

ANDREW GEORGE PARK

1839-1915

WESLEY, CATTARAUGUS Co. N.Y

A CHRONICLE

BY

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GRANDSON.

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ANDREW GEORGE PARK

1839 - 1915

My first clear recollection of grandpa was during a sleigh ride with him and my father, (his eldest son, Fenton) my mother and my younger brother Dick. That would have been in about 1909. I was then six years old, Dick four. Grandpa had met us ^{at the railroad} in the village of Dayton, about four miles from his home. We were to spend the Christmas holidays at the farm. The sleigh was drawn by a team of horses. We were covered by a buffalo robe. The long hair felt good on my face. It did little, however, to keep my hands warm. The snow was deep. The road had not been plowed. Hordedrawn vehicles were the only kind that travelled such roads. The horses took what seemed to this small boy to be a long time to reach the farm-house with its warmth. Grandpa knew how to handle these horses.

I found out later that grandpa's height was 5'9". That made him a tall man for those days. He and grandma were both so overweight that neither could walk easily. At that time such a physique was viewed as a sign of both health and prosperity. Christmas with them was fun. Grandpa ran the house as well as the farm. In fact, he ran everything. Grandma, second in command of the house was an expert cook, a fine horse breeder, and a great help to him. I was to know grandpa Park for about six years.

Grandpa Park had a voice as big as he was. He had a low voice that carried well. He seemed to me to be the bass in any circumstances in which he found himself. He owned a large farm about forty five miles south of Buffalo, New York, in Wesley, a road intersection in Cattaraugus County that is identified on some maps with his wife, Mary, they lived in a house that they had designed and built. It was the largest and by far the finest home anywhere in the surrounding region. Andrew and Mary were my father's parents. As a boy I was aware that Grandpa Park was what people call a prominent citizen.

This writing conveys my recollections of Andrew George Park and his Mary. It is based on history, genealogical records from England, copies of government records, books that describe citizens, memos and letters about him, and letters written to him long ago. My statements include recollections of other relatives. I write this because it may interest contemporary descendants most of whom were born long after Grandpa's death. First hand knowledge can help in understanding people. I am the eldest grandchild. As a boy I knew Grandpa Park. His contemporaries are all long gone. At the age of eighty I have to recognize that the inexorable forces of nature apply to all people. My memories better be reduced to writing soon. This can scarcely be called
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a biography. I do not qualify as a biographer. I can, however, write what I know about an American citizen of my acquaintance who was a credit to his family, his neighborhood, and his country. It can confidently be said about Andrew George Parke that the world is a better place because he lived in it.

The research developed quite a story. One branch of Andrew's family traces back thru the Carolingian line of continental European royalty to Afovanus Syagrius, a Roman Senator from southern Gaul in 330 A.D. That, however, is of remote interest in this writing. The name of our family of Parke (Andrew's family had dropped the "e") is first recorded in eastern England, date about 1200. The first Parke on record began a succession of male descendants for twenty four generations to me. In about 1400 one son of a William Parke sided Andrew's line of descent, which led to Massachusetts and became the northern line of Parkes in North America. Another of William's sons sided the line of descent which led to Virginia and became the southern line. More than four centuries later, when the northern line produced Andrew George Parke, a distant cousin in the southern line named Henry Randolph Custis married an army officer by the name of Robert E. Lee. During the Civil war the Union Sargeant Parke and the Confederate

most southern line

GENERATIONS.

THE FAMILY OF PARKE - GESTINGTHORPE, ENGLAND. THE PARKES OF COUNTY ESSEX WERE LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF GESTINGTHORPE, ON HINKFORD HUNDRED, NORTHERN COUNTY, ESSEX CO. ABUTS GREATER LONDON ON THE NORTHEAST.

SOURCES: L.H. COL. GEN. 10-24.

F.S. PARKS - PARK AND PARKES OF CONNECTICUT

L.H. COL. GEN. 1-10, R.H. COL. 11-19 FLORNOY - POINDEXTER - PARKE GENEALOGICAL CHART THRU LEE CHAPEL MUSEUM - SHOP, LEXINGTON, VA. W.M.L. UNIV. GEN. 20-23 LEE GENEALOGY

- 1 WILLIAM DE PARCO OF ST. CSMITH
- 2 ROGER ATT PARKE (d. 1293) GREAT GRAND PARENT OF
- 3
- 4
- 5 JULIAN ATT PARKE (d. 1381)
- 6 ROBERT PARKE OF GESTINGTHORPE (d. 1400) = MARGARET (d. 1457) ^{young}
- 7 JOHN PARKE OF G. 1433 GENTLEMAN OF ESSEX. GREAT GRAND PARENT OF
- 8 JOHN PARKE (fl. 1414-1455)
- 9 JOHN PARKE (fl. 1455)
- 10 WILLIAM PARKE OF G. (fl. 1484)
- 11 WILLIAM PARKE (fl. 1523-1531) A YOUNGER SON - DAU. OF LONDON MERCHANT
- 12 WILLIAM PARKE (fl. 1531-1551) WILLIAM PARKE = SARAH "SOUTHERN LINE"
- 13 ROBERT PARKE (fl. 1573-1572) DANIEL PARKE (b. 1628) = REBEKKA
- 14 ROBERT PARKE (b. 1580 - d. 1661/5) DANIEL PARK II (b. 1669 - d. 1710) JANE
- 15 THOMAS PARKE (b. 1616 - d. 1709) JOHN CUSTIS (1725) = FRANCES PARKER (b. 1689 - d. 1717)
- 16 ROBERT PARKE (b. 1651 - d. 1707) DANIEL PARKE CUSTIS (1754) = MARY WASHINGTON = MARTHA DANDRIDGE
- 17 HEZEKIAH PARKE (b. 1695 - d. 1752) JOHN PARKE CUSTIS = ELEANOR CALVERT
- 18 PAUL PARKE (b. 1720 - d. 1802) GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKE CUSTIS = MARY LEE FITZ HUBB
- 19 ELISHA PARKE (b. 1716 - d. 1812) GENERAL O.S.A. ROBERT E. LEE = MARY ANNE RANDOLPH CUSTIS
- 20 EPHRAIM PARKE (b. 1770 - d. 1816) GEN'L C.S.A. AND U.S.A. ROBERT E. LEE, JR. = JULIET CARTER
- 21 SIDNEY PARKE (b. 1805 - d. 1864) WM. HUNTER DEBUTTS = MARY CUSTIS LEE
- 22 ANDREW G. PARKE (b. 1839 - d. 1914) ROBERT E. LEE DEBUTTS = ADELIN RAY (b. 1957)
- 23 FENTON M. PARKE (b. 1866 - d. 1967) ROBT. E. LEE DEBUTTS, JR.
- 24 ROBERT PARKE (b. 1903 - d.)

NUMERICAL PLACE IN FAMILY -> NUMBER OF GENERATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY.

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General Lee opposed each other. If General Lee had been a better shot it might have been very difficult for me to write this. After the war Andrew married Mary Delina Hall and eventually built the fine house on the large farm and continued to populate western New York. For that I feel profound gratitude.

Grandpa's forebears brought the name of Parke to North America with the Winthrop fleet of settlers to run Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630. Robert Parke² born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1580 was the progenitor, with his wife. They brought some children. The family soon went to what we today call the state of Connecticut, at about the time that Roger Williams left Bay Colony and established the colony of Rhode Island. Williams could not tolerate the high handed administration of the "liberty seeking" Puritans, who meant that everybody was at liberty to submit to their domination in government, in religion, and in personal conduct. My surmise is that neither could Grandpa Robert.

By 1675 came a full scale war. The Massachusetts Indians headed by their King Philip started a campaign of extermination to rid New England of all the "pale faces" who had come there. Robert Parke³ enlisted in the ranks of the English soldiers. In Massachusetts all men at arms were called "Englishmen".

soldiers." The war lasted about a year. The colonists won by breaking the power of the Indian tribes.

A century later Elisha Parke enlisted in a Connecticut regiment for service in the Revolution.

Then came the Civil War, and members of the Parke family enlisted. The service of Andrew George Park makes interesting reading. Here are some copies of his war records, and those of his regiment. I found them in the Bureau of Archives in Washington, D.C. By perusing these a reader can follow him thru three years as a soldier, from enlistment as a private to honorable discharge as a sergeant. Then you can trace the changes in his handwriting as a farmer and a merchant in his applications for pension increases. He started out after the war with a pension of six dollars a month, and during half a century worked it up to thirty dollars a month. His injury from an accident when he was thrown from a buggy by a horse is detailed. Following his death in 1915 Grandma was awarded a pension of twelve dollars per month, to be increased to twenty dollars a month in 1916.

Following Andrew's discharge with extra pay he returned home with a mustet and ninety dollars. On the first day of January in 1866 he married Mary Delina Hall. Mary was a member of the numerous Hall family of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. Her mother was a Rich, another neighboring family, which is traced back to old England. Mary was the eighth generation from
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A.G.P. BIRTH CERTIFICATE

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1 PLACE OF DEATH (Dist. No. 455)
To be inserted by Registrar

New York State Department of Health

County Cattaraugus

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Village Dayton

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE OF NEW YORK

City Dayton (No. 3)

Registered No. 7

City Dayton (No. 3)

St. Ward

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number]

2 FULL NAME Andrew J. Park

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 MARRIAGE: Married
MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH March 17 1915
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH August 6 1889
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from March 5 1915 to March 17 1915 that I last saw him alive on March 17 1915 and that death occurred on the date stated above at

7 AGE 25 yrs. 7 mos. 12 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, how many hrs. or min.?

M. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Acute Nephritis

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Farmer
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer):

(Duration) yrs. 10 mo. ds.
 Contributory Enlarged Prostate

9 BIRTHPLACE Dayton Catt County

(Duration) 1 yrs. mo. ds.
 (Signed) W W Jones M. D.
March 18 1915 (Address) Dayton N.Y.

10 NAME OF FATHER Sidney Park

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Sherburn N.Y.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Kitchin

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Bithing New York

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) Andrew W. Park

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS).
 At place of death yrs. mo. ds. In the State yrs. mo. ds.
(Primary registration district)

(Address) Buffalo N.Y.

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
 Former or usual residence

15 Filed March 19 1915 Charles Shultz

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Wesley N.Y. 20 DATE OF BURIAL March 21 1915

20 UNDERTAKER J W Keeley ADDRESS Patterson N.Y.

Burial or Transit Permit issued by Charles Shultz Date of issue March 19

See Instructions on Other Side

N. B.—WRITE LEGIBLY, WITH DURABLE BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.



CAPTAIN MORGAN'S COMPANY. - Eighth Regiment

Captain:.....James Morgan,.....enlisted Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Nov. 17.
 Lieutenant:.....Daniel Witter,.....enlisted Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Nov. 17.
 Ensign:.....Benj^r Morgan,.....enlisted Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Nov. 17.
 Ensign:.....John Morgan,.....enlisted Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Oct. 19.

Men's Names.	Enlisted.	Discharged.	Men's Names.	Enlisted.	Discharged.	Men's Names.	Enlisted.	Discharged.
Asa Avery,...	Sept. 8	Oct. 14	Drum ^r Benj ^r Tracy...	Sept. 8	Nov. 17	David Baker,.....	Sept. 8	Nov. 17
Asa Burnham,...		Nov. 17	Jesse Gates,.....		Nov. 9	David Lewis,.....	"	Oct. 29
Moses Meach,...	"	"	John Avery, 3 ^d	"	"	John Morss,.....	"	died.
Abraham Freeman,...	"	"	Elijah Morgan,.....	"	"	Benj ^r Freeman,.....	"	Oct. 10
Jonathan Smith,...	"	"	Benajah Hill,.....	"	"	Elisha Park,.....	"	Nov. 17
Merick Witter,...	"	"	Asa Stark weather,...	"	"			Nov. 17
Moses Lester,...	"	"	Abisha Woodward,...	"	"			
W ^m Halsey,...	"	"	Gideon Woodward,...	"	"			
Hezh. Park,...	"	Nov. 12 died.	Jacob Park,.....	"	Nov. 17			

ROBERT' IMMIGRAN
 THOMAS 2
 ROBERT 3 VOL. KING
 HEZEKIAH 4
 PAUL 5
 ELISHA 6 VOL. CIVIL

CAPTAIN STANTON'S COMPANY.

Captain:.....W^m Stanton,.....entered service Sept. 8th; disc. Nov. 17th.
 Lieutenant:.....John Williams,.....entered service Sept. 8th; disc. Nov. 17th.
 Ensign:.....Nathan Stanton,.....entered service Sept. 8th; disc. Nov. 17th.

Men's Names.	Entered service.	Discharged.	Men's Names.	Entered service.	Discharged.	Men's Names.	Entered service.	Discharged.
Jabez Holmes,...	Sept. 8	Nov. 17	Isaac Williams,.....	Sept. 8	Nov. 9	Thom ^s Gardiner,....	Sept. 8	Nov. 17
Phraim Willm's	"	"	Amos Miner,.....	"	"	Parke Williams,....	"	Oct. 18
Daniel Bill,....	"	"	David Miner,.....	"	"	Benedict Aaron,....	"	Nov. 9
Manas ^s Miner,...	"	Nov. 9	Natha ^l Williams,....	"	"	Amos Solomon,....	"	Nov. 9
Wilcox,.....	"	"	Isaac Williams 2 ^d ...	"	"			

(Recall of service of Connecticut men in the War of 1812
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Source in Connecticut Historical Society
 1 Elizabeth St. Hartford, Conn. 06103
 SOLDIERS IN KING PHILIP'S WAR - GEORGE BODGE

S COMPANY. - Eighth Regiment

Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Nov. 17.
Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Nov. 17.
Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Nov. 17.
Sept. 8th, '76; disc. Oct. 19.

Enlisted.	Discharged.	MEN'S NAMES.	Enlisted.	Discharged.
8	Nov. 17	David Baker,.....	Sept. 8	Nov. 17
"	Nov. 9	David Lewis,.....	"	Oct. 29 died.
"	"	John Morss,.....	"	Oct. 10
"	"	Benj ⁿ Freeman,.....	"	Nov. 17
"	"	Elisha Park,.....	"	Nov. 17
"	Nov. 17			

T'S COMPANY.

Service Sept. 8th; disc. Nov. 17th.
Service Sept. 8th; disc. Nov. 17th.
Service Sept. 8th; disc. Nov. 17th.

Entered service.	Discharged.	MEN'S NAMES.	Entered service.	Discharged.
8	Nov. 9	Thom ^s Gardiner,....	Sept. 8	Nov. 17
"	"	Parke Williams,....	"	Oct. 18
"	"	Benedict Aaron,....	"	Nov. 9
"	"	Amos Solomon,....	"	Nov. 9

... men in the way of the
... (1889)
... Historical Society
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... WAR - GEORGE BODGE

ROBERT' IMMIGRANT
THOMAS 2
ROBERT 3 VOL. KING PHILIPS WAR
HEZEKIAH 4
PAUL 5
ELISHA 6 VOL. CIVIL WAR