

The Parke Society Newsletter

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

From the President's Desk

BY SUSAN VAN ALLEN PS#1653

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we have endured nearly two years of the Covid-19 pandemic. While I hoped that by this point in time, we would be back to pre-pandemic activities, that is simply not the case. We have had to forge a new way forward. One bright spot in this brave new world, has been our monthly Zoom meetings. It has been a real joy getting to know our membership and discussing all things Parke Society. Even when we can return to holding our annual meetings in person, I believe we should continue to have a meaningful presence online. For those members who haven't joined us online, please consider doing so. We meet the second Saturday of each month, at 3 pm EST. For zoom credentials, please contact the Society at: president@parkesociety.org.

In addition to inviting you to the Society meetings, I want to take this opportunity and share several other online events that may be of interest to you, to be held over the next few months. While membership may be required to attend some, others are free.

- **February 19 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm:** Meeting of the Connecticut Ancestry Society (Online):

"Here Comes The 1950 U.S. Census! What To Expect," presentation by Joel Weintraub. The program is a CAS member benefit. All those whose memberships are current will be sent the ZOOM link to the event via email. <https://www.connecticutancestry.org/>

- **February 22 @ 7pm - 9pm:** Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting (Online):

"The Maine-Canada-Ireland Connection: Seeking Rogers' Roots," Carol McCoy, Ph.D. The event is free for members, and non-members are welcome with a \$2 donation. <http://cmgso.org/>

- **March 3 - March 5:** RootsTech 2022. 1,500+ sessions across nine categories, virtual and free. Details on www.rootstech.org.

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- **March 15** @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Cape Cod Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting (Online):

“Using LearnForeverLearn to Examine Your Family Tree for Endogamy and Pedigree Collapse,” Ray Sears. Cape Cod ancestors in the 17th and 18th century were part of an endogamous community where cousins married cousins, making traditional use of autosomal DNA very difficult. Using the LearnForeverLearn tool to easily visualize pedigree collapse by allowing the tool to analyze a GEDCOM of a person's ancestors.

Members will receive an email with instructions on how to register. Non-members should email info@capecodgenealogy.org to receive a registration link.

- **March 24** @3-4pm: Virginia Genealogy: Go-To Published Resources (Online):

In this webinar, Senior Genealogist Kyle Hurst shares her go-to Virginia-based resources within five categories: genealogies, journals, land, taxation, and history. (free)

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/virginia-genealogy>

- **March 30**, April 6, 13, 20 and 27: Researching Scottish Ancestors

Scots have been migrating to and settling in America and Canada for centuries. This five-session online seminar will show you how to trace your ancestry back several generations in Scotland. With David Allen Lambert, Rhonda R. McClure. (\$125) <https://my.americanancestors.org/1670/1772>

- **May 24-28**: NGS 2022 Family History Conference (Online and In Person)

Join family historians and genealogists thrilled to be together again In-Person or Online at Home at the 44th National Genealogical Society Family History Conference, Our American Mosaic, 24–28 May

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Let us hope that 2022 brings us all a year of genealogical discoveries!

From the Executive Director on the business of the Society

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

Dues renewals for 2022

It's dues renewal time, and the first set of notices went out in late November. It is customary for us to send notification to all active members, regardless of status (annual, life, whatever). The purpose of that is so that Life Members can advise us of any changes in their lives, like new addresses, phone numbers, and email address changes. So if you are a life member, please check what we have for you, and make corrections as necessary. If it is an email address change, please print it out carefully.

Have you renewed yet? You can check the Newsletter shipping label. If there is a number at the end of the top line of that label, and you have renewed it will read 2022 or possibly later (a few members are in the habit of renewing forward which is just fine). If the number is 2021 or even 2020, you should take care of it now to keep your membership active. A reminder mailing will be going out shortly to anyone who has not renewed as of March 1.

On that reminder mailing you will notice a different return address. Joanne Rodgers, PS#1523, has recently retired from her duties as the Secretary of the Society after eleven years of faithful service to the So-

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From the Executive Director

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ciety. Until a new Secretary is elected and installed, our Treasurer, Lu Terock, PS#861, is stepping in as the Interim Secretary. So you can also mail your renewals to her at the following address:

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Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you will find a notice about that search for a new Secretary. Back-office work is vital to the existence of the Society. If you would be willing to help us to help others, please give this task the possibility for consideration. It's a great chance to be part of the inner workings of the Society

Update on the scanning projects

For several years we have been actively converting a lot of our hard copy materials to digital (*.pdf) format. Thus far we have scanned all of the Membership application forms (Forms A and B or Bx), and are in the process of scanning all of the Lineage Key Binders. Currently we have done raw scans of about 50% of the Lineage Key Binders, with about 30% of those scans having been reviewed and approved.

Our biggest challenge to digitizing the Society materials will be the over 1700 membership files, some rather thin, and some quite voluminous. At this point we are only scanning files of deceased members, because they are essentially closed, nothing more is being added to them. One thing we are doing in that process is to remove any genealogical documents (wills, marriage certificates, census extracts, etc.) from those membership files and relocating them to the applicable family group sheet in our Lineage Binder system. One remaining issue in this process is how to get emails from said members, into a form that can be stored with the rest of the scanned file. On my laptop, the emails are stored in the Thunderbird email application, and we need to find a Thunderbird extension in order to export those emails out of the email client.

The long term advantage for the Society will be the ready availability of materials stored here in Milwaukee to Core Staff members throughout the country. We are considering how this may be accomplished, keeping in mind how to keep the records safe and secure.

Safety, security, and scams

As I mentioned to you in the last issue of this Newsletter, we always need to be on guard to avoid problems with malware and computer viruses. Things like finding yourself a computer guru who works in the same computer universe as you do, keeping track of manuals, backing up your data completely and often. Most importantly to be sure that you have anti-virus and malware programs installed on your computer and up to date.

A funny coincidence happened just as I was writing this piece, I got a call from "Microsoft Technical Support" advising me that they are seeing trouble messages coming from my laptop. Not! No vendor monitors your computer for issues and calls you to fix problems. These are always scams. Always! What they want is for you to invite them into your computer, capture your log-in credentials, and to steal your data. I will admit that it had been awhile since I had received such a call. It was clearly an automated call, I hung up right away. You should do likewise: hang up on the callers.

It is a shame that such useful communications tools as the phone, email, text messages and messaging have been so abused by people who certainly do not have your best interests in their minds. Just think twice about anything that seems even so slightly out of kilter. Again I would like to remind you that the Social Security Administration nor the IRS will ever start a conversation with you on-line, or call you on the telephone, unless you have already initiated contact with them. They will always first communicate with you by a USPS letter. And no, Publisher's Clearing House will not call you to announce you being the big winner. (If that were so, they would show up at your door step with a camera crew.)

Following the receipt of some gift card scam test messages, purportedly from officers of the Society, we have taken the steps to remove personal email addresses from our various on-line sites. In their place key officers of the Society have been assigned @parke.org addresses. For example the president can be reached at president@parke.org. In turn I can be reached at any following email addresses, depending upon the issue at hand, historian@, execdirector@, or registrar@parke.org

Zoom conferences, town halls, and trustee meetings.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter: Why didn't we think of doing this before? The Society continues to hold Society-Wide Town Hall meetings on the second Saturday of each month, at 3 PM (EST), 2 PM (CST), 1 PM (MST), and at noon (PST). They afford everyone a chance to ask questions and to hear comments from Core Staff members and each other. All members are welcomed to tune in, the more the merrier. Further information, including the necessary credentials, are posted on our website and on our Facebook page.

We are considering a wider distribution of the digital Parke Society Newsletter as a way to control Society expenses. In a first step in that direction in the near future you may be receiving an email message from my office, as a way to test our email address book. You don't need to do anything if you receive that email. If the address is faulty, the message will bounce back to us, and we will follow up with you one way or another.

As mentioned in the last issue, our By-Laws called for quarterly trustee meetings. Those went by the wayside when trustees started to be scattered all over the country and travel for these meetings just was not practical. We haven't had quarterly meetings in years! It came down to meeting once a year, at the time of the Annual Corporate Meeting of the Society. But now with the Zoom option, we are now holding quarterly trustee's meetings. While only trustees and officers have

voice and vote at those meetings, members are welcome to tune in to hear us discuss the business of the Society.

Staffing issues

Societies such as ours are heavily dependent on volunteers stepping up to the plate to take care of vital back-office functions of the organization. There are several opportunities available for people to become involved with the core staff. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a blurb regarding the finding of a new Secretary.

We are also looking for someone to take over the role of Registrar of the Society. His or her job is to be the front door of the organization, to answer inquiries, provided the necessary forms for joining, and upon their return, to start the process of getting them integrated into the framework of the Society. It is a position that requires some tact and patience, and the ability to work around membership obstacles. The Registrar is not responsible for knowing anything in particular about the genealogical framework of the Society as those tasks are handled by the Historian. Most inquiries and related work is handled by email; it is really rare when we get an inquiry by USPS.

We are also in need of Lineage Leaders, members who oversee genealogical work on specific lines of descent. We are in particular need of someone to act as Lineage Leader for most of the Robert-Thomas, Robert-Samuel, and Robert-William lines.

Like so many times in the past, we are looking for someone who can step up to the plate and say: "I can do that!" ☺

Got something to tell?
Write it up and send it to
parkenews@parke.org

Park/e/s DNA Surname Project

By Ken Parks PS#1406

Before getting into the topic of this article, I just want to say a few words about our late friend and colleague, Ron Parks PS#1458, who passed away in January of this year. Ron was a steady presence in all of our Society meetings over the year, and was a wonderful Registrar, dealing with prospective members in a tactful, encouraging way. As a trustee, he brought a valuable perspective to all our discussions, borne out of his many years of experience as a career military officer. I wish our DNA project and the Society in general had been able to help him learn more about his elusive Hugh Parks. Who knows, maybe he's now able to go right to the source for his answers! Rest in peace, Mr. Parks.

Making the most of your ancestry DNA match results

If you live in a colder clime, as I do, these winter months which find us spending more time inside present an opportunity to renew our efforts in our family research, and DNA testing and analysis should definitely be a part of it.

I am not a fan of Ancestry DNA, due mainly to its lack of a chromosome browser, but also because of the problematic messaging system we're forced to use in order to contact our matches. However, the sheer size of their database of participants makes it difficult, if not downright foolish, to ignore a potential source for making breakthroughs in our research. So, while acknowledging its shortcomings, I have been spending time sifting through my matches to see what clues might be hidden that could advance my own Parks research.

I am still in the midst of following up on some interesting findings, so will hold off on going into any great detail until the next newsletter issue but wanted to offer some general techniques and guidelines here that might be of use to you in your own Park/e/s research.

Getting started

The first order of business is to make sure you have tested at Ancestry yourself, along with as many known Park/e/s relatives as possible. If you are a Park/e/s male or have a Park/e/s male relative available, make sure they have also taken a Y-DNA test at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), the only testing firm to offer that type of DNA test. The Ancestry test is, of course, an autosomal test (atDNA) but we'll be using both at some point to attempt to make connections.

If you're not able to take a Y-DNA test or find a male relative (for some of you your Park/e/s connection may be several generations back) then check the Park/e/s DNA Surname Project at FTDNA to see if your Lineage Key (LK) is currently represented in the database. Also make sure you are familiar with the corresponding lineage information for those in the genetic group in which your LK appears. If helpful, print out that information in hard copy to keep it handy while analyzing the family trees of any Ancestry matches.

Begin the search

Once you're on your DNA Matches page, use the search function to look first for matches bearing the Park/e/s surname. If they are a male Park/e/s, then see if their family tree gives enough information to identify their Park/e/s lineage. If they are a Park/e/s surnamed female, you will need to check their tree or somehow otherwise determine whether Park/e/s is their maiden name or the name of their spouse.

After noting the predicted range of your relationship to the match (3rd-4th cousin, 5th to remote, etc.) create a database, spreadsheet, word doc, whatever works for you, and note their name, degree of predicted relationship, and amount of shared DNA, including the length of the longest shared segment.

Obviously, if there is a family tree attached, see if a common ancestor is listed (which may or may not be a Park/e/s ancestor) and/or any other shared surnames from your respective online trees. Of course, many

matches will either have no tree, an extremely small tree of three or four individuals (in which all may be marked "Private") or may have a private tree that you would have to request access to.

While exploring all these options, another step is to view your shared matches with that individual. Some of these may also have trees available that give some information on a Park/e/s lineage in their tree, though the shared DNA connection may well be through another line other than Park/e/s.

If some shared matches are to known Park/e/s cousins of yours, whether they bear the Park/e/s surname or not, use that information to try and determine how you may connect to that person. Not always easy or clearcut but look for any way that you might be able to connect your Park/e/s lines.

If the match is a male surnamed Park/e/s, and you cannot establish a clear connection to your Park/e/s line, attempt to contact them through the Ancestry messaging system and urge them to take a Y-DNA test and join the Park/e/s DNA Surname Project. This would help confirm their shared DNA with you is likely through a common Park/e/s lineage unless you share other surnames in common.

If you don't have luck hearing from any match you contact through the Ancestry system, sometimes there is enough identifying information (a fairly uncommon given name or names, etc.) that might help you locate them on either social media, such as Facebook, or through a whitepages.com or similar search site.

Another technique for learning more about someone's Park/e/s lineage when their tree is limited is to take someone in their tree for whom you have enough identifying information, i.e., given name or names along with dates of birth, death, place of birth/death, spouse name, etc. and plug some of that into both Ancestry and FamilySearch and see if that individual appears in online trees posted by others. In some cases, this may give you much more information than the DNA match

has posted in their online tree, enabling you to better identify the Park/e/s line.

By cross working all of this, you may be able to determine a connection with very little posted information by the shared match, and regardless of whether they respond to your effort to contact them.

Branching out

Once you've explored the Park/e/s surnamed individuals on your matches list, then the next step is to search for matches with Park/e/s in their family trees. This will bring up another group of individuals (though some of the former search may appear here as well) and you can then explore the possibilities offered from available family tree information, etc. If those individuals have shared matches with your known relatives who've tested, or with others whose Park/e/s connection you've discovered or suspect, then begin to work all of that together to try and make connections when possible.

All of this is pretty general, and in the next issue I'll use some of my own research using these techniques to more clearly explain how to go about this, but I hope some of this will inspire you to revisit your Ancestry matches list and see if the above suggestions yield any results for you.

I do have an added advantage as DNA admin and a Parke Society officer in that I have access to the PS Given Name database, but if any of you in the course of your research need information on a Park/e/s lineage you come across in your research, simply reach out to me at dnaadmin@parke.org and I may be able to supply you with more information on the lineage in question. Until next issue, happy hunting!☺

The next editorial due date is
June 1, 2022

Historian's Corner

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

Some research reminders and the Internet

Over the past few years, I have seen more and more use of Internet obtained information with the submission of Lineage Application papers for the Society. In general I have no objection to that as long as there has been some thought given to what and how the data is being submitted.

And it isn't just to us. It is to any other researcher to whom you might be supplying genealogical data obtained off the Internet. In this piece, I would like to outline some of the caveats that I think we should observe when utilizing this type of material.

Of course a great deal of information is out there on the Internet; some good, some not so good, some terrible. Like any other research materials, all available information must be evaluated and weighed regarding its usefulness and accuracy. I call it "weighing the evidence." I have discussed this matter before in terms of non-Internet research. The same considerations apply here.

Regarding images:

The first thing to be considered when submitting any kind of Internet data is that the source must be clearly identified. To say that you "got it off the Internet" does not fly. Where, and when is very important. Preferably, the URL (Universal Resource Locator) should be clearly appearing on the printed image of the information you are providing to us, as well as a date and time stamp. Be sure to examine and activate necessary options in your web browser regarding how web pages can be printed. Also, make sure that the information is indeed printing clearly and entirely. Sometimes the printer cuts off two thirds of the URL information, leaving, say, only the top third visible: not very helpful. If you have a problem with this latter aspect, find someone who can tell you how to fix it. I sometimes have the same problem, and I

haven't found the cure yet. [Anyone out there know how to resolve this problem?]

As a last resort, one could print or type the information onto the page. The key is that I need to be able to go after and examine this source of your data, should I want to verify the supplied information.

If the image is of a document scan, it is wise to include the full data before and after the pertinent data that you are using. Especially if the supplied data is at the top or bottom of an image page. This gives the reviewer a context in which to review the submitted materials.

Another example of providing complete information would be when supplying a will (found on the Internet). Please, don't just provide the particular page that lists or shows your claimed ancestor, but the entire document. Again so that one can see the data in a context. Lack of this contextual data could delay proper handling of your lineage information.

While not specifically requested, the supplying of Family Group Sheets for all generations shown on one's Lineage Application is always a helpful aid to other researchers, especially where there might be confusion regarding various individuals having the same given name.

Context is very important also with census images. If an entry is at the bottom (or top) of a page, check the following (or preceding) page to ensure that everything relating to the particular household is included. If the viewed image shows the top of the page, which includes the information about the census, location and date taken, please make sure to include that in your supplied information. I don't want to be assuming anything about images provided to us. Nor do I really want to have to dig out my Census Guidebooks to figure out what kind of data is appearing in which column.

If there is a zoom out/zoom in feature, you may want to provide the larger image, with a zoom in to the specific data in which you are interested.

Weighing the evidence:

Just as in the pre-Internet days, it is absolutely necessary to weigh the evidence that you are using in establishing your lineage. You will remember that evidence is classed as “primary,” “secondary” and “tertiary,” with a decreasing amount of reliance that can be placed on each of these successive classes of evidence.

Hence, image files found on the Internet of census records or other “primary” sources have the highest weight: images, that is, of the actual records. Not transcripts of them, as that process can introduce errors into the evidence. If it is a transcript, you should still look for original images (or see if you can actually get to the original documents), but at the least if it is a transcript, there should be some sort of statement of accuracy and verification, signed by whoever has done the work. Still, transcripts are a weaker form of evidence.

In all cases, compiled genealogies are secondary evidence at best. And sometimes not even that good. At best compiled genealogies should be a starting point to other, confirming research.

Finally, I hate to dump on other people’s work, but just because something has been posted on the Internet that does not make it necessarily correct or accurate. In fact, much of the information you’ll find there is dead wrong. Don’t be misled by it. At best this is tertiary evidence, not much better than the: “my grandfather always said....” type of family tradition that is so abundant in family genealogical circles. Again, it is just a starting point.

Finally, a plea:

I do like having copies of original documents for the files, but they need to be good copies, by which I mean copies that are readable by someone who might not be familiar with what is being stated. Too often I get copies of primary documents that are indecipherable: missing text on top, bottom, or either side. These are not “documents.” You can draw

your own conclusions regarding what else these copies might be called.

Finally, if it is a handwritten document, it is tremendously helpful to me and to other researchers, to have a transcript of the contents. Yes, I know that I railed about transcripts just a few paragraphs back, but here you are sending me both the copied original and the transcript. It is often very difficult to decipher copied, handwritten, old style text. And unfortunately sometimes it is simply impossible to figure out what the original text is saying. This is not really fair to you, the Society, or to genealogical research in general. Please help me do a better job.☺

Secretary position open

By Ms. Lu Terock, PS#861

Detail minded? (of course we all are....we’re genealogists!) The Society’s core team carries on the vital behind-the-scenes work that keeps the Parke Society vibrant. And now the position of Secretary is open to any member in good standing. Most important, aside from recording minutes at the quarterly Zoom meetings, is the receiving and depositing of dues renewal payments (bank by mail from anywhere!), then e-mailing details to admin (Treasurer, Historian). Time commitment of 2 – 3 hours per month, with December, January and February, 5 – 6 hrs per month (mostly renewals). Proficiency with spreadsheets an asset. But know that the Society Treasurer is your willing backup and spreadsheet guru. Perks? The undying gratitude of the 400 Society members, and waive of annual membership renewal expense. Contact Society Executive Director or Treasurer to volunteer or pose questions.☺

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

Park/e/s in the Arts – Richard Henry Park, Sculptor

By Ken Parks PS#1406

While accompanying a friend to Albany, New York a few months ago, I found myself with several hours to fill while she completed a medical procedure. I took advantage of this opportunity to visit the Albany Institute of History and Art. Founded in 1791, it is among the oldest museums in the United States. Among several interesting exhibits, I was eager to view some sculptures by Richard Henry Park on view there. This inspired me to do a bit of research on him, and the results will be, I hope, of some interest to our members.

Early life

Richard Henry Park was born, most likely, on 17 February, 1832, though the source of that date is unknown to me. Both the date and the year of his birth vary from one online source to another. Some give a birth year of 1838, and his month of birth is listed as October in the 1900 census, but there is a record of his baptism dated 10 June, 1832, making the February birthday likely to be more accurate.

Online biographies state he was born near Hebron, Tolland County, Connecticut. His parents were John Slade Park/s and Sarah Jane Henderson, who were married in Saybrook, Middlesex County, Connecticut on 12 December, 1830. On the marriage record, the groom's place of residence was listed as Hebron, and the bride's as Saybrook. Richard Henry's baptismal record was also in Saybrook. He is an eighth-generation descendant of Robert Parke, the immigrant ancestor upon whom the Parke Society was founded. I will put his complete line of descent at the end of this article for those interested.

In an article in the Chicago Tribune dated 16 June, 1901 it stated his family moved to Troy, Rensselaer County, New York when Richard Henry was four years old, and he is found living with his family there in the 1840 and 1850 federal censuses, as well as the 1855 New York state census.

Again, according to the Chicago Tribune article, when Park was fourteen years old, he was walking down the street, presumably in Troy, when he saw a sign advertising the exhibition of a sculpture by Hiram Powers, *The Greek Slave*. This sculpture had an enormous impact in the American art world and on other artists, and the Wikipedia article on it is well-worth reading. When Park passed by the exhibition hall, a man sweeping out the vestibule urged Park to go up and see the sculpture for himself, and the experience set the course of his life from that moment on. Park's father was initially opposed to his son's choice of profession, particularly since there was at that time no school of sculpture in the United States. He finally relented, and Park went to work as a marble cutter, making pieces for cemeteries. He is listed as a stone cutter in both the 1850 federal and the 1855 New York censuses.

Later life

By the time of the 1860 census, Park's parents and younger sister, Sarah, had moved to New York City, but Park is found living in the household of widowed Cornelia Brainard in Albany, New York, married to her daughter Cornelia, with a three-month-old daughter, Edith Park. No marriage record for this couple has been found to date. At the time, Park had moved to Albany to work as an apprentice in sculptor Erastus Dow Palmer's studio, making copies of Palmer's work. Palmer, at the time, was one of America's foremost neoclassical sculptors. Many of Palmer's sculptures are also on exhibit in the Albany Institute as well. As it turns out, the only two sculptures by Richard Henry Park in the Albany Institute are busts of Erastus Dow Palmer and his wife, Mary Jane (Seamans) Dow, both executed sometime between 1860-70.

Daughter Edith Park, born in April of 1860, died on 28 June, 1865, and is buried in Albany Rural Cemetery. Whether the marriage to Cornelia had dissolved prior to this is unknown, as no record of a divorce has been found, but Richard Henry Park is listed in the 1865-1868 New York City directory as having a studio at 1155 Broadway, while his

home is listed as Catskill, Greene County, New York. Cornelia Brainard, who lived until 1926, is listed in several later censuses as divorced. She is also buried in Albany Cemetery.

Richard Henry Park is listed in New York city directories for the years 1869-1872 and 1878-79 at different locations, and the Chicago Tribune article indicates a patron had enabled him to make the move from Albany to the city. Despite the listing in the city directory of 1878-79, the Chicago Tribune article states that he set sail for Florence, Italy in 1872 and further states he stayed there for eighteen years, a fact somewhat at odds with both the 1878-79 city directory listing in New York and the fact that he married Clara I. Thompson on 18 September, 1887 in Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan.

It appears from the Chicago Tribune article that Richard Henry Park made Chicago his home from around 1890 onward. Though I haven't been able to prove a connection, there is a Richard H. Park, aged 5 months, 15 days who died on 22 April, 1898 in Chicago. The address given for the child's residence is 334 Center Street, but I have been unable to find a listing for that address in a Chicago city directory that could prove he was a son of our subject; however, it does seem likely that this could have been Richard Henry's son. I have found nothing further on Clara I. Thompson, but Richard Henry Park appears in the 1900 census as a roomer and is listed as a widower.

Richard Henry Park lived for many years in Florence, Italy, studying his craft and gaining commissions which earned him not only money, but accolades as well, including a gold medal from the Italian Society for the Encouragement of Art, as well as a membership in the organization, for a life-size sculpture in white marble of a Bacchante, a female priestess who followed Bacchus. This period will be discussed in a section below focusing on his works. While living in Florence, he received a commission for a piece in Indianapolis, Indiana, and in 1890 came back the United States to oversee the placement of that sculpture. While in Chicago, Illinois, he

received another commission, which led him to establish a studio on Michigan Avenue in that city. With the World's Columbian Exposition approaching in Chicago in 1893, Park found himself busy with many commissions.

Sadly, Richard Henry Park suffered a fall from a scaffolding, injuring his hip, sometime in the late 1890s and the 1901 Chicago Tribune article states that, scarcely after he had recovered, he fell again. His 8 November, 1902 obituary in the Chicago Tribune mentions a fall that resulted in a broken hip, which led to his giving up his studio on Michigan Avenue. In addition, the obituary also states that when the Globe Bank of Boston failed in December of 1899, he lost \$12,000, a considerable sum in those days, and resulted in other financial reverses which wiped out all his savings. This, in addition to his injuries sustained in his fall, led to his moving into the Hotel Woodruff and from there to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, where his obituary states he resided until his death on 6 November, 1902. However, the Battle Creek Sanitarium sustained a devastating fire on 18 February, 1902, completely destroying the large facility. In addition, Richard Henry Park's death is recorded in Cook County, Illinois. How his hometown newspaper could have made an error like this is a bit mystifying, as they had to be aware of the sanitarium fire just months earlier, but he obviously could not have been living at the sanitarium at the time of his death. He is buried in Oak Woods Cemetery, Cook County, Illinois.

Career and major works

From the Wikipedia article on Richard Henry Park:

Park's early work was in marble, later changing to the medium of bronze for natural sculptures, in line with the American trend for late nineteenth century sculptures.

During his time in Florence, Park was commissioned to prepare a marble bust of John Plankinton, an astute business-

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man who founded the meat industry in Wisconsin and was respected as "Milwaukee's foremost citizen". Plankinton was known for religious convictions, his success from a modest upbringing, and for his regular philanthropic public deeds; he became known as "A Merchant Prince and Princely Merchant." Plankinton's daughter, Elizabeth, travelled to Europe in 1879, and met Park in Florence. On return to Milwaukee, Elizabeth convinced her father to let her commission Park to sculpt the first piece of public art for Milwaukee, a monument to George Washington. Park worked on the monument to Washington in Florence, and it was completed and shipped to Milwaukee for its dedication in November 1885; Elizabeth donated it to the city of Milwaukee as a philanthropic gesture. At some point, Park and Elizabeth Plankinton became engaged, and in 1886 John Plankinton commenced construction on a mansion to be a wedding gift for his only daughter. On 18 September 1887, Park married another woman [Clara I. Thompson-KP], a dancer from Minneapolis, shortly after his Juneau Monument (in recognition of Milwaukee's first Mayor, Solomon Juneau) was dedicated. When Elizabeth learned of Park's marriage, she left on a long trip to Europe. On her return, she took her only look at the mansion her father had built and is said never to have set foot in it again.

Park made an over-life-size bronze monument statue as a tribute to the 21st Vice President of the United States, Thomas A. Hendricks. It was unveiled in 1890 on the grounds at the Indiana State House in Indianapolis. After this he moved his studio to Chicago to get commissions in the sculptural programs for the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. He met Lee Lawrie in Chicago and Lawrie went on to work as Park's apprentice and assistant from 1891 to 1894. One of the monuments they worked on was an over-life-size all silver monument statue for the state of Montana

titled Justice that was exhibited in the Mines and Mining Building. It was rumored to have been melted down later for the silver. There is an 1893 medal showing the model that posed for the statue on its reverse side. It has been suggested by art historian William H. Gerdts that Park's most enduring legacy may be his role as mentor and teacher to Lawrie.

Park was associated with the Plankinton family for some time, so was commissioned by William Plankinton, Elizabeth's brother, to spend six months in Chicago working on a statue of John Plankinton following his 1891 death. Described as a "handsome bronze statue", it was unveiled on 29 June 1892 and "viewed by hundreds of people, the great majority of whom pronounced it one of the most lifelike statues of Uncle John Plankinton possible to be executed." It stood in the Plankinton House Hotel until the location was redeveloped in 1915 into a shopping district, Plankinton Arcade, which incorporated a rotunda in which the statue was placed. The statue underwent several months of restoration work in 2012, before returning to its place in the rotunda that is now a part of The Grand shopping plaza.

One of the bronze statues Park made for the Fair was of Benjamin Franklin and it was three years later reinstalled at Lincoln Park in downtown Chicago. An 1895 review of the public monuments in Milwaukee listed five existing pieces, two sculpted by Park. He is known for his Actor's Monument to Edgar Allan Poe of 1884 in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York city, and for Christopher Columbus drinking from the Drake Fountain in Chicago of 1892.

One of the public pieces Park created for Milwaukee is the George Washington monument in 1885, Milwaukee's first public piece of art, at a cost of around \$20,000. It was removed to Illinois in 2016 for restoration at a cost of \$100,000 and returned to Milwaukee in January of 2018. Our own Fr. Michael Tad Parks shared with me his memories of taking part in the public ceremony each year in February near Washington's birthday, when

a wreath-laying ceremony would take place at the monument, including a party from the nearby St. James Episcopal church, the full choir, and at least one bagpiper.

Space does not permit including photos of some of Park's major works, but a Google image search will bring up several for those interested.

Lineage

Here is the line of descent of Richard Henry Park, Lineage Key T, Chart 7:

Robert Parke (01STW1) 1580 ENG – 1665 CT m1. 1601 England Marth Chaplin; Thomas Park (02T1) 1615 ENG – 1709 CT m. 1644 CT Dorothy Thompson; Thomas Park (03T2) 1648 CT – 1699 CT m. 1671 CT Mary Allyn; Eleazer Park (04T14) 1687 CT – 1768 CT m. 1716 CT Eliphel Button; Abijah Park (05T79) 1734 CT – 1807 CT m. 1761 CT Elizabeth Morse; Abijah Park (06T518) 1762 CT - unk. m1. 1788 CT Jemima Slade; John Slade Park (07T662) 1797 CT- aft. 1860 m. 1830 CT Sarah Jane; Henderson Richard Henry Park (08Tnn) 17 February 1832 Hebron, CT-6 Nov 1902 Chicago, Cook Co., IL ☞

Lineage Key Catalog–part 30 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), AT-ZT (55.2-3, 56.1), and AS-XS (56.2, 57.3, 58.1). Further Lineage Keys will appear in subsequent Newsletters.

YS (James) Hiram (1YS1) Parks (1805, NC – b 1852, TN) (Represented), m. Elizabeth Carter (c. 1805, TN – a1852, TN), c. 1823, location unknown. Six children. Some researchers speculate that James Hiram is the son of Jephtha & Isabelle (Culbertson) Parks, but definitive evidence is lacking.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member. There are some marriages that only the descendant member lists, all other researchers ignore.

Children:

- David S. (2YS1) Parks (1823, GA – 1898, MO), m. (per PS#0987) Eliza Ann Tucker, with no other data supplied; m. (per all other researchers) Martha Ann Hull (1822, TN – 1898, TN), 2 October

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1840, Monroe Co., Tennessee. Six children.

- Hiram G. (02YS2) Park (1824, GA – 1903, TN), m. (per PS#0987) Flora E. Wolf, with no other data supplied; m. (per all other researchers) Malinda Hull (1829, TN – b1880, TN), 17 May 1851, Monroe Co., Tennessee. Five children.
- **2Lt. Paul (02YS3) Parks**, CSA (1827, TN – 1899, TN), m. Sarah P. Stephenson (1826, TN – 1899, TX), 6 March 1849, Monroe Co., Tennessee. Nine children.
- Abraham (Abram) (02YS4) Parks (1832, TN – 1911, TN) m. Sarah Elizabeth “Bettie” Carter (1831, TN – 1903, TN) 20 August 1856, Monroe Co., TN. Twelve children.
- John L. (02YS5) Parks (1835, TN – 1916, AR). Nothing further known.
- William Joshua (02YS6) Parks (1837, TN – 18912, AR). Nothing further known.

ZS **John S (01ZS1) Park** (1829, SCT – 1905, IL) (Represented) m. Catherine “Katie” McRae (1830, SCT – 1914, IL), 13 June 1851, Neilston, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Ten children. This is an Immigrant Line.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

- John (02ZS1) Park (1852, SCT – 1860, IL). Died young.
- Margaret (02ZS2) Park (1854, SCT – 1860, IL). Died young
- **Barbara Paul (02ZS3) Park** (1856, At Sea – 1950, IL) m1) Asa Killion (1852, IL – 1877, KY), 25 January 1877, Menard Co., Illinois. He

died on 9 June 1977. No issue. m2) William C. Tackett (1846, KY – 1884, IL), 4 April 1878, Menard Co., IL. Four children. (This is the Parke line we are actively following. m3) Matthew Toohey (1842, IRE – 1900, IL) 25 January 1888, Menard, IL. Five children by this marriage, which are Park/e/s descendants. m4) Ephraim Howard McNabb (1853, IL – 1924, IL) 2 February 1904, Springfield, Sangamon Co., Illinois. No issue by this marriage.

- Hugh (02ZS4) Park (1858, IL – 1858, IL) Died young.
- Hugh (02ZS5) Park (1859, IL – 1928, IL), m. Abigail Park Hornback (1859, IL – 1947, IL) 5 November 1880, Mason Co., Illinois. Five children.
- John A. (02ZS6) Park (1862, IL – 1941, ND), m. Lizzie M. Finley (1867, IL – 1916, ND) 24 January 1888, Menard Co., Illinois. Ten children.
- Sara Margaret Craig (02ZS7) Park (1864, IL – 1942, IL). Never married, no issue.
- Catherine “Katie Ann” (02ZS8) Park (1868, IL – 1946, IL), m. William Parry Montgomery (1864, IL – 1947, IL) 6 October 1886, Menard Co., IL. One child only.
- Thomas Downing (02ZS9) Park (1869, IL – 1947, IA), m. Mary Montgomery (1865, SCT – 1922, IA) 29 December 1891, Menard Co., Illinois. Five children.
- Mary Elizabeth (02ZS10) Park (1872, IL – 1904, IL), m. Edward J. Fahay (1867, ?? – 1908, IL) 28 January 1890, Menard Co., Illinois. Three children.

AR Robert (01AR1) Park (1849, ON – 1896, SK) (Represented) m. Jersula Joslyn (1836, ON – 1930, SK), 15 November 1870, Ontario, Canada. Five children , two of which (twins) died in infancy. Some researchers believe that Robert’s father was a William Park (1812, Scotland – c 1890, MI) who immigrated from Scotland, his wife’s name is unknown. This could be considered an Immigrant Line.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

- **John William “Jack” (02AR1) Park** (1871, ON – 1965, SK), m. Margaret Frances Gunn (1876, MB – 1964, SK) 29 December 1896, Yorkton, SK. Six children.
- Lillian Amelia (02AR2) Park (1872, ON – 1951, MB) m. Thomas Samuel Rogers (1857, ON – 1942, MB) 11 May 1887, Sintaluta, SK. Fourteen children.
- Francis (02AR3) Park (1874, ON – 1874, ON) Died in infancy. No issue
- Florence (02AR4) Park (1874, ON – 1874, ON) Died in infancy. No issue
- Robert (02AR5) Park (1881, ON – 1965, SK). Does not appear to have married. No issue.

(PS#1023L)

BR Eli Sylvester (01BR1) Parks (1805, GA – 1862, AL) (Represented), m. Elizabeth Pervie “Betty” Hudspeth (1804, GA – 1897, AL), 3 December 1823, Wilkes County, GA. At least Thirteen children. There is a strong possibility that Eli is the son of William J (02EW1) Parks & Mary Callaway. Further research is needed.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member.

Children:

- Lt. William Levi (02BR1) Parks, Sr. (1826, GA – 1863, OH) m. Virginia Frances Rawls (1837, TX – 1903, TX) 1 June 1854 Cherokee County, TX. Four children
- Mary Elizabeth (02BR2) Parks (1827, GA – 1888, TX), m. Charles William Gregory (1824, SC – 1898, TX), 5 November 1849, Chambers County, AL. Five children
- John Reeves (02BR3) Parks (1829, GA – 1888, LA) m. Mary Elizabeth Smith (1833, AL – 1908, LA) 24 August 1854, Pike County, AL. Ten Children. This may have been her second marriage, the first was to a Thomas J Arnett, 5 April 1853. No further information.
- Eurada A. (02BR4) Parks (1831, GA – 1832, GA). Apparently died in infancy
- Eli Sylvester (02BR5) Parks, Jr. (1833, GA – 1862, AL), m. Frances Joseph Brooks (1844, AL – 1930, TX) 1 October 1860, Pike County, AL. One child. She married second William Stevenson Fausett (1837, GA – 1921, TX), 16 July 1866, GA. No issue.
- **Levi J. (02BR6) Parks** (1836, GA – 1863, CWP), m. Laura Julia Rain (1838, AL – 1900, AL), 19 November 1859, Washington County, AL. Two children. She married second William Henry Boswell (1841, ?? – 1903, ??), Date and place unknown. No issue.
- Richard Alexander (02BR7) Parks (1838, GA – 1862, VA). Never married. No Issue

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- A. Eunice (03NR8) Parks (1839, GA - ??). Nothing further known.
- Harmon Glennon (02BR9) Parks (1842, GA - 1865, IL). Nothing further known. Died in a Prisoner of war camp.
- Edmond Mumford Butler (02BR10) Parks (1843, GA - 1900, AL) m. Eleanor Josephine Pledge (1840, GQ - 1915, AL) 15 April 1866, Pike County, AL. Eight children.
- Ralph Banks "Rafe" "Raiford" (02BR11) Parks (1847, AL - 1912, AL) m. Margaret Winifred Whigham (1851, AL - 1923, AL) 3 December 1868, Pike County, AL. Twelve children.
- Juliette Evelyn (02BR12) Parks (1849, AL - 1911, AL), m. Samuel Fleming (1841, AL - 1904, AL), 7 October 1865, location unknown. Three children.
- James Clark "Jerry" (02BR13) Parks (1850, AL - 1944, AL) m. Mary Olive Hightower (1853, AL - 1926, AL) 29 February 1872, Pike County, AL. Ten children.

(PS#1096R [no active members on this line])

CR John (01CR1) Parks (c1720, Ireland - c1795, MD) (Represented). Records are confusing. Originally the descendant described John as marrying a "French Lady" (1724, France - 1758, TN). Other researchers have given a name to this lady as Bridget Milhews or Millhughs. Two different marriages dates are found in the official records: 11 Sept 1743, or 29 Oct 1743, both recorded as happening at St. John's Parish, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, MD. Perhaps five children migrating from Maryland to Tennessee. This is an Immigrant Line.

There is considerable confusion with various "John's" and "Joseph's" in the peoples research found on line. Presented here is the best information that seems to be logical, reasonable and currently available.

Source Materials: Lineage papers and correspondence of descendant member, plus on-line reviewed research.

Children: (limited information)

- **Joseph (02CR1) Parks** (c1743, MD - 1816, TN), m. Ruth Douglas (1757, MD - 1828, TN), 1776, perhaps Montgomery Co., VA (possible). Ten children. An alternate marriage date often found is 23 January 1796, Rowan County, NC (even more questionable). The children's birth places could be indicative of the journey from Maryland down to Tennessee. Montgomery (in 1776) was a far larger territory than today and they could have journeyed there for a bit.
- Mary "Polly" (02CR2) Parks (c1751, MD - 1821, MD), m. Col. William David Winchester (1750, MD - 1812, MD) 30 October 1771, Carroll County, MD. Thirteen children.
- James (02CR3) Parks (c1756, MD - ??). Nothing further known.
- William (02CR4) Parks (c1758, MD - 1819, TN), m. Chloe Green (1762, MD - ??) 30 March 1782, Baltimore, MD. One child.
- Philip (02CR5) Parks (c1750, MD - ??). m. Elizabeth Margaret Hennessee (1750, MD - 1850, ??) Date and place of marriage is unknown. Two children.

(PS#1098D [no active members on this line])

Sgt. Major Ronald Neal Parks, USA (Retired)

Over the past nearly 60 years, the Parke Society has been very fortunate to have people step forward when desperately needed. Unexpectedly, but most gladly welcomed. One such instance sticks clearly in my mind.

At the Parke Society's 44th Annual Convocation was being held September 2007 at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel. Earlier that year, R. Dan Park, PS#1422, had suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. I and some other core staff were standing around the registration table in their lobby, discussing what to do about the sudden vacancy in the Registrar's position when to the table came an older gentlemen who after listening for a while, said "I can do that!" That person was Sgt. Major Ronald Neal Parks, USA (Retired), PS#1458. And from that day, for eleven years, Ron carried out the duties of Registrar faithfully, with aplomb, courtesy, and diligence, retiring in 2017 as his wife Donna was having increasingly difficult health issues and his own eyesight was starting to fail. Ron remained active in the Society, serving as one of the Trustees up until the time of his death.

And so it is with great sadness that we do hear of his passing on the January 9, 2022, at the Penn Highlands Hospital, in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, at the age of 80.

Born November 14, 1937, in Huntingdon, PA, he was the son of Walter Charles "Sam" and Virginia Ruth (Neil) Parks. He married the late Donna Mary Garner on the May 4, 1958.

After graduating from Huntingdon High School in 1956, he enlisted in the army and rose to the rank of Sergeant Major, the highest rank in the Enlisted grades, E9, outranked only by the Sergeant Major of the Army. Ron served in several stateside and overseas tours, including Vietnam. During his military career Ron was awarded several honors, including the Bronze star. Upon retirement from the Army in 1977, he continued his service to the nation as an Army civilian at Letterkenny (Chambersburg, PA) and Sierra Nevada (Herlong, California) Army Depots before retiring again in 2002.

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Ron earned a bachelor degree from Penn State Univ. and a master's from the Univ. of Michigan. He also was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Huntingdon, serving for many years as a deacon, and as the treasurer at the time of his death.

Ron loved history and doing genealogical research, working with the Parke Society, and spent many hours combing through records at the Huntingdon County Historical Society. The Parke Society granted him the Dedicated Service Award in 2017. He also enjoyed the company of fellow veterans at the VFW Post and American Legion in Huntingdon.

Services were held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at the John B Brown Funeral Home in Huntingdon, PA, with burial at the Old Stone Church Cemetery, Penn Township, James Creek, PA. Combined Military Honors were accorded by the VFW/American Legion Honor and Color Guards.

Ronald Neal Parks is survived by three children, Ronald Irvin (Brandy) Parks, Tamara Jo (Dale) Myers, and Steven Edward Parks, six grandchildren, a sister, Barbara A. Taylor, and a sister-in-law, Cindy Lue Parks. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Donna Mary, in 2020, a brother Marshall S. Parks, in 2020, and an infant son, Ronald Neal Parks, Jr., in 1960.

Ron's lineage was the fragment line, starting with a Hugh¹ Parks (1792, PA – 1862, PA) who married Nancy Catherine Baughman (c1802, PA – 1865, PA) to John², David William³, William Wesley⁴, Walter Charles⁵, to Ronald Neal⁶ Parks. LK=GP. Despite many individuals searching, Hugh Parks continues to be an insurmountable wall.

As a personal note, Ron was always the perfect gentleman. And he was the epitome of what was expected of a Registrar for the Society. Always calm, always looking for ways to solve problems with membership inquiries and new member registrations. Or as another Trustee stated: Truly a gentle soul, and a sincerely warm person. No wonder he was much beloved at the Historical Society. His passing leaves big shoes to be filled.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.☺

In memoriam

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

David Livingstone Perkins, PS#429L, a long-time member of the Society passed away on February 28, 2019, in Sacramento, CA at the age of 90.

Mr. Perkins was born in Clairmont, South Dakota on September 1, 1928 to Claude Shuler and Edith Margaret (McNab) Perkins, the eldest of their six children. After graduation in 1945 he joined the US Navy for an eight-year period. Upon return to civilian life, he spent the rest of his career in various missile and aviation positions ending up joining the Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., in 1963 from which he retired in 1992.

In July 1961, Mr. Perkins married Isabel Ramos, a native of Vacaville, CA



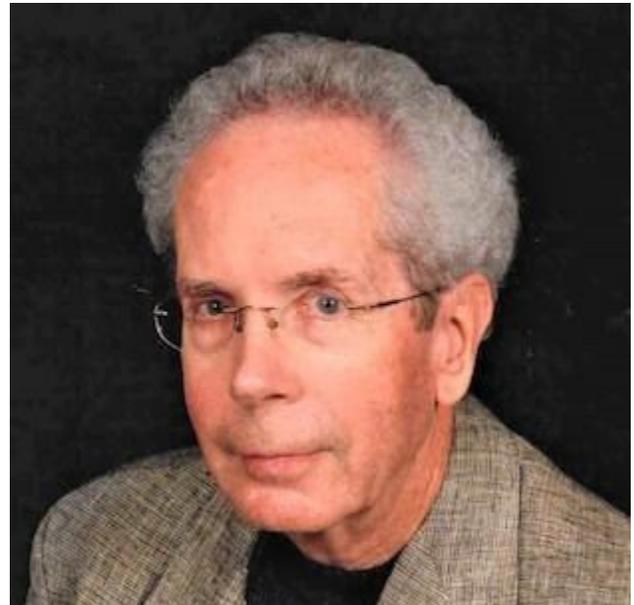
In retirement he became active in family history and genealogy, painting, writing, and computers. He taught many classes in genealogy and computers. He also wrote four books, self-publishing one and commercially publishing another, *Tales of a One-Room Country School*. He was also Active in the Sons of the American Revolution.

He was survived by his wife of 57 years, siblings Phyllis, Dalton, Gus, Alice, of the Perkins family; two step-daughters, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Perkins was a Life Member of the Society, and 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 Dorothy³ who married Joseph Morgan, to Martha⁴ (Morgan) Perkins, William⁵, Perkins, Daniel Buck⁶, Perkins, Erastus Berchard⁷, Perkins, Horace Thaddeus⁸, Perkins, Jacob Shuler⁹ Perkins, Claude Shuler¹⁰ Perkins, to member¹¹. Linage Key T, Chart 03.

Dr. Richard Avery Park, IV, PS#284, age 82, of Diamondhead, MS passed away on January 27, 2021, in Biloxi, MS.

He had shown his deep interest in geology, while a high school senior he won first place in the State Science Fair with his fossil exhibit. As an undergraduate he was a National Science Fellow doing field work in Northern Mexico and writing a senior thesis in which he demonstrated the close relationship between fossils in Mexico and northern Africa several years before continental drift was generally accepted.



Dr. Park earned a BS in Geology from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and MS and PhD in Geology with a minor in Plant Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was a professor at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY for several years where he had instrumental roles in many geological and water related projects throughout the United States. In 1993 Dr. Park left academia to be a full-time consultant with Abt Associates, Diamondhead, MS, and at Stennis Space Center at the University of Southern Mississippi. He had an active death up to his death in 2021. His lifetime academic and scientific achievements were innumerable.

Dr. Park is survived by his wife Darlene, his daughters Leigh and Holly Renee (PS#1043), his sisters Beverly (Park) Sullivan (PS#378) and Candace (Park) Garrett, (PS#377), several cousins, nieces and nephews.

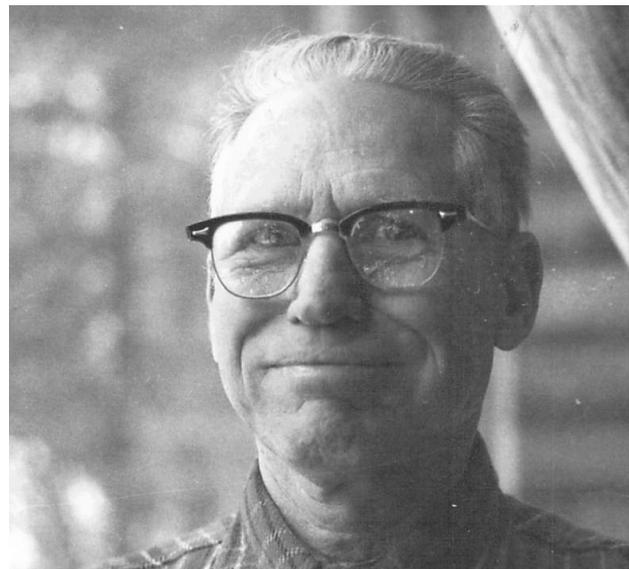
Dr. Park was an 11th generation descendant of the Robert¹ Parke who came to the New World aboard the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, through his son Thomas², Robert³, Robert⁴, Roswell⁵, Asahel⁶, Stanton⁷, Richard Avery, Sr⁸, Richard Avery Jr.⁹, Richard Avery, III¹⁰, to member¹¹. Lineage Key T, Chart 11.

Oscar D. McCollum, PS#717L, of Lakewood, Colorado, passed away on January 3, 2022, at the age of 100.

Oscar was born March 18, 1921, in Kansas City, Missouri and grew up first in the city and later on a farm between Lee's Summit and Blue Springs. He received a degree in geology and geography from the University of Kansas City in 1943 and worked for the rest of WWII as a cartographer for the Army Map Service. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1946-47, achieving the rank of Technician Fourth Class (Sergeant). In 1950 he began a 25-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency, working as an instructor in various types of intelligence tradecraft.

Oscar married Lois Ann (Hill) McCollum, in 1955 after meeting her at the CIA. Their life together included many adventures, including living four years on Saipan in the

Mariana Islands, spending summers in a log cabin in Marble, Colorado, and traveling extensively. After retiring they lived first in Marble where he served as Mayor for several years, and then moved to Glenwood Springs. He was instrumental in founding the Marble Historical Society, wrote a two-volume history of Marble called Marble: A Town Built on Dreams, and was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Glenwood Springs for forty years. During his long and successful life, Oscar held a strong Faith, was an avid historian, a genealogical researcher, and had a positive influence on everyone he met.



Lois Ann preceded Oscar in death in 2015. He is survived by his sons Duncan (Sally) and Peter (Masumi), grandchildren Ian McCollum, Amy Martell, Aileen McCollum, and Colleen McCollum, and great-grandson Owen Martell.

Mr. McCollum was a Life Member of the Society, and a long time Trustee for the Great Plains area. He 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, Joseph⁵, Daniel⁶, Elisha Ranney⁷, Cornelia A⁸. Park who married Augustus Alonzo Murry, to Irwin Rea⁹ Murry, Cornelia Parke¹⁰ (Murry) McCollum, to member¹¹. Lineage Key T, Chart 13.☞

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

1713 Stephen Anthony Parke

Nampa, ID

Lineage is a new Fragment LK=BM, an immigrant line from Ireland in the nineteenth century, commencing with a Robert¹ Parke (1795, Westmeath Co., Ireland – 1869, Vanderburgh Co., Indiana, who married in Ireland, Catherine Mary Simpson (1798, Westmeath Co., Ireland – 1852, Vanderburgh Co., Indiana) in 1816. Robert and his family arrived in New York, New York, in October 1842. The line continues with Alexander², Charles George³, Winfrey⁴, Donald Ray⁵, to member⁶.

1714 McChesney Goodall III

Richmond, VA

Lineage is the Fragment LK=XU. The fragment founder of this line is one Ann¹ Parke, (1658, VA – uncertain date, VA) (the date often given, 1773, does not satisfy anyone), supposedly a daughter of a Sir John Parke of New Kent, Colony of Virginia, but definitive proof is lacking. Ann Parke married a Richard Goodall (1665, Eng – 1692, VA) in 1690, New Kent, New Kent County, Virginia in 1690. Only two children are known to this marriage: a Parke Goodall (1691, VA – ??), nothing further known, and a Charles² Goodall, the ancestor or the member. The line continues with Parke³ Goodall, Charles Parke⁴ Goodall, Charles Parke⁵ Goodall, Jr., McChesney⁶ Goodall, Sr., McChesney⁷ Goodall, Jr, to member⁸.

1715 Beckie Ann Tomlyn

San Diego, CA

Lineage is LK=C, commencing Thomas¹ Parkes of Virginia (ca1670, VA (?) – 1760, VA) (Spouse unknown), thence to John², Benjamin³, Linsfield⁴, John Gray⁵, Mary Harriet⁶ Parks who married Jonathan Curtis Walker, Jr, to Leander Washington⁷ Walker, Glenn

Edison/Esrom⁸ Walker, Roland Eugene⁹ Walker, to member¹⁰.

1716 Margaret B. Bobertz

Plymouth, MA

Lineage is LK=T, Chart #6, commencing with Robert¹ Parke of Massachusetts, (1580, England – 1665, CT) who married Martha Chaplin (1583, England – 1644, England (?)) thence to Thomas², Thomas³, Thomas⁴, Mary⁵ (Parke) Kimball, Lucretia⁶ (Kimball) Meech, Mary Parke⁷ (Meech) Yerrington, Sarah Brewer⁸ (Yerrington) Fenton, Mary Elizabeth⁹ (Fenton) Hall, Earle Winthrop¹⁰ Hall, Sarah Bernice¹¹ (Hall) Bobertz, to member¹².

1717 Lindsay Christine Kolasa

Santa Barbara, CA

Lineage is the Fragment LK=PZ, The fragment founder of this line is a John Parks, Jr., (1782, NC – 1847, MS) who married a Martha “Patsy” Felts, (1792, NC – c1850, MS) in 1809 in Wilkes County, NC. Thence the line goes to Elisha F², William Allen “Prince”³, Ida Franklin⁴ Parks who married Thomas Dillard McNeill, to Edward Winton⁵ McNeill, Mary Emily⁶ McNeill who married Thomas Dudley Wilson, III, to member⁷. There is a very strong possibility that John Parks, Jr. is part of the Thomas of VA line, LK=C.

1718 James Paul Park

Castle Rock, CO

Lineage is LK=K, commencing with Roger¹ Parke of West Jersey, (1658, England – 1737, WJ) married Ann Patison (1583, England – 1731, WJ) thence to John², John³, Georges⁴, John⁵, Joshua Nichols⁶, John Newton⁷, Hosea Preslar⁸, J(ames) Piner⁹, James Hosea¹⁰, PS#1105, J(ames) Dougl¹¹ PS#749, to member¹².

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