

James G. Parks
of Surry County, NC,
and Houston County, GA

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Objective

Identify the parents of James G. Parks, of Stokes County, NC and Houston County, GA.

According to Muscogiana Journal of the Muscogee Genealogical Society, Vol 1, No 2, no date:

- James G. Parks married Elizabeth Biggers Woolfolk, marriage bond dated 25 July, 1821 in Stokes County, NC.
- On 4 September, 1830, in Houston County, GA, John Fletcher filed as administrator of James G. Parks' estate.
- In 1830 in Houston County, GA, Elizabeth Parks was head of household with 1 male < 5, 1 female < 5, 1 female 5-10, 2 males 20-30, one male 30-40, and one female 30-40.
- On 29 December, 1826, Sowell Woolfolk sold land to James G. Parks of NC (Houston County, GA Deed Book D, page 363). By 1830, most of Parks property was being mortgaged, requesting that he and his family be supported for a year.
- Sowell Woolfolk (ca 1790 -1832) was an early resident of Muscogee County, GA. He moved to Columbus, GA and married Sophia W. Thomas on 20 December, 1829.
- Sarah Dalton Woolfolk married John P. Parks in 1822 in Stokes County, NC. John P. Parks died on 10 March, 1827 in NC or GA. They had one child, Richard M. Parks, born 1825 in NC.
- Sarah Woolfolk Parks married Col. Philip H. Alston in Columbus, GA on 27 July, 1828. They moved to Clarkesville, Habersham County, GA where Philip H. Alston died in 1832. Note that this is a northeast movement.
- Sarah Woolfolk Alston married Hezekiah Dyer (1799 - ca 1860) in Habersham County, GA on 25 December, 1832.
- Sarah Woolfolk Dyer died 2 February, 1860 in Clarkesville, Habersham County, GA.
- Hezekiah Dyer was named guardian of Mary Henrietta Parks, orphan of James G. Parks, on 7 November, 1836. Mary Henrietta Parks was born in NC in 1822. She married John Harris Wylie in 1841. She died 23 November 1894 in Atlanta, GA.
- Camilla C. Parks and James S. Parks, children of James G. Parks and Elizabeth Woolfolk, both lived in Muscogee County, GA or Marion County, GA.

YDNA testing indicates a connection to the Rev. James Parks family of Culpepper County, VA and Surry County, NC.

Summary of findings

In July, 1821 James G. Parks married Elizabeth B. Woolfolk in Stokes County, NC. No other records were found for James G. Parks in Stokes County. In fact, James G. Parks owned land on the western side of Surry County, NC while Stokes County was on the eastern border. However, other records leave no doubt that this is the same James G. Parks.

James G. Parks was taxable in Surry County, NC in 1822. The taxable age in NC at this time was 21. We can estimate James G. Parks was born prior to 1802. James G. Parks owned 75 acres in Jonesville District on Fall Creek next to James Fletcher. He also had 1 slave.

In 1823, James G. Parks served on a jury in Surry County, NC with John P. Parks, James Parks, and James Fletcher among others.

In 1824, James G. Parks was taxed for 100 acres in Jonesville District on Fall Creek, Surry County, NC bordering the widow Fletcher.

In February, 1826, in Surry County, NC, administration of the estate of James Parks, deceased, was granted to John P. Parks who had James G. Parks and Samuel Edwards as his security.

In December, 1826, James G. Parks of NC purchased 202.5 acres in Houston County, GA from Sowell Woolfolk. Sowell Woolfolk of Augusta, GA had purchased the lot in May, 1826.

James G. Parks originally moved to Macon, Bibb County, GA. He had unclaimed letters remaining in the post office there. Houston County, GA was south of Bibb.

James G. Parks owned another lot in Houston County, GA which he sold in January, 1829. It is unclear how he obtained the land.

In April, 1830, James G. Parks was indebted to Wesley Williams for \$450. However, Wesley Williams was acting as power of attorney on behalf of James G. Parks to recover debts owed to him for merchandise sold from his store. It appears that James G. Parks owned a store and was selling goods on credit.

In April, 1830, James G. Parks was indebted to John Fletcher of Jones County, GA for \$4,810. James G. Parks had an open account for goods and merchandise sold to him by John Fletcher probably for the purpose of stocking his store. John Fletcher had also lent money to James G. Parks. James G. Parks mortgaged all of his property to John Fletcher. James G. Parks and his family were to be supported by profits and income from the property but it was stated that James G. Parks could not manage any of the property.

By July, 1830, James G. Parks was deceased. John Fletcher was granted administration of the estate to collect all debts.

The relationship of John Fletcher to James Fletcher is not clear. Note that James G. Parks was a neighbor of James Fletcher in 1822 and "the widow Fletcher" in 1824 in Surry County, NC. There is a will

for James Fletcher dated 1824 in Surry County, NC, but it appears he did not have children. His brother William Fletcher and wife Mary Ann Fletcher were named. Was he the same James Fletcher who married Mary Ann Jones in 1819?

John P. Parks owned lots in the town of Jonesville, Surry County, NC and land adjacent his father James Parks (elder). He was of taxable age in 1818. He owned a store in Jonesville in 1819. In 1823, John P. Parks and Richard H. Parks witnessed a deed for James Parks (elder).

No evidence has been found to confirm that John P. Parks married Sarah Dalton Woolfolk.

In 1824, John P. Parks was heavily indebted in the amount of \$3,914.22. Almost all of his property was secured against the debt. The last records found for him were the 1826 settlement of the James Parks (elder) estate.

An 1832 Surry County, NC deed named all heirs of James Parks (elder), deceased. The heirs were Elizabeth Parks, widow, Richard H. Parks, William J. Parks, John P. Parks, deceased, James Parks, deceased, Martin P. Parks, Gabriel B. Parks, Wiley Parks, Dabney Parks, and Sarah Ann Parks. The heir, James Parks, deceased, was not specially named as James G. Parks, but there is no doubt this was him.

James Parks (elder) owned land on Beach Creek, Hunting Creek, Spencer Creek, Fall Creek, Cobs Creek and lots in Jonesville in Surry County, NC. Like James G. Parks, he was also a neighbor of James Fletcher. James Parks (elder) owned a store with his brother-in-law, Daniel Hunt, in Jonesville.

James Parks (elder) married Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Hardy Jones whose will was written in Surry County, NC in 1819. James Parks and Daniel Hunt were executors of Hardy Jones will.

The evidence is clear that James G. Parks was the son of James Parks and Elizabeth Jones.

James G. Parks of Surry County, NC and Houston County, GA:

Miscellaneous Parks deeds found in Surry County, NC:

- 4 January, 1794, **James Parks** to James Roberts, Book F, Page 293
 - 125 acres on Beach Creek
 - Witnesses: John Cox, Hugh Armstrong, Stephen K. Smith
- 6 October, 1800, David Anthony and wife Silvanas Anthony to **James Parks**, Book I, Page 59
 - 200 acres on both sides of Hunting Creek bordering David Gault above the Buck Sholes(?)
 - Witnesses: James Whitlock, William Holaman
- 4 March, 1816, James Fitzgerald, agent for Zadock Riggs, to **John P. Parks**, Book P, Page 325
 - Lot number 15 (half acre) in the town of Jonesville on the north side of the main street
 - Witnesses: **James Parks**, S. Graves
- 3 November, 1817, **James Parks** to Thomas Mitchell, Book P, Page 349
 - 75 acres on Spencer Creek crossing Rockford Road bordering John Shagant and James Fletcher
 - Witnesses: J. K. G_un, **Thomas P. Parkes**
 - Proven during August term of court 1826 by Parkes
- 11 May, 1821, **James Parks** to Daniel Hunt, Book R, Page 47
 - Lot number 31 and part of lot number 32 in Jonesville, formerly Martinsboro
 - Witnesses: **John P. Parks**, T. W. Mitchell
- 1 January, 1824, **James Parks** to Benjamin Naylor, Book S, Page 54
 - Several tracts of land all adjoining together on both sides of Fall Creek bordering James Fletcher, M__ldin Branch, James Minson, Francis Jenkins, Sr., and others totaling 495 acres.

[*Surry County, NC Register of Deeds online,*

<http://rod.surryinfo.net/surryncnwpub/application.asp?resize=true>

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

In 1816, **James Parkes** was taxed for the following in Captain Swim's District in Surry County, NC:

- 1 white poll, 5 black polls
- 229 acres adjoining John Denney and the Willis land, valued at \$150
- 215 acres adjacent Jonesville, valued at \$600
- 87.5 acres on Fall Creek with a mill, valued at \$600
- 450 acres on Fall Creek with a mill, valued at \$500
- 200 acres on north side of River on the road leading to Pigeon Roost, valued at \$100
- He was also noted as adjoining landowner to Barnabas Vanzant on Fall Creek

[*Surry County, NC Tax List 1816, Harvey*]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

In 1817, **James Parks, esquire** was taxed for the following in Captain Joshua K. Speer's District in Surry County, NC:

- 1 white poll, 5 black polls
- 1097 acres valued at \$2050
- He was also noted as an adjoining landowner to Major Austil and Barney Vinsant

[*Surry County, NC 1817 Tax Lists, Harvey*]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

In 1818, **James Parks** was taxed for the following in Captain Joshua K. Speer's District in Surry County, NC:

- 7 black polls
- 7 town lots valued at \$1000
- 210 acres on Hunting Creek valued at \$1600
- 239 acres adjoining Micajah Bakenal valued at \$150
- 215 acres adjoining Thomas Mitchel valued at \$500
- 87.5 acres valued at \$600
- 200 acres adjoining William Balds valued at \$100
- 357 acres valued at \$600
- He was also noted as an adjoining landowner to:
 - Ashely Johnson on North Hunting Creek
 - James Whitlock on North Hunting Creek
 - Benjamin Hinshaw
 - Benjamin Sparks
 - Barnadas Vinzant

[Surry County, NC 1818 Tax Lists, Harvey]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

In 1818, **John P. Parks** was taxed for the following in Captain Joshua K. Speer's District in Surry County, NC:

- 1 white poll
- 2 town lots valued at \$250
- 250 acres adjoining Jonathan Sparks valued at \$250

[Surry County, NC 1818 Tax Lists, Harvey]

In 1819, **James Parks** was taxed for the following in Jonesville District in Surry County, NC:

- 6 black polls
- 3 lots valued at \$1000
- 215 acres on Cobs Creek valued at \$1000
- 87.5 acres on Mill Tract valued at \$600
- 450 acres on Mill Tract valued at \$600
- 200 acres adjoining Daniel Jarvis valued at \$100
- 229 acres adjoining Majah Bekenel valued at \$200
- 21 acres adjoining Major Austill valued at \$50
- He was also noted as an adjoining landowner to Barnabas Vinzane

[Surry County, NC 1819 Tax Lists, Harvey]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

In 1819, **James Parks** and Daniel Hunt were taxed for the following in Jonesville District in Surry County, NC:

- 5 black polls
- 4 town lots and 1 store valued at \$800
- 150 acres adjoining John P. Parks valued at \$150

[Surry County, NC 1819 Tax Lists, Harvey]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

In 1819, **John P. Parks** was taxed for the following in Jonesville District in Surry County, NC:

- 1 white poll
- 1 store valued at \$400
- 250 acres adjoining Jonathan Sparks

[Surry County, NC 1819 Tax Lists, Harvey]

On 23 March, 1819, Hardy Jones of Surry County, NC wrote his will. He named the following:

- Daughter **Elizabeth Parks** to have 5 shillings in addition to what she has already had
- The following to have 5 shillings in addition to what they have already had:
 - son Martin Jones
 - daughter Ann Hunt
 - son Willie Jones
 - daughter Sally Harris
- \$200 to be divided equally among all children as they come of age
- Son Hardy Jones to have slave named John now in his possession, with reversion to his children, also \$500 to each of his children as they come of age
- Son Dabney P. Jones to have boy slave Doctor Alexander now in the care of Daniel Hunt; also 5 shillings
- Son William S. Jones to have 5 shillings in addition to what he has already had
- Son Alexander Jones to have:
 - boy slave Squire
 - the land purchased from William Craft near Jonesville
 - a lot in Jonesville adjacent **John P. Parks**
 - half my interest in the funds of Yadkin Navigation
 - a bed and furniture when he calls for it
 - \$200 when my youngest son Samuel comes of age
 - A stud horse
- Wife Mary Ann Jones to have:
 - slave named Patrick
 - slave named Cathe
 - slave girl named Hester
 - \$200 annually to school, board, and clothe my 4 little children until they come of age
 - Have the use of my house and plantation bought of Allen Sink and 10 acres bought from William Martin, with reversion to my youngest son Samuel
- Son Samuel Jones to receive the other half of my Yakin Navigation funds and \$100
- Three little daughters Janet Jones, Lucretia Jones, and Ann Jones to have \$600 each
- Executors:
 - **James Parks**
 - Daniel Hunt
- Witness: W. Mitchell
- No probate date was recorded

[Surry County, NC Wills, 1771-1827, Linn]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

The author of Surry County, NC Wills, 1771-1827, Jo White Linn, also a professional genealogist, gave the following note following the abstract of the will of Hardy Jones:

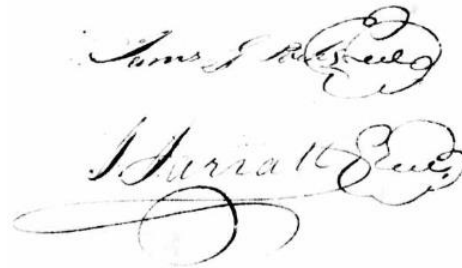
- There are loose estate papers at the NC Archives for Hardy Jones dated 1819
- According to DAR records, Hardy Jones was born about 1746 in Lunenburg County, VA and died 21 June, 1819 in Surry County, NC.
- Hardy Jones served as a private in the Revolutionary War in the NC Continental Line
- Hardy Jones children:
 - Ann/Nancy Jones, b. 17 march, 1779, m. Daniel Hunt
 - Elizabeth Jones m. **James Parks**
 - Wylie Jones m. Jane Thornton Osborne
 - Hardy Jones m. Elizabeth Taliaferro
 - Sarah Jones m. Robert Harris
 - Dabney Phillips Jones m. Mary W. Penn
 - William Spencer Jones m. Anna Kimbrough
 - Alexander Jones, b. 14 October, 1800, m. Louisana Lumpkin (1) and Sarah Jones (2).

[Surry County, NC Wills, 1771-1827, Linn]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

On 20 April, 1820, **John P. Parks** was bondsman for a marriage bond between Richard Gwyn, Jr. and Elizabeth M. Hunt. *[Marriages of Surry County, NC, 1779-1868, Holcomb]*

On 25 July, 1821, **James G. Parks** filed a bond to marry Elizabeth B. Woolfolk in Stokes County, NC. Fellow bondsman was Jouse(?) Jarrett. **James G. Parks** signed his name. *[NC Marriage Records, 1741-2011, Stokes, Marriage Bonds (1791-1869), ancestry.com]*

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is for James G. Parks, and the bottom signature is for J. Jarrett. Both signatures are written in a fluid, historical style.

Signature of James G. Parks and J. Jarrett from 1821 marriage bond

In 1822, **James G. Parks** was taxed for 75 acres in Jonesville District, Surry County, NC. He owned land on Fall Creek adjacent James Fletcher, valued at \$250. He had 1 black poll.

[Surry County, NC Original Tax List 1822, Harvey]

Other Parks taxed in the Jonesville district in 1822 were:

- **James Parks, Sr.**, 250 acres on Beaverdam Creek, \$500, 5 black polls, town lots \$1000
- **James Parks, Sr.**, 175 acres adjacent Major Austell, \$200
- **James Parks, Sr.**, 300 acres adjacent Francis Jenkins on Fall Creek, \$300
- **James Parks, Sr.**, 350 acres adjacent James Rouse on Fall Creek, \$500
- **James Parks, Sr.**, 200 acres adjacent Wat Franklin, \$100
- **James Parks, Sr.**, 10 acres "including the islands" on Ford Yadkin, \$25
- **John P. Parks**, 250 acres adjacent Roland Perdew on Beaverdam Creek, \$250, 2 white polls, 13 town lots \$400

- **John P. Parks**, 100 acres adjacent Thomas Hampton on Yakin River, \$100
- **John P. Parks**, 63 acres adjacent William Sparks on Fox Knobs, \$63
- **Richard Parks**, 1049 acres adjacent John Rose on Cobbs Creek, \$1370, 2 white polls, 5 black polls
- **William J. Parks**, 87 acres adjacent James Parks on Fall Creek, \$300, 1 white poll
- **James Parks, Sr.**, agent for Sam Garland and Company, 300 acres adjacent Daniel Hunt on south side of Yadkin, \$2000, 1 town lot \$200

[Surry County, NC Original Tax List 1822, Harvey]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

On 16 May, 1823, **James Parks** signed a deed of trust to Davis Durrett (Surry County, NC Book S, Page 55). "Thomas W. Mitchell conveyed in trust to James Parks and Rice Garland a tract of land to secure the payment of a debt to Archibald Robertson and Company of Lynchburg, VA, conditions of which deed of trust are not being complied with by the said Thomas W. Mitchell." "I, **James Parks**, trustee did advertise and sell the said land according to the conditions of said deed of trust and August Sheppard, agent for said company, did lay off a house and lot in the town of Jonesville, number 34, it being the house and lot where said Mitchell formerly kept store and also the River tract of land containing 300 acres." The land bordered the Yakin River, Cobbs Creek, William Cook, David Cook, Fletcher, A. Downey, and Hampton. **James Parks** signed his name. **Richard N. Parks** and **John P. Parks** witnessed.

[Surry County, NC Register of Deeds online,

<http://rod.surryinfo.net/surryncnwpub/application.asp?resize=true>

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

On 12 November, 1823, it was ordered by the Surry County, NC court "that Daniel Hunt, Ritchard Guin, James Fletcher, **James G. Parks**, Sam Edwards, William Edwards, Daniel Dejarnett, Benjamin Neilor, John Spener, **John P. Parks**, Jesse Kouse, and **James Parks** be appointed a jury if they think proper to turn the road leading from Jonesville to Rockford beginning at Jonesville and proceeding to the Island Ford Meeting House and make report thereof to next court". *[Surry County, NC Court Minutes, 1820-1823, Volume 7, Harvey]*

In 1824, **James G. Parks** was taxed for 100 acres in Jonesville District, Surry County, NC. The land was on Fall Creek, bordered the widow Fletcher, and was valued at \$400. He had 1 white poll and 1 black poll.

[Surry County, NC Original Tax Lists, 1823, 1824, 1825, Harvey]

Other Parks taxed in the Jonesville district in 1824 were:

- **Richard H. Parks**, 1111 acres on C. Creek, \$1300, 2 white polls, 8 black polls
- **John P. Parks**, 850 acres adjacent Richard H. Parks, \$400, 1 white poll
- **John P. Parks**, 100 acres adjacent Thomas Hampton, \$100
- **William Parks**, 1 white poll
- **James Parks, Sr.**, 700 acres in Jonesville, \$1000, 6 black polls
- **James Parks, Sr.**, 200 acres adjacent John Burch on N S Yadkin, \$100

[Surry County, NC Original Tax Lists, 1823, 1824, 1825, Harvey]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

On 8 March, 1824, **John P. Parks** signed a deed of trust to John Wright and Peter Clingman (Surry County, NC Book R, Page 295). The deed was to cover debts owed by **John P. Parks**. The debts were described as follows:

- “The condition of the above deeds and conveyances are in trust to secure to Lynch and Cother of Petersburg VA the payment of the sum of \$1945.18 with interest thereon from the 5th day of March, 1823 due by bond.”
- “Also to secure to Joseph Caldwell surviving partner of the firm of Caldwell and Orr the payment of the sum of \$1823.83 with interest thereon from 25 June, 1821 due by bond to Caldwell and Orr.”
- “Also the further sum of \$15.73 due to the firm of Caldwell and Orr by open amount.”
- “Also to secure to Bragg and Jones the payment of \$129.48 with interest thereon from 27 June, 1821 due by bond.”

The following property was secured in the trust:

- 250 acres on Beaver Dam Creek bordering Willie Craft, Jonathan Sparks, Benjamin Sparks, and Sebastian’s line.
- 99.75 acres on the waters of Yadkin River bordering Young’s corner, the public road, Hampton’s line, and the Wilke’s County line.
- 63 acres bordering Joseph Sparks line, Jenkin’s line, and Lester’s line.
- Lot number 38 in the town of Jonesville containing the dwelling and store house of said John P. Parks
- Lot number 16 in the town of Jonesville
- Female slave named Tele, age 14
- Female slave named Anne, age 8
- Female slave named Malinda, age 5
- 2 horses
- 1 cow
- All household and kitchen furniture
- Present stock of goods
- All debts and accounts of whatsoever nature now due or owing to me

John P. Parks had until 5 March, 1824 to pay the debts. Otherwise, John Wright and Peter Clingman would put all property up for auction. Witnesses were H.P. Poindexter and Thomas B. Wright.

[Surry County, NC Register of Deeds online,

<http://rod.surryinfo.net/surryncnwpub/application.asp?resize=true>]

On 16 February, 1825, in the Surry County, NC court, in the case of “Raleigh Poe vs. John Bailey”, **James G. Parks**, a witness for Raleigh Poe, proved 3 days and 23 miles. *[Surry County, NC Court Minutes, 1824-1828, Volume 8, Harvey]*

On 14 February, 1826, “administration on the estate of **James Parkes**, deceased, was granted to **John P. Parkes** who entered into bond in the sum of \$600 with **James G. Parkes** and Samuel Edwards his security and qualified according to law”. *[Surry County, NC Court Minutes, 1824-1828, Volume 8, Harvey]*

On 1 April, 1826, “agreeable to an order of court”, T. Hampton, Benjamin Naylor, and Samuel Edwards met at the house of **James Parks**, deceased, to lay off one year’s provision for his widow **Elizabeth Parks**.

[NC Estate Files, 1663-1979, Surry County, NC, familysearch.org]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

On 10 May, 1826, the inventory of **James Parks**, deceased, was returned to the court. **John P. Parks** signed as administrator. [NC Estate Files, 1663-1979, Surry County, NC, familysearch.org]
[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

An Account of the Sale of the personalty of James Parks deceased
 taken on the 5th May 1826

3 Head of Hogs 1 Churn	1	12 1/2	Am't bro + forward	\$33 90 1/2
3 " " " 2 "	1	00	Note on D. DeFornelle payar	
3 " " " 3 "	1	00	ble to James Lewis dated	
1 Saw & 1 Riddle		40	Oct 1 st 1819 - per	87 25
1 Pot & 1 Curn	1	13	Note on Alfred Menden	2 50
1 " " " 1 Skillet		50	Note on Abraham Davis	
1 Riddle & pitch fork		25	dated July 27 1797 pay- able to Handy Jones & Co with a credit - balance	9 10
1 Log Chain	2	25		
1 Large Mill	3	75		
1 Grid Iron		62 1/2		
1 Lantern		40		
1 Hane		50	Note on Charles North	
2 Old Cans		75	dated Dec 6 1816 payar	
1 " " & 1 Basket		37 1/2	ble to Reuben M. Bon et	3 28
1 " " " & 1 Basket		37 1/2		
2 Pot Bracks	+	12 1/2	Due bill on Elizabeth Ed- wards dated 30 th June 1821	8 12 1/2
1 for Tings & Shovel		50		
2 for Pot Hooks Saddle & fletfoot		37 1/2		
1 " " Sharp Shears & 1 Grid Iron		71	All the above notes return as desperate	
1 Old Gun & 1 old Shovel		75		
1 " " " " " " "		25		
1 Wheel barrow		12 1/2		
1 Lot of Tools		50	Cart m ^d for County	
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1/2 of " " "	1	12 1/2		\$140 89
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2 plaugs & 1 Cortin 1 Colter	1	50		
2 axids 2 mattocks & 2 hoes	1	75		
2 for Pine Irons & 1 wedge	1	75		
2 Cotton wheels 1 flax wheel 1 reel	1	00		
3 for old bones & 13 Candles sticks		37 1/2		
1 old Table 1 Sad Iron & 1 cutting box		53 1/2		
1 Lot of Tubs Trays & pails		52		
2 White 3 guns & 1 Churn		50		
2 Tubs 1 Coffee Mill		25		
1 Spinning masher	1	00		
1 for Saddle bags 1 old Chest		37 1/2		
		33 93 1/2		

The above is a true inventory of all the estate of James Parks deceased that has come to my hands May 10th 1826
 sworn to
 J. P. Parks Adm^r
 of James Parks

Inventory of James Parks

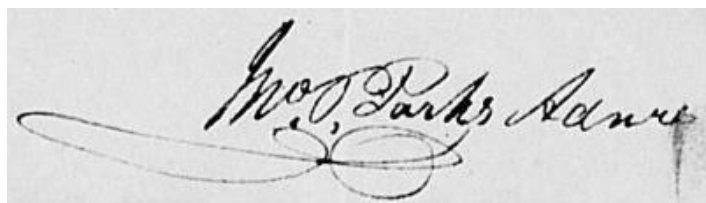
On 17 August, 1826, the case of “David Baker vs. William Warren” was brought before the Surry, County, NC court. The jury sworn in included **James G. Parks**, Eli Jessop, Christian Weatherman, Elijah Gelaspy, John Holcomb, James Forester, Jacob Bales, Greenberry Patterson, Hambleton Finch, Mordcia Fleming, Edward Cornel, and William Jackson. [*Surry County, NC Court Minutes, 1824-1828, Volume 8, Harvey*]

On 15 November, 1826, **John P. Parks**, administrator of **James Parks**, signed the following note concerning the goods and chattels of **James Parks**, deceased:

- One note on Samuel Edwards for \$8.50 due 17 September, 1826
- One due bill on Henry Richardson for 75 cents without sale
- Received \$15 of John Wright, esquire, as security of Lewis Tankery in part pay of the fees due to said deceased in the account of Tankery and McC__s, administrators

[*NC Estate Files, 1663-1979, Surry County, NC, familysearch.org*]

[*James Parks, father of James G. Parks*]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John P. Parks Admnr" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper. The signature is enclosed in a thin yellow border.

Signature of John P. Parks for original paper in loose estate record

On 29 December, 1826, Sorwell Woolfolk sold lot number 203 in the 15th district of Houston County, GA to **James G. Parks** of NC for \$500 (Houston County, GA Deed Book D, Page 356). The land was 202.5 acres. Sowell Woolfolk signed his name. Frederic Randall and William L. Stapler witnessed. The deed was recorded 7 June, 1830. [*Land Records of Houston County, GA, 1829-1831, Deed Book D, Volume 2, Campbell*]

Sowell Woolfolk of Augusta, GA had previously purchased lot number 203 in the 15th district of Houston County, GA from Patience Anderson on 18 May, 1826 (Houston County, GA Deed Book D, Page 363). Samuel Williams and John Stapler witnessed. [*Land Records of Houston County, GA, 1829-1831, Deed Book D, Volume 2, Campbell*]

On 1 April, 1827, **James G. Parks** was named on a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Macon, Bibb County, GA. [*Macon, GA Newspaper Clippings (Messenger), Volume 1, 1823-1830, Evans*]

Note: Bibb County, GA was on the northeastern border of Houston County, GA.

On 21 January, 1829, **James G. Parks** sold lot number 58 in the 15th District of Houston County, GA, 202.5 acres, to William Snell for \$300 (Houston County, GA Deed Book F, Page 158). The land had originally been drawn by John Brandon of Richmond County, GA on 21 March, 1827. **James G. Parks** signed his name. Irey T. Hobbs and Thomas Everitt witnessed. The deed was recorded 8 November, 1834. [*Land Records of Houston County, GA, 1834-1836, Deed Book F, Volume 2, Campbell*]

On 1 January, 1830, **James G. Park** was named on a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Macon, Bibb County, GA. [*Macon, GA Newspaper Clippings (Messenger), Volume 1, 1823-1830, Evans*]

On 27 April, 1830, **James G. Parks** signed a promissory note to Wesley Williams (Houston County, GA, Deed Book D, Page 388). He was indebted to Wesley Williams for \$450. **James G. Parks** offered several store accounts as payment. These were debts owed to **James G. Parks** for goods, wares, and merchandise that he had sold from his store. Wesley Williams was granted power of attorney to collect the debts. Any remaining money was to revert to **James G. Parks**. William Mizell witnessed. [*Land Records of Houston County, GA, 1829-1831, Deed Book D, Volume 2, Campbell*]

On 27 April, 1830, **James G. Parks** signed a promissory note to John Fletcher of Jones County, GA (Houston County, GA, Deed Book D, Page 390). **James G. Parks** had an open account for goods, wares, and merchandise sold to him by John Fletcher. John Fletcher had also lent money to **James G. Parks**. **James G. Parks** owed:

- \$2,160 due by 25 December, 1830
- \$2,150 due by 25 December, 1831
- \$500

James G. Parks mortgaged the following goods to John Fletcher:

- Lot number 203 in the 15th District of Houston County, GA
- Together with all the growing crop of corn, cotton and sugar cane consisting of:
 - 60 acres of corn
 - 85 acres of cotton
 - 1.5 acres of sugar cane
- 3 slaves:
 - Judah, a woman about 40 years old
 - Charles, Judah's child, about 7 years old
- Cows, hogs, horses, carts, wagons, beds, furniture, cloth, hats, shoes, spiritous liquors, and other articles of merchandize amounting to about \$2,000.
- All assets were valued at \$4,815.

John Fletcher agreed not to foreclose prior to 1 January, 1832. **James G. Parks** and family were allowed to remain in the house now occupied by them. **James G. Parks** and family were to be supported by the profits and income of the existing mortgaged property until 1 January, 1832 provided that **James G. Parks** did not exercise and control or management. **James G. Parks** signed his name. William Mizell witnessed. The deed was recorded 27 July, 1830. [*Land Records of Houston County, GA, 1829-1831, Deed Book D, Volume 2, Campbell*]

On 1 July, 1830, **James G. Parks** was named on a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Macon, Bibb County, GA. [*Macon, GA Newspaper Clippings (Messenger), Volume 1, 1823-1830, Evans*]

On 31 July, 1830, the following notice was published in the Macon Messenger:

- Georgia, Houston County: John Fletcher and **Elizabeth Parks** apply to me for letters of administration on the estate of **James G. Parks**, deceased.
- These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear at my office within the time prescribed by law, to show cause, if any they have, why said letters shall not be granted. F. W. Jobson (signed)

[*Macon, GA Newspaper Clippings (Messenger), Volume 1, 1823-1830, Evans*]

On 6 September, 1830, in Houston County, GA, John Fletcher was granted permanent letter of administration on the estate of **James G. Parks**, deceased. William Mizell, John Young, Jacob Dunn,

Bryant Mangham, and Westly Williams were appointed as appraisers of the estate. [*Wills & Inferior Court Minutes of Houston County, GA, Volume 1, Henry*]

On 11 September, 1830, the following notice was published in the Macon Messenger:

- Georgia, Houston County: Will be sold before the court house door in said county on the first Tuesday in October, next, between the legal hours of sale, all property belonging to the estate of **James G. Parks**, late of said county, deceased. Sold for the benefit of the heirs and creditors of said estate. John Fletcher, administrator (signed)

[*Macon, GA Newspaper Clippings (Messenger), Volume 1, 1823-1830, Evans*]

On 7 March, 1831, in Houston County, GA, it was ordered that the estate of **James G. Parks**, deceased, be received and recorded. It was ordered that Sorvile Woolfolk, Lewis C. Allen, James Kivlin, Samuel K. Hodges, and Benjamin Tarver, all of Muscogee County, be appointed appraisers of the estate. [*Wills & Inferior Court Minutes of Houston County, GA, Volume 1, Henry*]

On 7 November, 1831, in Houston County, GA, John Fletcher, administrator of the estate of **James G. Parks**, deceased, was granted permission to sell the lands and slaves of the estate after giving notice in a public gazette. [*Wills & Inferior Court Minutes of Houston County, GA, Volume 1, Henry*]

On 2 January, 1832, John Stapler filed suit against the estate of **James G. Parks** to recover money owed to him. [*Wills & Inferior Court Minutes of Houston County, GA, Volume 1, Henry*]

On 3 March, 1832, in Muscogee County, GA, property of **James G. Parks** was sold to satisfy a fi fa in favor of Isham Choat. The property sold by Wesley Williams was 2 slaves, Judy, age 45, and John, age 6. [*Columbus, GA Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer), Volume 1, 1832-1834, Kilbourne*]

On 15 December, 1832, the orphans of **James G. Parks** were named in a land lottery for Muscogee County, GA. [*Columbus, GA Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer), Volume 1, 1832-1834, Kilbourne*]

On 22 December, 1832, the heirs of **James Parks**, deceased, sold “one half of ten acres including the Islands and fish trap at the Island Ford of Yakin River” to Henry G. Hampton for \$25 (Surry County, NC Deed Book V, Page 54). The land had been conveyed from Salithiel Martin to Richard Cunningham and then from Richard Cunningham jointly to Thomas Hampton and James Parks. The land bordered Thomas Hampton, Richard Guinn, and John Shore(?). The heirs of **James Parks** were:

- **Elizabeth Parks**, widow
- **Richard H. Parks**
- **William J. Parks**
- **John P. Parks**, deceased
- **James Parks**, deceased [*James G. Parks*]
- **Martin P. Parks**
- **Gabriel B. Parks**
- **Wiley Parks**
- **Dabney Parks**
- **Sarah Ann Parks**

Enoch B. Hunt and James H___ witnessed the deed. The following note was made concerning the deed: “A deed was made by the heirs of **James Parks**, deceased, in October 12, 1829 since burnt in the house of H. G. Hampton ___ the 20th night on April, 1831 and was not recorded”. Enoch B. Hunt proved the

deed during the November term of court, 1834. [*Surry County, NC Register of Deeds online, <http://rod.surryinfo.net/suryncnwpub/application.asp?resize=true>*]

[James Parks, father of James G. Parks]

On 1 April, 1833, **Elizabeth B. Parks** was named on a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Columbus, Muscogee County, GA. [*Columbus, GA Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer), Volume 1, 1832-1834, Kilbourne*]

On 1 July, 1833, **Elizabeth B. Park** was named on a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Columbus, Muscogee County, GA. [*Columbus, GA Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer), Volume 1, 1832-1834, Kilbourne*]

On 8 September, 1836, in Marion County, GA, notice was given that the real estate of the orphans of **James G. Parks**, late of said county, deceased, was to be sold for the purpose of paying the debts of said estate and for distribution. The notice was signed by Wesley Williams, Guardian. [*Columbus, GA Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer), Volume 2, 1835-1837, Kilbourne*]

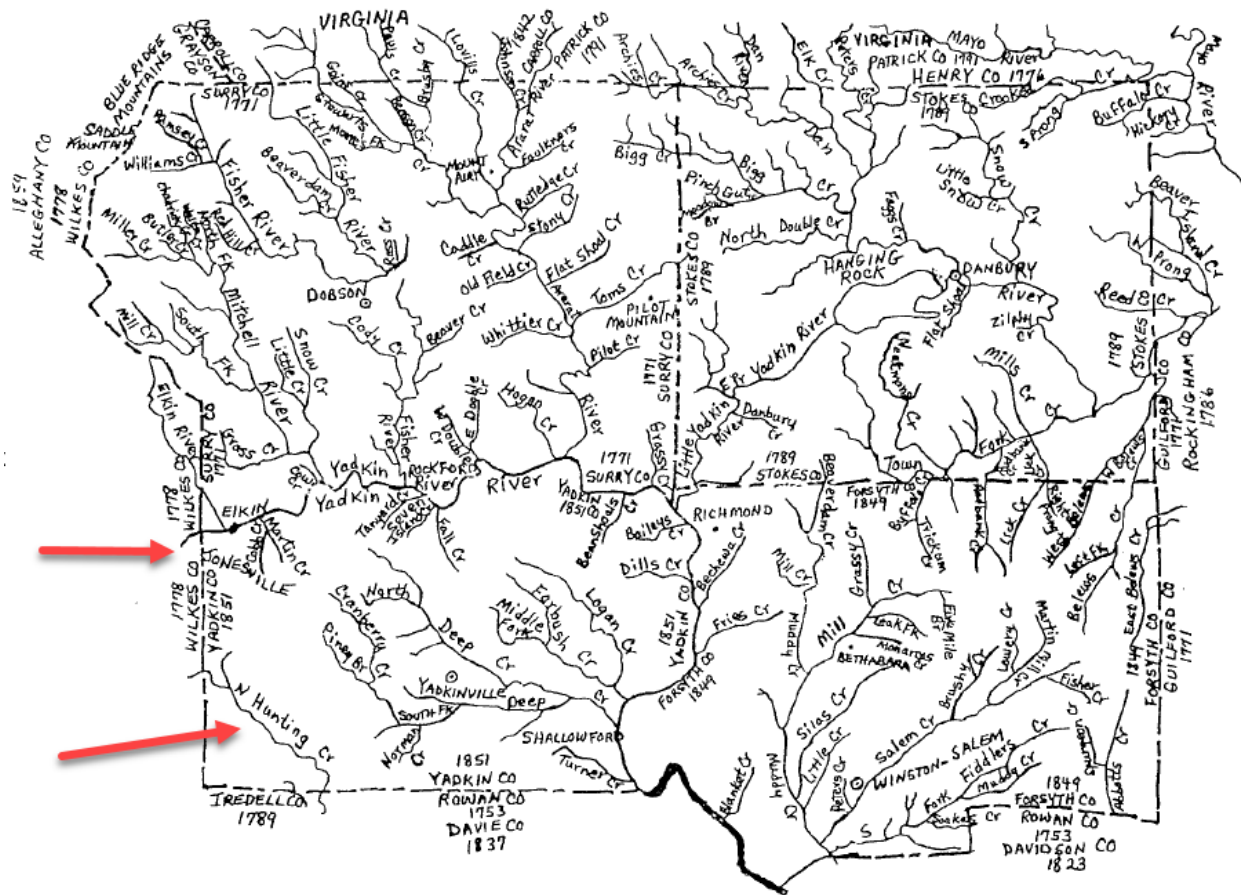
On 26 April, 1838, in Marion County, GA, notice was given that the real estate of **Camilla C. Parks** and **James S. Parks**, orphans of **James G. Parks**, late of said county, deceased, was to be sold for the purpose of paying the debts of said estate and for distribution. The notice was signed by Wesley Williams, Guardian. [*Columbus, GA Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer), Volume 3, 1838-1840, Kilbourne*]

On 6 September, 1838, in Marion County, GA, pursuant to an order from the court, the following was to be sold on the first Tuesday in November:

- Lot number 126 in District 25, sold as the property of **Camilla C. Parks** and **James S. Parks**, orphans.

Wesley Williams signed as guardian.

[*Columbus, GA Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer), Volume 3, 1838-1840, Kilbourne*]



Approximate Boundaries of Surry County, NC, 1778-1781
 from Joseph Winston, His Entry Book, Surry County Land Entries, 1771-1781
 (1987), by Agnes M. Wells, Virginia G. Phillips, and Carol J. Leonard

Surry County, NC 1778-1781

Jonesville and Hunting Creek denoted by arrows

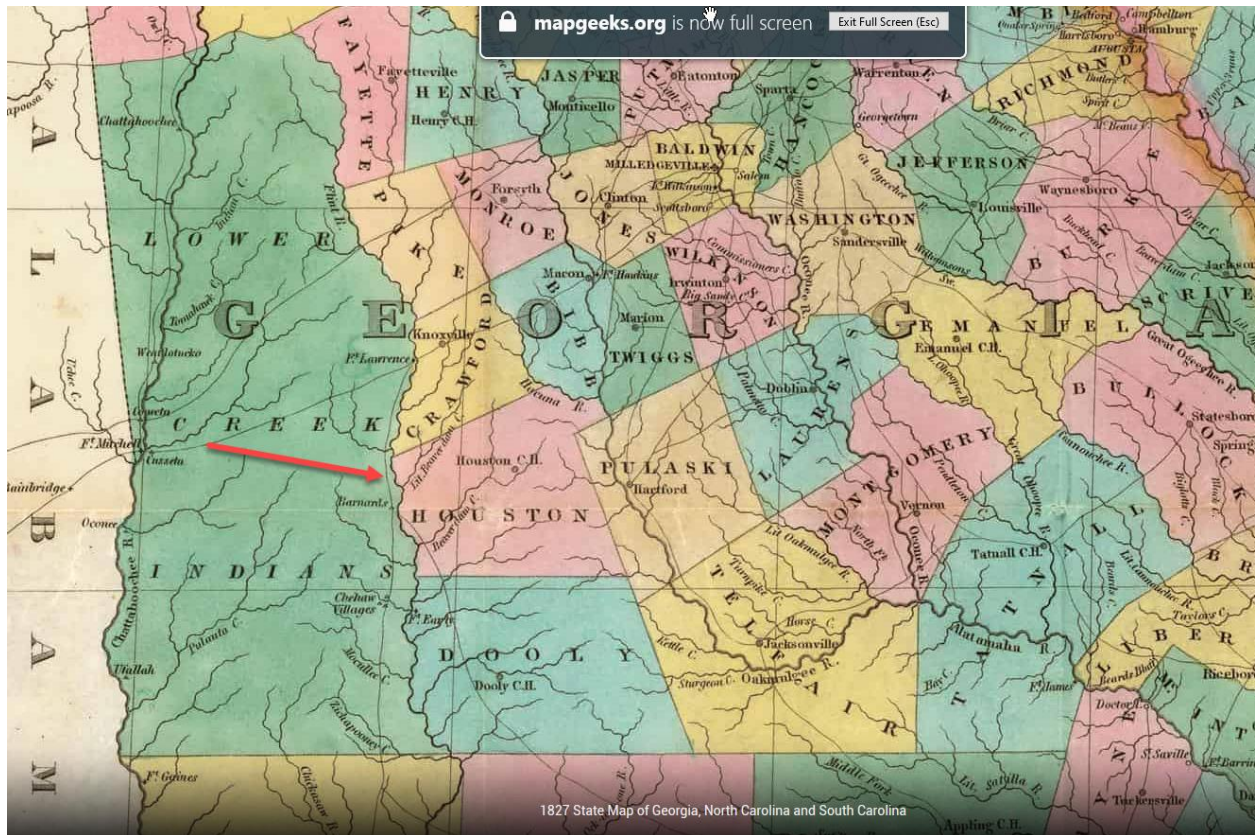
Land owned by Parks eventually became Yadkin County in 1851

Surry County, NC Wills, 1771-1827, Linn

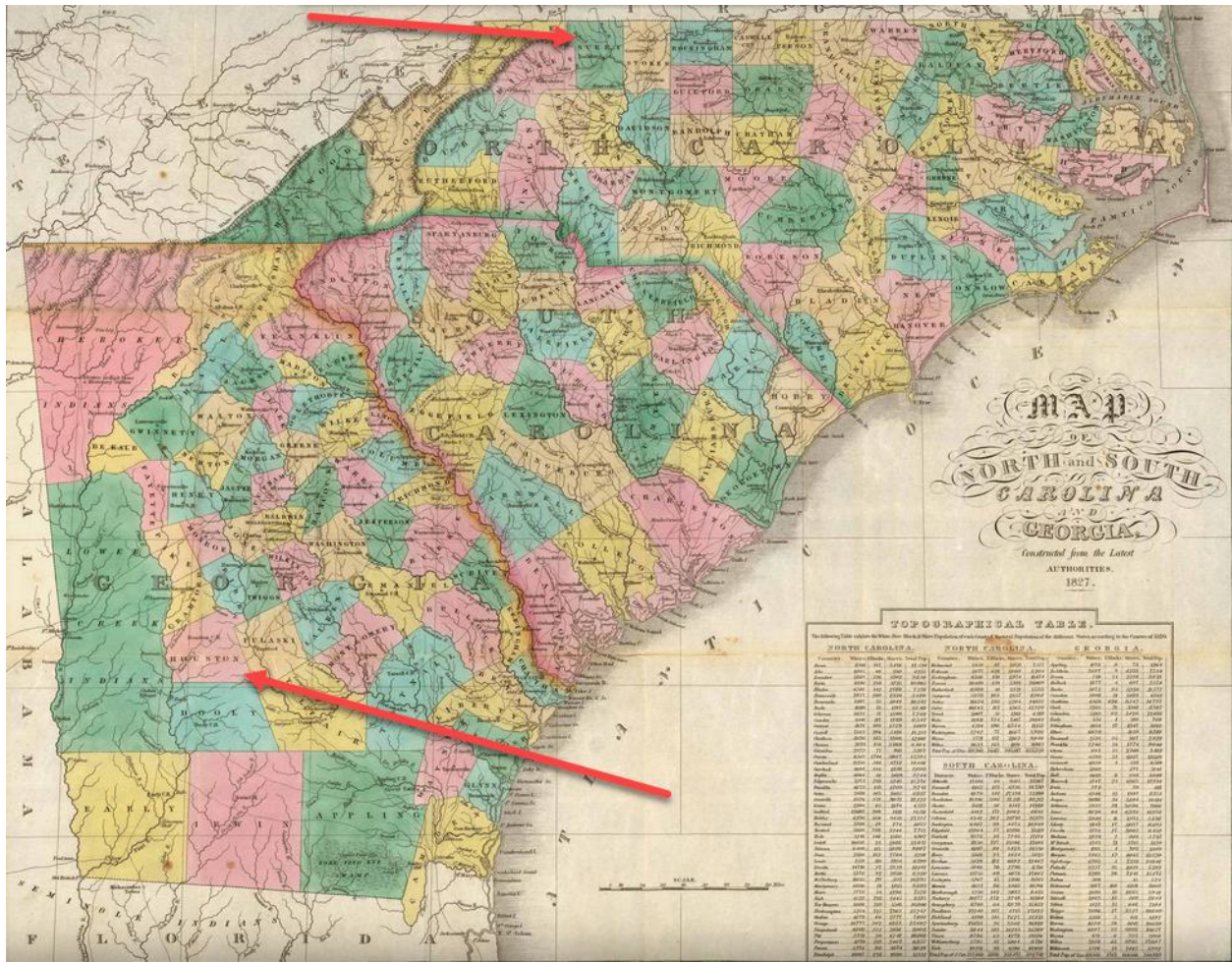
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ORIGINAL 15th DISTRICT LAND LOTS
HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
(Lost to Macon County in 1837)

15th District of Houston County, GA
Lots 58 and 203 owned by James G. Parks
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Location of Houston County, GA in 1827
Finley's 1827 State Map of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina
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Location of Houston County, GA vs. Surry County, NC
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