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**Parents of this Family**

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**This Family**

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| Benjamin Parker | |  | Barbara Snider | |
| **Born** | July 18141,2 | **Married:** | **Born** | 18123 |
| **Where** | Claremont, Sumter County, South Carolina, USA2 | December 21, 1834 | **Where** | South Carolina3 |
| **Died** | 24 Jun 1906 (aged 91)2 | **Where:** | **Died** | 18783 |
| **Where** | New Albany, Union County, Mississippi, USA2 | Tuscaloosa, AL | **Where** | Union County, Mississippi, USA3 |
| **Buried** | Unknown2 | **Source:** | **Buried** | Unknown3 |
| **Sources** | 1. 698 2. [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/263144815/benjamin-harrison-parker) | Ancestry.com | **Sources** | 1. [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/263144866/barbara-parker) |

**Children:**

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| **Name** | **Born** | **Where** | **Source** | **Died** | **Where** | **Buried** | **Source** |
| Susanah | 1836 | Alabama | 699a, 697a |  |  |  |  |
| Ambrose | 1838 | Alabama | 699a, 697a | 1928 |  |  |  |
| Melinda | 1841 | Alabama | 697a |  |  |  |  |
| Perry | 1842 | Mississippi | 697a |  |  |  |  |
| Elizabeth | 1844 | Mississippi | 697a |  |  |  |  |
| Lewis | 1850 | Mississippi | 697a, 695 |  |  |  |  |
| Amanda J.\* | 1865 | Mississippi | 695 | 1939 |  |  |  |
| Levi A. | 1873 | Mississippi | 695 |  |  |  |  |
| John W. | 1877 | Mississippi | 695 |  |  |  |  |

\* Note: Other peoples’ family trees on Ancestry.com list other children born between 1850 and 1865, but there are no documents that support the inclusion of these other children.

**Other Marrriages:**

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|  |  | **Sources** |
| Husband – Other wife |  |  |
| **When** |  |  |
| **Where** |  |  |
| **Other Children** |  |  |
| **Comments** |  |  |
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| Wife – Other husband |  |  |
| **When** |  |  |
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| **Other Children** |  |  |
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**Story:**

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| **Activity** | **Sources** |
| Pictures (people, gravestones, houses, etc.) |  |
| Marriage Certificates |  |
| Land Deeds |  |
| Slave Schedule Information |  |
| War Service Records |  |
| Social Security Applications |  |
| Newspaper Articles |  |
| Where lived? |  |
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| 1810 US Federal Census  In 1810, the slate of questions asked by assistant U.S. marshals was identical to the 1800 census. This census recorded the name of the county, parish, township, town, or city in which each family resided. Each family was listed by the name of the head of household and asked the following questions:   * Number of free White males and females aged, respectively:   + under 10 years of age   + of 10 years but under 16 years   + of 16 years but under 26 years   + of 26 years but under 45 years   + 45 years and upward * Number of all other free persons * Number of slaves   **First Economic Inquiries**  In addition to population inquiries, the 1810 census was the first to collect data about the nation's manufactures. A May 1, 1810, act directed that, "it shall be the duty of the several marshals, secretaries, and their assistants aforesaid, to take, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and according to such instructions as he shall give, an account of the several manufacturing establishments and manufactures within their several districts, territories, and divisions." The act did not outline specific questions or prescribe a schedule, leaving those matters to the Secretary of the Treasury’s discretion.  To facilitate data collection, the Treasury Department divided manufactured products into 25 broad categories, encompassing more than 220 kinds of goods. As the U.S. marshals and their assistants conducted the decennial census, they also visited the manufacturing establishments in their assigned areas to obtain economic data. These data generally consisted of the quantity and value of products manufactured.  In March 1812, Congress authorized $2,000 for the Treasury Department to prepare a statistical report on the kind, quantity, and value of goods manufactured and the number of manufacturing establishments in each state, territory, district, and county. The May 1813 report noted that the economic data were of poor quality because of serious undercounting and omissions during the enumeration. |  |
| 1820 US Federal Census  The 1820 census built on the questions asked in 1810. The age questions were the same, except for the addition of a 16 - 18 years category for males.   * The number of free White males and females aged, respectively:   + under 10 years of age   + of 10 years but under 16 years   + of 16 years but under 18 years (for males)   + of 16 years but under 26 years (for males)   + of 16 years but under 26 years (for females)   + of 26 years but under 45 years   + 45 years and upward * The number of male and female slaves aged, respectively:   + under 14 years of age   + of 14 years but under 26 years   + of 26 years but under 45 years   + 45 years and upwards * The number of free colored males and females aged, respectively:   + under 14 years of age   + of 14 years but under 26 years   + of 26 years but under 45 years   + 45 years and upwards * Number of foreigners not naturalized * Number of persons (including slaves) engaged in agriculture, commerce, and manufactures |  |
| 1830 US Federal Census  For the 1830 census, the age categories were expanded again. Additionally, some social categories made their first appearance. Each head of family was listed and was asked:   * The number of free White males and females, respectively:   + under 5 years   + 5 to 10 years   + 10 to 15 years   + 15 to 20 years   + 20 to 30 years   + 30 to 40 years   + 40 to 50 years   + 50 to 60 years   + 60 to 70 years   + 70 to 80 years   + 80 to 90 years   + 90 to 100 years   + 100 years and upward * The number of slaves and free colored persons of each sex, respectively:   + under 10 years   + 10 to 24 years   + 24 to 36 years   + 36 to 55 years   + 55 to 100 years   + 100 years and upward * The number of White persons and the number of "slaves and colored persons" who were deaf and dumb aged:   + under 14 years   + 14 and under 25 years   + 25 years and upward * The number of White persons and "slaves or colored persons" who were blind, respectively * The number of White persons who were foreigners not naturalized |  |
| **1840 US Federal Census, unknown enumeration date, Tuscaloosa, AL USA**  What I think is the Benjamin Parker family was living in Tuscaloosa, AL in 1840. As I discussed in the 1850 Census comments below, I thought the Parker family moved from AL to MS sometime between 1840 and 1842. So I think this is the correct family I am seeking. Living in this household are:   * 1 male under 5 years old (Ambrose was born in 1838) * 1 male 20 to 29 years old (Benjamin would be 25 in 1840) * 1 female 5 to 9 years old (Susannah was born in 1836) * 1 female 20 to 29 years old (Barbara would be 28 in 1840)   The Parkers have no slaves. | 699a - Federal Census\_1840\_Benjamin Parker - Barbara Snider Family\_Page 1  And  699b - Federal Census\_1840\_Benjamin Parker - Barbara Snider Family\_Page 2 |
| **1850 US Federal Census, enumerated October 14, 1850 in Pontotoc County, MS USA**  In 1850, we find the Benjamin Parker family living in Pontotoc County, MS. They live next door to the Duncan family, consisting of James Duncan (62), his wife Elizabeth (59), 8 children ranging in ages from 3 to 36, and a farmer living with them – John Riggins. I mention the Duncan family only because I believe that Melinda Parker listed below in the 1850 – 1880 Federal Censuses married a Duncan.  Back to the Parkers – Benjamin (36 – implied birth year of 1814) and Barbara (38 – implied birth year of 1812) look to be husband and wife. I typically go backward in time as I create these documents, so I do the more recent Census documents and work my way backwards into the past. So at this point, I already know that in the 1870 Federal Census, the woman presumed to be Benjamin’s wife is named Martha and she is 55 years old in 1870. So she should be about 35 years old in 1850. In the 1870 Census, Martha is listed as born in TN and here in the 1850 Census she is listed as born in SC. Benjamin is also listed in the 1850 Census as born in SC, while in the 1870 Census he is listed as born in TN. Who knows?  Living with Benjamin and Barbara are the following:   * Susannah, female, 14 years old, born in AL. * Ambrose, male, 12 years old, born in AL. * Melinda, female, 10 years old, born in AL. * Perry, male, 8 years old, born in MS. * Elizabeth, female, 6 years old, born in MS. * Lewis, male, 2 years old, born in MS.   So it appears that the Parker family moved from AL to MS somewhere between 8 and 10 years ago. So if I search for the Parker family in the 1840 Census, I should probably look in AL, not MS.  The Parkers are not listed as having any value of real estate, so I don’t think they would have any slaves. I checked the slave schedules for 1850 and there is no Parker listed in Pontotoc County, MS with slaves. | 697a - Federal Census\_1850\_Benjamin Parker - Martha Unknown Family Page 1  And  697b - Federal Census\_1850\_Benjamin Parker - Martha Unknown Family Page 2 |
| **1860 US Federal Census**  I have not been able to find an 1860 Federal Census for the Benjamin Parker family yet **[John Note: 14-Mar-2024].** |  |
| **1860 Slave Schedule**  I checked the slave schedules for 1860 and there is no Benjamin Parker that fits with my Benjamin Parker in either Pontotoc County or Tippah County, MS |  |
| **1870 US Federal Census, enumerated September 8, 1870 in Ripley, Range Three Township 6, Tippah County, MS USA**  It took a while, but I finally found the same family as I did for the 1880 Federal Census for the Benjamin Parker family. In 1870, they were in 2 separate households. In 1870, I find Benjamin Parker (60), as a farmer. He has no value of real estate or personal estate listed. He says (or the census taker says) that he was born in TN. His presumed wife is Martha (55), keeping house and also born in TN. **[John Note: I am just not sure about “Martha” being the correct name. I was hoping for “Rosy / Rosey”, although I don’t know if that is correct either. Earlier Census documents and FindaGrave list a “Barbara Snider” as Benjamin Harrison Parker’s wife.]** Living with them are Luc (I think it should be Lee) Duncan (18), also keeping house, born in MS. There is also a Kate Duncan (2), living with them. I don’t know if Kate is Lee’s daughter or sister. The name “Duncan” is what started me thinking this was the right family, since I had found Malinda Duncan living with Benjamin Parker in the 1880 Census. What sold me was that living next door to Benjamin Parker was another Duncan family.  That family is Melinda Duncan (30), Keeping house, born in MS. In her house are Parallu (?) (7), born in MS and John (5), also born in MS. Parallu (?) must be Sarah P. Duncan in the 1880 Federal Census.  So it looks like the Parkers are helping their daughter-in-law (Lee) and maybe her daughter Kate. Amanda Parker may not have been born at this time, so she is not listed in the Benjamin Parker household. | 696 - Federal Census\_1870\_Benjamin Parker - Amanda Parker Family |
| **1880 US Federal Census, enumerated June 22, 1880 in Union County, MS USA**  Ok, this one is a little bit of a stretch, and I don’t know if it’s correct. The issue I am having is that there seem to be 2 Amanda J. Parkers born in Union County, MS from about 1865 to 1870. It’s hard to know when you have the correct one! From some emails my mother collected, I think Amanda’s mother was named Rosy/Rosey Torrance, but I don’t have anything other than an email to support that. I am looking for an Amanda Parker that was born in Mississippi around 1865 - 1870 or so. I think her middle initial is “J” based on her [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/66935856/amanda-j-crapps) page.  As I said above, there seem to be 2 Amanda Parkers. One was born in April 1870, married J. H. Allford in December 1889, and died in Texas in 1971. My Amanda Parker was born about 1865, married Edward Levi Pike (who died or abandoned her), then married James R. Crapps, and died in Philadelphia, MS in 1939.   * In the 1930 U. S. Census, she states that her father was born in the US and her mother in Mississippi. * In the 1920 U. S. Census, she states that her father and mother were born in Mississippi. * In the 1910 U. S. Census, she again states that her father was born in the US and her mother in Mississippi. In this census, she also says she and James Crapps have been married for 20 years (married in 1890). * In the 1900 U. S. Census, she again states that her father and mother were born in Mississippi. * There is no 1890 U. S. Census, since they burned in a fire and in the 1880 Census, she would have only been about 13 years old or so.   When I do a search for this person on Ancestry.com in the 1880 US Federal Census, I find an Amanda J. Parker, living in Union County, MS. In the household with her are:   * Malinda Duncan, female, 39 years old, widowed, born in MS, father born in MS, mother born in MS * Sarah P. Duncan, female, 18 years old, Malinda’s daughter, born in AL, father born in SC, mother born in SC * John H. Duncan, male, 16 years old, Malinda’s son, born in MS, father born in MS, mother born in AL * Benjamin Parker, male, 64 years old, Malinda’s father, widowed, born in MS, father born in MS, mother born in MS * Lewis Parker, male, 30 years old, Malinda’s brother, born in SC, father born in SC, mother born in SC * Amanda J. Parker, female, 10 years old, Malinda’s sister, born in MS, father born in SC, mother born in SC * Levi A. Parker, male, 7 years old, Malinda’s brother, born in MS, father born in SC, mother born in AL * John W. Parker, male, 3 years old, Malinda’s brother, born in MS, father born in SC, mother born in AL   I am not really sure what the census taker was thinking when he wrote down all of this data about where people were born – NOTHING MATCHES! I think this data is almost useless. However, at least we have a set of brothers and sisters that stretch from 3 years old to 39 years old. That should make it easier to move back to 1870, 1860, 1850, etc.  A couple of notes:   1. Benjamin’s wife must have died within the last 3 years since John W. Parker is 3 years old. So we are looking for a wife who died around 1877 +/- 1 year. 2. Malinda Duncan’s husband must have died no more than 16 to 17 years ago, since John H. Duncan is 16 years old – so sometime around 1863 to 1864. Maybe died in the Civil War? Or has died more recently, but less than 17 years ago.   At any rate, I feel pretty good that this is our Amanda J. Parker. If the 1870 census shows that the mother was named “Rosy” or something similar, this would nail it down. | 695 - Federal Census\_1880\_Benjamin Parker - Amanda Parker Family |
| 1890 US Federal Census  Most of the census' population schedules were badly damaged by a fire in the [Commerce Department Building](https://www.census.gov/history/img/Commerce-19th-Penn.jpg) in January 1921. For more information about the fire, the National Archives published an article, ["First in the Path of the Firemen: The Fate of the 1890 Population Census,"](http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1996/spring/1890-census-1.html) in its Spring 1996 *Prologue*.  The extant schedules are numbered and noted following rolls 1-3 below.  **Roll 1**  Perry County, Alabama (Perryville Beat No.11 and Severe Beat No. 8) [fragments 1-455].  **Roll 2**  District of Columbia. Q, 13th, 14th, R, Q, Corcoran, 15th, S, R, and Riggs Streets, Johnson Avenue, and S Street [fragments 456-781].  **Roll 3**  Muscogee County (Columbus), Georgia; McDonough County (Mound Twp.), Illinois; Wright County (Rockford), Minnesota; Hudson County (Jersey City), New Jersey; Westchester County, (Eastchester); and Suffolk County (Brookhaven Twp.), New York; Gaston County (South Point Twp. and River Bend Twp.) and Cleveland County (Twp. No. 2), North Carolina; Hamilton County (Cincinnati) and Clinton County (Wayne Twp.), Ohio; Union County (Jefferson Twp.), South Dakota; Ellis County (J.P. No. 6, Mountain Peak, and Ovilla Precinct), Hood County (Precinct No. 5), Rusk County (No. 6 and J.P. No. 7), Trinity County (Trinity Town and Precinct No. 2) and Kaufman County (Kaufman) [fragments 782-1,233], Texas. | [U. S. Census Information](https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/decennial_census_records/availability_of_1890_census.html) |
| **1900 US Federal Census, enumerated June 22, 1900 in Beat 3, Township 6, Union County, MS, USA**  OMG, I can’t believe I found Benjamin Parker again, 20 years after the 1880 Census! Wow. In 1900, Benjamin is living in Union County, MS with a large family around him. He’s a widowed grandfather (85 years old, listed as born in July 1814).The head of the household is John Duncan (36 – listed as born in February 1864), Malinda Duncan’s son, and Benjamin Parker’s grandson. John’s wife is Dollie (30 – listed as born in November 1869). We know that Melinda is widowed at this time, and since John in her son, born in February 1864, we know Melinda’s husband was alive up to about May 1863). A possible Civil War death? We shall have to see.  John is a farmer who owns his own farm, and is listed as born in MS, his father in MS, and his mother in AL. Dollie was born in MS, and her parents in AL. John and Dollie have had 5 children and 4 of them are living at this time. Living with John and Dollie are:   * Hampton, son, 13 years old, born December 1886, born in MS. * Etta, daughter, 11 years old, born December 1888, born in MS. * Jettie, daughter, 8 years old, born November 1891, born in MS. * Lee, daughter, 1 year old, born December 1898, born in MS. * Benjamin Parker, grandfather, widowed, 85 years old, born July 1814, born in SC as were his parents. * Melinda Duncan, mother, widowed, 59 years old, born July 1840, born in AL. Melinda has had 2 children and 1 of them are living at this time. * Robert M. Young, brother-in-law, 27 years old, born June 1872, born in MS, single, never married (maybe a brother of Dollie? Maybe her maiden name was Young? Doesn’t matter as I am not tracing her family!) * Jim Duncan, servant, 18 years old, born May 1882, born in MS   I think it’s going to be highly unlikely that I find Benjamin Parker still living by the time of the 1910 Federal Census, but I will check for Melinda Duncan first. If he is still living, he should be with her. [John Note: I checked the 1910 US Federal Census, and saved it to Melinda Duncan in Ancestry.com. She is still living in John Duncan’s household in Union County, MS, but there is no Benjamin Parker. So it looks like Benjamin Parker has died between 1900 and 1910. | 698 - Federal Census\_1900\_Benjamin Parker in Grandsons Household |
| **Death of Benjamin Parker**  As mentioned above, Bemjamin Parker died between 1900 and 1910. I think I found his memorial on [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/263144815/benjamin-harrison-parker). It seems to fit what I know from the Census documents. | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/263144815/benjamin-harrison-parker) |
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