

BIG NEWS ABOUT “MITHA”, 2nd WIFE OF RICHARD PARKER SR.

WILL OF RICHARD PARKER, SR.

In the name of God, Amen, I RICHARD PARKER of ye County of Henrico, being sick of body, but of sound and perfect memory I do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, Viz: I give my soul to Almighty God gave it to me and my body to this earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executors and as to my worldly goods and properties, I give and dispose of as followeth:viz:

Item I give and bequeath to my wife **MICHA PARKER** three cows calves, four sows and fifteen shoats, the bed and furniture I had with her five pewter dishes, six plates, one iron pot, one frying pan, one Iron ?pishe, one riding beast and ye saddle she is now possessed with to her my said wife and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter, Ann, now wife of James Danial, one shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Elizabeth, now wife of Wm. Atkinson, one shiling sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter, Mary, now ye wife of Lewis Jenkins, one shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Richard Parker and more over devise all the rest of my estate both real and personal, moveable and immoveable to him and his heirs forever. Thereby constituting and appointing him, my said son, executor to this my last will and testament as witnesseth by my hand and seal this 27th day of Feb. 1726.

Witness: Thos. (his mark T.O.) Owen; Robert Woodson Jr.
Signed Richard (RP his mk.)Parker

At Court Henrico County, Virginia. Mar. 6, 1726/7 Richard Parker presented this will and the same being proved by the oaths of the witnesses. It was admitted to record
Test. Henry Wood.

NOTE: The will was presented by Richard Parker, Jr. (*additional notes below*)

Research Credit: Susan Clark Claymaker, Robert Atteberry, and Erica Howton

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RICHARD PARKER WILL:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, I RICHARD PARKER, OF THE COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX, BEING SICK IN HEAVY, ETC.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO MY WIFE, *Micha Parker*
THREE COWS OR CALVES FROM SOON, *to my son John Parker*
FIFTEEN *to my daughter Elizabeth Parker*
THE BED AND FURNITURE

I had with her, two pounds of silver & 10 shillings
one shilling & six pence one shilling & six pence
one riding boaff and y^e Saddle shes now
possest with to her my said wife and her heirs
forever

I GIVE TO MY DAUGHTER, MARY, WIFE OF JAMES DUNNELL, ONE SHILLING
Shilling FOR HER & HER HEIRS, FOREVER.

I GIVE TO MY DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH, WIFE OF WILLIAM ADKINSON,
Elizabeth now the wife of William Adkinson one Shilling
Shilling for her & her heirs forever

I give to my daughter MARY now y^e wife of Lewis
Finkins one Shilling Shilling for her & her heirs forever

I have given & bequeath to my son Richard Parker
and moreover I devise all the rest of my effects—

(Will of Richard Parker, said to be a page from "the Adkins book")

Comments by Sarah Burns Atkins (*reformatted & rearranged*):

NOTE: The name, Michall, is spelled with several variations in the public records: Michall, Mechell, Michael, Michal, Mica, and last of all as Micha in Richard Parker's will. The current spelling would probably be Michelle. (*not Mitha or Mirha*)

Sometimes the most difficult family mystery is solved when we least expect it. And sometimes the solution comes from the most unexpected places. In this case, it's a matter of knowing the right people. On July 4, I received an email from Erica Howton, one of the curators at Geni who reviewed my ParkerAdkins/Blue Sky blog. Erica also curated a discussion and research about Mitha Parker that proved she was not a native-American named Mitha Straight Tail and that Richard Parker married her after all of his children were born. Here's what Erica's email said: "I've found the real Mitha Parker. Happy 4th!" and she sent me several links to the research.

After all these years of everyone interpreting Richard's wife's name as either Mitha (which I could never see) or Mirha (which looked more likely), no one thought that the name might be Micha but, now that I've seen the documentation, it seems obvious. I'm including a photograph of Richard Parker's will for those who don't have the Adkins book. It's not real clear but it's the best I can do. Micha was a nickname for Michall/Michelle.

This discovery was made by people who weren't even researching the Parker or Adkins families. Erica Howton was curating a Geni discussion concerning the John Floyd family and came across research by Susan Clark Slaymaker and Robert Atteberry that was related to the Floyds. If Erica hadn't also curated the Parker Adkins/Blue Sky and Mitha Parker discussions, and if I hadn't communicated with her about the Adkins family, I would have never found out about this research.

I reviewed all of the links I was sent and have netted out the results to make them less confusing. All of it makes perfect sense, at least to me, and, most importantly, there are documents that tie **Micha Harris** and her descendants to Richard Parker and Richard Parker, Jr.

I think it is conclusive evidence that Richard Parker's second wife was **Michall (Micha) Harris** who was married three times before **she** married Richard when they were both middle-aged.

Here is the result of the research:

MICHALL HARRIS (daughter of Peter Harris) was born abt. 1672 in Henrico Co. VA and died aft. Feb. 1754. NOTE: **She** was mentioned in her son's will as **Mica Parker** dated 2-26-1754.

SHE MARRIED:

JOHN JOHNSON Bet. 1688 and 1689. He died bef. 1696.

(2) JOHN BURGANY on June 1, 1696, in Henrico Co. VA. He was born abt. 1665 in England and died bef. May 4, 1713 in Goochland Co. VA. Children of Michall Harris and John Burgany are:

JOHN BURGANY, JR. was born abt. 1689 in Henrico Co., VA, and died bef. Mar. 10 1729/30 in Goochland Co. VA.

PETER BURGANY was born abt. 1695 in Henrico Co. VA and died bef. May 20, 1735.

Reference: ABSTRACT OF PETER BURGANY'S LAST WILL & TESTAMENT: "Feb 26, 1734. May 20, 1735. Deed.Bk. 2, p. 95-96. "TO MY MOTHER **MICA PARKER**, 13 hogs. TO MY BROTHER, WM. FLOYD, 200 acres land in Goochland in my name; also my horse bridle, saddle and wearing clothes. Exec: brother, William Floyd. Wit: Hutchins Burton, John Eales."

This abstract provides another confirmation that Peter's mother was **Mica Parker** on 26 Feb, 1734. Giving his horse and clothes to Wm. Floyd suggests that perhaps the two men were about the same size and that William was not then a small child. [of course, William had to be at least 21 to sell land 19 Sep 1738]

Reference: "Marriages of People Named Floyd Compilation of Published Sources" Text: ...-1697, Henrico, VA, p. 637: John Burgany, married **Michael Harris**, 6-I-1696.

Reference: "Marriages of People Named Floyd Compilation of Published Sources" Text: 1710-1714, p. 213. Inventory of John Burgany recorded 4-6-1713 by Edward Floyd and **Michael**, his wife.

NOTE: **Michall** married Edward Floyd shortly after her second husband, John Burgany, died as evidenced by the fact that John Burgany's estate inventory dated April, 6, 1713, was filed by **Michall** and her next husband, Edward Floyd.

(3) EDWARD FLOYD bef. Apr. 1713 in Henrico Co. VA He was born abt. 1668 in Henrico Co. VA and died abt. 1720 in Henrico Co. VA. Children of **Michall Harris** and Edward Floyd are:

WILLIAM FLOYD was born abt. 1714 and died Abt. 1800 in probably Jefferson Co., KY.

MICHAL FLOYD (dtr.) was born abt. 1716 in Varina Parish, Henrico Co. VA, and died aft. Sep.1792 in Caswell Co. NC.

(1) **She** married RICHARD WILSON abt. 1728 in Goochland Co. VA. He was born abt. 1695 in Henrico Co. VA, and died Bef. May 20, 1735, in Goochland Co. VA. Children of Michal **Floyd** and Richard Wilson were:

HARRIS WILSON born abt. 1729.

JOHN WILSON born abt. 1730.

(2) **She** married WILLIAM BOSTICK, JR. bet. 1739 in prob Goochland Co. VA. He was born abt. 1716 in Lickinghole Swamp, New Kent Co., VA, and died aft. 1792 in Person Co. NC. Children of **Michal Floyd** and William Bostick, Jr. were:

KEZIAH BOSTIC

JOHN BOSTICK born Bet. 1735/1740

(4) RICHARD PARKER, JR. in Henrico Co. VA. He was born abt. 1655/60 in Henrico Co. VA, and died bef. Mar. 6 1726 when his will was filed in Henrico Co., VA.

Dr. Susan Clark Slaymaker, Professor of Geology, California State University, Sacramento, writes to Larry Reno, op. cit., that

"**Michael Harris** married John Burgany about 1696 and had sons John and Peter. Her first husband died in 1713. **SHE LATER MARRIED RICHARD PARKER (WHICH IS WHY PETER BURGANY REFERS TO HIS MOTHER MICA PARKER IN HIS 1734 WILL).**"

Robert Atteberry, Jan. 2013

"I developed data which strongly suggests that **Michall Harris** had married Edward Floyd as her 3rd husband, following the death of John Burgany.

The single most conclusive piece of data was the LAW SUIT FILED BY RICHARD PARKER ON BEHALF OF HARRIS AND JOHN WILSON, judgment being entered on 15 June 1741.

In that suit the defendants included WILLIAM BOSTICK, JR., **HIS WIFE MICHA(MICHALL)**, JOHN BOSTIC, WILLIAM FLOYD AND WILLIAM BURGANY. Through an accumulation of estate and land records, it became clear to me that **Micha** was actually a daughter of the union between Edward Floyd and **Michall Harris Johnson Burgany**, and not a daughter of John Burgany."

*NOTE: The law suit was filed by Richard Parker, Jr. **The Micha named in this suit was the daughter of Michall (Micha) Harris and her third husband, Edward Floyd. She was the step-daughter of Richard Parker, Sr. and a step-sister to Richard Parker, Jr. who filed this law suit. Harris and John Wilson were her children by Richard Wilson.**