

Prelude to AN AMERICAN MEMOIR

When Charles Parke and his brother Thompson Parke came to the Raft River Valley they settled on Cassia Creek. The Ranch that Jay Cottle owns is the original Parke Ranch.

Kate (Catharine) Parke (8years old) was the oldest Child of Margaret Watterson & Charles Parke and Eaf (Eather) Parke (3years old) was the youngest when they came into the Valley.

Charles had another Ranch down on Raft River. This was eventually Eather's Ranch (now owned by Bob Parke) and this is where my mother and her siblings were raised. My Grandfather Married Cecilia Hutchison and there children were Unice Parke Neddo, Florance Parke Beigh, Eather Parke, Glenn Parke, Cleione Parke Freaser, Margaret Parke Ward, Wilmer (Dude) Parke.

Charles Parke is my Great Grandfather
Eather Parke is my Grandfather
Margaret Parke Ward is my Mother

Thompson Parke's wife was Julia Sessions (Aunt Jewel) reportedly to be the second child born after the saints came into the Salt Lake Valley.
They eventually settled up at Carey Idaho.

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