### Family Group Sheet

**Husband: William Parker**

- Born: Bet. 1771 - 1775 in: Pennsylvania
- Married: August 02, 1803 in: Ross County, Ohio (Chillicothe?), by Rev. William Davis, Esquire (JP)
- Died: Bet. 1836 - 1840 in: Fulton County, Illinois

**Wife: Elizabeth Davis**

- Born: Bet. 1781 - 1790 in: Pennsylvania
- Died: Bet. 1840 - 1846 in: Maybe in Highland County, Ohio
- Father: TBD Davis
- Mother: Unknown Mother

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| Burial: | Maybe in Fairview Cemetery, Illinois. |
| Census: | 1820 |
| Fairfield twp, Highland Co., Ohio, Listed as Head of Household, with 12 males and 5 females. |
| Source: | Contains Information on William Moses Parker's family. |
| Property: | 1834 |
| Hendricks County, Indiana; received 40 Acres of government land, gave his residence as Marion county. |
| Source: | Land transaction, William & Elizabeth, and children (pgd0042). |
| Residence: | 1834 |
| gave as Marion Co. Indiana, on land deal |

Summary

Soon after their marriage, William and Elizabeth settled in Greenfield, Highland Co., Ohio, west of Chillicothe. Several of their children were born there. In 1833, William and Elizabeth moved to Indiana. In 1834, they resided in Hendricks Co., Indiana, later in Marion Co., Indiana. In 1836 William and family sold their residence in Marion Co, Indiana. That year, William and Elizabeth moved to Illinois. On March 13, 1837, they brought land north of Fairview, Fulton Co, Illinois. William died between 1836 and 1840 and was survived by his wife. She bought three parcels about April, 1840 in Farmington, Illinois.

Notes

Record of Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810
Marriage Record of the Swedes’ Church, (Gloria Dei.), Philadelphia 1750–1810
1795, Nov. 15, Parker, William, and Dorothy Bowers.

Pictorial and Biographical Record of La Porte, Porter, Lake and Starke Counties, INDIANA
Nicholas Closer article page 390-392
And
History of La Porte: Chicago; Chas. C. Chapman & Co. 1880

TIME LINE AND DETAILS

There are several references to a William Parker in the War of 1812. He was in the 1813 and the 1814 roll of Capt. George Briant’s Co and Capt. John Campbell’s Mounted Co. Is this our William? This is probably the William living in Paint Township. He appears to be a better age to be in the conflict.

1820 census, Fairfield, Highland, Ohio
William Parker, Head of household
5 males to 10, (1810 to 1820), maybe - William D. (1811), John A. (1813), Branson (1819) and two unknowns
2 males 10 to 16, (1804-1810), probably James and Joshua
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1 male 16 to 26, (1794-1804), unknown
1 male 45 and up, (before 1875), William Parker
2 females, 10 to 16; (1804-1810), probably Sarah and Rebecca
1 female 26 to 45, (1775-1794), probably Elizabeth Davis
1 female 45 and up, unknown older woman.

The 1820 census shows 9 males and 4 females with William apparently the head of household. There is a female between the ages of 45 and 100 on this census. All five of the males under 10, cannot be accounted for at this time. Who are these people? William is 45 and up, Elizabeth is 26 to 45. The census info is 520101-02011. The person in commerce doesn’t exist in the 1830 census.

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Land Records of Highland County, Ohio.
Fayette Co., Ky Alexander Parker mentioned in 1800-1820 also Wm. L. Todd and Eleanor.

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Land Records of Highland County, Ohio.

---- Page 13, Same date,
Wm. Parker and Elizabeth HW of Highland Co., Mortgage on 150A.130P.

The marriage record for his son, dated 9/25/1828, shows James was married by a William Parker, JP. There is no hint as to if this was James’s father. Only one William can be found in Highland county at this time. There may be a record somewhere showing a William Parker as a Justice of Peace. Need to find it for verification.

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The 1830 census, Fairfield, Highland, Ohio; Roll: M19_133; Page: 67; Image: 138
William Parker
One male 5-10, probably Lewis F.
3 males 10-15, probably, Branson(abt 11), two unknown others?
2 males 15-20; probably John A.(abt 17), William D. (abt 19)
1 male 50-60; William
1 female 5-10; unknown, may be Ann Foster
1 female 15-20; probably Rebecca (abt. 21)
1 female 40-50, probably Elizabeth
1 female 90-100; unknown

The census info is 0132100100000-010100100001

As head of household, shows William's age to be 50 and under 60, thus his birth dates should be 1771 - 1780. Also the older female on the 1820 census is still here. There are only 8 males and 4 females on this census. The youngest male appears to be Lewis. As in the 1820 census, there are both males and females that cannot be accounted for.

Using the 1820 and 1830 census, William’s birth date would be 1771-1775.

After looking at various census data up to 1830, the older female in William's household might be William's mother. The reason for this assumption is in the 1820 census a Joshua Davis and wife, both over 45, lives next door to William and they have no occupation. I suspect Joshua Davis is Elizabeth's parents. The other people in William's household could be relatives, nieces, nephews from either side of the family. In the 1820 census, it appears there are two farmers and one engaged in commerce. One of these is probably James R., a farmer. He was married in 1828, and is next door in 1830, and it appears to be the same place as Joshua was in 1820.

William and Elizabeth's oldest child, Sarah and her husband, Josiah Hughey, stayed in Ohio when the rest of the Parker family moved west to Indiana around 1833, prior to Rebecca's marriage which occurred in Indiana in March 14, 1833, in Indianapolis, Marion Co., Indiana.

A Ross County, Ohio Probate Court paper, 1834, shows a William Parker as a bondsman for Joseph Parker. Job Parker also listed on this document. Job Parker is suspected to have a son by the name of Joseph. It is uncertain who this Joseph is, but, this William is probably the William of Paint. Our William was in Indiana in 1834.

In 1834 - William Parker entered forty acres of government land in Hendricks County, Indiana. At that time he gave his residence as Marion County, Indiana. The property description is "the southwest quarter of Southwest quarter of section five in township fourteen, north of, range one, west, in the district of lands subject to sale at
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Crawfordsville, Indiana containing forty acres. The meridian is 2nd PM.

In June 18, 1835, there was a big tornado that swept through Fulton County, Illinois. Per records, it was mostly between Fairview and Canton.

In 1836, he sold the 1834 land and again gave his residence as Marion county. His wife, Elizabeth, joins in the conveyance.

William and Elizabeth recorded a sale of land (their residence?) on July 9, 1836, Deed book 5, page 159, Marion Co, Indianapolis county seat.

William Davis transferred to William Parker

Instrument date = March 13, 1837,
Recorded Date = Nov. 17, 1837
Township = 8 North; Range = 8 East; 4th P. Meridian (Fairview township, Fulton Co., Illinois)
N. E. 1/4 Sec. 28
Recorder # = 3664;
Acres = 40 NE
Book 6, page 207

There has not been any obvious transfer of this property to anyone else. See Elizabeth, and John for any activities. Starting around 1844, this same property appears to be owned by his children. They are transferring it to their Mother who later sells it.

A strange Land patent from BLM was recorded on 4/5/1837. The land appears to have been purchased for William Parker by a Joshua Davis, assignor of William Parker. The land description is the Southeast quarter of section thirty five, in township sixteen North, of range thirteen west of the third principal Meridian containing 160 acres. This land is apparently in Morgan County, Illinois. Whose William is this? Also who is Joshua Davis, 'Elizabeth's brother?' There is a Joshua Davis in the 1835 Morgan County, Illinois state or colonial census.

An La Porte Biography of Nicholas W. Closser, states Rebecca's father William died in Illinois. The article was written after 1881.

Per the 1880 census for Joshua Davis and John A. Parker, their father, William, was born in Pennsylvania.

The Obituary of Nicholas Closser, about 1891, of La Porte, IN, states that the father of his wife was William Parker, a millwright from Pennsylvania.

Many of the county's cemeteries have been searched for William without success. Special emphasis had been on the Fairview cemeteries. The Lyons and the Fairview cemetery has not been searched. Only one cemetery in Canton has been done and all of them in Lewistown have except the large one in Lewistown.

The Farmington Township cemeteries have all been done except the large one in the town. William could not be found in any of these.

In several articles written about Lewis F. Parker, their son, he states the following

...his parents being William and Elizabeth (Davis) Parker, both natives of Pennsylvania. On his paternal side Major Parker was of English descent, while his mother's people were of Welsh origin. His parents removed to Highland County, Ohio, and later to Indianapolis, Ind., where William Parker built the first flouring mill. ..........

1839: This was known as the sick year along the Mississippi River near Rock Island and Fulton Counties. The fever and ague prevailed. A great deal of sickness also occurred in DeKalb County.

The following data was collected from various web sources. It is not known if the Parkers shown in this data is related to this William Parker. I have included the data for future references. The Fosters did live in Bedford County around 1796 to 1800, but, unsure if my Parkers came from Bedford.

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Family Group Sheet

Colerain Township  1772, Bedford County, PA

Henry Ammerman (1h, 5c), Robert Bradshaw (2h, 2c), Joseph Bennett (1h, 1c), Henry Brown, William Buchanan, Lawrence Coons (1h, 2c), John Cheek (2c), Daniel Collins, John Croyle (1h, 1c), Robert Culbertson (2h, 4c), Thomas Croyle (1c), John Cessna (1 negro, 2h, 2c), John Cunningham, Caspar Defebaugh (2h, 1c), Barnard Dougherty (1 servant, 2h, 6c), William Duffield, John England (1h), Hugh Ferguson (2h, 2c), William Fredrigal (1h), John Friend Jr (2h, 1c), Joseph Friend (2h, 2c), John Fry, Henry Hinish (1c), Col. Holdiman, John Johnston (2h, 1c), Thomas Johnston (2h, 3c), William Levan (renter) (1h, 2c), John Little, James Martin, William McCombs (2h, 3c), Robert McFerron, Abraham Miley (1 gristmill, 1 sawmill, 4h, 3c), Christopher Miller (2h, 2c), Oliver Miller (2h, 4c), John Moore (2h, 2c), Robert Moore (1 gristmill, 2h, 2c), Samuel Moore (2h, 2c), Joseph Morrison (2h, 2c), John Mortimore (2h, 3c), Henderson Murphy (renter) (1h, 4c), James Newell (2h, 2c), John Ormsby, William Parker (2h, 3c)

The Class Tax of 1782

Brothers Valley Township, Bedford County, PA
39th Class

Peter Augenstine (0.6.4), Frederick Ambrosia (0.19.4), Frederick Oldfather (0.18.9), Peter --am (0.6.8), George Britts (0.8.4), Michael Beeghley (1.16.7), Ludovick Berkley (0.8.0), Peter Boogher (0.6.7), John Burger (5.10.7), Abraham Brighten (1.7.8), James Parker (0.14.8)

1798 Tax List
The following persons live partly in Providence and Belfast Townships:

Logan, Benjamin .12
Logan, Charles .12
Logan, James .12
Logan, William .12
Parker, D. William .97

February 26, 1799. Proved March 30, 1799.
Wife Jane, son John and Friend William Buckman exrs.
Son Abraham’s ch., Sarah, Mary, Hugh, John and Robert.
Sons John and Joseph.
Daus. Sarah, Susanna (her son John McConkey), Mary wife of William Parker,
Margaret, Jane and her ch. Rebekah and her ch.

Marriage Information

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Marriage Notes

There are several references to their marriage. I have the actual record of the recording in Ross County, Ohio. It was signed by the Justice of Peace, William Davis, Esq. Besides in the county records, this record is also on a microfilm at Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT, Film #s 0281637-0281639.

Burial: Maybe in Fairview Cemetery, Illinois.
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| Burial: | maybe Ohio near the Hugheys |
| Source: | Letter from Marion, PGD0123. |
| Census: | 1840 |
| Emigration: | Aft. 1840 Ferguson, Fulton County, Illinois |
| Source: | 1830 Census, Fairfield Twp, Highland County, Ohio; handwritten note. |

Address and Phone(s) |

Medical

Notes

The 1820 census indicates Elizabeth's age as 26 to 45, ie., born between 1775-1794.

William Parker, head of household

The 1830 census shows Elizabeth's age between 40 and 50, ie., birth date is between 1780 and 1790.

William Parker, head of household

Since Elizabeth married in 1803 and if she was born in 1790, she would have been 13. If she married at what appeared to be a typical age in those days, she would have been around 18. Therefore, Elizabeth was most likely born between 1781 and 1785 in Pennsylvania.

The 1840, Fairview Township, Fulton Co., Illinois, page 218A

Elizabeth Parker

1 male 15-20, probably Lewis (abt 16)
2 males 20-30; probably Branson (abt 21); 1 Unknown (Could it be Josiah?)
1 female 15-20; probably Ann Foster (abt 15).
1 female 50-60; Elizabeth birth year = 1780-1790.

Comments by Aunt Alta:

--The 15-20 female could be Ann Foster since she lived with the Parkers after her grandmother died in 1839.
--This is suspected to be my Elizabeth. A comment by others on the one unknown Male, Can this be Erurn or Edward & Henry? or Thomas? Unsure what is meant or who those names are? Erurn unsure of spelling, but that is what was written, could be Edwin and was noted on James R. notes.

There has been an unidentified male in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 census that could be Josiah Parker if he was born before 1819 and after 1813, otherwords about 1817. There is a 1860 census in Des Moines for a Josiah that is 43 years old and born in Ohio.

Sometime after this 1840 census, Elizabeth disappeared. Branson and Ann were married in Illinois in 1843, the same place of this census. Therefore, Elizabeth probably didn't leave Illinois until after that. Second Lewis Parker was married in La Porte, Indiana in 1847, did Elizabeth go to La Porte with Branson and Lewis. Also one son was in Marion County, Indiana. Did she go there? Or did she go to Iowa where another son was? or die in Illinois and is buried with William?

Found an Elizabeth Parker in 1850 census for La Porte Co., Indiana, the wrong one she is only 24 years old.

In searching in the above places at ancestry.com, she was not found on ancestry.com. Still need to do more research in this area. Some estimate her death between 1840 and 1846 and that she died in Highland County, Ohio near her daughter Sarah. I have as yet to find anything supporting that claim.
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Recorded # 11469
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 9/18/1844
Book 16, page 50
Parties:
Robert Combs & Martha Combs hw and Joseph P. Combs and Mary Combs hw and James R. Parker & Anna Parker hw and Joshua D. Parker & Martha Ann Parker hw and John Parker & Sophia Parker hw and Branson Parker and Ann Parker hw and Josiah Parker and Nathan Darland and Lewis F. Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the first part & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: all the above except Nathan Darland.

Proven Signatures: all of the above except Nathan Darland.

The above sold 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker for $100. There are multiple transactions of selling this 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker. See Elizabeth for details of all transactions.

Recorded # 11471
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 10/11/1844
Book 16, page 53
Parties:
Nicholas W. Closser & Rebecca Closser hw and William D. Parker & Sarah Ann Parker hw of the county of LaPorte and State of Indiana of the first & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: all the above of the first part

Proven Signatures: all of the above

The above sold 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker for $100. There are multiple transactions of selling this 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker.

Recorded # 11472
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 3/6/1845
Book 16, page 54
Parties:
Josiah R. Hughey & Sarah Hughey hw of the County of Highland and State of Ohio of the first & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: all the above of the first part

Proven Signatures: all of the above

The above sold 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker for $100. There are multiple transactions of selling this 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker.

Recorded # 11470
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 9/23/1844
Parties: Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the first part & Johnson Dehart of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: Her Mark
Proven Signatures: Elizabeth Parker

Elizabeth Parker sold the 40 acres for $300. She received this 40 acres from her known children plus three other people that might be related.

The Illinois Public Land Purchase Records indicates an Elizabeth purchased the following:

- Section 1: Sect 1 Township 01S Range 04W Acres 4 Date 12/22/1834 Reside 85 Volume 702 Page 74, ID 225648 (Brown Co.)
- Section 2: Sect 1 Township 01S Range 04W Acres 4 Date 12/22/1834 Reside 0 Volume 700 Page 124, ID 286162 (Brown Co.)
- Section 3: Sect 9 Township 01S Range 05W Acres 3 Date 09/17/1840 Reside 14 Volume 31 Page 190, ID 388234 (Clinton/Wash. Co.)

The Reside 85 is Schuyler Co. and the land is in Brown Co. The date of these records usually follow the actual transaction by a couple of years, therefore the actual dates would be about 1832 to 1834. These two transactions appear to be a different Elizabeth since this Elizabeth is believed to be in Ohio and Indiana during that time frame.

The Clinton or Washington County are in the southern part of the state and far from Fulton Co. My Elizabeth is known to be in Fulton county in 1840, thus, I suspect these land transactions are not my Elizabeth.

Joshua Davis Parker's and John A.'s 1880 census in California/Iowa showed she was born in Pennsylvania.

Investigated various Davises. Looked at census data for Ohio in the 1800 to 1820 area and came up with several candidates. One particular seem very promising and that is a Joshua Davis. In the 1820 census, he and a woman (his wife?) is William's neighbor and is over 45. None of the possible occupation columns are checked, Agriculture, Mfr, or commerce. They are not around in the 1830 census. Matter of fact, James R. Parker is William's neighbor in 1830. If the census was done the same way, their son would be in the same house as Joshua. I found two Joshua's in Pennsylvania in the 1790 census, one in Washington county, one in Chester County. The one is Washington county has a family that could include Elizabeth, while the one in Chester County, the family didn't have a female in the house other that what is probably his wife. I need to work on the Joshua in Washington. There are several other prospects for Elizabeth's parents. More to come later.

There is also the possibility that William Davis who married Elizabeth and William is Elizabeth's father, but, he could also be her brother. There are at least one Joshua and a Branson in the area who could also be Elizabeth's brothers.

Have not proved that Elizabeth is buried near the Hugheys. Have searched many cemeteries including the cemeteries where Josiah and Sarah Hughey are buried and no Elizabeth Parker is buried there.

marriages in Hendricks County, Indiana

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PARKER, ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON, CASEY fayette Co., Ill, marriage Illinois, 8/24/1844

Doesn't appear to be this Elizabeth.

Burial: maybe Ohio near the Hugheys
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See her husband Josiah, for 1845 land transaction

Recorded # 11472
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 3/6/1845
Book 16, page 54

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In 1880 she is living with her son James M.

Page 248, Death Record Book 1, Highland Co. Probate Court, Hillsboro, Ohio
Sarah R. Hughey, died Jan. 30, 1884
age 79 yrs, 10 mos 29 days at time of death.
Place of Death: Madison Twp., Highland Co., O.
Place of birth: Ohio
Occupation: farmer;
Names of parents not given
status: widowed
Cause of death: general debility
place of residence: Madison Twp., Highland Co., O.
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<td><strong>Occupation:</strong> Blacksmith per census</td>
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<td>Sold a lot in Hendricks County, Indiana</td>
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**Notes**

James and his wife left Ohio in 1833 with his parents. First settling in Indiana, then to Fulton Co., Illinois and later into Prairie City, McDonough County, Illinois. He spent several years in Canton per incorporation of Canton records and census records. A Weyer family tree shows birth place of Pike Co. Ohio, in 1806. I have never placed the Parker's in Pike County.

A handwritten note by an unknown author (probably Aunt Alta or Marion Young) states the following:

James R. Parker was born in Highland Co., Ohio in 1805. He married Anna Weyer there in 1828. Their first child (according to this 1830 census record) was a daughter born 1829. She must be the Maria L. Parker married to Alonzo Barnes in Canton, Ill in June 1849. Their second child was a son William born in 1832, then Jacob born in 1833 the year they left Ohio. Their son William moved to Cass Co, Iowa, where he died Sept. 2, 1878. He married Emily Walker, Dec 31, 1854 in Fulton Co., Illinois. Their son Nathan was born in 1841 in Fulton Co., Ill. Their first child born in that state. Four more children (all girls) were born to them there.


James R. Parker
1 male 15 to 20, Unknown (1810-1815)
1 male 20 to 30, probably James, (1800-1810)
1 female 0 to 5, probably Maria, (1825-1830)
1 female 20 to 30, probably Anna, (1800-1818)
Who is the unknown? Is it James" or Anna's brother or someone else.

Highland County, Ohio Original Deed Book 1, p. 447: James Parker buys 59 1/2 acres In Highland County from Leonard Butler and Sarah his wife, on 28 April 1830.
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Highland County, Ohio Order Deed Book 1, pg 344, 5 Nov., 1832
Jacob Weyer and Mary HW to James R. Parker, 50A.

Highland County, Ohio Order Deed Book 1, pg 462, 12 Feb 1833
James R. Parker and Anny HW to Elenor Simmons, 59 1/2 A.

Highland County, Ohio Original Deed Book 5, p.50: James R. Parker and Anny his wife of Hendricks Co., Ind., to Caleb H. Thayer of Highland Co., 50 Acres Parker had bought earlier from Jacob & Mary Weyer. Sale dated 10 Feb. 1835.

Hendricks County, Indiana Deed Book 5 page 159, July 9, 1836
James R. Parker and wife, Anny; Joshua D. Parker and wife, Nancy; and Andrew Weyer and wife Sally - all of Hendricks county, Indiana convey to Charles Vertrece for $60 2/3 of lot 10 in square 6 in the town of Bellville. (PGD0042)

BLM Record # 21106; Date 1/1/1835, 40 Acres in Indiana: NWNW; section 8; township 14-N; Range 1-W; Meridian 2nd PM; Hendricks County to James R. Parker.

BLM Record # 21105; Date 1/1/1835, 80 Acres in Indiana: E 1/2 NW; section 8; township 14-N; Range 1-W; Meridian 2nd PM; Hendricks County to James R. Parker.

The 1840 census, Canton, Fulton, Illinois, page 228, ancestry.com image 27.
J. R. Parker
2 males under 5; (1835-1840), both unknowns.
2 males 5 under 10; (1830-1835), maybe William W. and Jacob
1 male 20 under 30; (1810-1820), Unknown - is this the same person in the 1830 census?
1 male 30 under 40; (1800-1810), Probably James.
1 female under 5; (1835-1840), unknown
1 female 10 under 15, (1825-1830), maybe Maria
1 female 30 under 40, (1800-1810), Probably Anna
Comments by Aunt Alta:
--20-30 male: who is this, Could be Edwin or Henry or Thomas?
My response - who are these males?
--Who are the 2 males and 1 female under 5? One could be Nathan at less than one year old, using the 1850 census and the 1860 census of 21 years old, this age could be justified.
Could the unknown male be a brother of James or Anna and the unknown children are his? One theory is it is Andrew Weyer and his children.

1845 tax assessment for Fulton Co.
Fairview Township 8N3E
--Patentee - James R. Parker, sec 21, 40 acres

James R., 45, Blacksmith, 1500, Ohio
Anna, 44, Ohio
William, 18, cooper, Ohio
Jacob, 17, Blacksmith, Ohio
Nathan, 9, Illinois
Mary M., 6, Illinois
Rebecca J., 5, Illinois
Elizabeth A., 3, Illinois
Laura E., 2, Illinois
Used this census to calculate the childrens' ages.
The oldest child Maria had married Alonzo Barnes in 1849.

Found both a Thomas and Ewin in the 1850 census for Fulton Co. haven't found the Thomas actual page yet. It is suppose to be Lafayette, Fulton co., Ill. Roll=M432_107, page 143, image 148

Ewin Parker, 33, M., Farmer, $1600, Ohio
Caralinah, 25, F., Ohio
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Jacob J., 3, Ill
Rachael A. 1, F., Ill.
Wesley Chaddack, 17, M, Ill
William Carithers, 17, M, Ohio

Hillsborough Gazette, Vol. 14., No. 46 Hillsborough, Ohio July 8, 1832
"Three columns devoted to the 4th of July Celebration named the following persons as having given toasts: ....
James R. Parker, ..... (there were about 50 other names in this list.)"

February 12, 1833, James R. Parker and wife Anny sold land to "Eleanor Simmons" (unsure of name at this time).
59 1/2 acres of land near Brushcreek, Ohio?

In 1833, James and family moved to Indiana and then in 1835, continued on west to Illinois. Actually I believe that the year to Illinois was 1836 due to the following sequence of events.

On 1/1/1835, per two BLM documents, a James Reed Parker purchased two plots of land in Hendricks Co., Indiana, giving his address as Marion Co., Indiana. This acreage totaled 120 acres. The two documents, #s 21105 and 21106. These formal patentee documents are usually 2 to 3 years behind the actual transaction. (pgd0005)

From the above BLM document, Reed was chosen to be James' middle name. No other James R. have been found in this area during this time frame, also his parents and at least Joshua, his brother is in the same area. James has not been proven to be in the area except for these two land transaction and his parents were here.

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James R. Parker Purchased 40 acres of Illinois Public Domain land on 08/12/1836. The description is SESW, sec. 21, 08N, 03E, meridan 4, Fulton, Volume 696, page 134.

The BLM document was issued on 11/3/1840. This description puts the land in Fairview Township, Fulton County, Illinois. This is near what is shown as a strip mine today. This property is near his brother's and his father-in-law's properties. (Illinois land records and pgd0006).

Canton, Fulton Co., Illinois notes*****

In the Probate papers for Benjamin Foster, executed in Fulton Co., Illinois, there is a bill that was allowed to F. R. or T. R. (couldn't tell which) Parker for $3.62 for making plow clips and openings or open rings, dated April 2, 1839. This is probably James since he was a blacksmith.

On 08/1841, a Fulton County Circuit Curt Case File # 352.2, lists the plaintiff, James R. Parker and a defendant Aaron Gillstrap. The record shows that Aaron owed James $33.25. It appears that Aaron lost the court case and had to pay. The records that I have on this case do not state what services were delivered for the money due.

************Canton's and James R.'s part in the Mormon War.************
http://www.globusz.com/ebooks/Mormons/00000059.htm

CHAPTER XX.
THE EVACUATION OF NAUVOO:

After this nothing more serious than a war of words occurred until July 11, when an event happened which aroused the feeling of both parties to the fighting pitch. Three Mormons from Nauvoo had been harvesting a field of grain about eight miles from the city.* In some way they angered a man living near by (according to his wife's affidavit, by shooting around his fields, using his stable for their horses, and feeding his oats), and he collected some neighbors, who gave the offenders a whipping, more or less severe, according to the account accepted. The men went at once to Nauvoo, and exhibited their backs, and that night a Mormon posse arrested seventeen Antis and conveyed them to Nauvoo. The Antis in turn seized five Mormons whom they held as "hostages," and the northern part of Hancock County and a part of McDonough were in a state of alarm.

* The Eagle stated that the farm where the Mormons were at work had been bought by a New Citizen, who had sent out both Mormons and New Citizens to cut the grain.
Civil chaos ensued. General Hardin and Major Warren had joined the federal army that was to march against Mexico, and their cool judgment was greatly missed. One Carlin, appointed as a special constable, called on the citizens of Hancock County to assemble as his posse to assist in executing warrants in Nauvoo, and the Mormons of that city at once took steps to resist arrests by him. Governor Ford sent Major Parker of Fulton County, who was a Whig, to make an inquiry at Nauvoo and defend that city against rioting, and Mr. Brayman remained there to report to him on the course of affairs.

What was called at that time, in Illinois, "the last Mormon war" opened with a fusillade of correspondence between Carlin and Major Parker. Parker issued a proclamation, calling on all good citizens to return to their homes, and Carlin declared that he would obey no authority which tried to prevent him from doing his duty, telling the major that it would "take something more than words" to disperse his posse. While Parker was issuing a series of proclamations, the so-called posse was, on August 25, placed under the command of Colonel J. B. Chittenden of Adams County, who was superseded three days later by Colonel Singleton. Colonel Singleton was successful in arranging with Major Parker terms of peace, which provided among other things that all the Mormons should be out of the state in sixty days, except heads of families who remained to close their business; but the colonel's officers rejected this agreement, and the colonel thereupon left the camp. Carlin at once appointed Colonel Brockman to the chief command. He was a Campbellite preacher who, according to Ford, had been a public defaulter and had been "silenced" by his church. After rejecting another offer of compromise made by the Mormons, Brockman, on September 11, with about seven hundred men who called themselves a posse, advanced against Nauvoo, with some small field pieces. Governor Ford had authorized Major Flood, commanding the militia of Adams County, to raise a force to preserve order in Hancock; but the major, knowing that such action would only incense the force of the Antis, disregarded the governor's request. At this juncture Major Parker was relieved of the command at Nauvoo and succeeded by Major B. Clifford, Jr., of the 33rd regiment of Illinois Volunteers.

James was paid $2.87 for services rendered the State of Illinois under order of the Governor August 21, 1837. Laws of 1849 Page 35

Was commissioned Captain of the 32nd Regiment. Dec. 9, 1837. Executive Record Vol 3 Page 11.

James R. listed on the 1845 tax assessment for Fulton Co. for a 40 acre parcel.

James R. was commissioned Justice of Peace on August 23, 1847 in Fulton Co., Ill. Executive Record Vol 5, page 36.

James and entire family were in the 1850 Canton census. James age = 45. This includes Alonzo and Maria in their own household.

**********History of Fulton County, Illinois, page 527-529**********

There is also a mention of a tornado that destroyed the town somewhere around 1837.

Canton was incorporated as a town Feb. 10, 1837. Upon that day an election was held to vote for or against incorporation, resulting in the adoption of the measure by a majority of 34, there being 46 ballots cast. Immediately thereafter the following five Trustees were chosen: David Markley, Joel Wright, Thomas J. Little, William B. Cogswell and Franklin P. Offield. They held this first meeting March 27, 1837, "at Frederic Mennerts' inn." At this meeting David Markley was chosen President of the Board and Thomas J. Little Clerk, George W. Gould was chosen Treasurer, John Thorp both Collector and Constable, Nathan Jones, Lathrop W. Curtis and Isaiah Stillman Assessors, and L. W. Curtis Supervisor of Highways. Under the by-laws adopted by this Board, revenue was to be raised by a tax on all real estate within the boundaries of the town, which, it was provided, should be assessed at its true value, and upon the assessment "an ad-valorem tax of not exceeding fifty cents on every one hundred dollars should be levied by the President and Trustees annually." Section 36 of the ordinances provided that "any person who shall on the Sabbath day play at bandy, cricket, cat, town-ball, corner-ball, over-ball, fives, or any other game of ball, within the limits of the corporation, or shall engage in pitching dollars or quarters, or any other game, in any public place, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined the sum of one dollar.

Upon the 21st of February, 1848, an election was held to vote for or against a second incorporation of the village. There were 120 votes cast "for" and 42 "against" the said measure of incorporation. It being carried, an election of town officers under this incorporation was held March 1, 1848, when William Parlin, William Kellogg, George S. McConnell, James Wills and John G. Piper were elected Trustees. These gentlemen assembled on the following day in official capacity and chose Mr. McConnell President and Henry F. Ingersoll Clerk. On the 14th of April the latter gentleman was chosen Treasurer of the town; James R. Parker Assessor and Harrison P. Fellows Collector and Constable. An election was held Feb. 27, 1849, to vote for or against the acceptance of a charter granted the town by the Legislature. For the charter were cast 156 ballots, against, 9. Under this charter the President and four
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Trustees were to be elected by the people; previously the President was chosen by the Board. The Board divided the town into four wards for voting purposes. The first election held under the charter was on April 28, 1849, when Davis Ferguson was chosen President; William Thompson, Alderman from the First Ward; N. H. Turner, Alderman from the Second Ward; William Parlin, from the Third Ward, and J. B. Hinman from the Fourth.

End of article “History of Canton”.

At the council meeting held August 13th, an ordinance was adopted prohibiting the running at large of swine within the corporate limits, "except so much as lies north of the north line of Commercial street in Little's Addition to the Town of Canton." At the next meeting of the board James Sebree presented a remonstrance against this ordinance; but, as the petitioners for the law were in the majority by thirteen names, it was sustained. At this meeting Messrs. Stone & Offield were allowed their bill of $12.00 for printing the hog laws.

At the meeting of September 10th, 1838, B. G. Roe, for building a bridge on Wood street between Illinois and Cole streets, presented his bill for $11.75; but it was not allowed, "it not having been built according to contract."

At the election held February 20th, 1839, there were 38 votes polled. The poll-list contained the names of Hiram Snow, Milton C. Dewey, Thompson Maple, Joel Coykendall, John Smith, Ben. G. Roe, Frederick Bidamon, John Thorp, E. D. Davidson, Elliott Chase, Albert Squires, B. Loomis, Wells Tyler, Win. B. Cogswell, JAMES R. PARKER, John G. Piper, James McPheeters, Otis Remington, Peter L. Snyder, John Ballard, L. S. Williamson, James Perry, James Ellis, Phillip Grim, Daniel H. Dewey, George McConnell, J. L. Davis, P. Stone, A. Piper, J. W. Whiting, David M. Smith, Tapley Willson, Nathan B. Scott, Cyrus Coykendall, Irwin H. Whitaker, David Markley, George W. Gould, John W. Shinn. The candidates for trustees were Timothy Norris, who received 16 votes; George W. Gould, 19 votes; John W. Shinn 26; Augustus L. Davidson, 30 votes; Milton C. Dewey, 16; Thos. J. Little, 10 votes; David Markley, no votes -although his name appears on the poll-book; Alexander McPheeters, 18; George McConnell, 12; John Thorp, 3 votes; P. Stone, 14 votes; John Smith, 17 votes; L. H. Sovereign, 9 votes. Messrs. Augustus L. Davidson, John W. Shinn, George W. Gould, Alexander McPheeters and John Smith were, by this vote, elected and duly qualified. This board elected as its President A. L. Davidson, John W. Shinn Secretary, James McPheeters and John G. Piper Assessors. John Thorp was reappointed Constable and Collector.

At the second meeting of this board, on the 5th day of April, 1839, "a petition was presented, signed by 93 legal voters of the Town of Canton, praying that the trustees of said town shall not grant license to any grocery in the said Town of Canton." This petition was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Gould, and Smith, who at the next meeting of the board were to report. At the next meeting the subject was called up and postponed until the next meeting; but it does not appear to have been acted upon at all, and, as there were but two more meetings of the board ever held, it may be presumed that this question was one of the causes of the premature death of Canton's first incorporation. One of the last acts of this board was the passage of the following resolution: "Moved that the President of the board be requested to examine the records at Lewistown, and ascertain if there is a street or alley on the north side of the old Town of Canton, and if the town is placed in the situation which the original proprietor intended it should be." The last act of the trustees was the appointment of JAMES R. PARKER as Constable for the corporation. This was done at a special meeting of the board, held June 1st, 1839; and here its record closes.

SECOND INCORPORATION OF CANTON.

The second incorporation of Canton was made at a meeting called in pursuance of law at the Congregational Church, on the 21st day of February, 1848. At this meeting Henry Walker was Chairman and H. F. Ingersoll Clerk. At this meeting an election was held for the purpose of deciding whether the citizens of the village were desirous of being incorporated, whereat one hundred and twenty votes were cast in favor of incorporation, and forty-two votes against the proposition.

On the 1st of March, 1848, an election for town officers under this incorporation was held, at which William Parlin, William Kellogg, George S. McConnell, James Willis, and John G. Piper, were elected trustees.

The first meeting of the Town Board of Trustees was held on the second of March, and the members of the board were sworn into office by JAMES R. PARKER, Justice of the Peace. The board then proceeded to the election of its officers, electing George S. McConnell President, and Henry F. Ingersoll Clerk.

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There were several Fulton County Circuit court cases mentioning either James Parker or James R. Parker. The case numbers and dates are

(829, 1839-06), (352.2, 1841-08), (538.2, 1842.03), (1431.2, 1848-08), (1454.2, 1848-08), (1557.2, 1849-08), (2160.2, 1853-03), (690.3, 1858-02), (1205.3, 1859-02)
Case, 829, dated June, 1839.
Barton was dispositioned by the court. The case had to do with Jacob Weyer vs James R. Parker. In the disposition, Barton was probably living in Rising Sun, Van Buren County, Iowa. At least the deposition was taken at that location. The deposition date was Sept., 21, 1839.
Other items in the case included a cow and a colt. This is James's father in law.
Some of the Highlights of the deposition.
- He knew both Jacob and James.
- He stated he is Jacob's son.
- He worked for James for one year or more before Barton was 21 years old in Highland Co., Ohio. Stating he struck fan two fires in a blacksmith shop part of the time.
- He stated Sophia Weyer, daughter of Jacob, did work of James R. while she was in Illinois
- He stated that Andrew Weyer, son of Jacob, did work for James when Andrew was a minor.

Case 538.2, March, 1842
James R. Watter vs James R. Parker.
Case against James R. Parker, confessed to a lesser sum of money.

Recorded # 11469
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 9/18/1844
Book 16, page 50
Parties:
Robert Combs & Martha Combs hw and Joseph P. Combs and Mary Combs hw and James R. Parker & Anna Parker hw and Joshua D. Parker & Martha Ann Parker hw and John Parker & Sophia Parker hw and Branson Parker and Ann Parker hw and Josiah Parker and Nathan Darland and Lewis F. Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the first part & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: all the above except Nathan Darland.
Proven Signatures: all of the above except Nathan Darland.
The above sold 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker for $100. There are multiple transactions of selling this 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker. See Elizabeth for details of all transactions.

Case 1431.2, August, 1848
David M. Smith vs James R. Parker.
apparently this concerns some work that James and David agreed to, but, James did something causing the lawsuit. He lost the case in front of a 6 person jury in the sum of about $80. See the actual file for all the names of the people in this case.

Case 1454.2, August, 1848
Abraham Charles vs James R. Parker, ETal
This case had to do about property, the South East quarter of the south East quarter of Section sixteen in Township Seven North of Range from East of the 4th principal meridian. The said property was sold to several people before the original sale deed was issued. the first person to sale was Hugh R. Smith, who died intrastate due to a river boat explosion on the Illinois River.

Case 1557.2, August, 1849
James F. Camblet vs James R. Parker., Suit dismissed. This case was an appeal by Camblet of a earlier case that I apparently don't have. It appears that James R. won a judgement for .75 against Camblet for some kind of services that he performed.

Case 2160.2, March, 1853
James H Stipp vs James R. Parker
This deals with some property and mortgage on said property. It appears to have been closing out the agreement made between the two people. The property : the undivided on half of twenty two feet and eight inches off the east
side of lot no. one hundred and eight (108) in the town of Canton, county of Fulton, State of Illinois. The
proceedings stretched from 1849 to 1853. This would indicate that James was still living in Fulton county in 1853.
In the proceedings, Anny is mentioned, also Jacob Parker signed and a Mary Parker. Jacob is most likely James
and Anna’s son. Mary is unknown, their daughter is only five at the time of the first paper, 1849. Could it be Maria
or some other unknown Mary. Couldn’t find one that would be of legal age in 1849 except for Maria.

Case 690.3, February, 1858
Mississippi & Wabash Railroad vs James R. Parker. Hadn’t really determined what it is about. Suit was dismissed
on motion by Plaintiff. The interesting item, James R. Parker was living in McDonough County at the time of the
suit. At least, per a summons being issued for him, was issued for McDonough County.

Case 1205.3, March, 1859
Mississippi & Wabash Railroad vs James R. Parker. Another case by Mississippi & Wabash Railroad vs James R.
Parker. There are many names in the case that seems to show who has stock in the company. James included.

History Of McDonough Co., Illinois, Volume I; 977.342
"The founders of Prairie City were men of good judgement for soon many businesses were being established in the
town. J. R. Parker and Alonzo Barnes, of Canton, Ill., were the first to establish a business in the town in 1854.

History Of McDonough Co., Illinois, Volume I; 977.342
"In 1856, Alonzo Barnes, James R. Parker and Joseph Drake platted the first southern addition to the town, giving
a lot to anyone who would build a house thereon costing not less than one hundred and fifty dollars."

Abstracts of Wills in McDonough co., 1834-1857; 977.342
Page 189; ROBERTS, John, SR
(Prairie City, McDonough Co., Ill))
D: 11/11/1857
P: 1/1858
Mentions will be 81 on 12/3/1857
Wit: J R Parker and Nancy Ann Wilson
Heirs: daughter Catherine McGrew and son Thomas Roberts. Mentions James Roberts,
Edd Roberts, Ann Wilson, Lucy Neal, heirs; Margaret Newkirk and John Roberts

1860 Prairie City, McDonough Co. Illinois census, Roll=M653_201, page 0
house/family = 727/733
J R. Parker; 54; m; lawyer; $800, $100; ohio
Anna; 52; f; ohio
Nathan; 21; m; Ills
Rebecca; 17; f; Ills; School
Elizabeth; 15; f; Ills; School
Laura; 13; f; Ills; School
Stephen Hovey; 22; Ills

Requested Will/Probate from Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Western Illinois University. Their response
was that they were unable to find any records for James R. Parker, 4/19/2004

McDonough Land Transactions:
Edwin Reed et al = James R Parker = Lot 2 = Block 28 = Prairie City = 11/2/1855 = Grantee I Y-495
James R Parker & wife = James M Hamilton = Lots 4 & 5 = Block 2 = 1st S Ad Prairie City = 9/4/1856 =
Granator II HM-155
D P Metcalf = J R Parker = Lot 8 = Block 22 = Prairie City = 3/5/1856 = Grantee II Y-522
James R Parker = D P Metcalf = Lots 10, 13 & 21 = E A = Macomb = 3/5/1856 = Grantor II YM-497
J R Parker = Peter Higbee = Lots 2, 3 & 4 = Block 7 = Southwind Add, Prairie City = 8/22/1856 = Grantor II 2-439
Family Group Sheet

Alonzo Barnes = James R Parker = Lot 3 = Block 31 = Southern Ad Prairie City and other lots = 8/29/1856 = Grantee III HM-310

J R Parker = D P Metcalf = Lot 1 = Block 5 = 1st Ad Prairie City = 8/30/1856 = Grantor II GM-509

this note is full, more land transactions can be found in James R. Parker Folder.

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Historical Sketch of Franklin Township

It is impossible at this late day to follow carefully the progress of settlement in this township. An old "estray book" in the possession of Mr. Sylvester. N. Higby, and containing records from 1803 to 1839, furnishes, however, some valuable data. The names of some of the early residents of the township, with the dates of their first appearance upon this book are given below. These dates do not, of course, accurately indicate the dates of settlement, but show, with reasonable certainty, that the persons named were in the township at the time. The orthography of the names has generally been preserved as found:

1826 - Lawson Brooks, James Hays, William Anstil [Austill], Joshua Parker

(James Critchett is said to be one of the first settlers on Stoney creek.)

Deed Book 5 page 159, July 9, 1836
James R. Parker and wife, Anny; Joshua D. Parker and wife, Nancy; and Andrew Weyer and wife Sally - all of Hendricks county, Indiana convey to Charles Vertrece for $60 2/3 of lot 10 in square 6 in the town of Bellville.(PGD0042)

Note the name of Nancy as the wife. This should be Nancy White. The time frame fits what we currently believe.

The 1840 census has what appears to be William, Samuel, Joshua, Elizabeth, Martha and an older woman between the ages of 40 and 50. He is engaged in agriculture in this census. Who is the 40 to 50 year old person? Maybe Martha's mother, who would be a Gilliland?

Recor ded # 11469
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 9/18/1844
Book 16, page 50
Parties:
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Proven Signatures: all of the above except Nathan Darland.

The above sold 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker for $100. There are multiple transactions of selling this 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker. See Elizabeth for details of all transactions.

1850 CENSUS Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana Reel #: M432-150 Sheet #: 38B
House/Family=510/519
Parker, Joshua D.==42==M==Clerk H.C.C.==$4,000==Ohio
Parker, Martha A.==30==F==Kentucky
Parker, William D.==19==M==None==Ohio==attended school
Parker, Samuel M.==17==M==None==Ohio==attended school
Parker, Elizabeth Jane==11==F==Indiana==attended school
Parker, Sarah Ellen==8==F==Indiana==attended school
Parker, Mary Belinda==6==F==Indiana==attended school
Parker, Lauria W.==5==F==Indiana
Parker, Millard F.==1==M==Indiana

1860 Hendricks Co, Indiana, Roll 265; book 1; page 576
He and his family is listed as Joshua Barker, but, everything matches Joshua Parker.
house/family=731/733
Joshua; 53; farmer; $8000; $2000; Ohio
Martha; 41; Ky
Sarah E.; 18; Ind; attended school
Mary B.; 16; Indiana
Jane; 13; Ind.
Millard F.; 11; Ind.
Emma N.; 9; Ind
Joshua; 7; Ind.
Edwin; 5; Ind.
Henry C.; 2; Ind.
Infant; 6/12; Ind. (probably Lewis)
Philip Dan?; no occupation; New York, cannot read/write

1870 Vigo Census, 2nd ward, house/family=535/558
Joshua, 62, fruit grower, 6000, 400, Ohio
Martha, 50, Kentucky
Millard, 21, works on farm, Indiana
Joshua, 17, works on farm, Indiana
Edward, 15, works on farm, Indiana
Clarence, 12, at school, Indiana

Joshua and family moved to California, in what is now Orange Co., in 1873. He first appeared on the 1880 census for the area.

In the 1880 census (Orange County California), the household members are Joshua(72); Martha A.(59); Joshua E. (26); Charles E.(24); Clarence H. (22).

In various notes, there have been two Joshuas, one marrying Nancy White and one marrying another person. Joshua, son of William, did marry twice, one being Nancy then Martha. Notice the name Nancy as Joshua’s wife in the 1836 property transaction.

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Marriage Notes

Hendricks County, Indiana
Parker Joshua D         Martha A Pope           Nov 18 1838   BOOK 2  PAGE 37

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Indiana Marriages to 1850
March 3, 2004
9:03 PM
Spouse 1  Spouse 2  Marriage Date  Marriage Location
Parker, Joshua D.  Pope, Martha Ann  18 Nov 1838  Indiana, Hendricks County

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Rebecca Parker

Child: Rebecca Parker

Born: November 28, 1809
in: Highland County, Ohio
Died: 1881
in: La Porte County, Indiana
Source: (1) Cemetery, Tombstone record for Pine Lake, PGD0060. (2) Nicholas obituary, Daily Herald, La Porte Indiana, Saturday June 20, 1891.

Relationship with Father: William Parker - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth Davis - Natural
Reference number: 21

Burial: 1881
Pine Lake Cemetery, La Porte, Indiana
Census: 1850
Scipio Township, Indiana
Emigration: July 08, 1834
La Porte County, Indiana

Address and Phone(s)

Medical

Notes

1840 census, La Porte, Roll 85, Book 1, page 119
See Nicholas W. for details

Recorded # 11471
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 10/11/1844
Book 16, page 53

Parties:
Nicholas W. Closser & Rebecca Closser hw and William D. Parker & Sarah Ann Parker hw of the county of LaPorte and State of Indiana of the first & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: all the above of the first part

Proven Signatures: all of the above

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Cemetery Records for La Porte Co, IN by DAR indicate DOB as 1810 and DOD as 1881

1870 census, see Nicholas W. for entire household.
Rebecca, 59, Ohio

Per a letter, Rebecca and Husband moved to La Porte, Indiana in April of 1834 (pgd0060)

Deacon N. W. Closser died last evening at 8 o’clock. He was 79 years old the 13th of January last, and was born in Washington County, Penn on Jan. 13, 1812. He was taken by his parents to Warren County, Ohio at the age of three years. Subsequently his parents moved to Butler County, where the deceased lived until 11 years of age, when the family moved to Indianapolis, arriving there Jan. 8, 1823. In April 1834 Mr. Closser came to LaPorte County, settling near Door Village and he remained a resident of the County until his death. In 1833 he married Rebecca, daughter of William Parker, formerly of Penn., who preceded him in death. To them were born six children, namely, Daniel P.; Elizabeth H.; Jerome B.; Sylvanus M.; Joseph A.; and Emily R., who are all living except Joseph.
Family Group Sheet

A. He died at Indianapolis. About 8 years ago he married his second wife in whom he found a true helpmate and whose kind ministrations attended him in the hour of death. The deceased had been for nearly 50 years a Deacon of the Baptist Church, in whose communion he died. He was a pupil in the first Sabbath School organized in Marion County. He and his brother were the first teachers of music in this part of the country. He was the second constable of the County and trustee of Scipio Township one term. He was Superintendent of Schools and participated in the Black Hawk War.

Mr. Closser always took part in public affairs and was identified with the Whig and Republican parties. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, 1406 Indiana Ave., tomorrow at 4 P.M. Interment will be in Pine Lake Cemetery.

From "The Daily Herald, LaPorte, Indiana"  
Saturday June 20, 1891.

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In the book "La Porte Indiana Early Settlers" the following are listed

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#### Notes

The La Porte school records for 1846 showed: Sophronia, 10; Samuel M, 12; Sharlotte, 13. (0048). These records contradict the 1850 census. Sarah states in the 1900 census that she had 9 children with 5 still living. If so, Samuel might have died by 1850 since he is not listed in that census and not found anywhere else.

1840 La Porte census, roll 85, book 1, page 119
William D. Parker
--1 male 16 to 20 - Could be Samuel M, but the age is wrong compared to the school, but, all ages were wrong for that school.
--1 male 21 to 30 (probably William)
--2 female under 5 (probably Sophronia and Charlotte)
--1 female 21 to 30 (probably Sarah)

Recorded # 11471
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 10/11/1844
Book 16, page 53
Parties:
Nicholas W. Closser & Rebecca Closser hw and William D. Parker & Sarah Ann Parker hw of the county of LaPorte and State of Indiana of the first & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: all the above of the first part

Proven Signatures: all of the above

The above sold 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker for $100. There are multiple transactions of selling this 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker.

The 1850 census, Scipio, In. Roll 157, book 1, page 299b, house/family=22/22
William D., 39, Farmer, $2000, Ohio
Sarah Ann, 33; Ohio
Charlotte A., 14; Indiana, attended school within year
Sophia, 12; Indiana, attended school within year
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Christiana, 4; Indiana
William S., 1; Indiana
William Downing, 24, M, W, Laborer, Ohio
Benjamin T. Ring, 19, M, W, Laborer, Pennsylvania, attended school within year
John W. Darling, 9, M, W, Illinois, attended school within year

This 1850 census, taken in Scipio Township also listed the families of Daniel McFarland Closser and Nicholas W. Closser who married Rebecca Parker (William's older sister).


The 1860 New Durham, La Porte County, Ind. census (taken 7/15/1860), page 500
house=1409, family 1379
W. D., 48, Lumber dealer, 300, Ohio
Sarah A., 44, Ohio
Charlott A., 22, Milliner, Ind
Christiana, 13, Indiana
William S., 11, Indiana.
Milton C., 4, Indiana
Sophia is not listed.

Using the 1850 and 1860 census, William may have been born between the dates of July 15 and September 9, 1811, including these dates.

Everything I find indicates that William and Sarah did not have sons of Samuel and Lewis. I strongly suspect that when these two are listed in the household, they are Joshua Davis Parker's sons. For that reason, I am removing them from William. Per the obituary of Sarah, she had nine children and one was a Louis. Samuel and Lewis must be two of the nine children she stated she had.

One of the obituaries for Sarah Closser Parker, his wife, states the following about them. They were married in 1834 in Indianapolis, moving to Door Prairie that same year. Later they moved to Pontiac, Illinois then to Odell, where Mr. Parker died in 1865.

See probate below.

Obituary analysis, they moved to Illinois after the 1860 census, since they were included in the Indiana census.

1682 PARKER, WILLIAM D.
Livingston County Illinois Probate 1837-1958
Illinois Regional Archives Depository
Williams Hall
Illinois State University
Campus Box 5500
Normal, IL 61790-5500
Telephone: (309) 452-6027

Probate papers started in 1866 and ended about 1869.

William's estate at his time of death was about $750. Sarah was the Administratrix she states that William died without a last will and testament. Also the surviving children listed. They are: Charlott A. Lace, age 28; Christiana Taylor, age 20; William S. Parker, age 17; Milton C. Parker, age 9; Lewis E. Parker, age 6.

Notes on the Probate; The estate is wholly insolvent there being no Real Estate out of which to make the necessary amount to pay debts. There appears to be two claims against the estate for about $600. This plus other proceedings continued until almost year end 1869 before everything was settled.

It mentions a coffin is purchased for William in the Probate. He is most likely buried in Odell in one of the cemeteries, which one is unknown at this time.
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(3) Marion Young Moore, probably., Parker, John Madison, Family, descendants; (pgd0216-pgd0217). |
| Born: | October 05, 1813 |
| in: | Highland County, Ohio |
| Died: | July 12, 1891 |
| in: | Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa |
| Relationship with Father: | William Parker - Natural |
| Relationship with Mother: | Elizabeth Davis - Natural |
| Reference number: | 10 |
| Burial: | July 12, 1891 |
| Source: | Parker, John A, children, dates, information (pgd0214-0215). |
| Census: | 1840 |
| Occupation: | Farmer per census |

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Notes

John is probably the purchaser of the following three 40 acres parcels of Illinois Public Domain Land. This is concluded since his mother, brother and probably father-in-law lived in the area. The properties are:
08/12/1836. SENE, sec. 28, 08N, 03E, meridian 4, Volume 696, page 135. (See Recorder # 5224 shown below)
08/12/1836. NWNE, sec. 28, 08N, 03E, meridian 4, Volume 696, page 135. (See Recorder # 5224 shown below)
10/15/1836. NESW, sec. 21, 08N, 03E, meridian 4, Volume 696, page 134.(Section directly North of Section 28)
These properties are near his brother's and father-in-law's properties.

Thomas Carlin sold to John Parker for the sum of $100, ($1.25 per acre)
Instrument = duplicate
Instrument date = Aug 13, 1836
Recorded Date = July 31, 1839
Township = 8 North; Range = 3 East; 4th P. Meridian (Fairview township, Fulton Co., Illinois)
Northwest 1/4 and Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast quarter of Section 28.
Recorder # = 5224;
Acres = 80 pt
Book 8, page 146

John Parker & wife to William Davis
Instrument = deed
Instrument date = Mch 12, 1837
Recorded Date = July 31, 1839
Township = 8 North; Range = 3 East; 4th P. Meridian (Fairview township, Fulton Co., Illinois)
Northwest 1/4 and Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast quarter of Section 28.
Recorder # = 5225;
Acres = 80 pt
Book 8, page 146
Signed by John and Sophia Parker.
The land purchased from Thomas Carlin is sold to William Davis.

John Parker Head of household.
2 males 0 under 5, probably James and William
1 male 20 under 30, probably John A.
1 female, 20 under 30, probably Sophia.
Elizabeth Parker is on page 218 of the same census, and James R. is on page 228.

Recorded # 11469  
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847  
Transaction Date = 9/18/1844  
Book 16, page 50  
Parties:  
Robert Combs & Martha Combs hw and Joseph P. Combs hw and Mary Combs hw and James R. Parker & Anna Parker hw and Joshua D. Parker & Martha Ann Parker hw and John Parker & Sophia Parker hw and Branson Parker and Ann Parker hw and Josiah Parker and Nathan Darland and Lewis F. Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the first part & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.  

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1845 tax assessment for Fulton Co., Illinois  
Young Hickory Township 8N2E  
- Present Owner, John Parker, town lots in Fairview Township 8N3E  
Patentee - John Parker, sec 21, 10 acres  
- John Parker, sec 28, 40 acres  
- John Parker, sec 28, 40 acres

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In 1856 Iowa farm census, the household members were:  
John 42/m;  
Sophia 38/f;  
James 18/m;  
William 16/m;  
Mary 15/f;  
Sarah 10/f;  
Adaline Parker 19/f.  
Adaline is probably the daughter of Sarah Weyer and Snyder. Her last name should have been Snyder not Parker. All the children's names and ages were taken from the censuses.

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PARKER, JOHN        EDWARDS, SAMUEL ETAL 2748  1862-09  
PARKER, JOHN          EDWARDS, SAMUEL 2562.3 1862-09  
John is the Plaintiff. The court cases are in Fulton County. John is listed as being in the State of Iowa. My records indicate he lived in Iowa from 1856 until his death.

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In the 1870 census, Polk County, Iowa his household has the following people:  
John, 56, farmer, born Ohio, $500/$500  
Sophia, 52, housewife, born Ohio  
William, 31, farm hand, born Illinois  
Mary, 28, born Illinois  
Anna, 9, born Iowa  

The analysis of this census and looking at the known marriages, William was their son since the age fits his birth date. Mary was apparently living at her parents as a widow since her husband had drown in 1863. The children of that marriage, Amanda died in 1862, Anna Kelsey born in 1861. The last person in this census must have been Mary's daughter Anna Kelsey. Apparently they took her maiden name back after the death of her husband.
At one time, living in Des Moines, James M., William H. and John A. (father) lived next door to each other. James had a corner lot and built a house on his corner for his niece Lettie Sophia Walker Carlisle (Mary Parker Walker's daughter) and her four children. This time frame should have been around 1890.

The 1880 census shows James and William as neighbors, but, John isn't in the same area. James and William are in Dwelling Number 12 and 13 and were visited as 12 and 13. John, their father is in dwelling number 47 and family number is 47.

The 1880 census lists only John and Sophia in their household.

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**Name**: John Parker  
**Birth Date**: 1814  
**Death Date**: 12 Jul 1891  
**Age**: 77  
**Cemetery**: Oak Grove  
**Iowa Graves Registration Survey W P A Polk County Iowa**

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**Beginning status**: Married  
**in**: Fulton County, Illinois

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**Marriage Notes**

Cyberdriveillinois.com has a marriage record index for Sophia Meyers and John Parker. Most likely the name is misspelled in the index. If interested should get the actual marriage record.  
**Volume A, page 0031, License # 00083, Fulton County.**

| Burial: | July 12, 1891  
|----------|-------------|
| Census: | 1840  
| Occupation: | 1880  
| | Oak Grove Cemetery, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa  
| | Fairview, Fulton County, Illinois  
| | Farmer per census |
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(2) 1850 Census, Westchester, Porter County, Indiana.  
(3) Jane H. Blachly, Letter to Aunt Alta reference Parkers in La Porte Ind..  
(4) Parker, Branson, dates, children, etc (pgd0070-0072). |
| Born: | April 01, 1819  
in: Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio |
| Died: | April 05, 1857  
in: Porter County, Indiana |
| Relationship with Father: | William Parker - Natural |
| Relationship with Mother: | Elizabeth Davis - Natural |
| Reference number: | 12 |
| Burial: | April 05, 1857  
Eight Square Cemetery, Porter County, Indiana |
| Source: | Jane H. Blachly, Letter to Aunt Alta reference Parkers in La Porte Ind.. |
| Census: | October 19, 1850  
Westchester Twp, Porter County, Indiana, pg. 161 |
| Emigration: | Bet. 1844 - 1846  
La Porte County, Indiana |
| Occupation: | 1850  
Farmer indicated by census |

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**Notes**
The name Branson seems to indicate a contact with the Swedish nation, rather than the Danish. If the first part of that name is spelled Bran it shows a Celtic origin for the Bran of the old Celtic language means Hill. If would indicate Gallic origin if spelled Bryn or Bryan. If spelled Bron it would be Armovic. The Welsh spell it Bran, Bryn, or Bron. They are suppose to be descendants of King Bran or Branins as the Roman called him. (Comments of D. T. Davis).

Branson was born in Ohio and when his parents moved west in 1833, he moved with them. At first he lived with them in Indiana, then to Illinois where his father died. He was still living with his mother, along with his future wife, Ann, in the 1840 Illinois census. He married Ann in 1843 and sometime after his marriage moved back to Indiana. In 1850 he was in Porter County, Indiana. He died while living in the county.

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Branson and Ann moved to La Porte between the years of 1844, after James M. was born and before school in
1846. Elizabeth could have been born in either Illinois or Indiana. Ann was attending school in La Porte in 1846.

Nicholas Closser article page 390-392

After his marriage Daniel P. Closser purchased a steam sawmill, but at the age of twenty-four found himself in debt $2,400, and in 1860 he disposed of his mill and purchased a farm of his uncle, Branson Parker, amounting to eighty acres. 

He is buried at Eight Square Cemetery which is located half way between Michigan City and Westville, both in LaPorte county. In 1959 the stones were near John Storm, his wife, John Wolford, and Andrew J. Thompson. Branson’s stone was gone in 1975, but the other stones were still there.

The 1850 census (name listed as Brunson Parker) indicates his value of real estate to be $500.

house/family=814/814 (corrected to 815/815?)

Branson, 30, farmer, Ohio;
Ann, 21, Ohio; (the age here must be wrong, all data indicates she should be 24.
James M., 7, Illinois;
Joshua M., 4, Indiana;
Winfield (William W)., 2, Indiana;
Edward Haymond, 19, Laborer, Indiana.
James attended school within the year. The census had Winfield listed, but, it must by William W, the age and birthplace match.

November 2, 1975

Dear Mrs. Brunsteter

Recently, I went to the Eight Square cemetery to the Clear Lake Road, county line road, LaPorte county on east side and Porter county on West side. Located half way between Michigan City, and Westville, Indiana- both in LaPorte county. The stone of Branson D. Parker d. Apr. 5, 1852 and that of Emma L. Parker, May 4, 1863 4y, 8m, 2 das were copied by my husband, and me in 1959, are no longer standing in the cemetery. The grass and brush that was there when we copied the stones have been cleared off, so I assume Branson’s stone was broken off and very old so was discarded to be out of way of mowing the grass. No way to tell where his grave is, except I know we copied stones as we came to them and John Storm stone was nearby, he died July 27, 1905, and his wife, Mary died April 28, 1891. John Wolford died in 1910, Andrew J. Thompson died May 8, 1857 age 13 yrs. and those stones still stand, surrounding where Branson Parker is buried.

Deed Record Book G Porter Co., Indiana Aug., 1852 to Dec, 1853, P. 42-43

Samuel Cammack & Hannah Cammack his wife & Nathan H. Cammack & Priscilla wife of Co. Of Wayne State of Indiana in consideration of $300 to them paid by Branson D. Parker of Porter Co. State of Indiana convey to Branson D. Parker, his heirs & assigns following real estate Porter Co., 5 ½ of NW ¼ of Sec. No I on twp 36N of range 5 west in district of lands subject to sale at La Porte, Indiana containing 80 acres together with all privileges to appurtenances, Aug. 14, 1852. Edward Robert, Notary Public St. Of Indiana Wayne County Recorded Sept. 11, 1852

Branson D. Parker Book J Deeds Porter Co., Indiana p. 120


Nov. 15, 1855 Branson D. Parker sold some land to Cincinnati & Chicago RR through Morrison and Hugh White as trustee 1st part-2nd part. Branson D. Parker of Co. La Porte.

Deed Record Book L. May 1855 - Aug., 1860 Porter Co., Ind. Page 139

Ann Parker widow of B. D. Parker late of Porter County Indiana deceased of La Porte County in State of Indiana warrant to George S. Stiles of Porter County, State of Indiana for sum of one hundred and fifty dollars the following real estate in Porter Co., in the State of Indiana to wit twenty eight off the East Side of eighty acres which eighty acres is off of the South side of fractional North West quarter of section of no. one (1) in township no. thirty six.
Family Group Sheet

north of Range no. five (5) West said twenty eight acres more particularly described as follows commencing at E. Stevens Northwest corner thence running West fifty six rods thence North at right angles eighty rods thence East at right angles fifty six rods thence South at right angle eighty rods to the place of beginning containing twenty eight acres more or less. In witness of the said Ann Parker has xxxxxxx set her xxx and seal this 20 day of July AD 1859. E. W. Wood witness Ann Parker (Seal)

the State of Illinois

La Salle County Before me Elias W. Wood a Justice of the Peace in and for said County came Ann Parker and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing deed witness my hand and seal this 20 day of July 1859. State of Illinois Elias W. Wood (seal)

La Salle County. I Philo Lindley, xxxxx of said County and State of Indiana do hereby certify that Elias W. Wood Esq. before whom the annexed instrument in xxxx was xxxxx or acknowledged was at the time of th taking the xxxx and acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county duly commissioned and qualified and that I am well acquainted with the ahnd writing of said Justice and verrily believe his signature is to said certificate is henuine and that said instrument is corrected and acknowledged in accordance with the Laws of this state. In testimony whereof I have xxx set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Ottawa this 20 day of July 1859.

Philo Lindley Clerk

A seal E. S. Henrich Depty

recorded Sept 7, 1859

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Porter County, Indiana Courthouse - Valparaiso, Probate Order Book A January, 1853 to May, 1868

Estate of Branson D. Parker

P. 146 #149, William Brayton Administrator, June 2, 1857 Court

p. 183 Inventory personal

p. 210 additional 91 cords of wood for private sale.

p. 232 June 3, 1860 court adjoins - heard report

p 264 Wm Brayton, Adm. appears

p. 274 Jan. 4, 1861 to pay

p. 173 #34 estate Branson D. Parker, now comes William Brayton, administerorr - petitions court to settle estate as insolvent. to be settled as such.

p. 222 Aug 3 term 1859

Now comes Clerk of this court and reports $608.94 paid to him by Wm. Brayton, Adm. to pay first preferred claims against estate and to pay remainder of said money pro rata against estate.

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January 4, 1975

Jane H Blachy
Valparaiso, Ind. 46383

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Marriage Information

| Wife: Ann Davis Foster |
| Married: February 02, 1843 |
| Beginning status: Married |
| in: Fulton County, Illinois by R. W. Combs, J. P. |

Marriage Notes

Data on marriage license from www.cyberdriveillinois.com/marriage/marriageSearch....

Volume 00A, page 108, License # 20, Fulton County.

| Burial: April 05, 1857 |
| Eight Square Cemetery, Porter County, Indiana |
| Census: October 19, 1850 |
| Westchester Twp, Porter County, Indiana, pg. 161 |
| Emigration: Bet. 1844 - 1846 |
| La Porte County, Indiana |
| Occupation: 1850 |
| Farmer indicated by census |
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**Medical**

**Notes**

I have three book articles on Lewis and his life in California. The articles are included at the end of these notes.

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Some thoughts on the articles. They are consistent on some facts, but, inconsistent on others. The inconsistency is mostly in the area of his parents and their movement and places of living. Other facts support that the parents went from Ohio to Indiana then to Illinois with the family dividing and some staying in Illinois and some going to La Porte, Indiana. One of the articles shows them going back to Ohio. There has been no proof that back to Ohio ever occurred.

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The articles also show Lewis going to La Porte where he married Julia. There is two ways he could have gone, one via Indianapolis and the other direct. His brother Branson was married in Illinois in 1843 after which they moved to the La Porte area. Most of the other data is consistent.

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The first note I have seen concerning a Lewis, is 1830 Highland County Ohio, Fairfield Twp, census. It shows a person as 5-10(1820-1825). I have several notes indicating Lewis F. is the brother of Branson. I haven’t found any real proof, except census records that imply that he exists. LaPorte Indiana Marriages shows Lewis and Juliana Keith married on 12/23/1847. Another Lewis Parker & Catherine Cratee were married on 12/14/1846.

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In the 1840 census with his Mother, Elizabeth as Head of household, his age is between 15 and 20. This matches the 1830 census in Ohio with his parents he is 5 to 10.

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I found Julia Ann Parker living which what looks like her Parents (Lewis Keith) in Scipio Township, La Porte Co, IN with a one year old baby named Fletcher K. She was 19 at the time. See record for details. Lewis Parker, at this time can not be found. There is another Lewis Parker in the same area who married Catherine Cratee. He was born in NJ at about the same time.

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Recorded # 11469
Recorded Date = 9/1/1847
Transaction Date = 9/18/1844
Book 16, page 50
Parties:
Robert Combs & Martha Combs hw and Joseph P. Combs and Mary Combs hw and James R. Parker & Anna Parker hw and Joshua D. Parker & Martha Ann Parker hw and John Parker & Sophia Parker hw and Branson Parker and Ann Parker hw and Josiah Parker and Nathan Darland and Lewis F. Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the first part & Elizabeth Parker of the County of Fulton in the State of Illinois of the second part.
Family Group Sheet

Property: NE qtr of the NE qtr of section 28 in Township 8, North of the baseline of range 3 East of the 4th principal meridian. (40 acres in Fairview township in Fulton County)

Signatures or marks: all the above except Nathan Darland.

Proven Signatures: all of the above except Nathan Darland.

The above sold 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker for $100. There are multiple transactions of selling this 40 acres to Elizabeth Parker. See Elizabeth for details of all transactions.

I found a Lewis F. Parker in the referenced 1850 census. The age 26 and birthplace (Ohio) matches everything I know about Lewis F. Also, I have not be able to find Julia Ann's husband anywhere in the surrounding areas of Indiana and she is living with her parents in the 1850 census in La Porte Co, Ind.

I found a BLM land transaction (SN=CACAAA 136709) (Doc #=1048) for 160 acres, patentee = L. F. Parker on 01/10/1868 at the following: aliquot part = SE; Sec/Blk=13/; Township=8-S; Range=1-w; fract. section=no; Meridian=Mount Diablo; State= Ca.; County=Santa Clara.

I found L. F. Parker in the 1870 census listed. In his household is also Julia age 40, born in Ohio and a girl (Looks like E. N.) age 16, born in California. L. F. (Lewis) is 46 years old, born in Ohio, and is a farmer who owns real estate with a value of 18,000 and personal property worth 4,000 and is also eligible to vote.

E. N. is listed as attending school.

In the house next to Lewis and Julia, is a Lewis Keith, age 69, born in Pennsylvania. This also matches other data I had about Lewis Keith.

Lewis F. , wife Julie, daughter Elizabeth M. is in the 1880 census, also lists his parents birthplace as Pennsylvania.

This 1870 and 1880 census data completely matches the data I have on Lewis F. Parker. The parents' birthplace seems to indicate that he is the youngest son of William and Elizabeth.

Now for guesses, assuming the E.A is Lewis and Julia's daughter, then Julia and her father must have traveled to California, arriving on or before 1854, their daughter is 16 and was born in California.

I found a Major Lewis F. Parker listed in the biographical sketches of Leading men and women of Santa Clara County. The book is "History of Santa Clara County, California", by Eugene Taylor Sawyer, Call # 979.473 H67a or F868.S25 S38 1976 or F868.S25 S38 1922. He was listed on page 592. The articles plus one other are following:

*****PEN PICTURES FROM THE "GARDEN OF THE WORLD" BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES, page 416-417; 8c 979.473.F6

LEWIS F. PARKER, the proprietor of the "Spring Ranch" and one of the early settlers of Union District, located there August 26, 1856. The eastern line of his ranch, one mile in length, faces the Mt. Diablo and Meridian line, while the Los Gatos and Almaden road passes half a mile north of the north boundary of the property. Mr. Parker owns 320 acres, to one-half of which he bought a "squatters claim" in 1856 and which he afterward pre-empted and bought of the United States Government.

The subject of our sketch was born in Highland County, Ohio, March 20, 1824. When a babe, his parents removed to Illinois, where his father, Wm. Parker, died, in Fulton County. Later his mother, Elizabeth (Davis) Parker, made her home in La Porte County, Indiana. The boyhood of our subject was spent principally at Danville, Hendricks County, of the same State, and there he received his education. In La Porte County, Indiana, on the twenty-third of December, 1847. Mr. Parker married Miss Julia A. Keith, daughter of Lewis and Nancy (O'Hara) Keith, and a native of Morgan County, Ohio, where she was born March 27, 1830. Leaving his wife in La Porte County, Mr. Parker, in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. P. G. Keith (whose history appears in this volume) crossed the plains in 1850. They left Indiana on the eleventh of March, and their long, wearisome journey was not ended by their reaching Georgetown, El Dorado County, of this State, until August. During the following two years Mr. Parker worked on Horseshoe Bar, on American River. His wife joining him in November, 1852 they settled at Spanish Flat, and engaged in hotel and mercantile business. The hotel, the "Parker House," is yet running under the same name. Mr. and Mrs. Parker successfully conducted the business until they removed to Santa Clara County. Their large ranch, excepting a portion which is reserved for a family orchard, is devoted to general farming and stock-raising. The grounds occupied by the residence and surrounding buildings was the site of an old Spanish town called "Capitancillos." A portion of the walls of the old adobe buildings was to be seen when Mr. and Mrs. Parker
MAJOR LEWIS FOSTER PARKER. A worthy pioneer settler whose name is linked with the earliest days of California and Santa Clara County is the late Major Lewis Foster Parker, who contributed much toward the development of Almaden township, for so many years his home. Major Parker was born on March 24, 1824, in Highland county, Ohio, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Davis) Parker, both natives of Pennsylvania. On his paternal side Major Parker was of English descent, while his mother's people were of Welsh origin. His parents removed to Highland county, Ohio, and later to Indianapolis, Ind., where William Parker built the first flouring mill. He afterwards returned to Ohio, where he passed his remaining days. Lewis F. Parker had a brother, J. D. Parker, living at Terre Haute, Ind., who held the office of county clerk of Vigo County, so made his way thither as a young man and attended Terre Haute Academy, after which, for a time, he assisted his brother in the county clerk's office. He then proceeded to Laporte, Ind., where he was employed as a clerk in a store and it was in that city he formed the acquaintance of Miss Julia A. Keith, whom he afterwards married. Mr. Parker then engaged in farming until the discovery of gold in California was heralded in the East and with others he outfitted with horses and pack ponies and came across the plains, being enroute about six months, arriving in California September 1, 1850. Going first to Georgetown, El Dorado County, he next located at Horseshoe Bend, where he engaged in mining, going from there to Spanish Flat. Here his wife joined him, coming via Panama in 1852; he remained there until 1856, then came to Santa Clara County, and settled on a ranch of 320 acres in Almaden township, the place now owned by his daughter, Miss N. Elizabeth Parker. Here he engaged in farming and stock raising, the country being then only sparsely settled and quite in its primitive state, so that his labors paved the way for the succeeding generations. Prominent in the military affairs in the early days, Mr. Parker was a commissioned captain of the New Almaden Cavalry, Company K, California Militia, on January 28, 1865, and served until November 1, 1867, being promoted to the rank of major. He was also active in the public affairs of the county and was a prominent Republican; he also served as deputy county assessor under D. M. Harwood and W. O. Barker. The school district was organized at the Parker home about 1858. The question came up for a name of the district; some suggested Parker, but the Major was too modest to permit it. After other names had been suggested Mrs. Parker said, "Why not call it Union district." as the people in the district were strong pro-union. Thus it was decided and Major Parker was school trustee from its organization until he resigned. Major Parker was married at Laporte, Ind., on December 23, 1847, to Miss Julia Keith, and they became the parents of one daughter, N. Elizabeth, who owns and makes her home on the Parker Ranch, managing 320 acres with splendid ability. She is proud of being a native daughter and is a Republican in her political affiliations.
Family Group Sheet

a progressive interest in community affairs though her membership in the Neighbors Club. Major Parker passed away on October 20, 1892, the mother surviving him until January 31, 1911, both worthy pioneers whose memory will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Chapter XI

Santa Clara County during the Civil War...... ............

Contains how they were organized during the civil war with companys, etc. One line for L. F. Parker.

Company K. New Almaden Cavalry - L. F. Parker, captain; J. P. Dudley, first lieutenant

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LEWIS F. PARKER
State: CA
County: El Dorado County
Township: S Fork American River
Year: 1850
Record Type: Federal Population Schedule
Page: 488
Database: CA 1850 Federal Census Index
House/family=12/11
Lewis F.; 26; miner, Ohio
Bailman Allen; 18, miner, VA
Joseph Keith; 31; miner, OH

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Marriage Notes

Lewis and Julia were married by Franklin Taylor, a Minister of the Gospel. Consent for Marriage was given by Lewis Keith.

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