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Glances at the Ancestors

OF

John Parker.

(BORN 1807, DIED 1891.)

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NOTE.

Since publishing the memorial sketch of my grandparents, John Parker and Persis Follett Parker, in 1893, I have had opportunities of inquiring, to a very limited extent, into the ancestry of my grandfather. I have found that letters and documents are easily mislaid, lost, or forgotten, and therefore offer in printed form such records, etc., as I have now, without waiting for further developments, which, however, I expect in the future.

This pamphlet is intended to be an addition to the publication of 1893, in which the data connected with the life of John Parker may be found on pages 7 to 20.

HARRY PARKER WARD.

Columbus, Ohio, July 4, 1895.



[Names in the direct line of ancestry in *Italics*.]

Joseph Parker, of Tyringham, Mass., was born in 1757, at Windsor, Conn. According to data furnished by U. S. Pension Office he married *Hannah Risley*, who was born 1756, on February 5, 1777. He died May 15, 1823. His widow died in 1850. Their children were:

Ariel, who married Bathsheba Grey. To them were born fourteen children.

Russell, who was born in 1780, was blind, and died in 1860.

Sterling, who was a captain in the war of 1812, magistrate and representative, and died about 1820.

John, Sr., who was born in 1782, at Tyringham, Mass., married October 21, 1803, to *Betsy Jewett*, at East Berkshire, Vt., and died August 15, 1803, at East Berkshire.

Chauncey.

Joseph Parker was one of the early settlers of Richford, Vermont.

Elam Jewett, of Tyringham, Mass., was the father of the following children:

James, who lived in Addison county, Vermont.

Alpheus, who moved to Ohio.

Othmiel, who lived in Addison county, Vermont.

Betsy, who married *John Parker, Sr.*, and after his death married Andrew Comings.

Eunice, who married Sterling Parker, a brother to *John Sr.*

Jared, who was a captain in the war of 1812.

Jeremiah.

Elam, Jr.

Elam Jewett removed to Berkshire, Vt., in the first years of this century.

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Both *Joseph Parker* and *Elam Jewett* served as soldiers in the American forces in the war of the revolution, as shown in the following.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21, 1895.

Sir—In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of *Joseph Parker*, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his widow's application for pension on file in this Bureau.

The widow in her declaration for pension was unable to give any particulars of her husband's services. Her pension was allowed, however, for his services as a private in Capt. Experience Storr's (afterwards Lieutenant Colonel) Company, of the Third Connecticut Regiment, from May 11 to December 16, 1775.

Battles engaged in—None mentioned.

Residence of soldier at enlistment—Coventry, Conn.

Date of application for pension—By widow, July 18, 1839.

Residence at date of application—Of widow, Richford, Vermont.

Age at date of application—Of widow, 83 years.

Remarks—He married *Hannah Risley* February 5, 1777, and died May 15, 1823.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

WM. LOCHREN,
Commissioner.

MAJOR HARRY P. WARD,
15 East Gay Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

[Copy of original certificate to Harry Tracy Buttolph, Buffalo, N. Y.]

Elam Jewett, appears as private on muster and pay roll of Captain Ezekiel Herrick's Company, Col. Brown's Berkshire Co. Regiment. Time of enlistment, June 29, 1777. Time of discharge, July 26, 1777. Time of service, 28 days (5 days' travel included). Belonged to Tyringham. Vol. 20, p. 26.

**Elam Juet*, appears as private on muster and pay roll of Capt. Noah Lankton's Company, Col. John Ashley's Berkshire Co. Regiment. Time of enlistment, September 19, 1777. Time of discharge, October 18, 1777. Served 30 days. Marched to Stillwater by order of Brigadier-General Fellows. Vol. 21, p. 13.

Elam Jewett, appears as private on muster and pay roll of Captain Lieutenant Solomon Jackson's Company, Col. John Ashley's Berkshire Regiment. Time of enlistment, Oct. 13, 1781. Time of discharge, Oct. 20, 1781. Time of service, 12 days (4 days' travel included). Marched on an alarm to the northward under Lieutenant Colonel John Collar by order of Col. John Ashley, Jr. Roll dated Tyringham. Vol. 20, page 124.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

OFFICE OF SECRETARY.

BOSTON, APRIL 24, 1895. }

I certify the foregoing to be true abstracts from the Record Index to Revolutionary War Archives deposited in this office.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

(Signed)

Wm. M. OLIN,
Secretary.

*Name undoubtedly mis-spelled.

The following correspondence will be interesting to the descendants of *John Parker*.

RICHFORD, VT., May 10, 1895.

MAJOR H. P. WARD, Columbus, O.:

Dear Sir—It is with much regret that I find myself unable to furnish you such information in full as you desire. Your pamphlet informed me that *John Parker, Sr.*, the son of *Joseph* and *Hannah Parker*, was my uncle. I did know of him in my earlier life and by grandmother often speaking of him, but latterly he had passed from my knowledge.

You have the names of *Joseph Parker* and *Hannah Risley* correct, also the names of their sons *John, Sr.*, *Ariel*, *Russell*, *Sterling* and *Chauncey*. *John, Sr.*, married *Betsy Jewett*, and after his death she continued to visit our family and it was a gala day with us children because "Aunt Betsy has come." *Russell* was blind from youth, but was always a stirring man, always cared for cattle and horses in winter, it being an understood rule by uncle *Chauncey* and family that if you used one of the tools used by him it must be put back exactly as found. Uncle *Russell* and grandmother lived with *Chauncey* until their death and whatever papers grandmother had have passed into oblivion, as uncle *Chauncey's* family have all passed through the Valley of Death. It is possible there is one daughter living but I have no knowledge of her.

Sterling Parker married* and had two sons and a daughter, which daughter died in youth. *John* and *Harry* were living the last I knew of them. *John* was living at *Joliet, Ill.*, engaged in the grocery and provision line. *Sterling* died at the age of 47 and did service in the War of 1812. I have always understood that he was out in the service and

*Second marriage.

people in speaking of him called him Captain, and I knew also that we decorated his grave on Decoration Day. Yesterday I visited his grave and find cut thereon (on headstone) "Div. Col."

About grandfather *Joseph Parker's* service in the Revolution there is no doubt, and I think a record might be obtained at the Adjutant General's Office either in New Hampshire or Massachusetts. I hope you will bear with me while I relate some things of boyish knowledge. When it was decided upon to try and procure a pension for grandmother, my father, Ariel, was selected to procure the evidence necessary—the journey must be made by private team away down into South New Hampshire and Massachusetts (no railroad) and it necessitated father to buy a new wagon for the journey, and I could tell you all about what color it was painted, what a grand thing it was to us, and how beautifully hung on leather throrbraces. Father made the journey, being several weeks, and was successful in every particular and grandmother soon drew her pension of \$96 per year regularly until her death.

Ariel, my father, married Bathsheba Grey, of Berkshire. They had 14 children who lived to be men and women and today I am the only living representative. I have been married and father to two children, but wife and children are now waiting for me over on the other side. I am now in my 74th year and quite an invalid.

I have the honor of having served Uncle Sam for a little over three years. Enlisting in 1861 I did duty first as a heavy private, for I weighed over 200 pounds, and soon after was placed in the rear with three stripes on my sleeve. My final discharge reads "Q. M. Sergeant." Should you want any information that I can give you I will gladly comply, and I beg your indulgence for this imperfect writing. It is quite an effort to write because of an injury to my right shoulder.

With much esteem I remain,

Yours respectfully,

LUCIUS RUSSELL PARKER.

SUTTON, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, May 8, 1895.

Dear Sir—I went to school with your grand-parents a number of years and was well acquainted with all the Folletts at that time. They were very dear to me.

My father was Sterling Parker, younger brother of *John (Senior)* who married *Betsy Jewett*. My father married Eunice Jewett, a younger sister of *Betsy*, to whom came three daughters. By his second marriage two sons and one daughter, and I am the last of the family, being eighty-eight years of age. Lucius is about the last relative of the Parkers in these parts. You can see your grandfather and myself were nearly connected. I lived with them when quite young and he seemed almost like a brother.

My father was Captain of the militia in Richford and was called out to the battle of Plattsburgh, arriving just as the retreat commenced.

His occupation was in the mercantile business and he was a very busy man. Was magistrate and town clerk a number of years in succession and was elected by the town to represent them at Montpelier quite a number of years. He was an indulgent father and died quite young.

I have been a widow over thirty-five years. Am nearing the end of my journey where I expect to be united with many of my family and friends which I never saw in this world. Our Lord has told us to watch and pray for we know not when the Son of Man cometh. Farewell. I write with a trembling hand and poor sight.

Yours with respects,

JULIA C. GRIGGS.

H. P. WARD,
Columbus, Ohio.

[Extracts from a letter from W. A. Comings, of East Berkshire, Vermont, to H. P. Ward].

May 25, 1895.

I see that you are a lover of stories, and as you ask if my *father saw any service in the War of 1812, I will tell you one I have heard him tell and laugh over many times. At the commencement of that war uncle †Jared Jewett was Captain of a light infantry company and father Orderly Sergeant of the same company. One was a Democrat and the other a Federal. The Democrats were ardent supporters of the war, and the Federals opposed to it as being unnecessary, each just as loyal to their country and government as the others. The party spirit ran very high. At that time ‡General Fassett was Brigadier General of the Brigade composed of various militia companies of the northern part (or northwestern part) of the State, and at that time every able-bodied man had to meet twice at least during the year for military drill besides once for regimental or brigade muster. This continued to be the law and practice until I was almost of arms bearing age, when the law requiring it was repealed.

The year before the battle of Plattsburgh, N. Y., General Fassett resigned his office of General of the State militia and received his Colonel's commission in the U. S. Army. Soon after he issued an order calling out the Franklin County regiment, ordering them to report at Burlington. The regiment obeyed the call and received their arms, but finding there was no legal authority for the call whatever, the men, except the commissioned officers, determined to

*Andrew Comings, stepfather to *John Parker*.

†Brother to *Betsy Jewett*.

‡Elias Fassett, Colonel of the 30th U. S. Infantry, brother to *Persis Fassett*.

go no further, although the General's plan was to put them aboard boats in the morning and transport them across the lake, and if they would not go he would put the regulars behind them, he said, and force them to march to Canada. Father, with others, decided that the General might go where he pleased with his regulars, but did not propose to obey further orders from him and so planned a regimental campaign for home that night, which was understood by the men generally. When all was quiet for the night a signal was given for a quiet turnout with loaded arms, and all marched out of town, I believe under father's command, leaving only about enough commissioned officers and men to make one company. The men reached their homes the next day. Thus ended General Fassett's campaign to Canada, much to his chagrin. He said he would have a gallows built as high as Haman's, and hang Comings at the head of it. I think father never lost any sleep through fear of being made such a spectacle of. But in a short time, agents were sent out to gather up the arms of the deserters, and most of them were given up. But father replied to the demand for his that "Uncle Sam had told him to take that gun, and take care of it, and he was going to do it" which he did as long as he lived. It did good service for what little hunting he and his boys ever did. It was mine until the year before the breaking out of the Rebellion, when I suppose it was stolen by a young Frenchman who had wanted to buy it. Thus I lost the prized relic.

One more story and I will close.

*Rev. Benjamin Wooster, pastor of the church in Fairfield, an itinerant missionary all over this country, an old revolutionary soldier, a strong federal (and a man very

*Often spoken of and much thought of by *Persis Follett Parker*.

much admired by all of the old people in my younger days) had commenced his Sabbath services one morning, the next summer, when a messenger entered the house in haste saying: "The British are marching on Plattsburgh and help is wanted." The old man dismissed the congregation saying: "Let us go, brethern, I have been praying three years for peace, and now I am going to have it, if I have to fight for it." They organized a company and chose the minister for captain and were on their way to the scene of action before night, and reached there in season to participate in the battle.

Those were days that tried men's hearts along the state border here. Many a farm in the woods was deserted for the time being, and some lay desolate for years, the former occupants never returning to them. I think my father commenced clearing up his farm here in a dense forest in 1808 or 1809, and spent his life, most of it, in clearing the two farms he owned. After the incident I have just narrated, he was the popular captain of the same company. This, I judge, from the remarks I used to hear in the days of my boyhood.

I think I told you in a former letter that my paternal grandfather was one of General Stark's men in the Bennington campaign, and that a very fine powder horn, which he carried with him, was burned in my father's house when I was a lad. It was a relic I should prize now very highly.

THE FIRST JEWETTS IN AMERICA.

On July 14, 1856, there was held a meeting of Jewetts at Rowley, Mass. Dr. Joshua Jewett delivered an address on that occasion, a copy of which was loaned me by Mr. Harry Tracy Buttolph, of Buffalo, N. Y., a descendant of *Elam Jewett*. I have a typewritten copy of the same, from which the following is derived :

From a will on file in Bradford, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, it appeared that Edward Jewett, a "clothier in good circumstances and a very pious man, died in 1616. His wife's maiden name was Mary Taylor, daughter of William Taylor. They were married Oct. 1, 1604. Their children were William, baptized Sept 15, 1605, Maximilian, Oct. 4, 1607, Joseph, Dec. 31, 1609, and Sarah, Aug. 31, 1613. Maximilian and Joseph, together with another Joseph, a nephew, probably son of William, were among the twenty families of good estate who, with Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, sailed from Hull and arrived in Boston Dec. 1, 1638. These, with forty other families, settled Rowley, Mass., in 1639.

Maximilian Jewett was deacon of first church of Rowley 45 years, representative at different times 13 years. First wife, Ann, died 1667. By her 9 children: Ezekiel, Feb. 1, 1643; Ann, Dec. 12, 1644, m. Barzella Barker, Dec. 6, 1666; Mary, Dec. 18, 1646, m. Hazeltine; Elizabeth, May 22, 1649-50, m. Hazeltine; Faith, Oct., 1652; m. Dowse; Joseph, date not known; Sarah, March 17, 1657-8, died June 16, 1660; Sarah (2nd) m. Jeremiah Ellsworth, May 13, 1689; Priscilla, May 19, 1664, died Sept. 5, 1664. Maximilian's second wife was Mrs. Elinor Boynton, no children. He died Oct. 19, 1684.

*There was a tradition in the family of *Betsy Jewett* that the first Jewetts who came to this country were Jews, having had the name "Jew" to which they added the "ett." Had these early Jewetts lived in the latter part of this century, their connection with the clothing industry would indicate a strong probability of truth in the tradition. As to whether the clothing business was generally confined to Jews in 1600 I do not know.

Joseph Jewett (Senior), clothier, of large estate, was representative 1651-1654-1660. Married (first) Mary Mallinson. By her 6 children: Jeremiah, born in England 1637; Sarah m. Philip Nelson, June 24, 1657; Hannah, June 15, 1640-1, m. John Carlton; Nehemiah, Feb. 1, 1643; Faith, May 5, 1645, died young; Patience, May 5, 1645, m. Shubael Walker, May 26, 1666. Married (second) Mrs. Ann Allen, widow of Captain Bozouu Allen, a first settler of Hingham. By her 3 children: Mary, April 4, 1654, died young; Joseph (Captain), April 2, 1856; Faith m. John Pingree. Joseph (Senior), died Feb. 26, 1660. His wife, Ann, died Feb. 8, 1660-1.

Ezekiel Jewett (son of deacon Maximilian) born Feb. 1, 1643; married Faith Parrot Feb. 21, 1663. She died Oct. 15, 1715. By her 10 children: Francis, March 15, 1664-5, settled in Bradford, m. Sarah had 10 children: Thomas, Sept. 20, 1666, m. Hannah Swan and settled in Bradford; Ezekiel, July 21, 1668, died in infancy; Ezekiel (2nd) Oct. 26, 1669; Maximilian, Feb. 5, 1671-2; went to Byfield or Bradford; had 9 children: Anthe, Sept. 29, 1673; Sarah, Nov. 24, 1675, probably married Wm. Hobson; Elizabeth, March 29, 1678; Nathaniel, Feb. 12, 1680-1; Stephen, Feb. 23, 1682-3.

Joseph Jewett (son of deacon Maximilian). Do not confound with Captain Joseph or Joseph Senior. Born between 1653 and 1656. Was representative 1718-1719. Died Dec. 26, 1724. He married Rebecca Law, March 2, 1676. By her 4 children: Jonathan, March 11, 1678-9, m. Mary Wicorn, had 8 children (3rd child was Rev. Jedediah, b. Jan. 1705, gr. at Harvard 1726; 5th minister of Rowley, died May 8, 1774); Aquilla, Sept. 14, 1684, m. (1) Ann Tenney; had by her 8 children, (2) Amaritha; had by her 4 children: Priscilla, Aug. 9, 1687, m. her cousin Stephen Jewett, son of Ezekiel; Rebecca, July 24, 1693, m. probably Jeremiah Burpee.

Jeremiah Jewett (son of the Joseph who was deacon Maximilian's brother) was born in England 1637; came to Rowley with his parents 1639. He married Sarah Dickenson, March 4, 1661, and settled in Ipswich Village (so-called). He died May 20, 1714, and was buried in Rowley. Had 8 children: Jeremiah, 1662, m. Elizabeth, had 6 children and died March, 1732; Joseph, bapt. 1673, settled in Groton; Thomas, bapt. 1673, died unmarried May 16,

1743; *Eleazer, bapt. 1673; was the founder of Jewett City, Conn.; Sarah; Caleb; Mary, bapt. 1675; Nehemiah m. Priscilla Bradstreet and had 4 children, (Jeremiah m. Mary Mizhill; Jennison m. Joseph Scott; Priscilla m. (1) Perkins, (2) Humphrey Hobson; Caleb).

Nehemiah Jewett (second son of the Joseph who was deacon Maximilian's brother) was born April 6, 1643, m. Exercise Pierce, Oct. 19, 1663. Settled in Ipswich. Was representative 14 years, 3 of which he was Speaker of the House. Justice of Session's Court 1711 and 1712, and was on committee to compensate individuals damaged by prosecutions for witchcraft. Had eight children: Mary, Sept. 7, 1673; Nehemiah, Sept. 16, 1675, m. Catharine Gosland and had 2 children; Purchase m. Ruth Todd; John m. Hannah Scott; Joana, June, 1677; Joseph, Sept. 22, 1687; Benjamin, Oct. 1690, died 1717.

Captain Joseph Jewett (son of the Joseph who was deacon Maximilian's brother), born April 6, 1656. His father died when he was four years old and his uncle Maximilian raised him. Early life spent at Ipswich, later removed to Rowley. Was a carpenter. Was in expedition against King Philip in 1676 under Captain Brocklebank and was one of the survivors of that disastrous campaign, having probably been stationed at Marlborough with Lieut. Jacobs. He married Ruth Wood, daughter of Thomas and Ann Wood, of Roxford, Jan. 16, 1680. She was born July 21, 1662. Had 9 children: Ruth m. Joseph Varnum, of Dracut; Joshua, bapt. Aug. 26, 1683, died Oct. 16, 1694; Hannah, April 30, 1685, died 1685; Elizabeth, April 2, 1686; Joseph, April 10, 1687, m. Mary Hibbard, died Aug. 10, 1747; Sarah, Feb. 3, 1689, m. Samuel Prime, Mar. 27, 1701; Priscilla, Aug. 1, 1691, m. Hilkiah Boynton, Feb. 2, 1709; Joannah, April 12, 1693, m. Jonathau Pickard, April 8, 1710; Joshua, Feb. 16, 1695, m. Mary Todd, April 4, 1715, died Oct. 13, 1760.

*There seems to have been a tradition in the family of *Betsy Jewett* that four brothers settled a town which was afterward known as Jewett City. As Eleazer had four other brothers whose place of residence is not mentioned in this record, I am strongly of the opinion that *Elam Jewett* must have been a descendant, possibly a grandson of either Eleazer who we know settled in Jewett City, or one of his brothers whose place of residence is not given.

Joseph Jewett (son of Captain Joseph) and Mary Hibbard had 7 children: Mary, Feb. 23, 1707, died young; George (Captain) July 25, 1708, m. Hannah Lambert; Nathan, Sept. 9, 1710, went to Lynn, Conn., m. Deborah Lord, had many descendants in Conn.; Josiah, Mar. 22, 1713, settled in Gloucester; David, Aug. 11, 1714, gr. Harvard 1736, settled in New London, near Montville, Conn., m. Patience Phillips, of Boston; Mary July 11, 1723, m. (1) Nathaniel Brown (2) Samuel Adams; Gibbens, died young.

Joshua Jewett (son of Captain Joseph) and Mary Todd (daughter of John Todd and Elizabeth Brocklebank, daughter of Captain Brocklebank) had 3 children: Ruth, Feb. 1, 1716, died March 30, 1734, on eve of marriage poisoned by mistake; Joshua, March 9, 1738, died a Junior at Harvard Sept. 23, 1756; Paul, March 25, 1739, m. Oct. 16, 1759, Jane Payson (daughter of Eliphalet Payson, son of Rev. Edward Payson and Elizabeth Phillips) Paul had 8 children, youngest of whom was father of Dr. Joshua Jewett, and died Aug. 29, 1828.

NOTE.—Should these early records ever fall into the hands of any one who can assist in tracing the connection between *Elam Jewett* and that branch of the Jewetts from which I believe he descended, viz., some one of the sons of Jeremiah Jewett and Sarah Dickenson, I should be only too happy to open correspondence on that subject.

HARRY P. WARD,
Columbus, Ohio.

[Names in the direct line of ancestry in *Italics*.]

Since the foregoing items of Jewett history were put in print, *Mr. Harry Tracy Buttolph, of Buffalo, N. Y., has found the connecting links. *Elam Jewett* was brother to Thomas Jewett (born Aug. 1736, died May 29, 1812) whose family records show him to be the son of *Eli ezer Jewett*, of Norwich, Conn., who was the son of *Eli ezer Jewett*, who was the son of *Jeremiah Jewett*, who was the son of *Joseph Jewett*, who came to this country in 1638 and settled in Rowley, Mass., and who was said to be the son of *Edward Jewett*, of Lincolnshire, England. As the only differences between the above record and the one previously obtained are the spelling of *Eli ezer* and the residence of *Edward Jewett*, of Bradford, the supposition contained in the foot-note on page 14 now becomes an established fact.

Thomas Jewett, brother of *Elam Jewett*, lived in Norwich, Conn., until 1769, when he removed to Pownal, Vt., and late in life removed to Bennington. He was active in the public affairs of early Vermont, being a member of the first legislature, and again in 1783, 1788-9-90-1, a member of the Convention Jan. 10, 1791, which ratified the act of Congress admitting Vermont, also a member of the convention of 1793. He was a Justice of the Peace, and Judge for the shire of Bennington in 1778. He served in the revolutionary war, being a lieutenant of militia, in which capacity he participated in the battle of Bennington. At the close of the battle he picked up the unfortunate British commander, the Hessian Colonel Baum, who was dying, and placed him against a tree. Not knowing at the time who the officer was, he bore away his cap, sword and belt. The descendants of Thomas Jewett, and his wife Eunice (Slafter) are exceedingly numerous, scattered all over North America, among whom are many eminent professional men, public officials, etc. A large number of them served in the Union armies during the rebellion, several of whom attained the rank of Colonel. One, a resident of Mexico, accompanied the American forces as guide in the Mexican War. One appears as an Adjutant in the War of 1812. One, Eunice (Mann), daughter of Comfort, daughter of Thomas Jewett, married Joseph Parker (not known to be related to the ancestors of *John Parker*), supposed to be of Baintree, Mass., who was born 1779, died 1855, and their descendants are numerous.

Elam Jewett's wife was a *Miss Richardson*. But little seems to be known of them at this date. Their descendants appear to be as numerous and of about the same class of people as those of Thomas Jewett, a family with whom any one may be proud of connection. August, 1895.

*Mr. Harry Tracy Buttolph is son of Elam Buttolph and Mary Elizabeth Tracy, grandson of John P. Buttolph, of Essex Chittenden county, Vt., and Abigail Jewett, great-grandson of Othniel Jewett, a clothier of New Haven, Addison county, Vt., and Susan Nash, great-great-grandson of *Elam Jewett*.

