, the probate records, or the poll tax lists that a genealogist needs. Townships and municipalities not so much so (although their name might have changed, or they might have altogether disappeared), but counties have been a very fluid type of entity.

Recently when I was going through some old issues of The Forum, published by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, a trade group if you will, in an attempt to clear some shelf space, I came across an article announcing the publication of the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries by Peggy Tuck Sinko and John H. Long in 1992. Now that is a volume worth having.

Knowing where to look is just as important as knowing what to be looking for. Too often, modern resources will send us in the wrong direction. Take Ancestry.com for instance. If you put in a municipality name, it will supply the county and state automatically—except it may not be the correct county for the time period in which the event took place.

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Historian's Corner

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Here is an example. If you were looking for land records in 1760 in the Town of Scho-dack, Rensselaer County, New York, skip going to the County Courthouse in Troy, because Rensselaer County didn't come into existence until 1791. Prior to that you'd need to go across the Hudson River to Albany, County of Albany, New York. If the transaction you were looking for was right around that date, you might still want to check in Albany, as stuff was probably still processed in Albany, for a while until Rensselaer County got itself up and running.

That brings us to the next question: is this volume still in print, or can it be found being offered for sale on the Internet, perhaps through Amazon or Biblio Book Service? Back in the day, when a book went out of print it was really hit or miss trying to find a copy. That's less true today. It may take a while, especially for a title that had a very small print run, but eventually you can find a copy. While a copy of a particular book might still be found, it can be pretty expensive. If that were the only option, I would talk with a local genealogical/historical society about obtaining one for use by all members and patrons. (I finally found a copy of *The Innocent Curate*, by Paris Leary, published in 1963, a book I had long desired to have in my library. Its original cost: \$3.95. I had to pay \$205.00, plus shipping! But I now have it.)

An alternative to buying is to check The Newberry Library website, where you might find the digital version with interactive maps of border changes up to current date. To make the best use of this tool, you will need to read the instructional materials carefully and play with it a bit. It's not all that intuitive, at least in my opinion, but it will give you the answer to in what county jurisdiction did the event happen. In your browser, go to: (ahcbp = Atlas of Historical County Boundaries (<https://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/index.html>). Once on that page, be sure to read the "Using the Atlas" section as that will guide

you in your work. Then click on the state you want to research, and on that page, click on "View Interactive Map." At that point you can click on subsequent dates to see boundary changes. You'll need to play around a bit to get used to the interface. Also, you can enlarge the map so that you can pick the specific spot that you are checking on.

Some suggestions for you

You can become overloaded with publications and blogs to watch. Here are three suggestions to help you in your work

Family Tree Magazine published at least 6 times a year by Yankee Publishing, Inc., Palm Coast, FL. The current subscription rate is \$39.96 (one year) or 59.96 for a two year subscription. The current issue (March/April 2020) had a major article on The Fab Four web sites, and how they compare. Each issue contains a comprehensive State Guide: Wisconsin was the subject this time around. Prior issues had articles on Wyoming, North Dakota, and New Jersey.

In terms of on-line blogs, you certainly can't go wrong by following *The Legal Genealogist*, authored by Judy Russell. Daily entries about all subjects genealogical. Well written and well documented. She's a genealogist with a law degree. Google *The Legal Genealogist*, and then sign up for the blog.

Finally, don't overlook Cyndi's List (www.cyndislist.com), an exhaustive listing of genealogy sites on the Internet, categorized and cross-referenced, with links for all things genealogical: roughly 332,000 of them in more than 200 categories. If what you are looking for isn't listed there, it probably doesn't exist.

For most family genealogists, this is really all you need to do your work.☺

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Lineage Key Catalog—part 26

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 see whether their Park/e/s ancestry matches any 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 might discover that a fragment line is actually part of another fragment or immigrant line. With positive identification, the line is merged or consolidated into the larger or earlier line, and all group sheets and related materials are relabeled with the new lineage key. Line mergers are indicated in the narrative.

Not all lines 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. The word "DNA" appears after the lineage key if the line has had DNA testing.

Lineage keys published to date are: all single-letter keys (Vols. 45.1–46.1), double-letter keys AA-ZZ and AX-ZX (46.2–47.2), AY-ZY (47.3, 48.1, 49.1), AZ-ZZ (49.2, 50.1), AW-ZW (50.3–51.2), AV-ZV (51.2–53.1), AU-ZU (53.3, 54.2-3, 55.1–55.2), and AT-ZT (55.2-3, 56.1). Further Lineage Keys will appear in subsequent Newsletters.

AS

Lyman Timothy (01AS1) Parks

(1817, NY – 1881, MI) (represented) m. Jane Cole (1814, NY – 1900, MI) ca. 1838, in New York, eight children (perhaps another two earlier daughters who died by 1850). Father's name may have been Martin Parks, born 1780-1790 either in Rhode Island or Massachusetts.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

- Hiram (02AS1) Parks (1837, NY – 1904, MI), m1) Emilie Cook (1845, NY – 1882, MI) ca1869, place unknown. 4 children. m2) Alida "Lydia" J. Lean (1858, MI – 1903, MI) 1890, place unknown. 2 children.
- Horace Lyman (02AS2) Parks (1844, NY – 1908, MI) m. Louisa Alice McCarty (1849, MI – 1939, MI) 1872, Saginaw County, MI. 4 Children.
- **George Oscar (02AS3) Parks** (1845, NY – 1926, MI), m. Lydia Margaret Elizabeth Gary (1851, MI – 1935, MI), 1866, Saginaw County, MI. 13 children.
- Franklin F. (02AS4) Parks (1847, MI – 1918, MI), m1) Elizabeth "Betsy" Ward (1850, NY – 1927, MI) 1873, Saginaw County, MI. 2 children. m2) Clara Belle Albright (1859, OH – 1944, MI) 1882, Eaton County, MI. 2 children.
- Martha (02AS5) Parks (1849, MI – 1897, MI) m. Robert C. Bennett (1840, ON – 1894, MI), date and place of marriage unknown, perhaps ca 1867. 7 children.
- Sarah Dorsey (02AS6) Parks (1850,MI – 1933, MI) m. Charles

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John Stafford (1832, PA – 1913, MI) 1865, Saginaw County, MI. 7 children.

- Charles (02AS7) Parks (1855, MI – 1918, MI). No further information.
- Emmett W (02AS8) Parks (1857, MI – 1898, MI) m1) Maria Dungey (1858, ON – aft. 1911, MI) 1878, Saginaw County, MI. 1 child. Divorced 1885, Saginaw County, MI. m2) Rose Major (1869, ON – 1941, MI) 1885, Saginaw County, MI. 3 children.

(PS#392R; no active members on this line)

BS Lineage Key BS is currently vacant, and not in use. This key was formerly used to describe 01BS1 James Park (ca. 1770, GA – 1803, TN), m. Sarah Miller, in ca. 1790 in Greene County, Georgia, and is now classified as 02U1 in the Robert Parks fragment line found in Georgia in the mid-18th century.

CS **Evaline (02CS1) Parks** (1815, IN – 1903, OR) (represented) m. Jacob Martin (1812, PA – 1882, OR), 1834, Montgomery County, IN. 12 children. There is a strong possibility that Evaline is the daughter of Joseph and Susan (Hill) Parks of the Roger of West Jersey lineage. Verification is needed.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children: (limited information)

- Jacob Daniel Martin (1834, IN – 1901, OR). Nothing further known.
- William Martin (1838, IA – 1869, CA). Nothing further known.

- Amanda Martin (1840, IA – 1874, OR), m. James Thomas Walker (ca. 1834, IL – 1905, WA) 1856, Benton County, OR. 9 children.
- Adaline Martin (1842, IA – 1927, IA), m. Jessie Camaron Walker (1840, OH – 1880, OR) 1860, Benton County, OR. 2 children.
- Mary Ann Martin (1844, IA – 1913, OR), m. Henry S. Morrow (ca. 1827, OH – 1880, OR) 1862, Benton County, OR. 8 children.
- Harriet Martin (1846, IA – 1913, OR), m. John D. Osborn (1832, IA – a1900, ??) 1867, Benton County, OR. 5 children.
- Miles Martin (1847, OR – 1868, OR), Nothing further known.
- **Francis Martin** (1850, OR – 1912, CA) m1) Nancy Jane McKnight (1855, IA – 1882, WA) 1876, Linn Co., OR. 3 children. m2) Harriet Anna Fuller (1863, IA – 1939, CA) 1884, Columbia Co., WA. 14 children.
- Manley Anthony Martin (1852, OR – 1922, OR), m. Margaret Link (1866, MO – 1960, OR) 1886, Polk County, OR. 5 children.
- Lemuel Martin (1854, OR – 1927, OR). Nothing further known.
- Orlando Park Martin (1856, OR – 1943, OR), m. Lenora “Nora” Beatrice Coats (1880, MO – 1953, IL) 1894, Polk County, OR. 5 children.
- Rosa Evaline Martin (1861, OR – 1949, IN) m. Charles Henry Launder (1851, OH – 1930, IL) 1884, Oregon. 3 children.

(PS#950R; no active members on this line)

DS Lineage Key DS is currently vacant, and not in use. This key was formerly used to describe 01DS1Elijah Parks (1778, NJ – 1857, IN), m. Sarah Conover/Covenhoven, in ca. 1804 in New Jersey, and is now classified as 05K302 in the Roger Parke Lineage.

ES Robert (01ES1) Park (ca. 1790, NJ – 1835, NJ) (represented) m. Eva R. Swackhammer/Swackheimer (1791, NJ – 1856, IL) 1810, Warren County, NJ. 10 children.

Recent research has taken this lineage back one generation. It was previously identified as Robert Reeve and Sarah Elizabeth (Scott) Park. Researchers have tried to identify this lineage as belonging to Roger “K,” Alexander “KY” or even Richard “R” or as an immigrant line of a Joseph and Martha (Ansely) Park from England. At this point we deem all those predecessors as being purely speculative.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member, published biographies.

Children:

- Andrew M. (02ES1) Park (1811, NJ – 1876, IL), m. Caroline M. Gruendyke (1822, NJ – 1902, IL), 1840 Warren Co., NJ. 11 children
- Jane (02ES2) Park (ca. 1813, NJ – b1850, IL), m. Samuel Joseph Lippincott (1801, NJ – 1890, NJ), ca. 1832, place unknown. 7 children.
- Sarah (02ES3) Park (1817, NJ – 1888, IA), m. Charles Wells (1806, NJ – 1880, IA), 1833, Warren Co., NJ. 10 or 12 children

- Matilda (02ES4) Park (1819, NJ – 1865, IL), m. John L. Wyatt (1820, DE – 1881, IL) 1849, Bureau Co., IL. No issue. (Wyatt subsequently married Caroline Park, a daughter of Andrew (2ES1) Park, 1866, Bureau Co., IL and had 3 children.)
- William M. (02ES5) Park (1820, NJ – 1865, IL) m. Mary Ann Mann (1822, NJ – 1880, IL), 1840, Warren Co., NJ. 7, 8 or 9 children.
- Elisha (02ES6) Park (1822, NJ – 1861, IL) m. Catharine Marie Vroom (1822, NJ – 1900, IL), 1842, Warren Co., NJ. 3 children.
- John R. (02ES7) Park (1824, NJ – 1863, IL) m. Pernina Monn (ca. 1825, NJ – 1901, NE) 1844, New Jersey. 7 Children. (Her given name is also shown as Pauline, Pavina, or Peminah)
- Mary (02ES8) Park (1826, NJ – 1899, NE), m. John Taylor Hildebrant (1824, NJ – 1891, NE), 1847, Warren Co., NJ. 6 children. (some say 16, could be, as last was born when she was 45)
- **Robert (02ES9) Park** (1828, NJ – 1911, IL), m. Sarah Elizabeth Scott (1840, NJ – 1910, IL) 1857, Bureau Co., IL. 4 children. He is often shown with a middle name of Reeve, however, there is no conclusive proof that he had that middle name.
- Caroline (02ES10) Park (1833, NJ – 1866, IL), m. James Martin (1828, NJ – 1896, IL), ca. 1850, Warren Co., NJ. 9 children.

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FS Christopher (01FS1) Parks (1822, ON – 1883, ON) (represented). m. Ruth Rose Reid (1828, ON – 1901, MI), bef. 1848, Hastings Co., ON. 7 children. This very possibly is a Robert (01STW) Parke descendant line, via Cyrenius Parke in Canada. Further evidentiary proof is needed to be sure.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

- Gilbert (02FS1) Parks (1863, ON – 1899, ON) m. Sarah Eliza Thomas (1866, ON – 1958, ON), 18867, Hastings Co., ON. 5 children.
- George (02FS2) Parks (1858, ON – 1922, ON), m. Mary Coole (1866, ON – 1943, ??), 1885, Hastings Co., ON. 9 or 10 children..
- Charlotte (02FS3) Parks (1854, ON – 1932, MI), m. Edgar Seely (1848, ON – 1910, MI), 1876, Hastings Co., ON. 2 children.
- Cynthia (02FS4) Parks (1848, ON – 1901, ON), m1) Daniel Cracknell (1845, ON – 1872, ON) 1866, Hastings Co., ON, 4 children; m2) Cyrenius Parks (1842, ON – 1901, MI) 1872, Hastings Co., ON, 4 children. This Cyrenius appears to be the son of William James (08T8101) and Mary (Maybee) Parks.
- Sarah Ann (02FS5) Parks (1851, ON – 1905, ON) m. William Henry Robbins (1824, ON – 11955, ON) 1864, Hastings Co., ON, 7 children. There is also shown in some places a second marriage to a William Samuel Elliott with one child, but there

are substantial questions about this supposed marriage. The dates conflict on what is already known for Sarah. So while noted, it is considered not viable

- Elizabeth (02FS6) Parks (1852, ON – ??), m. Charles Henry Elliott (1848, ON – ??) 1872, Simcoe County ON. 2 children
- Christopher (02FS7) Parks (1871, ON – ??). Nothing further.

(PS#958D; no active members on this line)☞

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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. And at other times we hear nothing at all, and our correspondence is unanswered. And then, one way or another we learn of the member's death. This may indeed be some years later. Nevertheless, we still think it is good for the Society membership to know of these passings, and so we list those here as they come to our attention.

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

We recently learned of the passing of Life Member Ray Pearl (Wood) Condry, PS#759 on November 3, 2019, in Rockwell, Texas, fall-



ing 1 month and 24 days short of achieving her long term goal of reaching 100 years of age.

Born 27 December 1919 to Charles Allen and Emily Clarissa (12T) (Wood) Condry, she grew up in

Houston, Texas, graduated from high school there in 1937 and from the University of Texas, Austin, in 1941 with a BA in History degree. She taught high school history until August 1943, when she joined the US Navy WAVES, leaving the service as a Storekeeper First Class in 1946. It was while she was stationed in Corpus Christi that Ray Pearl met her future husband James William "Bill" Condry. They were married on November 2, 1946, and settled in Angleton, Texas where they raised four children. Bill passed away in 1974.

Shortly after all her children were in elementary school, Ray Pearl went back to teaching in the Angleton school district for a total of 28 years.

As a lover of history, Ray Pearl was a member of several different patronal societies including the DAR, Colonial Dames, Magna Charta Dames, and Daughter of American Colonists among others. Active in her church she taught first grade Sunday School for 50 years at the First Baptist Church of Angleton. She was also very active in her community giving of her time and efforts to the local museums, hospital auxiliary and many other civic organizations. Her love of history also led her on many travels which included all continents except Antarctica.

She was predeceased by her husband James William Condry, and one sister, Bertha Burhoe

Ray Pearl Condry is survived by her children: Thomas Charles (Donna), James Ray (Susan), Claire Elizabeth, and Robert Ed (Tracy). She is also survived by her sister Emily Wiley, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, as well as many other family members, friends and the community.

Funeral Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Angleton on November 10, 2019. The burial with Military Honors followed immediately at the Angleton Cemetery.

Ray Pearl (Wood) Condry was an 11th generation descendant of the Robert1 Parke who came to the New World aboard the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, through his son Thomas2, to Nathaniel3, Joseph4, Smith5, David6, Martin7, Martin8, Ray Strickland9 who married Richard Alexander McKee, to Emily Clarissa10 McKee who married Charles Allen Wood, to herself11. LK=T, Chart 13.

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Be sure to renew your membership!

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We recently received news of the passing of William Scott "Bill" Parks, PS#1194, at age 86 on November 19, 2019 after a short illness in Vicksburg, Mississippi.



Bill was born on March 13, 1933 in Clarksdale, Mississippi the son of Graham Samuel and Lorice (Henderson) Parks. After coming of age in

the Mississippi Delta, he became a geologist, graduating with a Bachelor's degree from Millsaps College (1954), and a Master's degree from Mississippi State University (1957). He worked with the Mississippi Geological Survey from 1957 to 1965 as a field and economic geologist, and published reports on the geology of Prentiss, Calhoun, Attala, and Hinds Counties in Mississippi. Later in 1965, he continued his career at the U.S. Geological Survey in Memphis, Tennessee, where he worked as a geologist and hydrogeologist, publishing many reports on the geology of western Tennessee and the Memphis Aquifer. He retired from the U.S. Geological Survey in 1998. Bill was also active in the Confederate Stamp Alliance, writing extensively for their journal from 1975 to 2005. In 2002 he received that organization's highest honor for writing his monograph on the Civil War postal history of Natchez, Mississippi. He was very interested in his family genealogy, and traced his lineage back to England in the 1700's.

Bill was predeceased by his son, Thomas Luckett Parks, and by his parents. He is survived by his daughter, Linda Denise Swink, and son, William Scott Parks, Jr., two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of Memphis, Tennessee.

William Scott Parks was an 10th generation descendant of Thomas¹ Parks of Virginia, through his son, John², to Thomas³, Thom-

as⁴, George Nelson⁵, George Nelson⁶, King Pickett⁷, King Pickett⁸, Graham Samuel⁹, to himself¹⁰. LK=C.☞

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

1687 David Dillon Parks

Kernersville, NC

Lineage is the fragment line, LK=CV, commencing with Samuel¹ Parks (1759, NC -1846, IL), married Phoebe Haley Ca(u)ldwell (1760, NC - 1873, IL). Thence to William M², David Moore³, Harmon Byrd⁴, Merle Eugene⁵, Charles A⁶, to member⁷.

1688 John Wentworth Parks

Saugus, MA

Lineage is LK=T, Chart #13, commencing with Robert¹ Parke of Massachusetts, (1580, England - 1665, CT) married Martha Chaplin (1583, England - 1644, England (?)) thence to Thomas², Nathaniel³, Joseph⁴, Daniel⁵, Daniel⁶, Solomon⁷, Zina Hiram⁸, Hiram Frederick⁹, Edward Solomon¹⁰, Edward Wallace¹¹, Edward Wallace¹² (PS#105), to member¹³.

1689 Cynthia Susan Parke

Corvallis, OR

Lineage is LK=K, commencing with Roger¹ Parke of West Jersey, (1658, England - 1737, WJ) married Ann Patison (1583, England - 1731, WJ) thence to Roger², Joseph³, Joseph⁴, Micajah⁵, Thomas Harris⁶, John Harris⁷, Stephen Douglas⁸, Howard Cryder⁹, to member¹⁰.☞

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