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## **What's in a Name?**

**Peter**

**Harmon / Harman**

**~~Hiram~~**

**PARKER**

**bc 1805 KY**

**Working Paper**

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## Research Notes

- Sources and documentation for the following are available at the [Family Tree Database](#).
- The surname HARMON occurs just as often spelled as HARMAN; as the name regresses back up the family tree, it becomes the GERMAN surname HERMANN, HERRMANN.

## Current Theory

Peter H. PARKER's middle name was most probably Harman or Harmon.

The incorrect use of Hiram as Peter's middle name is probably based on an 1850 census enumerator's error.

- In 1797 Greene County, TENNESSEE John PARKER married Margaret HARMON
  - The current working theory has these as the parent's of Peter H PARKER, bc 1805 KY.
  - Margaret HARMON had a brother Peter HARMON; our Peter was probably named after this maternal uncle.
- Peter was most often recorded as Peter H.
- In his 1873 will, he recorded himself as Peter H.
- In three real estate transactions in Cherokee County, ALABAMA, 1848, 1850, 1852, he was clearly recorded as "Harman Parker of Cherokee County, Alabama."
- In addition, the name Harman/Harmon is used several other times in Peter's family tree:
  - Peter Harmon PARKER, b 22 Feb 1872 AK, son of Russell Leonidas PARKER son of Peter Harman PARKER
  - George Harmon PARKER b 05 Aug 1919 TX, son of George Branson PARKER, son of Russell Leonidas PARKER, son of Peter Harman PARKER

There was concern that the Harman PARKER who purchased land in Cherokee County, ALABAMA was Harmonious Napoleon PARKER, son of John Burns PARKER, who has been proved related to Peter H PARKER, bc 1805 KY, by yDNA. (PARKER Family DNA Project, Family Group #41 )

However, there is no evidence Harmonious Napoleon PARKER or his father John Burns PARKER ever lived in Cherokee County, ALABAMA.

- According to his headstone, John Burns PARKER relocated from East TENNESSEE to Chickasaw County, MISSISSIPPI in 1836, raised his family there, was enumerated there in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 US Census, died there in 1887, and is buried there; the linked webpage has a collection documents for John Burns PARKER.
- John Burns PARKER's son Harmonious Napoleon PARKER was born in Chickasaw County, MISSISSIPPI in 1856, married in Houston, Chickasaw County, MISSISSIPPI, was enumerated in the US Census in Chickasaw County, MISSISSIPPI in 1860, 1870 and 1880, married in Houston, Chickasaw Co, MISSISSIPPI in 1883, fathered three children born in MISSISSIPPI, and died in 1889 at the age of 33 in Chickasaw County, MISSISSIPPI.

In addition, Harmonious Napoleon PARKER was born in Chickasaw County, MISSISSIPPI in 1856, eight years AFTER the first purchase of land in Cherokee County, ALABAMA by the "Harman PARKER."

## Documents

The following are the records documenting Peter H. PARKER's name. All these documents are sourced in the Family Tree Database.

- 1797 TENNESSEE Marriage of John PARKER and Margaret HARMON
- P H Parker - 1840 Census, Cherokee Co, ALABAMA
- "Harman Parker of Cherokee County, Alabama" - 10 April 1848 RE Transaction
- "Harman Parker of Cherokee County, Alabama" - 01 March 1850 RE Transaction
- Hiram Parker - 1850 Census, Cherokee Co, ALABAMA.

- NOTE: In the household enumerated immediately before Peter's family was Hiram PERRY, bc 1780 NC and wife Mary; two years before, Peter H. purchased land -- probably the land on which he lived in the 1850 census -- as Harman PARKER; it is possible the enumerator confused the two names and labeled Harman as Hiram.
- "Harman Parker of Cherokee County, Alabama" - 01 December 1852 RE Transaction
- Peter H. Parker "of Sevier County, Arkansas." 1 Jul 1859 RE Transaction
- PARKER Peter H. - 02 April 1860, Sevier Co, ARKANSAS, RE Transaction
- P. H. Parker - 1860 Census, Sevier Co, ARKANSAS
- P. H. Parker - abt 1861, Confederate, 12th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry
- Peter H Parker - 1870 Census, Sevier Co, ARKANSAS
- Peter H. Parker, 3 May 1873, Howard Co, ARKANSAS, Personal Will

Just to be a trouble maker, there was a Hiram PARKER who lived in Barbour Co, ALABAMA during the time our Peter H. and family lived in Cherokee Co, ALABAMA -- about 200 miles north of Barbour County.

- On 01 Sept 1858 "Hiram Parker of Barbour County Alabama" purchase 80 acres in Barbour Co, ALABAMA.  
US Dept of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records
- 1860 United States Federal Census about Hiram Parker  
[\[Ancestry.com\]](#)  
Name: Hiram Parker  
Age in 1860: 39; Birth Year: abt 1821; Birthplace: Georgia  
Home in 1860: Beat 5, Barbour, Alabama; Post Office: Clayton  
Wife Flora
- 1870 United States Federal Census about Hiram Harker  
[\[Ancestry.com\]](#)  
Name: Hiram Harker  
Age in 1870: 52; Birth Year: abt 1818; Birthplace: Georgia  
Home in 1870: Township 11 Range 27, Barbour, Alabama  
Post Office: Eufaula  
Wife Flora
- 1880 United States Federal Census about Hiram Parker  
[\[Ancestry.com\]](#)

WIAN - Peter H PARKER, bc 1805 KY

Name:; Hiram Parker

Age: 59; Birth Year: abt 1821; Birthplace: Georgia

Home in 1880: Indian Creek, Bullock, Alabama

Spouse's Name: Flora Parker

Father's Birthplace: Georgia

Mother's Birthplace: Georgia

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