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This letter is a joint product of Robert and James Park. Robert wrote the first draft and I (James) put together the final version.

FAMILY TREE

You have already noticed the enclosed family tree that I developed from information provided at the family reunion near Lake Wisconsin in July 1981. This gathering was also to honor Wilford E. Park a few months after his 80th birthday and to celebrate the wedding of Robert and Barbara Park, who were the hosts. It was proposed (by Douglas) that another family reunion be held in 1985 and at 5 year intervals thereafter.

ADDRESSES

Most of you also have enclosed the beginning of a list of Park family members with their addresses. Changes and additions to this and the family tree should be sent to James.

ORAL HISTORY TAPE

During his stay in Wisconsin, Wilford recorded many of his recollections of his boyhood in Fairgrounds, Ontario and his religious history. These tapes have been edited by Robert to fit on a 90-minute cassette tape, which is being circulated in the following order: (1) Douglas, (2) Wilford, (3) Betty, (4) Clifford, (5) Warren. Others who are interested in hearing this tape should contact the nearest listed relative or write Warren to borrow or purchase a copy. Please pass the cassette to the next person within a week after you receive it. If I (James) may be permitted an editorial comment at this point, I think you will find this a thoroly delightful tape, a classic of oral history. It contains wonderful stories of Dad's early days on the farm.

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Of course, you are welcome to make copies of this cassette if you are equipped to do so. Alternatively you may order (at cost) a copy made by Warren (who, being the musician in the family, has the best audio equipment). The tape is in stereo but plays on any cassette player. Warren can make reel-to-reel copies also. As you pass the original cassette on to the next person, include a note (which will eventually get to Warren) if you would like a copy of this or any other tape. Also available: (1) the omitted parts of Dad's oral history (or a complete, unedited tape, about 120 minutes), (2) a discussion of his medical career with Barbara Park, (3) and a stereo tape of the wedding of Robert & Barbara (which includes piano pieces composed and performed by Warren). Readings used in the wedding ceremony are available in written form from Robert.

PICTURES

A reunion photo album is being put together by Robert as a gift for Wilford, which may be seen by anyone visiting him. In addition, a packet of the best photos will be mailed sequentially in the same manner as the tape now circulating to (1) Douglas, (2) Betty, (3) Clifford, and (4) Robert. Anyone else wishing to be added to this circuit should write to Robert, who will be originating the photo mailing. These photos will be numbered so that anyone wishing copies may order them (at cost) from Robert. The photographers for the family reunion were: Douglas, Clifford, Wilford, Robert, & Warren. If they have not done so already, these people should send prints of their best pictures to Robert. Negatives will also be needed by him if additional prints are requested by people who see the pictures. Anyone wishing to see more than the selection of photos designed to fit a 2 or 3 ounce packet should make arrangements with Robert after the original packet has circulated.

With everyone's cooperation, this whole complicated process should be completed by the spring.

Yours,

James Park

THE DESCENDANTS OF WILFORD EDISON PARK

Wilford Edison Park March 27, 1901 → FEBRUARY 19, 1985 *

married 9-18-26 → 7-5-34

Lila Jane Marshman
Aug. 8, 1901 → July 5, 1934

married 9-7-35 → 1-21-55

Catherine Edith Leonard
July 31, 1911 → Jan. 21, 1955

married 9-23-55 →

E. Evelyn Elizabeth Hartman *
Nov. 25, 1912 →

Betty Maureen Park *
7-24-31 →

Douglas Wilford Park *
1-19-33 →

Winnifred Evelyn Park
4-8-38 → 12-4-38

James Leonard Park *
4-9-41 →

married 9-19-51 → 12-19-72

married 7-9-54 →

Robert Watson Park *
2-11-40 →

Warren Alexander Park *
4-20-46 →

Murray Morris Neilson
8-21-30 →

Nina Ruth Kittinger *
12-9-34 →

married 8-4-74 → 5-11-79

married 7-6-66 → 69

Linda Claire Neilson *
12-30-53 →

Kevin Douglas Park *
5-12-56 →

Deborah Kmara Doob
7-14-49 →

Doris Elaine Chaffee
12-26-45 →

Jennifer Anne Neilson
6-9-56 →

Barbara Ann Stone *
2-26-57 →

Robin S Park-Doob *
9-21-75 →

Catherine Melissa Park *
11-19-66 →

married 7-19-80 →

Jennifer Ann Park *
12-14-75 →

Mischa Alan Park-Doob *
11-20-78 →

Patricia Louise Solum *
2-10-51 → "PATTY"

Brian Edward Scott
9-12-56 →

Carrie Renee Park *
9-26-79 →

Barbara Carol Gorman *
Steinau 2-10-44 →

Jonathan Whittier Park *
4-25-78 →

Neil Gregory Neilson
12-29-59 → 5-9-73

Kathi Renee Park *
11-7-57 →

† Casey, B.C.G.S.'s daughter.

Daniel Brendon Park *
4-6-80 →

Charles Alexander Ponder *
7-31-30 →

Donavon Richard Park *
10-29-59 →

* present at the family reunion
in Wisconsin, July 1981 (copy)

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Please send additions and
corrections. Updated
versions of this family tree
will be produced as needed.

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