

Acc. #2012-31 -- Milo K. Parks Bible

Your Great Grand Parents of your Mothers side were natives of Virginia and Germany. Your Grand Father Rohm was born in the City of Bremen Germany. His mother died when he was an infant. His father married again when quite a young man he came to the United states. Later on he made Steubenville Ohio his home and was a merchant there for many years. He failed in business and in 1857 20<sup>th</sup> of Nov he came to Davenport Iowa. Your Grand Mother Rohm's maiden was Elizabeth Hottel she was born in Shenendoah on a large plantation owned by her father David Hottel. Her mother's maiden name was Susanah Brubaker. While Grandmother parents would not own a slave Great Grant Fathers people were wealthy old families who were great slave holders whose children I have heard my own mother say were nursed by their black mammys and did not know how to wait on themselves. I have heard my own mother say the young laides[sic] did not know how to tie their own shoes. My Grand Father who would not own a slave wrote many passes for negroes to escape into Canada. Grand Ma Rohm was one of sixteen children. They are all dead but two daughters. Grandma died on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Aug 28, 1886 She is at rest in Oak Dale. There were four of us left four preceded her to the grave four boys your Aunt Eliza is the oldest, Uncle Dave Rohm died April 29, 1891. Zana was buried from our house on Sunday Then comes Mama who is writing this to day. Then Uncle Frank who is always good natured. This is all of our family now here. I want you to always keep this so you will know who your people were. They always led good honest lives.

Grand Mother Parks whose maiden name was Ruth Armington was the daughter of Squire Joseph Armington and was of Scotch origin. I have heard Papa often talk of his being the town **maduator???** It was a gala day to be at Grand Father Armington's Grand Parks mothers name was Debora Armington and the little silver spoon Carrie and Kent always took their medicine in when babies was one of a set of sugar spoons and is marked with her name. It is certainly one hundred years old now and maybe still older. Grand Father Parks Father died when he was quite a young boy. He early became a merchant and was a retired merchant when he died. He died of a par stroke. Grand Mother Parks died of Hemorage. Your Uncle Joh Parks was the eldest of a family of 5.

He once owned one half interest in a ship named for him and was lost the first trip it made. He was also President of a Railroad Co. in Boston and Proprietor of the Marlborough Hotel in Boston. He died in Boston. Your Aunts Emily and Tizziah Parks both died in early life of consumption. Uncle George Parks Pap's youngest brother was a graduate of Browns University. He studied law and went to Washington D. C. to practise but consumption showed itself and Papa took him to Havana Cuba where the staid quite a while. Afterwards he went to Charleston S.C. where he established a book store. He died while there on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1855. Papa was with him when he died and said it was the happiest death he ever saw. He gave one thousand dollars to help build the Baptist ch of which he was a member. He gave Papa the diamond pin which is to be yours. Also his sleeve buttons. Last of all Dear Papa died and here I write no one in all the world was ever so good to me. He never gave me an unkind word. He was so good to his children a kinder husband or Father never lived. He was sick but a few days and he died as he had lived cheerful and uncomplaining. He went into business at the age of 16 yrs not caring of a college education though in after years he regretted it. He lived in Waterford Ct. and was post master there also appointed as a Lieutenant by Gov. Mattocks. He left his daughter Isa also Carrie and Mile Kent. Isa was a daughter by his first marriage. Her mother's maiden name being Althesa Hosmer. Isa was very kind to me. Her home was with her Grand Mother Hosmer at Littleton N. h. They were related to the FairBanks at St. Johnsbury Ct. Dear Papa met with business troubles. He was a merchant at Davenport Ia for twenty five years. He was laid to rest in OakDale Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 18