

## Dispelling Hannah Evans and Mary Herrick as wives of Lt. Jonas Parks

I and other Parks descendants have researched Lt Jonas Parks and his wife Mary for many years. We have conclusively proven that his wife was NOT either Hannah Evans or Mary Herrick.

What we have proven is that his wife's name was Mary, that she was born on or before 1745 (based on the 1800 census for Jonas Parks) and she died after 1810 (based on the 1810 census for Jonas' son Wayne [Wane] and son-in-law Benjamin Tryon). This information is documented on my web site at [http://www.condit-family.com/ps92/ps92\\_124.html](http://www.condit-family.com/ps92/ps92_124.html)

First as to known facts:

1. Lt. Jonas Parks was born 5 Jul 1738 in Pomfret, Windham Co., Connecticut to Jonathan Park/s and Mary Whiting.
2. Lt. Jonas Parks died before 3 Jan 1801 when his will was proved naming wife Mary and "six daughters, Martha, Mary, Hannah, Ruth, Sarry, Helche" along with "Eldest sons Samuel and Jonas and William and Jonathan" and son Peter, and "my other two sons Wane and Daniel (the two youngest)."

Also see my web pages at

[http://www.condit-family.com/wc06/wc06\\_251.html](http://www.condit-family.com/wc06/wc06_251.html) and at [http://www.condit-family.com/ps08/ps08\\_178.html](http://www.condit-family.com/ps08/ps08_178.html)

### **Mary Herrick**

The Jonas Parke that married Mary Herrick was Jonas Parke (Park) son of Zebulon who married Mary Herrick March 5, 1783 (when Jonas & Mary already had seven children). Jonas Park WAS NOT in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regt., Dutchess Co., New York in the Revolutionary War but he and Mary (Herrick) Park could have moved to Rennsalaer Co., New York but Jonas is found in Delaware Co. New York in 1800 until his death in 1825.

The "Genealogy of Parke Families of Connecticut" lists the following information for Jonas Parke (Park) who married Mary Herrick.

351. JONAS<sup>6</sup> PARK, (Zebulon<sup>5</sup>, Ezekial<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was born at Preston, Conn., Oct. 14, 1757; m Mary Herrick, at Preston, March 5,

1783. She b March 23, 1765; daughter of Ephraim and Srrah (Ripley) Herrick. Jonas was a Lieutenant in the 6th regt., Dutchess county, N. Y., in the Rev. War, and after the war they moved to Renssalaer county, N. Y. Many of their descendants moved to the neighborhood of Minauk, Ills.

### Children:

- 689 Sally<sup>7</sup>; m Milton Davidson.
- 690 Polly<sup>7</sup>,
- 691 Sophia<sup>7</sup>,
- 692 Henry<sup>7</sup>; m Eunice Prentis.
- 693 Benjamin<sup>7</sup>; unm.
- 694 Fanny<sup>7</sup>; unm.

Note that none of children listed of this marriage match the will of Lt. Jonas Parks of New York and his birth date is not a match. Note also that the verbiage states that this Jonas Parke (Park) was a Lt in the 6th Regt of Dutchess Co., New York. This is ABSOLUTELY WRONG but typical of early genealogies that mix up the Jonas Park/Parke/Parks living in that era. As far as has been traced NONE of Lt. Jonas Parks Sr children moved to Minauk, Illinois. Also it is thought Mary (Herrick) Parke (Park) died in abt 1790 and this Jonas Parke remarried and had children, none of which are listed in this entry. No known children from his first marriage to Mary Herrick are known.

Also: Mary Herrick can not be Lt. Jonas Parks' second wife because in the 1800 census Jonas Parks' wife is listed as being over 45, if she was born in 1765 she would have only been 35. So the record for the Jonas Park above, husband of Mary Herrick, may be correct but it is definitely not Lt Jonas Parks Sr or Jonas Jr. his son. The "Parke Scrapbook" differs substantially from the "Genealogy of Parke Families of Connecticut" on this Jonas descended from Zebulon.

Jonas Parke of Deposit, Delaware Co., New York has a find-a-grave entry at: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/80093313/jonas-parke> listing two wives.

## Hannah Evans

The Parke Scrapbook, a series of three books on the Parke/Park/Parks families by Ruby Parke Anderson, is the source for the entry of Hannah Evans as spouse of Jonas Parke (Park) but I can't find any record of a Hannah Evans married to Jonas Parks. There were several Jonas Park/Parke/Parks during that timeframe and a Hannah could have married Lt. Jonas Parks but I can find no record except the Parke Scrapbook which is wrong on many counts on several of the Jonas Park/Parke/Parks.

3051. Jonas<sup>6</sup> Parke (Zebulon, Ezekial, Nathaniel, Thomas, Robert) b. 14 Oct. 1757 Preston, Conn., d. 1800 Cairo, N.Y., m. Hannah Evans, he m. 2nd 5 Mar. 1783 Preston Mary dau. of Ephraim and Sarah (Ripley) Herrick b. 23 Mar. 1765, d. 1815 Cairo, chn. **Parke**
5127. Samuel<sup>7</sup>
- \*5128. Martha<sup>7</sup> m. Amos Finch
5129. Mary<sup>7</sup> m. — Thorn
5130. Hannah<sup>7</sup> m. — Tidd
- \*5131. Wayne<sup>7</sup> b. 1832 Cairo, m. — Tryon
5132. Ruth<sup>7</sup> m. — Waters
5133. John<sup>7</sup>
5134. Daniel<sup>7</sup> m. — Thomas
5135. William<sup>7</sup> d. 1831, Greenville
- \*5136. Peter<sup>7</sup> m. Deborah Ingraham
5137. Sally<sup>7</sup>

NOTE: Jonas<sup>6</sup> in Rev. War from N.Y.  
r. Dutchess Co., N.Y., bef. War  
r. Rensselaer Co., N.Y., after War  
Descendants r. Minauk, Ills.

Above from the "Parke Scrapbook" Volume III

This entry has 11 of 13 children of Lt. Jonas Parks, missing Jonas Jr., Jonathan, and Helche while adding a son John. Lt. Jonas Parks will names 13 children: "six daughters, Martha, Mary, Hannah, Ruth, Sarry, Helche" along with "Eldest sons Samuel and Jonas and William and Jonathan" and son Peter, and "my other two sons Wane and Daniel (the two youngest)."

There was a Hannah Evans in CT.

Hannah Evans, dau. John & Hannah, b. 15 Aug 1744, Plainfield, Windham Co., CT

Marriage of Jesse Geer & Hannah Evens of Plainfield, 26 Dec 1765, Preston, New London Co., CT

Hannah Geer, d. 28 Jan 1835, Norwich, Windsor Co., Vermont age 91

### **Other Jonas Parks marriages**

Jonas Parks & Betsey Robbins, 8/11/1785, Brooklyn, Windham Co., Connecticut

If Jonas was married before 1760 when his daughter Martha was probably born in New York, he had to have already been living in New York. When he enlisted in the 6th Reg. and was "elected" by his peers to be a LT he had to have been known to them. They would not elect someone they didn't know so he had probably been in NY for a while. It is thought his parents, Jonathan Park and Mary Whiting moved to Dutchess Co., New York about 1741, Jonathan was taxed in Beekman in 1741. If so, Lt Jonas Parks was raised in Dutchess Co., New York and probably married a local girl, not someone from Connecticut.

It is very difficult sorting out these Parks families during this time period as there are several Jonas', Samuel's and all the descendants want to claim descent from a Rev. War soldier.

This may be more information than you were looking for but let me know if you have questions and I'd be happy to discuss with you.

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