

**A Brief History
of
Mary Parke**

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Died 01 August 1800 in Uwchlan, Chester County, Pennsylvania



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Mary Parke was born on 12 Feb 1761 in East Caln, Chester County, Pennsylvania where her father had a farm.

Mary Parke was the scion of several prosperous and influential Pennsylvania families: the Parke family, Jones family, Taylor family, and the Parry family. She was born on 12 February 1761 in East Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Abiah Parke and Ruth Jones. Abiah Parke was the grandson of Thomas Parke (1660-1738), a Quaker and the immigrant ancestor.¹ And Ruth Jones was the granddaughter of Malachi Jones (1695-1729), the first minister of the Abington Presbyterian Church of Abington, Pennsylvania.² In addition, Mary Parke was the great granddaughter of Abiah Taylor, Jr., (1675-1747)³, who was a prosperous farmer who came to America in 1702. Mary Parke was also the great granddaughter of James Parry (1647-1726) who was from Wales and who had extensive lands, purchased in 1713, in Tredyffrin in Chester County.⁴

Mary was the eldest of nine children.

In 1781, when Mary was about 20 years of age, she married John Mason II.

John II and Mary Mason had the following children, all of whom were born in Chester County, Pennsylvania:

Abiah Parke Mason, b. 13 April 1782

Isaac Mason, b. 06 June 1784

Ruth Anna Mason, b. 01 February 1788

Jonathan Mason, b. 02 July 1791

Benjamin Mason, b. 05 November 1795

Mary Parke Mason, b. 18 February 1799

John Mason II was a farmer, as was his father before him. He farmed 48 acres of land in Uwchlan, Chester County, which was given to him by Mary's father, Abiah Parke.

Mary Parke Mason, died on 01 August 1800 in Uwchlan, soon after the birth of her youngest child, Mary. She was just 39 years of age when she died.

Mary died young. However, she had six children. And even though she never lived to see any of them, she had more than 30 grandchildren!

¹ For a discussion of the Parke family, refer to *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1882-1750*, Albert Cook Myers, published by the author, 1902, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, pp. 69-79 and 305-306.

² For an article on Malachi Jones, refer to [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malachi_Jones_\(clergyman\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malachi_Jones_(clergyman))

³ *History of Chester County, Pennsylvania*, J. Smith Futhey and Gilbert Cope, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881 Philadelphia: Press of J.B. Lippincott & Co., pp. 164, and 737-38.

⁴ *History of Chester County, Pennsylvania*, J. Smith Futhey and Gilbert Cope, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881 Philadelphia: Press of J.B. Lippincott & Co., pp. 675-76