

William Parke and Synah Perry at North Carolina, Kentucky and Missouri

In 1967 Margie Ellis Howell #8 published the results of her research of her ancestors up to that time. It is entitled 'Kinfolk of William Parke & Synah Perry and Josiah Wilson & Margaret Crow. Other related families include: Hammonds, Lewis, Stephens, Wheeler, Estes, Lynn, Hopper, Ficklin, Ellis. The principal locations noted are Granville Co NC, Adair Co KY and Lincoln Co MO.

Mrs Howell's considerable correspondence and collected records are now to be found at the Powell Memorial Library in Troy MO 50 miles northwest of St Louis. In searching her Parke line she of course came across many that weren't hers. Rather than discard these she added them to her files providing a wealth of material

for others doing research in North Carolina, Kentucky and Missouri.

A family bible was located in South Dakota showing that William & Synah were the parents of the six children shown on the chart. A marriage bond was located in Granville Co NC dated 31 Jan 1787 made two weeks before their marriage.

While searching for the identity of William's parents and grandparents the following was found in the Granville Deed Book A page 7 dated 26 Nov 1746:

Edward Powers of County of Johnston sold to JOHN PARKE of Co and Parish of Edgecombe .. for 14 pounds current money of VA .. land located in Granville Co, about 300 A on the south of Tarr River above mouth of the Buffalow (sic).

The will of John Parke made 2 Nov 1764 was proved July 1766.

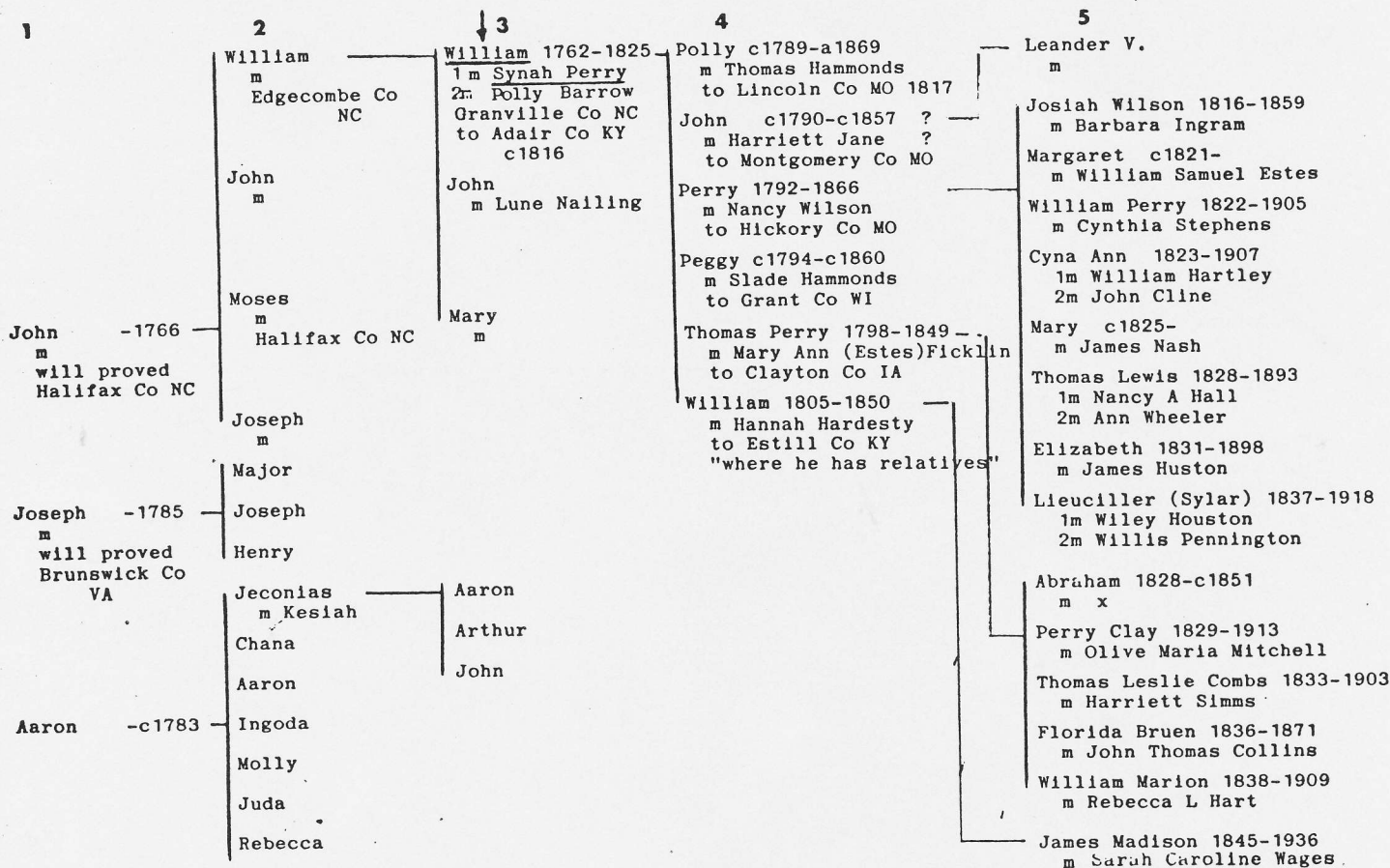
In the Name of God, Amen, I John Parke of county of Halifax in the province of North Carolina being at this time of perfect mind and memory ...

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Parke my tract of land and plantation lying and being in Granville Co on Tarr River that I bought of Edward Powers.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Parke and my son Moses Parke my manner plantation where on I now live and two tracts or parcels of land adjoining the said plantation to be divided between my two said sons Joseph and Moses, to be equally divided quantity and quality.

Item: I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John Parke and my brother Joseph Parke and

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my brother Aaron Parke full whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament... question might be raised as to why the eldest, William, was not mentioned. However, the Deed Book of Warren Co has this item:

William Parke of the County of Edgecomb NC to John Parke of the County of Bute (ed. now part of Warren, Vance & Franklin Cos.). 5 Feb 1776, for 50 pounds Virginia money, all the claim he the said William Parke has to that tract or parcel of land which John Parke the father of the afore-said William Parke & John Parke, late of Halifax Co NC, deceased, bought of Edward Powers of Johnston Co 26 Nov 1746. In his last will and testament, dated 2 Nov 1764, John Parke gave this land to John Parke his son, the land lying on the south side of the Tarr River. The title not appearing clear enough to convey the aforesaid land in fee simple to him, the said John Parke as appears by the will of his afore-said father John Parke .. he the above said William Parke eldest son and heir of the aforesaid John Parke of Halifax Co deceased wants to bare himself and his heirs of claiming any right or



title to the said land, and conveys to his brother John Parke all right that appears to this land on south side of Tarr River above the mouth of Buffalo, Sims corner ... 300 Acres Mrs Howell goes on to say that it seems more likely that the son John mentioned above would be the father of William who married Synah Perry. He seems to have been the only one

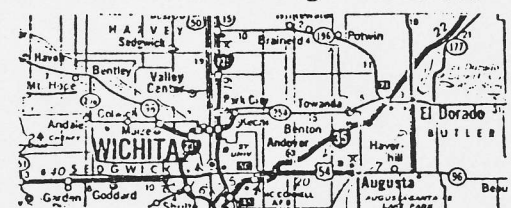
who owned land in Granville Co and lived there. Many other Parks are found in the records of Franklin Co including William, John and Moses. Also in Greensville Co and Brunswick Co VA are found Joseph and Moses among others. The accompanying chart indicates the relationships that are believed to be correct

Towns Named After a Park/e/s

Three years ago our Junior members were challenged with an undertaking to identify the origin of various towns with the name Park or Parkesburg etc. There were over a hundred listed in 33 states and Canada. Unfortunately, that didn't arouse them or inspire them. To date we've never had a response from them.

However, a few members were motivated and rewarded by their search. Parkdale, AR was discovered by Lois Park #636 to have been named for her husband's grandfather Richard Every Park. Parks, in another part of the state, she found was named for a fellow who operated a general store, but he was long gone and only an extensive genealogical research could identify him. (see Vol 11 p16.

More recently Micki Crozier #460 has provided information on two towns in Kansas. The first, Park City near Wichita, had an interesting history but was not named for a Park ancestor. As in many frontier towns there was keen competition as to which would be voted the county seat. Around 1870 several settlers began promoting Park City describing the seven beautiful nonexistent parks in their community. The Chisholm Trail where vast herds of cattle were driven from Texas to the railhead in Abilene KS went through Wichita.



Much effort was made to have the railroad directed to Park City, but it wasn't to be. Wichita won and the Park City site was sold in 1877 for \$13 back taxes!

Another town, Park, in Gove Co was another disappointment. It had originally been called Buffalo Park for all the buffalo in the area. So, as Micki says, we "struck out again". However, we do appreciate her research.

Incidentally, she can't join us in Parkville for the 23rd Convocation since she has a succulent nursery (mail order) business, plus a large flower garden and greenhouse. Perhaps you'd like her catalog! Write to Country Cottage, RD 2 Box 130, Sedgwick KS 67135. She says she has 400 sempervivums and 200 sedums for sale. If you don't know what they are you probably aren't in the market!

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These notes on the Parke and related families were compiled from information gathered in North Carolina and Virginia recently, and from information sent to me by others in that area. The items beginning on page 1 are from courthouses and some include my comments.

The summary beginning on page B is an attempt to put together the great amount of information which is available on the Parke family, in particular, in the vicinity of Granville County, North Carolina. It is still impossible to know definitely the ancestors and kinfolds of our proved ancestor William Parke who married 1787 Sinah Perry, marriage bond in Granville County. But I believe this summary will give us a starting place. Though we can't prove the ancestry of William and Sinah, we do know the names of their children, from his will, in Pulaski County, Ky.

Please remember that much of the following outline is not proved, but only assumption on my part. Where ~~proof~~ is available, it is given. The items referred to at intervals are those beginning on page 1.

Remember, too, that the name Parke is spelled in many ways, sometimes in more than one way in the same courthouse document. Because of the difficulty in reading the early handwriting, it is sometimes impossible to determine which is Parker and which is Parkes.

Those who are serious searchers of the Parke and related families should read the items beginning on page 1. Not all these items are referred to in the outline, and they may, or may not, give information concerning someone who is perhaps a part of the family.

Most of the counties mentioned are near one another, joining in many cases. It would be helpful to use a map for reference. Many times, when information may be found on an individual in several courthouses, it is only because the county boundaries changed and does not necessarily mean he actually moved.

I have a great deal of information on the children of our ancestors, William Parke and Sinah Perry, which is not included in these notes.

In this outline, the oldest ones of whom we know are given Roman number I. The second generation is II, the children of the II generation are numbered III, etc.

Correspondence is invited. I would be glad to share any further information with anyone and request the help of others in solving our family lines.

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1.-1 Maybe John or William Parke, both of whom were early in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. They may have been brothers and perhaps are the ancestors of most of the early Parke people in that area. They would have been born in the latter part of the 1600's, place unknown.

A John Parke who was in Edgecombe County in 1735 bought land on the west side of Elk Marsh, in Edgecombe County, from George Pace (item 1).

There is also an inventory of an estate of a William Parke in Edgecombe in or about 1730, but I have not been able to get a copy of it.

It is believed that either this John or this William had the following children. (We know the names of the children are correct, from the will of II-2, John Parke, item 61.)

II-2. John Parke, b ca 1715, will made 1764, proved 1766. (Item 61)
See more below.

II-3. Joseph Parke, nothing known, he may be the one who made will in Greensville County, Va, 1780, proved 1785, (item 48).

II-4. Aaron Parke, nothing known, may be the one who made will in Greensville County, Va., 1781 (item 47).

See page Ba (next page).
II-2. John Parke, b ca 1715, was living in Halifax County, North Carolina, when he made will in 1764, will proved in 1766. This is the John Parke who in 1746 was living in Edgecombe County and bought from Edward Powers, 300 A of land in Granville County, described as on south of Tarr River, above mouth of Buffalo, (item 29).

See will of this John Parke, item 61. He leaves his son, John Parke, III-6 below), the land in Granville Co on Tarr River. Speakes of "my three youngest sons," indicating there was at least one older. This eldest son has been identified in item 62. It might be that this John II-2 had two wives: the eldest son may have been the son by the first wife and was provided for prviously and thus not mentioned in the will; the youngest sons may have been by the second wife. Note no wife is mentioned in the will, but a Mary Phillips is mentioned, his sons not to molest her, etc. No mention is made in any transactions of any daughters, yet there is possibility he had at least two (see Moses Parke, III-8, below).

Children of II-2, John Parke.

*Is this his dau - mrd
Raney & Phillips - per Janice
Parks.*

III-5. William Parke, (item 62), b ca 1740, eldest son of John Parke.
See more below.

III-6. John Parke, b ca 1745-50, died before 1782. See more below.

III-7. Joseph Parke, nothing known, unless he is the one who made the will in Greensville County, Va., instead of II-3 above. I'm reasonably sure it would have been II-3, above, who made the Greensville will, however, because of the time of the will.

III-8. Moses Parke, b ca 1745-50, perhaps is the one who died between 17 Jan 1797 and 24 Oct 1797, see items 12 and 72. More below.

*see orange
Co book
by Shield*

Information, 1973, from David B. Trimble, 607 River Road, San Antonio Tex 78212:

James Parke thinks Samuel is a son of Thomas Parke, died 1761, alternate

He believes another brother of II-2, II-3, and II-4 (John, Joseph, and Aaron) was Samuel Parke. This Samuel had several children, among them (he believes, not proved) an Elizabeth Parke, of Orange County, No Caro, born 1752, married 1770, Jesse Nevill (note Nevill name - - in later years, in Pulaski County, Ky, the Hammonds family, which was related to the Parke family, married into the Neville family).

Mr. Trimble also believes the 4 boys: John, Joseph, Aaron, and Samuel were probably sons of Joseph Parke Sr, who in 1734 when he lived in Brunswick County, Va., sold land which was in Isle of Wight County, Va.

Joseph Parke Sr mdde will 16 Dec 1746, proved 28 June 1749 - - wife Judith, son Joseph, Grandson John Lucas, settlement mentions Aaron, John, and Joseph Parkes. (See my correspondence folder, Parke, July 1971.

M. Howell note - -

If above is correct - - that Joseph Sr is the father of these 4 boys....

and I am correct in thinking that my William Parke (who married Sinah Perry) descended from the son named John - - then

it seems strange to me that our branch of the family has never used the names Joseph, Aaron, or Samuel.

My William and wife Sinah Perry Parke had 4 sons: William Parke; Thomas Perry Parke; Perry Parke; and John Parke....2 daughts, Polly and Peggy.

Obviously, from these names, Sinah Perry Parke had a hand in naming the 2 sons whose names are Perry...which leaves 2, William and John....both names in Parke family of Mr. Trimble's calculations.

Did William Parke who married Sinah run out of sons before he ran out of names? Did he just not have enough sons to name for more distant generations - - such as Joseph, Aaron, and Samuel? But none of these names, with the exception of Samuel, was given to a grandchild of William Parke and Sinah Perry.....to my knowledge. We still are locating the descendants of John Parke (son of William and Sinah) and believe the name of one of them was Samuel Parke.

III-5. William Parke was in Edgecombe County, No Caro, in 1776, when he made deed to his brother John Parke, item 62, so that John might have clear title to the land their father John Parke, II-2, had left. William Parke III-5 may have had wife Mary. Is this the William and Mary Parke of item 57 (see also item 56), who were in 1788 of Rockingham County, No Caro, and sold land in Henry County, Va.?

I believe William III-5 is the father of our proved ancestor, IV-9, below, and of another son, IV-10, below. There probably were more children.

IV-9. William Parke, b ca 1765, d 1816-1826, Pulaski Co, Ky. (See below)

IV-10. John Parke, married Jane Nailing, Granville Co, 1789. Nothing known. Items 27 and 28.

III-6. John Parke inherited the 300A on south side of Tarr River, at mouth of Buffalo, from his father, by father's will, 1764, item 61. I believe he is also the John Parke who had land grant #172, in old Bute County, North Carolina, 200 A of land lying on both sides of Buffalo Creek, Tarr River, south side, 1778, see item 16.

Unknown when John III-6 died, but a division of his land was made in Franklin County in 1801, item 66. He had died much earlier, however, because by 1782, his widow (who is not named) had intermarried with William Cooper, see Warren County court minutes, item 64. She had been named guardian of the children of John Parke.

So John Parke, III-6, died fairly young, before 1782, and had left young children who needed a guardian.

The will of William Cooper (who married widow of John III-6) is in Franklin County, item 65, made 1801. Some of the children of John Parke are named in William Cooper's will. It is possible that the land division of this John III-6 was not made prior to 1801, because there had not been any great need until that time to make a settlement, among the children. Then in 1801 William Cooper died, and one of the children of John Parke III-6, has also died. So no doubt the heirs then decided it was time to settle all these estates.

The children of John Parke, III-6:

IV - 11. Polly Parke who married first Hamblin Sledge and married second his cousin Person Sledge. (Item 73). By Hamblin Sledge she had these children (all V generation): Robert Sledge who lived in Nashville, Tenn., with a prosperous uncle and later married Frances Ingles O'Brien; John P. (Parks?) Sledge, who lived in Caswell Co, No Caro; Priscilla H. Sledge who married Nathaniel Robertson; and Elizabeth Sledge, nothing known to me. By second husband, Polly Parke had these children: Captain Sidney Smith Sledge who in 1828 was in Lawrence Co, Ala (item 73); and Henry Sledge. (Some of this information given to me by a Sledge descendant, Woodrow Sledge, Austin, Texas, who said that Sidney and Henry lived in Madison and Panola Cos, Miss, rather than Ala.)

(Children of John Parke III-6 continued next page.)

IV - 12. Nancy Parke who married Benjamin Sherrod. They also lived on south side of Tarr River, as is evidenced by the many deeds which give his line in their descriptions. Nothing further known.

IV - 13. Elizabeth Parke, unmarried, was deceased by 4 Apr 1801, when a sale of her estate was made. Items 67 and 68.

IV - 14. Perhaps another daughter of John Parke married Joel Sledge since Joel got a share of John Parke's estate, item 66. Her name is not known, but it might have been Priscilla.

III-8. Moses Parke. If this is the Moses Parke who made will 1797, item 12, then he had two sisters, who are not named elsewhere as the children of John, II-2. These sisters were Hannah Hunt and Mary Edwards. This Moses who made the will in 1797 died in Ogelthorpe County, Ga. He must be the same Moses, as mentioned in item 14, who bought and sold many tracts of land in Franklin County, and paid great amounts of taxes there. He was of Granville, however, when he made the will.

Perhaps this Moses Parke, III-7 is the one who is in Nash County, No Caro, records, 1814, item 70; 1811, item 76; and 1818, item 77. He could easily have lived until this date, if he was born around 1750.

IV -9. William Parke mar Sinah Perry, 1787; Granville County, North Carolina, is where marriage bond can be found. Supposedly bonds were made in county of residence of bride, but so far, we've learned nothing of Sinah's parents, that can be proved. William could have been from any one of the joining or nearby counties. William and Sinah no doubt gradually moved westward, probably through Rockingham Co No Caro and/or Henry Co, Va., until by 1806 they were settled on Parkes Ridge, in now Russell County, Ky. Their children, according to will of William Parke, IV-9, in Pulaski County, Ky:

- V-15. Polly Parke (Mary?) (Was she named for his mother?)
- V-16. John Parke (named for his father or grandfather?)
- V-17. Perry Parke (was given Sinah's maiden name as given name.)
- V-18. Peggy Parke (Margaret?) (Named for Sinah's mother?)
- V-19. Thomas Perry Parke (Was Sinah's father named Thomas Perry?)
- V-20. William Parke (Named for William himself and another ancestor?)

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End of summary. With the practice of most families of those times of naming children for others in the family, it is easy to speculate above concerning the names of the children of William & Sinah.

Question - - see item 70 - - who is this William Parke Sr who had son William Jr? He can't be William III-5 above, because III-5 had son William IV-9 who was in Russell County, Ky, when this Nash County sale was held in 1814 and the William in Nash made purchases from the estate. Note this Wm Sr is also involved with a Moses Parke, item 76.

An old North Carolina history book says the people of Granville County and those Mecklenburg and Greensville Cos, Va, were frequently the same people - - note items 47 through 55 - - are these same people as those in North Carolina?

Hamblin & Paddy Sledge had:

Robert Sledge

John P. Sledge (John Park^r).

Frederica whom Nathaniel Robertson

Elyabeth whom John Van Dinkley

NOT PROVED

*I-1. Maybe John or William Parke. John bought in Edgecombe~~x~~ C No Caro land in 1735. Wm inventory there in 1730.

- *II-2. John Parke, b ca ¹⁷¹⁵~~1725~~-45, have will made 1764, proved 1766
II-3. Joseph Parke, maybe one made will Greensville Co Va 1780
II-4. Aaron Parke, " " " " " " 1781

- *II-2. John Parke, b ^{ca 1715?}~~ca 1725~~-45, have will made 1764, proved 1766. Named Mary phillips in will, no wife
III-5. John Parke, wife mar Wm. Cooper after his death, when died had minor heirs, she was named guardian, land div in 1801, Franklin Co. ^{and dau. Polly whom Hankin & Oram Steege}
^{Nancy whom Benjamin Sherrard, Elizabeth unmarried.}
III-6. Joseph Parke
III-7. Moses Parke
*III-8. William Parke ^{b ca 1740??} (maybe had wife Mary, she may be one in Fort Creek dist, Granville taxable, 1797, if so he was dead by then)
^{was eldest son}

*IV - William Parke, b ca 1765, marr 1787 Synah Perry

IV - John Parke mar Jane Nailing, Gra^{cone}nville, 1789

Mary Senior Perry
d ca 1774
Maybe when Edwin born
Edwin was bound out in 1791
as orphan of Wm. Perry deceased.

Mary Kerr ~~relationships~~ in ~~will~~ - some of her ~~relationships~~ - some mine

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FROM MARY HINTON KERR, BOX 569, WARRENTON, NO CARO
ON PARKE FAMILY - - all relationships not proved. February, 1969

- maybe
I-1. John Parke. Nothing known, but had at least these sons: maybe the one who in Halifax Co NC D81, 12g 113, 14 Aug 1735. Bought land in Edgecombe from George Pace, etc. See Kerr's account in J. A. S. 1730
- he may have had bro William, 1730
II-2. John Parke (more below) - b ca 1725-1745, d 1764-1766
II-3. Joseph Parke (more below)
II-4. Aaron Parke (more below)
II-2. John Parke of Edgecombe Co No Caro, bought 300A in Granville Co. No Caro, on south side of Tarr River, above mouth of Buffalow, from Edward Powers of Johnson Co, in Nov. 1746.5

This is same John who made will, Halifax Co No Caro, 1764, proved 1766. Names "my 3 yountest sons" indicating there was at least one, and possibly more, sons, not named. Names Mary Phillips, relationship not given.

Sons named in will are:

- III-5. John Parke ~~John Parke of Edgecombe Co No Caro, bought 300A in Granville Co. No Caro, on south side of Tarr River, above mouth of Buffalow, from Edward Powers of Johnson Co, in Nov. 1746.5~~
III-6. Joseph Parke - he may be one who made will, 1785, in Greenville Co, Va.
III-7. Moses Parke - land transactions in Franklin Co should be checked.

Another son, not named in will, is III-8, below, who, in 1776 sold to his brother John Parke (III-5 above) his claim in the property of their deceased father John Parke (II-2 above) of Edgecome Bo., land purchased from E. Powers, etc.

- III-8. William Parke (who is referred to as oldest son).

wife Mary? (Granville Co NC 1791 tax list?)

? son William - my William who in Synah?

? son John whom father

- II-3. Joseph Parke. Nothing known, excepting he was exec of will of his bro John, II-2 above, so may have been in Halifax Co in 1764. There is will in Greenville Co, Va (just across line from Halifax Co No Caro) of Joseph Parks, will made in 1780 when he was ~~18~~ living in Brunswick Co Va, will proved in Greenville in 1785. Names sons Major Parks; Joseph Parks; Henry Parks. Wit were Thomas Lightfoot, Benjamin Bynum, Cordall Durpee, Kirby Moody. A large estate. Joseph signed by mark. Don't know if these are same Joseph's. A Joseph Parks married Coby Kelly, 1799, Henry Co, Va - (Thomas Kelly was landowner - he was near Synah)

- II-4. Aaron Parke. Nothing known, excepting he was exec of will of his bro John, II-2 above, so may have been in Halifax Co in 1764. In Greenville County, Va, there is a will of an Aaron Parks, made in 1781, names wife Lucy. Sons: Jeconias; Chana, and Aaron. Daus Ingoda; Molly; Juda; Rebecca. Exec John Dawson & Jeconias Parks. Wit were John Dawson, Ephriam Peebles, and Holliday Haby or Haley. Large estate. Aaron signed by mark. In same county, a Jeconias Parks made will 1808, named wife Kesiah. Sons Aaron; Arthax; John. One son was not of lawful age. Wit: Hardy Pritchard, Holiday Haby or Haley, John Brown Younger, Joseph Fig. Big estate, signed by mark.

III-5. John Parke. Was exec, with his uncles, of his father's estate. Paid his brother William ~~\$500~~ money in 1776 for William's claim to their deceased father's estate. John received from his father in father's will the land his father had purchased from Ed Powers (see II-2 above). *John III-5 bought from Wm. Kimbrough in 1771*

Is this the John Parke whose widow, by Aug 1782, had married William ~~Cooper~~ Cooper? In Warren Co, No Car, that date, she was ordered to appear in court in regards to a survey for Osborne Jeffreys. She had apparently been named guardian of John Parke heirs.

Did this John Parke and wife, (who mar 2nd William Cooper) have 4 daus and no sons? *her wife is Priscilla - Power petition, 1797*

William Cooper will, in Franklin Co, No Caro, dated 29 Jan 1801, will book B, p 73. Names Priscilla Elliott, wife of Alexander Elliott (she not identified further) Polly Sledge, late wife of Hamblin Sledge (was Polly ~~xxxx~~ before marriage Mary Parke, dau of John ~~xxx~~ III-5?); and Nancy Parks.

If above is correct, then John Parke III-5, might have had children

- IV-9. Priscilla Parks, who married Alexander Elliott *was she a Cooper - not included in land division of father John*
- IV-10. Mary (Polly) Parks, who married Hamblin Sledge *as did she marry first James, then Joel Sledge - he is 2nd on land Person Sledge*
- IV-11. Nancy Parks *mar Benjamin Sherrod*
- IV-12. ~~Name not known to me~~ *Elizabeth Parks*

Is III-5 John the same one who has division of land, Franklin Co, 23 Jun 1801, he is deceased? *yes*

Who is Elizabeth Parks, deceased, land sale on 4 Ap 1801, settlement of estate 11 Feb 1802, Franklin Co? *She mar to Wm IV-12*

III-6. Joseph Parke. Nothing known. Is this the Joseph Parke who was in Captain Jonathan Kittrell's Company of Granville Co Militia in 1771? *yes*

III-7. Moses Parke. Nothing known. There is a Moses Park who, in Franklin Co, No Caro, bought several tracts of land from 1791 through 1799-1798? He bought from Roger Jones; Seth Mabry; Howell Cooper; and John Stone.

III-8. William Parke, no doubt oldest son of John Parke II-2. Was he son of different wife than the three youngest sons named in will? *don't k*
Is this the William who was in Captain Jonathan Kittrell's Company of Granville Co, Militia in 1771? *yes*

Is this the William who ~~xxxx~~ is father of my William Parke who married Synah Perry in 1787 in Granville Co, No Carolina? *bcw/1765*

Maybe had wife Mary? In 1797 tax list - if so, then he dead by 1797.

Complete list in "The Carolina Magazine" Vol 1971-7-3 - at Hager

*II-5
land in
div in
1801
see records
copied in
Shirley
file
Dorothy*

*she is
married
James
Sledge
he is
2nd on
land
Person
Sledge*

PARKE FAMILY NOTES (PARK, PARKE, PARKES, PARKS, sometimes PARKER) Page 1
(with some notes on connecting families of Perry, Sledge, Hammonds, & others)

1. Edgecombe County, NC - -DB 1, page 113. George Pace of Edgecombe Prec. Co of Albemarle to John Park of Edgecombe Prec, planter. 19 Aug 1735. 92½ A on W side of Elk Marsh, joining Nichols Smith and being the upper half of a patent granted to said George Pace 1 Dec 1727, all houses, orchards, gardens, fences, etc. Wit: Samuel Williams, Thomas Coldsin (?), Sholson?

2. There are several early deeds in Edgecombe, indexed as Parker. Impossible to determine if Parkes or Parker.
3. Edgecombe County, NC - - DB 5, page 493. Robert Cade Jr and Obedience, wife of Edgecombe, to William Pace (no county given), son of said Obedience by George Pace, late of Edgecombe, decd. 20 May 1746. Robert and Obedience quit claim right and title in estate of Geo Pace, decd. Wit: Thomas Parker and Montfort Eelbeck (?).
4. Edgecombe County, No. C - - next deed, after one above, is William Pace & Mary Pace of Edgecombe to Robert Cade, of North Carolina, 1746, land on Elk Marsh joining George Pace & Wherley, SAME WIT as above, Thomas Parker and Montfort Eelbeck (?).

(Reason for including above two deeds, when name of Parker witness can't be read clearly, is that the land was on Elk Marsh, same place that John Park bought land, 1735, item 1 above.) (Also, there are some later connections between the Park and Pace families)

5. Edgecombe County, NC - -William Parker 1749, of Edgecombe, from Joseph John Alston, no water given. Wit was same as above, Montfort Eelbeck.
- . Bertie Co, NC - - in 1725, John Park was a wit when Benjamin Wood sold to James Wood.
7. Bertie Co, NC - - Book 8, page 418, John Perry Jr bought from Richard Lakey and wife Mary, 1757, land she had inherited from her father Thomas Ryan. W side Chowan River at Herring Run. 1 wit was Thomas Perry.
8. From book, Abstract of Early Records, Nash County, 1777 - 1859, by Joseph Watson: William Parkes inventory and sale, by William Parkes Jr. 29 Aug 1814. Presented at Feb term 1816. William Parkes Jr was principal buyer. Accounts paid to Mary Parkes, Elizabeth Morgan, William Parkes, and Moses Parkes.
9. Rockingham Co, No Caro, DB B, page 168: William Parks bought from Joseph Williams. 120A NS Mayo River in Rockingham County. 17 July 1788. Both are of Rock, Co. No bounds given. Wit: Wm. Kellam; Alexander Lall Wm. Motley (?); James Asberry.
- 10.. Rockingham County NC, DB C, 224. 102 A. 1793. Both of Rockingham Co. Joseph Parks bought from John Leak. Mentions Price's line, on Matrimony Creek, white oak on Matrimony, below the waggon ford. No wit given.

(Note: It was on Matrimony Creek where lived the Hopper family who were neighbors of my Park family in Russell County, Ky)

11. Rockingham Co, NC - - 1792, Thomas Parks to Bryant Senior, 160 A, E side of Hogan's Creek. Parks was of County of Lawrence, South Carolina. Senior of Rockingham Co. Dean's line mentioned. Wit: Joel Dean; Cornelius Davis
12. Franklin Co, No Car - - Will B A-206. Will of Moses Parke, of Franklin Co. 2 sisters Hannah Hunt, Mary Edwards. Samuel Hunt (no relationship given but probably husband of Hannah). Gives money for the education of his negroes, and the remainder to the poor, the real poor, the halt, the maimed, lunatic, etc. Made 17 Jan 1797. Exec are Green Hill Sr; Roger Jones; John Young; Nath'l Jarror (?); John Jarrot Jr; John Whitfield; Green Hill, Jr; Samuel Hunt; William Paschal. Wit: James Macks (?); William Guing (?); Newlas (?) M. Macks (?). Probated 24 Oct 1797. See it 72.
13. Some marriages from Franklin Co, No Caro:

Peyton Sledge to Polly Edwards, 24 Sept 1790, Joel Sledge, bondsman
 William Pace to Nancy Parks, 13 June 1842, Simon Carpenter, b
 Person Sledge to Polley Sledge, 28 Dec 1803, Benjamin Sherrod, b
 Sherrod Sledge to Mary Ann Barrow, 10 Jan 1844, Peyton Brown, b
 Martha Parkes to French Ross, 22 Feb 1848, Reubin Stallings, b
 Richard Timberlake to Ann Parks, 10 July 1832, Etheldred W. Perry B
 John A. Murry to Drucy Parks, 23 Apr 1851, wit John J. Bell, marriage was on 27 Apr 1851
 Abraham Odum to Elizabth Parks, 9 Oct 1827, Wm Harris, b
 Samuel Perry to Mary Parks, 14 Jan 1832, John Roger, b
 James Timberlake Jr to Rebecca Parks, 19 Feb 1837, Corydon Spéncer, b
 Thomas Lemay to Elisa Sledge 14 May 1828, Daniel Peck, b
 Green Cook to Elizabeth Parks, 2 Jan 1836, Henry C. Dean, b
 Alpheus Bobbitt to Julia Ann Sledge 16 Sept 1839, Robt S. Glen (?) b
 Wm. Jeffreys & Martha A sledge, 8 May 1815, Joseph Hawkins b
 Lucinda Sledge to Ruffin Tucker 13 Spet 1820 John Holloway, b
14. Franklin Co, N C. Moses Park sold several pieces of land, in 1796 (note will item 12 above, was made Jan 1797) to Howell Cooper & John Stone, apparently land he had previously purchased from them. Wit on all these transactions were S. Mabrey and Joseph Gill. Moses Park was "of Granville" when he sold this land (note he was of Franklin when he made his will). Description on part of land includes "Hunt's line." (Note his, Moses', sister was Hannah Hunt. Another lot of land was sold by Moses Park in 1797 to Seth Mabrey, Hunt's line, Stone's line, Smith's corner mentioned.
15. Bute County, Land Grant. No. 292. William Park enters 300 A of land on the water of Oppossum Quarter and Rudy Creek joining his own and Duke, Green, and others, not named. 24 Nov 1778 (I don't think this is our William Park, believe this is the one who was the merchant, and married to Betty Eaton, widow).
16. Bute County, Land Grant. No. 172. John Park enters 200A of land lying on both sides of Buffellow Creek on SS of Tarr R, all the vacant land joining my own line & Seawell & Mabry, so as to include the improvement I bought of Wm. Head. 7 May 1778.

17. Granville Co, N Car. Book A, pg 309. Booth Perry of Granville Co, sells to Bernhad Major of Dinwiddie Co, Va, his right in 3 negroes "now in the possession of Agnes Perry, widow and relict of Peter Perry, late of Dinwiddie Co, Va. 17 June 1763, proved Aug, 1784. Wit: John Duke, John Bowie, Mary Bowie.
18. Note item 15 above. There are many records in Warren County (Old Bute) County records of a William Park who was a merchant, and whose wife was Betty Eaton Weldon, widow. This William Park owned land on Opossum Quarter and Reedy Creek. He frequently has dealings with the Duke and Green families. I believe this William Park has no relationship to our family.
19. Old Bute Co No Caro, DB 3, page 279. Wm Tholley to Thomas Haswell, both Bute Co. 236 A. Bute Co on BS Buffaloe Creek, adj Jones, Bird, Park, & Kimbro. Wit: Henry Cooper (?); George Bishop, John Roachel, made 27 Feb 1769, prvd 9 Sept 1771.
20. Old Bute Co No Caro, DB 3, page 282, 9 Oct 1770. Thomas Haswell to John Goldin, both of Bute Co....236 A in Bute Co on BS Buffulow, adj Jones, Bird, Park & Kimbro. Wit: Benjamin Mosely, Henray Cooper, John Blake. Proved by Henry Cooper, Bute Aug Court, 1771 Ben McCulloch CC
21. Old Bute Co No Caro, DB 5, page 8, 2 Mar 1773....John Goldin Jr & Nancy Goldin to Thomas Sherrod, both Bute....330 A in Bute on SS Tarr River, adj Parks and old line of Sims...etc.....
2. Old Bute Co No Caro, DB 5, page 273, 4 Apr 1775....Francis Mabry to Benjaime Seawell, both Bute....200 A in Bute Co on SS Tar River from Buffealo to the Line Branch and up the River, adj Park, where said Mabry now lives...wit: John Gwin, Elizabeth Gwin. Proved by John Gwinn, Bute Aug Court, 1775.
23. Old Bute Co No Caro, DB 6, page 33, 5 Feb 1776. Wm. Parke of Edgecombe Co to his brother John Park of Bute Co, 50 pds Va money for all of his claim to 300 A bought from Edward Powers of Johnson County, 26 Nov 1746, by John Parke, father of said William Parke & John Parke, late of Halifax, decd and left in his will 2 Nov 1764 to his son John Park, but title is not clear and Wm. Park is eldest son & heir. Land on SS Tar River, adj Sims. Wit: Benj. Seawell, Durham Hall, Mosses Parke. Proved by Benjamin Seawell, Bute Feb Court, 1776, Ben McCullouch, CC. Reg 14 April 1776 by James Johnson, PR.
24. Old Bute Co, No Caro, DB 3, page 213. 6 Feb 1771. John Underwood to Jenkins Devinie, both of Bute Co. 150 A in Bute on SS Buffulo Branch adj said Underwood, Wm Park, Thomas Wotten, Lies and land of Lord Granville. Wit: Thomas Bell & John Blake. Prvd by Thomas Bell, Esq.
25. Old Bute Co No Caro, DB 3, page 455...30 Nov 1771....William Kimbrough, of Bute Co to John Park of Halifax Co, 130 pounds Va money for 300 A in Bute Co...on SS Tarr River, both sides Buffaloe Creek, adj Francis Mabry. Wit: Wm. Mosely, William Sessums, Thomas Smith. Proved May Court, 1772, delivered 12 Aug 1772, to John Park.

29. Granville Co, No Caro, DB A, page 7. 26 Nov 1746. John Parke. Edward Powers of County of Johnston North Carolina to John Parke of County and Parish of Edgecombe, 14 pounds current money of Virginia, land in Granville County, about 300 A, on the south of Tarr River, above mouth of the Buffalo.
30. In the first U. S. census, 1790, there were 369 Parks (various spellings) and 628 Perry, listed as heads of households.
31. Granville Co, No Caro, DB Q, page 385. John Parke sold to Robert Priddy, of Granville Co, 150 A. May, 1800. No water course given. See 37 below.
32. Granville Co, No Caro, DB Q, page 427, John Parks sold to Nelson Nailing, 150 A, March 1800. Land on Middle Creek, 63 pounds, says John Parks bought land from William Nailing. See item 36 below.
33. In 1751, a Thomas Perry paid taxes in Shocco District, lower part of now Warren County, No Caro. (This is one of the very few men named Thomas Perry found in early No Caro records.)
34. There are Hammond records in most of these No Caro counties - - not known if they are same Hammond people as ours, but probably have some connection, since some are named Job Hammonds. It has been thought that the Job Hammonds of Nelson County, Ky, was some kin to our Hammonds family who lived in Pulaski County, Ky, later to Lincoln & Pike Cos, Mo.
35. Granville Co, No Caro, DB K, page 128. Joseph Parks sold to John Dickin-son. Both Granville Co. 1772. North side of Tabbs Creek. Wit: John Peace Jr, Richard Hughes (?).
36. Additional information on item 32, above. Land is described as being on Middle Creek, bounded by Wm. Jeffers (son?) line; John Rogers line; John Nuttalls line, James Blackwells line. Wit were John Nuttall, National Robards, and John Raul (?).
37. Additional information on item 31 above. 150 A, land where Parkes now lives. Bounded on south by John Nuttall, East by John Rogers, north by William Jeffreys, west by John _____ (?) and James Blakely. Land Parks bought from Wm. Nailing. Wit: Nathaniel Robards, W. Gorscha
38. Granville Co, No Caro, Mary Lewis made will 1813, mentions dau Sarah Parks
39. Granville County, 1793, John Parks of Granville sold a slave to Jeremiah Blalock. Wit: Wm. Williams; Jeremiah Bailey.
40. According to Wheeler's History of North Carolina, a Thomas Perry was a musician in 1761, Company F, 5th Reg, from Bertie County. (not known if any kin to our Perry family, but of interest because of his given name of Thomas, which we believe to be the name of father of Sinah Perry.)
41. In "The Register of Virginians in the Revolution 1775-1783," is one named Thomas Perry and several named John Perry.

42. In 1790 Federal (US) census, (first Federal Census), these are some of those named Perry:

Thomas Perry, Bertie Co, No Caro
 Thomas Perry, Onslow Co, No Caro
 Thomas Perry, Rockingham Co, No Caro
 John Perrey, Halifax County, Virginia (note spelling)
 Thomas Perrey, Pittsylvania County, Virginia (note spelling)
 John Perry, Halifax, Virginia
 Several named John Perry in various counties in Virginia
 None named Thomas Perry in Virginia in 1790

(Since Sinah Perry married William Parke in 1787, it would seem very likely that her father would still be living in 1790 and would be in the 1790 census of either Virginia or North Carolina.)

43. A Samuel Parks lived in Halifax County, Virginia, had 317 A on Buffalo Creek of the Staunton, River, moved from Halifax to Orange County, No Caro, between 1753 and 1762 (I believe no connection to our Parke family.)

44. Greensville Co, Va (on No Caro line, close to Warren Co, No Caro), 1783 tax list:

Major Parks, Joseph Parks, Lucy Parks, Jeconias Parks

45. From History of Pittsylvania Co, Va., by Clements: John Parks was Justice of Peace in 1780. Lucy Parks married Moses Hutchings, 1780, had these children: William; John; Nancy; Polly; Samuel; Margaret; Robert; Stokely. Moses & Lucy lived just beyond Dry Fork and there is a rock wall graveyard where they are buried.

46. Greensville Co, Va (on No Caro line, close to Warren Co., No Caro), marriages:

1787, Solomon Thompson & Mary Parks, surety was Joseph Parks, wit was John Pritchett
 1799, Solomon Thompson & Nancy Jordon Parks, surety Barthalomew Spence, and Thomas Willeford. Wit were: Joel Ivy, Henry Stafford, Benjamin Rieves; Batte Spence, Abby Parks
 1794, Henry Parks & Milly Smalks. Surety was Solomon Thompson, wit was Henry Cox.
 1790, Joseph Parks & Elizabeth Garres (?). Surety was Henry Cox.
 1799, John Rieves & Mourning Perry. Surety Wm. Tomlinson.

47. Greensville Co, Va, will book 1, page 20. Will of Aaron Parks, made 28 Aug 1781. Names wife Lucy; son Jeconias; dau Ingoda; dau Molly; dau Juda; Rebecca; son Chana; son Aaron. Exec were John Dawson & Jeconias Parks. Wit: John Dawson, Ephriam Peebles, Holliday Haby (?)/ (All daughters in this will called by last name Parks, so apparently none was married. This appeared to be big estate, this man must have died fairly young to have had unmarried daughters, yet seems his son was old enough to be exec, if it is the same man. Will is signed by mar

48. Greensville Co, Va, will book 1, page 70. Will of Joseph Parks. He was of County of Brunswick, in year 1780, when he made will, and it was proved in Greensville 24 Feb 1785. Names sons: Major; Joseph, Henry. Exec: Major & Joseph. Signed by Mark. Wit: Thomas Lightfoot; Benjamin Bynum; Cordall Dupree; Dirby Moody.
49. Greensville Co, Va, will book 4, page 192. Will of John Perry. Estate settled in 1827. Died intestate. Adm was John Brown who apparently was named guardian of John Perry's orphan children. Dorothy Perry was widow. (Children were frequently mentioned as orphans even if one parent was living.) Children are not named. One of those who owed the estate was Joseph Parks (so here is a connection between the Parks and Perry families, though some years after the marriage of our William Parks and Sinah Perry in 1787). Settlement further states there are 4 legatees, not counting widow (so must have been 4 children).
50. Greensville Co, Va: WB 2, page 120. Will of Jeconias Parks. made 18 July 1808. Wife Kesiah Parks. Sons: Aaron; Arthur; John. Exec: wife Kesiah and son John. One son was not of lawful age. Signed by mark. Wit: Hardy Pritchard; Halliday Haley; John Brown Younger; Joseph Fig. Big estate.
51. Brunswick Co, Va (on No Caro line, partially joins Warren Co No Caro) WB 2, page 155. Will of Joseph Parks, 16 Dec 1742, proved 1749. Son Joseph. Land joins Captain Brown. Grandson John Suede (?)ⁿ Wife Judith Parks. Exec wife Judith. Signed by mark. Wit: Charles Campbell; Sinton Haylor (?); David Prines (?). Security for son Joseph when estate was settled were Timothy Rieves and Joseph Wright. Those who bought from the estate were Aaron Parks, John Parks, Joseph Parks, and many others, names not familiar.
52. Mecklenburg Co, Va (on No Caro line, joins Granville, Vⁿnce, and Warren Counties, No Caro). 1786, James Parks, inventory only.
53. A Robert Park made will in 1837, in Mecklenburg, names neices and nephews and friends only, (no familiar names), in codicial says he has bought land in Granville Co near Oxford, large estate, \$50,000 bond. (Don't think he belongs to our Park family.)
54. Halifax County, Va (on No Caro line, partially joins Granville Co, No Caro no early Parks wills. Some Perry, as yet no indication if ours. Marriage in 1788 of John Parks to Patsy Church, bondsman was Joseph Ligo

There are several records of the Hammonds family in this county who are our Hammonds people.
55. Pittsylvania Co, Va (on No Caro line, partially joins Rockingham No Caro) several records of our Hammonds family (who married into Park family in Kentucky). A John Parks served several terms as Justice of Peace, about 1780. Several records of land transactions involving a John Parks and William Parks, and also a Reubin Pain. Believe this Park family belongs to that one who was later in Lincoln County, Kentucky, and then on to St. Clair County, Mo., and as far as we know, no kin to ours.

56. Henry County, Va (partially joins Rockingham Co, No Caro...in Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia, lived many of the people, such as the Stephens, Hoppers, Wilsons, Harrises, etc., who later lived by, and married into our Parke family in Kentucky. Our William Parke & Sinah Perry, after their 1787 marriage in Granville County, must have gone to Kentucky via Henry or Rockingham Co, and joined up with these people, or perhaps were living in Henry, Pittsylvania, or Rockingham, all the time, and just by some quirk of fate, their marriage was recorded in Granville. According to old No Carolina laws, the marriage bond was to be obtained in the county where the bride resided, so if that law was followed, then Sinah Perry lived in Granville, however, we've found no proof of her kin there. Please remember that the bondsman on the bond of William and Sinah was Thomas Kelley. The following will in Henry County may provide some clue.)

Henry Co, Va, will John Kelley, made 25 July 1820, proved 8 Apr 1822. Son Thomas Kelley. Names Mason Kelley but doesn't give relationship. Son John Kelley. Son-in-law Charles Cox. Land on south side of Smith's River. Son Vinson (?) Kelley. Dau Frances Cox. Dau Caty Parks (see * note below). Dau Jinny Vanlaningham. Dau Lucy Gilly. Dau Milly Wilson. Wife Rachel Kelly. Wit: Cornelius Clayton and Terrell Hopper.

*Marriage record of Henry County. Caty Kelley married Joseph Parks, 25 Mar 1799.

This John Kelley lived same place all our other families lived, on the south side of Smith's River. He has connection to the Gilly, Wilson, and Hopper families, all later in Russell County, Ky, with the Parke family. And he had a daughter who married a Parks. And a son with the same name as the man who was the bondsman on the marriage bond of William Parke & Sinah Perry, in 1787, in Granville County.

If we could solve some of the riddles of this will and these relationship I think we'd have some of our Parke family problems solved.

57. ~~Henry County~~ Virginia. Deed, 1788.
William Parks and wife Mary of Rockingham County, No Caro, sell to William Robertson of Henry County, Va., land on both sides of Smith's River at mouth of Leatherwood Creek, land formerly the property of Thomas Wilson. He signed named. She signed mark. Wit: Wm. Coe; Frances Gilley; Thomas Stewart.

Who is this William Parks? He, too, owned land where our Stephens, Wilsons, Harrises, etc., lived, at the mouth of the Leatherwood Creek, land that had belonged to Thomas Wilson...this Thomas is same one whose desendants are still in Russell and Pulaski Counties, Ky.

This is the only Parks grantor listing in Henry County, no Perry. Only Parks grantee listing is the sale of above land from Thomas Wilson to William Parks.

58. In Henry County, Virginia, are several transactions involving our Hammonds family, who also lived later in Kentucky by, and married into, the Parke family.

59. From a book on early marriages of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, it is stated that the families of Mecklenburg and of Granville County, No Caro. were frequently the same families, since the counties joined. The Rowan River, in the northern part of Mecklenburg County kept the people in that county from moving or visiting northward, so they moved, visited, and married into, the families of Granville County, No Carolina, the county which joins Mecklenburg on the south.

If the above is true, then it would be wise for us to search Mecklenburg Co Va again for any clue which might lead us to the families of William Parke and Sinah Perry.

60. Since the name Sinah is such an unusual one, many good people are on the lookout for that name in records they are searching, and they send it along to me, when they locate it or a similar name. One very good correspondent is Mrs. Charles Blake of Hillsborough, No Caro (Orange County), who also searches Perry family. She has recently sent this information. Northumberland County, Virginia (eastern shore), William Wildey had a daughter Sinah Wildey, born Jan 27, 1729 (from Fleet's Colonial Abstracts, etc...). William Wildey was son of William Wildey and was born June 11, 1694.

In Albemarle County, No Carolina (of which the present Granville Co was once a part) is the will of Robert Windley (note slight difference in spelling to name in above paragraph), of Albemarle, July 31, 1688. Son and executor William, daughter Lydia. Other legatees are John Perry, George Perry, John & Elizabeth Eaton. Wit: Edward & Elizabeth Smithwick

So here is a connection between a Sinah, and a Perry family - - unknown at this time if there is a connection, but it is a good clue to work on. We might, for instance, do some guessing - - such as: Our Sinah was born about 1760-65....so she might be the descendant of the above Sinah Wildey (or Windley) in some manner.

61. Halifax County, North Carolina, WB 1, pg 189. Will of John Parke of Halifax Co., No Carolina, made Nov 2, 1764, proved July 1766. To son John Parke, land in Granville Co, on Tarr River. Sons: Joseph & Moses Parke, land I live on and 2 tracts adjoining. To Mary Phillips as long as she remains single from marrying, cattle, hogs, and house to live in and some part of plantation containing 5000 corn hills and feather bed - - without being molested by my sons or any other person and at her death to return to my three youngest sons. Rest of estate to be divided between sons, John, Joseph, and Moses Parks. Execs: Son John Parke & my brothers Joseph Parke & Aaron Parke. Wit: Thomas Marshall, Amy Marshall, Joel Hurt.

(From this will, we know that this John Parke had at least one son, and possibly more, other than the three he refers to above as "my three youngest sons.")

62. Warren County, North Carolina, DB 6, page 33 (Old Bute records). William Park of the County of Edgecombe, N C., to John Parke of the County of Bute, 5 Feb 1776. For 50 pounds Virginia money, all the claim he the said William Park has to that tract or parcel of land which John Park the Father of the aforesaid William Parke & John Parke late of Halifax Co., No. C., dec'd, bought of Edward Powers of Johnson Co 26 Nov 1746. In his last Will and Testament, dated 2 Nov 1764, John Park gave this

land to John Park his son, the land lying on south side of Tar River. The title not appearing clear enough to convey the aforesd. land in fee simple to him, the sd. John Park - - as appears by the will of his aforesaid Father John Park...he the above said William Park, eldest son and heir of the aforesaid John Parke of Halifax Co., dec'd. wants to bare himself and his heirs of claiming any right or title to the said land - - and conveys to his brother John Park all right that appears to this land on south side of Tar River above the mouth of the Buffulelow, Sims (?) corner - - 300 Acres. Wit: Benjamin Seawell; Durham Hall (?); Moses Parke. Deed proved by Seawell Feb Court 1776.

(This deed indicates that another son of John Parke, who made the will, item 61 above, was William Parke, who is called the eldest son and heir. This William Parke may have been a son by a first wife, a wife other than the mother of the three youngest sons who are mentioned in the father's will, item 61.)

63. Granville County, North Colina, Militia, 1771, in Captain Jonathan Kittrell Company were Joseph Park and William Parke.

64. Warren Co. No Caro, court minutes, 1782.. "It appears to the court that John Parks is deceased and left Issue. Ordered that his widow who has since intermarried with William Cooper and her present husband be summoned to the next court to show cause why Osborne Jeffreys should not have a order for survey it being suggested that Mrs. Cooper was appointed guardian for the heirs of her first husband."

(No marriage record has been found for the marriage of the Widow Parke and William Cooper - - her first name now known. She is the widow of the John Parke who inherited his father's land, item 61, and the one whose brother William Parke paid him for his interest in his father's estate. I have written to Archives at Raleigh for copy of Guardian Bond, if one exists, but have been unable to get it - - it should be available, however.)

65. Franklin County, No Caro, Will of William Cooper. WB B, page 73. Names Priscilla Elliott, wife of Alexander Elliott; Polly Sledge, late wife of Hamblin Sledge; Nancy Parks. Will is dated 29 Jan 1801, no probate. *Have his will - he also mentions Priscilla, wife of Joel Sledge.*
(Polly Sledge is former Polly Parks.)

66. Franklin County, No Caro, WB B, pg 134. Division of land of John Parks, deceased....two tracts of land in Franklin County lying on Buffalow Creek.....Names Polly Sledge, Elizabeth Parks, Joel Sledge, Benjamin Sherrod. The land was divided into 3 lots and the lots were drawn by Polly Sledge, Benjamin Sherrod and Joel Sledge. Dated 23 June 1801. Wit: H. Hill; John Gholson; R. Turner (?); John Perry; G. Hill, Jr.

(The daughters of this John Parks were Polly, who had married two Sledge cousins; Elizabeth, who was deceased when the above division was made; Nancy who had married Benjamin Sherrod. It is not understood how Joel Sledge received a part of this land, that is, he drew a lot, unless he too had married a Parks daughter - - no proof of this yet, but he had a share in the estate by some manner.)

67. Franklin Co, No Caro, WB B, page 133. Account of sales of the estate of Elizabeth Parks, decd, 4 Apr 1801. 1 pine chest bought by Samuel Jones Esquire; 1 negro girl Peggy bought by Benjamin Sherrod; 1 negro boy Pike bought by Polly Sledge. Payments for services were paid from the estate to Benjaime Sherrod; Joel Sledge as administrator of Hamblin Sledge, decd; Joel Sledge. Notes due the estate were given by Hamblin Sledge; Wm Cooper, decd. On 10 July 1802, the undersigned commissioners being appointed for the purpose, audited and examined the account current of John E. Denson with the estate of Elizabeth Park....etc....find in order.etc.....Signed Jom Hill, G. Hill, Jr.
68. Franklin Co, No Caro, DB 15, page 243. 4 Oct 1810. Person Sledge and his wife Polly Sledge, to Simon Jeffreys Sr, all of Franklin County, N C... land on SS of Buffalo Creek and bounded by Benjaime Sherrod's, Joel Sledge's, John Ellotts; and the aforesaid Simon Jeffreys, Sr., 50 A which Polly Sledge received by the death of Elizabeth Park, her sister... etc.....Wit: Joel Sledge; Benjaime Sherrod; William Jeffreys. Proved 13 Sept 1811.
69. Edgecombe County, No Caro - - according to a reference book, there is an inventory in this county, in or about 1730, for William Parks. I have been unable to get a copy from the Archives.
70. Nash County, No Caro. Inventory for William Parke, dated 29 Aug 1814. This inventory shown in Joseph Watson book, "Abstract of Early Records of Nash County," but I have been unable to get copy. The principal buyer was William Parkes, Jr., accounts paid to Mary Parkes, Elizabeth Morgan, William Parkes, and Moses Parks. Presented at Feb term, 1816.
- .. In Franklin County, No Caro, there is supposedly a deed from Moses Parks to John and Betty Parks, Book A, page 206. I do not have further information about this deed, but should have it soon.
72. See item 12 above. According to recent information received by me from Patsy Pace Barefoot of Franklinton, No Caro, this Moses Parke died in Oglethrope Co. Georgia.
73. Franklin Co, No Caro, DB 22, page 67, and DEB 25, page 9.....Deed 26 Jan 1828...Involves Sledge family..... Mary Sledge, formerly widow of Hamblin Sledge and now married to Person Sledge of Franklin County....had 4 children by first marriage and 2 by 2nd.....Sidney Sledge, son of the 2nd marriage, now resides in Lawrence Co., Alabama, sold to Oliver D. Sledge, town of Huntsville, County of Madison, state of Alabama, his 1/6 interest in his mother's land. Tract known by name of Person Sledge tract, Tarr River, joins Cal Sheward, Doctor Willie Perry, Joel Sledge's Mill pond, Buffalo Creek. 205 A. Wit: Benjamine Moore; L. D. Brandon; Asa Pryor.
74. Nash Co, No Caro DB 1, page 344. 12 Feb 1787....William Parks of Nash County sells to Thomas Sutton of Nash County. 250 A. Mouth of Dead Bottom Branch lading into Tarr River....head of Arthur W lliams Branch.....to Nicholsons line....to James Taylor's line. Signed by William Parks and Jimima Parks. Wit were George Sutton & Lucy Sutton. Proved May term, 1787.
75. Nash Co, No Caro, DB 8, page 137. 25 Feb 1804. William Parks Sr sells to Cornelius Sullivent...both of Nash County....tract of land on SS of

Tarr River....Williams Branch....Suttons line....Deep Bottom Branch....
 Booths line....Cockrells line....150 A. No wife signed with William
 Parks. Wit were Jno. Glover and J. Taylor. Proved Aug 1806.

76. Nash County, No Caro, DB 5, page 260. William Parks Senior to Moses Parks, both Nash County. William Parks sells to Moses Parks, a certain tract of land lying and being in County aforesaid, lying and being on the SS of Tar River, it being one part of five hundred and eighty eight granted to said William Parks and including forty-four acres known by the name of Stokes land and said Parkers Old Mill containing one hundred acres, more or less, joining one parcell of said land that was conveyed to said Parks to his son William, bearing date as above mentioned, and I the said William Parks...etc.....No wife signed. Wit were J. Bonds and Samuel Sutton. Proved in August court, 1811. Deed was made 8 June 1811.

(Above deed is confusing....Register of Deeds, who sent copy to me, states it is old and faded and difficult to read - - it appears that the seller William Parks received 588 A as grant, and this includes the land known as Stokes land and the old Parkers Mill which contains 100 A, and it joins land that Wm Parks Sr conveyed to his son Wm Parks on same date - - however, there is no deed of Wm Sr to Wm Jr in that county.)

77. Nash County, No Caro, DB 8, page 137. 8 Feb 1818. William Harrison to Moses Parks. Tract of land adjoining the said Moses Parks, William Frazee Jesse Boothe & the Heirs of Cornelius Sullivent deceased, and Osbon Strickland, being on Tar River....135 A....Signed by Wm. Harrison, wit were Exum Alford and William Freeman. Proved Feb 1826.