

## THE DIARY OF REV. THOMAS BENTON PARKS

The original of this Diary is in the possession of Mr. Julian T. Clemens, Scottsboro, Alabama, a grandson of Thomas B. Parks. Mr. Clemens says that his grandfather kept a more detailed diary, preceding this one, over a long period of time. The whereabouts of this other diary is not known, nor even if it is extant.

Thomas B. Parks was born March 27, 1832, and died May 24, 1918, living all his life in Jackson County, Alabama. He was the son of John and Ruth (Brown) Parks, early settlers of this region. He was a farmer, Methodist minister, and a Postmaster at Collum, Alabama.

His first wife was Martha Ann Hudgins, daughter of Benjamin Hudgins. To this union were born two sons: Anson Benjamin ("Ben Yancy") and Jerome Black Parks. Martha Ann Parks is buried in the Hudgins Cemetery, near Scottsboro, Alabama.

After the death of his first wife, he married Mary Jane Pierce, daughter of Solomon B. and Virginia Pierce. To this union were born the following children: Solomon Pierce; Deborah; John Cleberne; Eva Dillatoure; Samuel Robert; Adar Brown; Mary Elizabeth; Joseph Frederic; Lovick Benton.

(Bible Record)

Mary Jane Parks, consort of Thomas B. Parks, died October 26, 1877. She is buried in the old Pierce Cemetery, located on the farm owned by her father, near old Section Ferry on the Tennessee River, Scottsboro, Alabama.

Thomas B. Parks's third wife was Mrs. Elizabeth (Brown) Hornbuckle. No children were born to this union. Persons still living who knew this wife, Elizabeth, say she was kind and loving to his children, and he, in turn, was kind and loving to her daughter, Miss Eva Hornbuckle.

Rev. Thomas B. Parks and his wife, Elizabeth, are buried in the Burgess Cemetery, old Campground Vicinity, near Scottsboro, Alabama. Elizabeth Parks was born July 30, 1841, and died January 31, 1915. (Cemetery Record)

Inez Jenkins Murphy

The 2nd day of July, 1965  
3405 19th Avenue  
Sheffield, Alabama

#### BIRTHS

Thomas Benton Parks	born March 27 A.D. 1832
Mary Jane Parks	born August 27 A.D. 1835
Solomon Pierce Parks	born Sept. 28 A.D. 1860
Deborah Parks	born August 17 A.D. 1863
John Cleberne Parks	born Oct. 26 A.D. 1865
Eva Dillatoure Parks	born August 13 A.D. 1867
Robert Samuel Parks	born Feb. 7 A.D. 1869
Adar Brown Parks	born Jan. 18 A.D. 1870
Mary Eliza Parks	born January 18 A.D. 1872
Joseph Fredric Parks	born Sept. 28 A.D. 1873
Lovick Parks	born July 25 A.D. 1876

#### MARRIAGES

Samuel Robert Parks to Annie Vashti Jenkins 3-1-05.  
John Jenkins Parks to Laura Elizabeth Davidson 6-1-36.

#### DEATHS

Mary Jane Parks consort of Thomas B. Parks died October 26, 1877.  
Solomon Pierce Parks Died January 30 A.D. 1873.  
Adar Brown Parks Departed this life September 23 A.D. 1870.  
Joseph Frederic Parks Died October 20, 1873.  
Mary Elizabeth Parks Died January 23, 1872.  
Annie Vashti Parks Died Jan. 15, 1956 Hodges Hospital, Scottsboro, 8:30 PM.  
Samuel Robert Parks Died Hodges Hospital, Scottsboro, Ala. Oct. 23, 1949.

#### BIRTHS

Annie Vashti Jenkins (Parks) Born October 19, 1877.  
John Jenkins Parks Born October 31, 1907.  
Barbara Elizabeth Parks Born August 30, 1938 (Daughter of John J. Parks).  
John Charles Parks Born Nov. 14, 1940 (Son of John J. Parks).

#### THOMAS B. PARKS'S BIBLE

This Bible is now in the possession of John Jenkins Parks, a son of Samuel Robert Parks and grandson of Rev. Thomas B. Parks.  
Address: 2605 Woodview Drive, Huntsville, Alabama

A DIARY OF THOMAS BENTON PARKS

Born 1832-Died 1918

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by  
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by  
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Sheffield, Alabama  
1965

Thos B Parks apt. with County Alliance for 1888.

Postage Envelops and paper for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1888	\$1.50	\$1.50
Nove 20th bought 1/4 ream of note paper 20 ct. postage 80 envelops 5 cts.	1.05	.85
Regular expense for the quarter ending Dec. 31st. 1888	1.50	\$1.50
Total for two quarters		\$3.85
		<u>.20</u>
		4.05

What is termed regular expense in the above apt. embraces paper plus ink envelopes and Postage. Not reckoning the time devoted to writing & ets.

October 1889

C. C. Hendricks begin work for T. B. Parks

Mon 28 worked	1 day
Tues 29 "	1 day
Wed 30 "	1 day
Thur 31 "	1 day

Nov 1889

Fri 1 worked	1 day
Sat 2 "	1 day
Sun 3 "	1 day
Mon 4 "	1 day

T J Young apt.

Dr to pork 3d 47 lbs at 5 cts per lb	\$ 2.35
T J Young Dr to meat up to Sept 6	<u>\$16.04</u>
	\$18.39
Total amount of corn up to Sept 6 1890	\$15.57
Total amount of cash and bill advanced	9.15
Price of 1 cow	<u>16.00</u>
	\$59.11
Amount advanced to J. D. Snodgrass	<u>40.00</u>
	\$99.11
Cr by work up to Sept 6th	\$18.00
After Sept 6 corn 1 bu	.60
meat	1.80
1 sorgum barrell	<u>1.00</u>
	3.40
Order to Starnes	<u>2.00</u>
	\$5.40

1890

Thomas Young act.

July 11	Cr by day work	.60
" 14	" "	.60
" 15	" "	.60
" 16	" 1/2 "	.30
" 16	Dr to 2 bus corn	1.20
" 21	Dr to 29 lbs meat	3.63
" 25	Dr to 7 lb Greenville tobacco	.50
Aug 4	Dr to tobacco	.50
" "	Dr to snuff	.50
" "	" to cash	.10

Furnished by J. C. P. at Starnes

Aug 10	Dr to 1 bu corn	.75
" 18	Cr by 1/2 days work	.30
" 19	" " 1/2 days work	.30
" 22	" " 1 days work	.60
" 25	" " 1 days work	.60
" 26	" " "	.60
" 27	" " "	.60
" 28	" " "	.60
Sept 2	" " 1/2 day	.30
" 3	" " 1 day	.60
" 4	" " 1 day	.60
" 5	" " 1 "	.60

Oct 17	J C Parks cotton	
Oct 17		821
Nov 1		1389

S R Parks cotton	
Oct 17	361

T P Parks cotton	876
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Tom Young cotton

1891

Green Pendergrass's work

(Note: The following days' work and account are in vertical columns.)

Feb. 2 1/2 days. Mar 2 1 days, Mar 3 1 days, Mar 3 1 days, Mar 3 1 days,  
 Mar 5 1/2 days, Mar 9 1 days, Mar 10 1 days, Mar 12 1/2 days, Mar 13 1/2 days,  
 Mar 14 1/2 days, Mar 16 1/2 days, Mar 17 1 days, Mar 18 1 days, Mar 19 1 days,  
 Mar 20 1/4 days, Mar 23 1 days, Mar 24 1 days, Mar 25 1 days, Mar 26 1 days,  
 Mar 27 1/2 days, Mar 30 1/2 days.

Green Pendergrass Act.

Feb Dr to 19 lbs meat 1.52. Feb Dr to corn 1 bu .60. Mar 4 cash \$1.50.  
 Mar 11 Dr to cash 2.10. Mar 18 Dr to 19 lbs meat 1.52. Mar 20 Dr to  
 1 1/2 bu corn .65 .97-1/2. Mar 20 Dr to potatoes 50 cts .50. Mar 20  
 Dr to 1 box snuff 15 cts .15. Mar 21 Dr to cash 50 cts .50. Mar 23  
 Dr to 2 qts oil .15. Mar 28 Cash 1.75. Mar 28 1 sack flour .80

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PARKS FAMILY

Collum Ala April 29, 1903

John Parks was born January 14th A.D. 1782 and was married to Mary M. Delaney - March 12th A.D. 1811. Unto was born William D. Parks January 22 A.D. 1812. Mary M. Park died February 10th A.D. 1812. Ruth Brown was born Oct. 18th A.D. 1796. - Married to the above named John Parks August 13th 1816, and to them were born the following issue--

To wit: Robert C. born May 2d. A.D. 1818.  
 James M. born July 9th A.D. 1819.  
 Mary M. born Jan. 12, A.D. 1821.  
 Eliza B. born Sept. 11 1822 A.D. (Bible Record, Sept. 9th, 1822).  
 Rebecca was born February 19th A.D. 1824.  
 John G. born December 19, A.D. 1825.  
 Elizabeth - record lost  
 Samuel W. - record lost.  
 Thomas B. Parks March 27th, 1832.  
 Joseph F. Parks - record lost.

Now these are the sons and daughters of John Parks & Ruth Parks that was born unto them after they came to the state of Alabama and settled in the Tennessee River Valley.

## SKETCH OF JAS. M. PARKS FAMILY

James Monroe Parks and Mary Jane Scott, Daughter of Robert T. Scott Sen. and Mariah Scott his wife who was a Parsons before she married to R. T. Scott Sen. were married July 22 1852 near Scottsboro Ala. to them were born the following children to wit:

Charles E. Parks born May 6 1853 at White Cottage Jackson County Ala. and died Aug. 17, 1853.  
 Robert Scott Parks born April 15 1855.  
 Mary Eleanor Parks born Feb. 20 1857 at Scottsboro Ala. and died Aug. 7, 1870 in Leon County, Texas.  
 James Lightner Parks was born in Washington City D. C. Apr 24 1860.  
 Frank Gurley Parks, Born July 27, 1862 at Scottsboro Ala. and died at same place Feb 19, 1896.  
 Charlott E. Parks Born Oct 29, 1864, near Section Jackson Co Ala.  
 Ernest Parks June 26, 1867 in Scottsboro Ala.  
 William D. Parks Born May 2, 1870 in Leon County, Texas. Died Sept. 1870 in same place.

James Monroe Parks was born July 9, 1819. And was married to Cenia (?) Justice while he was quite young -- Some years after this marriage there was born to them John Thomas Parks, March 2d. 1849, his mother dieing a few days after his birth, he was taken to the home of his grandmother with whom he remained untill the death of his grandmother in 1855 -- then he lived with his uncle J. G. Parks -- untill his father emigrated to Texas in 1870 and in 1870 Aug. 30 he died in Leon county Texas. This John Thomas Parks was only child by this first marriage.

Diary--1887-8-9

Attended burial service of Sarah Jenkins wife of King Jenkins -- & mother of Jefferson J. & John Jenkins, at 12 oclock A.M. Wednesday Aug 31st. 1887.

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Joseph L. Burgess and Addie L. Jenkins at 4 oclock P.M. Wednesday Aug. 31st. 1887.

(Note: Above Sarah Jenkins was the grandmother of the Addie L. Jenkins who married the day her grandmother was buried; Addie was a daughter of John King and Lucinca J. (Kirby) Jenkins. I.J.M.)

Conducted burial service of Bell -- Daughter of S. H. & Mary M. Green Sunday 15th January 1888.

Attended Burial Service of Mollie, daughter of Elizabeth and W. P. Young. Jan. 1st 1888.

Buried Mrs. Elizabeth widow of W. Preston Young on Feb. 5th 1888--

Attended the burial of Mrs. Willbanks wife of David Willbanks 2d Sunday in March 1888--

Attend the burial of Ala Kirby daughter of Dr. A. J. Kirby on May 20th 1888--

Attended the burial service of Bessie, daughter of Willis and Ruth Idear Sisk on Sunday March 9th 1890--

Attend the Service and burial of Stellar daughter of Willis and Ruth Idear Sisk March 19th 1890 -- This child would have been 6 years old had she lived untill October following and gave the most supporting testimony of her love and knowledge of the Savior and Heaven and immortality of any person of her age that was my pleasure to know within the observation of 40 years of my religious life. Surely with tongues of babes has he taught us.

Attended the Burial Service of Joseph N. Finey -- and Mr. Westmoreland at the Finey Graveyard on 2d. of April 1890. This was in some respects the most remarkable burial I ever witnessed, the burial of J. W. Finey was first performed by the Farmers Alliance ritual with quite a large number of the members participating; in the presence of the largest audience I ever witnessed in the Tennessee River Valley -- after the imposing seremonies of the Alliance had been concluded T. B. Parks according to request of Bro. Finey began the Solemn Service of the ritual of the M. E. Church South for the dead -- being aided by the Rev. E. J. Stockton -- after which the body was placed in the valt and by kind and faithful neighbors and friends the grave was filled, and loving hands strewed flowers on the red mound of the last resting place of a faithful Steward and church member -- a good citizen and Neighbor affectionate husband and kind father of four children.

After which the Farmers Alliance -- proceeded to bury Mr. Westmoreland with the usual ceremonies and honors of the Alliance to which were added the Service of Song and prayer by T. B. Parks as per request of the Family.

Sept 17th-- Married Jas W Cosby to Mary E. Jenkins at Wash Jenkins  
 Attended the Burial Services Sept 8th of Mary infant daughter of Wm and  
 Josiephine Tiffin.

#### Diary for 1891

April 5th 1891-- Celebrated the rites of matrimony between James B. Morgan  
 and Miss Matilda Hollis. Daughter of Rufus and Ann Hollis at the residence  
 of E. B. Ligon. Also between Thos B. Pendergrass and Miss Kate Young-- at  
 the residence of John Young her Brother.

Apr 8 Wednesday-- returned home From the county Alliance at 12 o'clock A.M.  
 Solemnized the rites of Matrimony between James R. Gayle and Miss Mahala  
 Angeline Merdah at 4 o'clock P.M.

May 31st Celebrated the rites of Matrimony between John H. Tipton and  
 Miss Hannah Collins in the Randall's Chapell church at 4 o'clock P.M.  
 A full house witness the ceremonies.

J. H. Tipton is a son of B. W. Tipton-- and the last member of his family  
 to marry-- and is the fifth one of said family for whom I have performed  
 the marriage ceremony-- Miss Hannah was the daughter of Wood Collins who  
 was a relative of Archie Collins, a noted settler in Paint Rock Valley in  
 the early settling of Jackson Co. Her mother was a daughter of Robert  
 Bynum, who settled in early life in what is now the corporate limits of  
 Scottsboro-- where he raised a numerous family, consisting of two sons  
 John P. and R. H. Bynum and Several daughters.

#### June 1891

June 14th, 1891 Solemnized the rites of Matrimony Between John R. Mefford  
 and Miss Lenellen Hughes at 10 o'clock A.M. and attended the burial Ser-  
 vices of Mrs. Katie Young wife of Allen Young and Sister of R. B.; S. H.;  
 Rufus; and Joseph Green and daughter of Asa R. Green. This good woman  
 (Katie Green) was most Brutally murdered by her husband on the morning of  
 Saturday June 13th 1891. On examination of her person, it was found that  
 she had received two blows on the head, one in the forehead directly over  
 the left eye, one on the back and left side of the head-- one stab directly  
 under the left nipple from 4 to six inches in depth. Also one other stab  
 immediately above the left nipple about the same depth, both passing entirely  
 through the heart.

#### January 1891

Diary of Thos. B. Parks

Solemnized the rites of matrimony Between Robert C. White and Temperance  
 Elizabeth Farmer on the first day of Jan 1891.

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Jan 24 1891, between Mr. J. W. Skelton &  
 Miss Mary P. Moore at the Residence of Robert Gamble--

Attended burial services of Mattie Lou Finey daughter of J. N. Finey and  
 Pinkey Finey Aug. 13th, 1891.

Attended the burial of Clanton P. Brooks September 5, 1891.



Diary of Thos. B. Parks--Continued

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between John Tiffin and Mrs. Malisa Coulson on April 19th 1892.

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between J. H. Cunningham and Mrs. Isabella Thompson, May 15, 1892.

1892 & 3

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between Thos. S. Honser and Miss Laurah Moore Dec 21st 1892.

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between Nicolas P. Broadway and Miss Cordie Green Nov 6 1892.

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between William Carter and Lucy Thompson Sept 4th 1892.

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between Frank White and Miss Mollie Cunningham Jan 5 1893--

Attended burial service of Ruth Ida Sisk wife of Willis Sisk and daughter of B. W. Tipton, May 19th 1893.

Attended the burial service of Dan Moore (Hitch) on May 26 1893.

Jan 1894 & Nov 1893

Celebrated the rites of Matrimony between Thos J. Green and Mary E. Mcnelley Nov 2d 1893, at 10:30 P.M.

Celebrated the rites of Matrimony between Uriah Hicks and Mrs. Isabella McAdams-- Mr Hicks being 82 years of age and Mrs McAdams about 55 years of age, -- Such is life in this world.

1904 and 1905

Sam R Parks and Vashti Jenkins were united in marriage on March 1st, 1905.

Dec 15 1897

Solemnized the rites of matrimony between Charlie S. Dowda and Delura May Butler at the residence of Thomas J. Butler Father of Delura.

Jan 26 1904

Solemnized the rites of Matrimony Between John Roman and Tempie Miller at the Residence of John Miller on Jan 26, 1904 near Goose pond.

May 1st 1904

Solemnized the rites of Matrimony between William Miller and Miss Cora Smith at my residence on Sunday May the 1st 1904.

1905

Solemnized rites of matrimony Between Mr. Charles Miller and Miss Zoe Killian at my residence at Collum Ala on Sunday March 5, 1905.

Collum Ala Nov 7th 1903

Attended the buryal service of Mrs Emaline Sartin at the Finney grave yard on Nov 7th, 1903-- the following manuscript was read. Emaline Sartin was born June 2d, 1855. Departed this life Nov 6th 1903-- She had been a member of the Christian church for 25 years. Although she died very suddenly and not being conscious of the change, yet she had told her sister a short time before her death that she was prepared to die, and believed that she would go to heaven if called to die, often she said she was ready to go; and all that troubled her was leaving her children. The above named Emaline Sartin was the widow of Alexander Finney--being the daughter of Vardy Clark whose family was reared in the Goose Pond neighborhood. She leaves her children with Mrs Bell and Mrs Edmond C Smith, her sisters now residing in the immediate community where she was buried.

Aug 27 1899. Attended the burial service of Mrs Leaneah Ashmore, wife of Robert Ashmore-- at the Goose Pond Cemetery--

Sept 17, 1902

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between J. W. Finney and Miss Angeline E. Walker at the residence of the Bride on the 17th Sept 1902--

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Worth Green and Martelia Tiffin, on Sept 17, 1902. The above named Worth Green being a son of R. B. Green who was the Son of Asa R. Green who was one of the early settlers of Jackson County, Ala-- and reared a large family-- to wit, James Green, R. B.; Rufus; Sam Huston; John; & Joseph. Daughters: Temperance, wife of B. W. Tipton; Mary, wife of John A. Swafford. Katie, wife of Allen Young, who in a state of insanity Stabed her to death in the cotton field on the old S. B. Pierce estate in year 1893, June 13th. And also Annetta- wife first of Richard Jenkins who died and left her in early life with one child, named George. She afterwards became the wife of Capt J. H. Dicus high Sherriff of the county.

Nov 20th 1902

Solemnized the rites of Matrimony Between C. W. Argo and Mrs. E. D. Reed at her residence-- Mr Argo being 67 years of age and Mrs Reed 73 years of age. These parties had been fighting the battles of life each living alone for many years-- We pray that this union may prove a mutual blessing to them in the eavening of human life.

Dec 29 1902 Solemnized the rites of matrimony Between Charley Kirby and Miss Onie Oakley at my residence Collum Ala at 9:30 o'clock P.M. 1902. The weather was very cold the parties suffered considerable in making the trip from Mrs. Wallace's to my house and back-- The above named Charley Kirby is Son of Thomas P. Kirby and a grand son of Mrs E. D. Argo who was formerly Mrs. E. D. Reed, mother of Lenos, wife of T. P. Kirby and the mother of Charley above named; Miss Onie Oakley is reputed to be the daughter of Mr. Tate, who has considerable wealth-- his home is in the state of Tenn.

Collum Ala Dec 31 1902

Dec 31 Solemnized the rites of matrimony Between W. L. Coulson and Ruth Childress at the residence of Mrs Mattie Childress at 2 o'clock P.M. Dec 31st 1902. William L. Coulson is a grandson of Jonath Milton, Deceased and Jemima Burgess. Miss Ruth Childress is a grand daughter of John K. Childress, deceased, and daughter of Silas P. Childress deceased who was a son of John K. Childress. Jan 4th 1903. Attend the funeral Services of H. C. Childress at the Residence of G. F. Smithon Sunday Jan 1903 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Died on March 25 A. D. 1903 - Buried in Wood's Cove Cemetery March 26th 1903-- by Rev S. J. Parrish, C. L. Aldridge & Rve Mr Sloan of the Baptist church. Brother Wood professed religion and joined church when quite a boy. Was licensed to Exhort when he was a young man-- after exorcising as an Exhorter for several years he was licensed to preach-- which he did for many years-- He took great delight in the services of the House of God and was faithful in his duty to God-- and was ever anxious for the prosperity of the church-- and the Salvation of Sinners-- he bore a constant and burning zeal for poor lost men and women. A model man and citizen and christian, a Kind Father and husband, a good neighbour generous to a fault. He had fully learned and accepted God's word-- that God loves a cheerful Giver. His liberality was larger than his means--having been a Steward in the church for many years, he always bore the Kindest Sympathy for those who filled this responsible position in his church, showing a ready and willing mind to support the institution of the church-- being a loyal methodis in doctrine and practice--

Feb 24, 1906

Jemima Burgess--who was formerly Jemima Thomas-- was born March 29, 1822, was married to Jonathan M. Burgess Dec. 13th 1840. Departed this life February 24, 1906, aged 83 years 10 months and 25 days, having lived all these years at the residence where she died. The writer of this short sketch was born March the 27, 1832 and has known Jemima Burgess from his earliest recollection and has been a near neighbor and intimate friend all his life, the most cordial and warm friendship existing between us with out a break through out all these years. Her love and kind friendship has been a great benediction to my life.

Oct. 29, 1906

Julia Ann Russell Daughter of James and Reccah Russell of this vicinity. Died Oct 29, 1906-- She borned and reared in this vicinity. I do not know the date of her birth, but suppose from recollection having known her all of her life, She must have lived near 70 years. She was borned in destitution, lived and died poor, hers was a life of deprivation.

Died Wednesday Oct. 31 1906 Capt. W. H. Dicus, near Randall's Chapell in the vicinity of Scottsboro where he was borned and reared. Capt. Dicus was a Captin in the Confederat Army, and was a brave and daring soldier. After the war he was Sheriff of Jackson for four years-- after which he persued farming, untill age and feebleness disabled him. He lived to be about 80 years of age.

## Register of Union Alliances Organized by me in Jackson Co. Alabama

No. 1

Hollywood Organized Jan. 17, 1889

F. C. Cobb	President
T. J. Roach	vice Presid
S. M. Stewart	sec
W. M. Finnell	Treas
Henry Coles	Lect
Frank Allison	Chap
Wm Eustice	Conductor
L. W. Stewart	Door Keeper
G. M. (W?) Roach	Sergt. at Arms
W. Coles )	Executive Committee
Bevly (?) Helton )	
Wm. Yeagam	
John Kyle	
Henry H. Stewart	
Henry A. Stewart	
D. P. Stewart	

No. 3

Cedar Ridge

Org. Feby 14, 1889

1 Charley Wood	Presid
2 Thos McBroom	vice Pres
3 J. C. Rice	Sec
4 James Beard	Tres
5 Wm Province	Lec
6 Wm Pearson	Chap
7 M. J. Yeagan	Conductor
8 Henry Pearson	Door Keep
9 Wm Buchanan	Sergt at arms
10 Thos House	
11 John Yeagan	

Post Office Hollywood

No. 2

Sauta Grove Alliance Organized Jan 22nd 1889

A. L. Green	President
Abram Edwards	Vice Pres
S. F. Clark	Sec
Robert Whitesides	Treas
Abram Wellington	Lec
Prince Edwards	Chap
John Deavenport	Conductor
Isaac Wellington	Sergt at Arms

Females

Julia Reedy  
 Allice Johnson  
 Bettie Deavenport  
 Amanda Aubury  
 Nancy Reedy  
 Callie Whitisides

P. O. Parks Store, Jackson Co., Ala.

Collum, Ala Aug 19th 1903

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between James Roe and Mrs. Tennie V. Atchly at my Residence on Aug. 19, 1903, at 6 o'clock P. M.

Thomas B. Parks L. D.

Dec. 28, 1904

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Willis Porter and Miss Lela Evans at my residence at Collum Ala on December 28th, 1904.

Thomas B Parks

April 2, 1905 Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between William Toon and Tensy Reed at my residence at Collum Ala April 2d, 1905.

Thomas B Parks

May 30 1906

Solemnized the rites of matrimony Between J. C. G. Bell and Miss Arkansas (Babe) Kind at my residence Collum Ala May 30, 1906--

Thomas B. Parks

Nov. 3d, 1907

Solemnized the rites of matrimony Between John Swafford and Adar Carter at my residence at Collum Ala Nov. 3d 1907.

Thomas B. Parks L.D.

Nov 17, 1907

Celebrated the rites of Matrimony between Garth R. Childress and Miss Sophie Thompson at my residence Collum Ala on the 17th day of November 1907. Said Garth is the Son of Hugh G. Childress, son of John K. Childress whose father was also named John and settled in this county in the early settlement of this state, between the year 1818 and 1820-- this Garth R. above mentioned is the 3d generation of the Childress family with whom I have been intimately acquainted and who have been borned and reared in this immediate neighborhood--

Thomas B Parks

1908 Solemnized the rites of matrimony Between John Jenkins and Miss Gertrude Underwood at my residence on Saturday (?) night Mrch 21st 1908.

Thomas B Parks

November 2d 1906

Died at Albertsville Ala

Nov 2d 1906 Mrs. Temperance Smith, Wife of George W. Smith and daughter of John K. and Ruth Childress who resided and reared a family in the neighborhood of Scottsboro Jackson Co. Ala-- George W. & Temperance Smith lived in this same community up to 1901, when they removed to the town of Albertsville in Marshall County Ala-- where on Nov 2d 1906 Mrs. Temperance died.

January 1908

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Alec Thompson and Miss Myrtle Green at Collum Ala-- January 12th 1908.

Thomas B Parks

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between William Cunningham and Maggie Payne Tiffin at Collum Ala, December 9th 1908 on Wednesday-- at 2:30 P.M.

Thomas B Parks L. D.

The above named Will Cunningham is a Son of J. Harvey Cunningham who is now deceased and was a Son of John Cunningham who reared a large family of children who are all dead and removed from this community, except a few of his grandchildren. Most of them dieing from that fatal of diseases of cancer & consuption. Thus have I witnessed the passing of a large family of people from earth, who were of the first settlers of this imediate neighborhood with my father John Parks who came from east Tennessee before Ala was admitted into the Union.

Thomas B Parks

Collum Ala Dec 23d 1908

Hollis & Giddens

between

Cellebrated the rites of matrimony, Ewell Hollis and Miss Irene Giddens at Collum Ala being at my residence, Wednesday 23d day of December 1908.

Thomas B Parks, L. D.

Kirby & Childress

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between John Kirby and Lala Childress at my residence at Collum Ala Sept 5 1909--

The above John Kirby is a son of Thomas Kirby which was the son of John Kirby (commonly designated as Black John) which was the son of Richard Kirby who emigrated from East Tennessee about the year 1812-- whose first wife was the widow's Grant the mother of Frank M., Milton, Polly Gussett and Samuel W Kirby-- and the second wife was a Price (Trice ?) and to whom was born Harriet, Sallie, Levina, Richard, & John, the above named (Black John) who is the father of the above named Thomas Kirby who married Miss Mittie McKay a daughter of James McKay, who came to a tragic death by a runaway Team and was found dead by the road side, there was no one with him when the Sad accident occured. Miss Mittie McKay's mother was Iley(?) Burgess a daughter of Richard Burgess who came to Ala with the first settlers of Jackson county, and was the elder brother of Starling-- Jas M. and William Burgess, also of three sisters, Issable Green, wife of Asa R. Green, Temperance Russell, wife of John W. Russell, Ruth B. wife of John K. Childress, who is the father of Hugh G. Childress who is the father of Miss Lala Childress who became the wife of John Kirby on Sept 5th 1909-- Setting in their buggy to make the Solemn avowal.

This sketch was written on Monday morning Sept 6th 1909

Thomas B Parks

Oct 24, 1909

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Mr Joe Dudley and Annie Jenkins at my residence in Collum Ala

Thomas B Parks

Nov 7, 1909

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Mr Andrew Tiffin and Miss Anna Dicus at my residence in Collum Ala Nov 7, 1909 witness my Signature

Thomas B Parks

Nov 14, 1909

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between Chill Clark and Minnie Cosby at my residence in Collum Ala on Nov 14, 1909 Witness my Signature

Thomas B Parks

April 1910 May 1910

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Robert Young and Miss Eda Thomas April 24, 1910 at my residence Collum Ala Jackson County

Thomas B Parks

Celebrated the rites of matrimony between C. H. Spurgeon and Miss Annie Sherrell at my residence Collum Ala May 1st 1910

Thomas B Parks

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between J. S. White and Miss Maud Childress at my residence Collum Ala Aug 7th, 1910 10. A.M.

Nov 27

Celebrated the rits of Matrimony Between George E. Baker and Miss Lou Smith at my residence Collum Ala Nov 27 1910.

Thomas B. Parks

Jan 8, 1911

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Albert Hurt and Lucy White at my residence at Collum Ala. Jan 8, 1911

Thos B Parks

Collum Ala July 30, 1911

Celebrated the rites of matrimony Between Johna L. Wadkins and Miss Mary Payne at my Residence in Collum Ala on July 30 at 10 o'clock AM 1911--as witness my Signature

Thomas B Parks

Collum, Ala December 10th 1911

I this day Celebrated the rites of Matrimony between Henry R. Gray and Miss Mamie Thomas at my residence in Collum Ala-- Henry R. Gray is the Son of Mr John Gray who formerly lived at Smith's Chappell, now known as Aspel-- and married the daughter of Preston Smith who was the Brother of Captain Henry Smith the noted Confederate Soldier and dareing fighter being the Sons of the well known Col. Brooks Smith who settled and lived in the immediate vicinity of Smith's Chapell, known now as Aspel Beat and post office-- witness my Signature

Thomas B Parks

Collum Ala Sept 26, 1912 - 8.30 a m  
 Celebrated the rites of Matrimony Between A. Boyd Childress and Miss Elora V. Green at my residence on Sept 26 A D 1912, 8 a m. A Boyd Childress is the Son of Alonzo Childress who was the Son of John K Childress which was the Son of John Childress Sen. who came to this community in the earlery settlement of the Tennessee River Valley before the Indians were removed West of the Mississippi River--

Thomas B Parks L. D.

Collum Ala Jan 28 1913--  
 Celebrated the rites of matrimony between Clarence B Kirby and Miss Mildred Virginia Kirby at my residence Collum Ala January 28th, 1913 at 3 oclock P. M. as witness my Signature

Thomas B. Parks L. D--

Collum Ala Aug 8, 1915  
 Solemnized the rites of matrimony between Ruben Peacy Miller and Miss Tennie Wallace all of this community as witness my Signature and date Aug 8, 1915

Thomas B Parks

Oct 17 1915  
 Solemnized the Rites of matrimony Between J Frank Schrimpschire (?) and Jessamine (?) Rose Elliss Sunday Oct 17, 1915--

Thos B Parks

Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony Between Samuel Norman and Olive Giddens Aug 24 - 1916

Thomas B Parks L. D.

Solemnized the Rites of matrimony between Earl Gattis and Nannie Frazier Sep 2, 1916

Thomas B Parks L. D.

Solemnized the rites of matrimony Between George Cosby and Minnie Hart at my residence

Thomas B Parks L. D.

Scottsboro Ala  
 Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between A Mincher and Alice Ophelia Renter at my Residence Oct 8- 1916

Thomas B Parks L. D.

Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between George Miller and Anna H Gayle at my Residence Jan 1 1917

Thomas B Parks L. D.

Solemnized the rites of matrimony between Benjamin Ward and Clara Cross at my residence Nov 17, 1917

Thomas B Parks