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b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Parkin, John
1888 England – 1950 Washington D.C.

Utica Observer dispatch Sunday April 16, 1950

JOHN PARKIN Dies on Visit To Washington

ROME John Parkin, 62, Lowell, attached to the Rome State School staff for the past 35 years, died unexpectedly in Washington, D. S. April 15, 1950, according to word received by his sons in the Town of Rome.

Mr. Parkin and his wife, the former Minnie Wardale, left Friday to spend a few day at the nation's capital, and he appeared to be in good health. He had planned to retire from his position at the school in the fall.

Mr. And Mrs. Parkin were married in Utica May 27, 1917, and they had lived in Lowell since 1922. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Methodist Church at Lowell.

Besides his widow and sons, John and Alfred, he leaves a sister in England.

The body is scheduled to arrive in Rome this afternoon, after which funeral details are expected to be announced, according to Mrs. Mae F. Strong, funeral director who has charge of arrangements.

John Parkin – Find A Grave 22232652

Lowell John Parkin, 61, Dies in Washington

John Parkin, 61, Lowell, for the last 35 years an engineer at the Rome State School, died suddenly Saturday in Washington, D. C., at the home of a cousin, Mrs. Walter Blake.

His death, the result of a heart attack, cut short a trip to the nation's capital which the couple began Friday. The two planned to meet Mrs. Parkin's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Wardale, who had spent the winter in Florida, in the city. The Wardales were to return to Rome with the couple.

Mr. Parkin was born May 7, 1888 in England, a son of John T. and Elizabeth Jenkinson Parkin. He married the former Minnie Wardale May 21, 1917, in Utica. He had lived in Lowell since 1922. He planned to retire from his position at the state school in the fall.

He was a World War I veteran and a member of the Lowell Methodist Church.

He leaves, besides his wife, two sons, John jr., Lowell, and Alfred, Rome-Oneida Rd.; a sister, Mrs. E. Downs, in England and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Mae F. Strong Funeral Home. The Rev. William Lord, Verona Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Lowell Cemetery.

The original obituary - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/70040772/person/342043475792/media/fb252dad-81d3-4537-8820-b1ed35c68d24>

Wife:

625-1

Parkin John 250,615
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) * White * Colored.

Residence: Roma State Custodian Asylum Roma NEW YORK
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

Enlisted U. S. A. N. G. E. R. C. *Inducted at Roma N Y on Sept 28, 1917

Place of birth: Thorpe Salvin England Age or date of birth: 29 4/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
Co C 310 Inf to Nov 20/17; QMC to Dec 18/17; Co 17
20 Engrs to disch

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt

Engagements: _____

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † Feb 27/19, from † _____ to † _____

Honorably discharged on demobilization June 24/19, 19____

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks: _____

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
 Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7362

NY, WWI military record – at

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/3030/images/40808_1120704930_0476-00043?pId=146334 AND <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/70040772/person/342043475792/media/bae28384-846e-454f-8441-ceac7b01d183>

John Parkin

Christening • England, Yorkshire, Parish Registers, 1538-2016

Name	John Parkin
Baptism Date	28 May 1888
Baptism Place	Thorpe Salvin, Yorkshire, England, United Kingdom
Baptism Place (Original)	Thorpe Salvin, Yorkshire (West Riding), England
Father's Name	John Thomas
Father's Sex	Male
Mother's Name	Elisabeth
Mother's Sex	Female
Event Type	Baptism
Document Type	Baptisms
Page	84
Source Publication Year Range	1813-1899
Reference	PR 39 3
Affiliate Name	Sheffield Archives & Local Studies

Baptismal record from Thorpe Salvin, Yorkshire, England -
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:66BX-8L3C>



Location within South Yorkshire

Thorpe Salvin, a village & civil parish in the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham, South Yorkshire, England

Thorpe Salvin



St Peter's parish church, Thorpe Salvin, South Yorkshire, seen from the southeast

The 12th-century parish church at Thorpe Salvin, a village mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086)

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thorpe_Salvin



Rome NY State School – <https://www.hippostcard.com/listing/vintage-postcard-the-rome-state-custodial-asylum-for-mental-defectives-new-york/19580573>

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7200—Rev. Sept., 1925		INDEX CARD	

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WMFH-LZ6Z>

Wife:

No. 4027		FOR THE GROOM		FOR THE BRIDE			
NAME - - -	John Parkin	COLOR	W	Minnie Wardale	COLOR	W	
RESIDENCE -	Rome	AGE	29	Utica	AGE	24	
OCCUPATION -	Sta. Eng.	NO. OF MARRIAGE	1	Maid	NO. OF MARRIAGE	1	
BIRTHPLACE -	Eng.	WIDOWER		Eng.	WIDOW		
FATHER -	John T. Parkin	DIVORCED		Arthur Wardale	DIVORCED		
BIRTHPLACE -	Eng.	" WHEN		Eng.	" WHEN		
MOTHER -	Elizabeth Parkin	" WHERE		Florence Ashbury	" WHERE		
BIRTHPLACE -	Eng.	RELATION		Eng.	RELATION		
DATE OF LICENSE	May 21/17	DATE OF MARRIAGE	May 21/17	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Utica	OFFICIAL	Jesse Higgins
PROFESSION	Clergyman	WITNESS	Albert Wardale & Mary F. Wardale				

Marriage license & ceremony on 21 May 1917 in Utica, Oneida NY -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61377/images/TH-1-159382-103742-55?pld=495577>



FOUR GENERATIONS — Minnie Parkin of Lowell holds her great-granddaughter, Hollie Lynn Pritchard. The baby's grandfather, Alfred Parkin, stands at left, and her mother, Linda M. Pritchard, is at right.

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/70040772/person/342043475577/media/a511dbba-7afd-41d2-ad0f-28b39524c15b>

Children:

Name John Arthur Parkin
Gender Male
Race White
Birth Date 30 Apr 1918
Birth Place Utica Oneida, New York
Death Date 19 Apr 2005
Father John Parkin
Mother Minnie Wardale
SSN 096149339
Notes Jul 1940: Name listed as JOHN
ARTHUR PARKIN; 24 May 2000: Name
listed as JOHN A PARKIN

U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/70040772/person/342043476003/facts>

DOUBLE WEDDING CEREMONY

John Parkin of Rome and Miss Minnie Wardale of Utica—Arthur E. Wardale and Miss Mary Duncan, Both of Utica.

Utica, May 22. — In St. George's Church last evening at 7 o'clock, before the altar which had been beautifully decorated by the members of the Girls' Friendly Society of the church, two couples, John Parkin of Rome and Miss Minnie Wardale of 612 Henry street, and Arthur Edgar Wardale of the same address and Miss Mary Duncan of 270 Genesee street, were married by Rev. Jesse Higgins, rector of the church. Both brides were given away by Arthur T. Wardale, father of the bride in the first couple, and of the groom in the second.

The first named couple were attended by Albert Wardale and Miss Mary Wardale, brother and sister of the bride. The attendants of the last named couple were William Jennings and Mrs. John Low, sister of the bride. Miss Ruth Wardale, sister of a bride and groom, was the flower girl. The brides were similarly attired in white satin with tulle veils caught with orange blossoms. They carried bouquets of white roses. Miss Mary

Wardale was attired in pale blue taffeta and Mrs. Low in pale blue crepe de chine. Both bridesmaids wore black hats and carried pink roses. The flower girl wore white shadow lace with a hat of the same material and carried a basket of forget-me-nots.

Following the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Wardale, 612 Henry street. About 60 friends and relatives were entertained and a wedding supper was served. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Parkin and Mr. and Mrs. Wardale left on a wedding trip by automobile. The former will be at home after June 1 at 514 W. Dominick street, Rome, and the latter at 419 Mandeville street, this city.

Mr. Parkin is employed as a stationary engineer at the Rome Custodial Asylum, and Mr. Wardale is a mechanic in the employ of the Overland Utica Company. They are both well known and well liked in their respective communities. The brides were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts, attesting to their popularity. The gift of Mrs. Parkin to her bridesmaid was an amethyst ring and that of Mr. Parkin to his best man a pair of handsome cuff links. Mrs. Wardale presented her bridesmaid a sterling silver set and Mr. Wardale's gift to his best man was a stickpin.

A number of prenuptial events were given in honor of the brides.

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/70040772/person/342043475792/media/05de1356-1e02-4728-b12c-9d97c4661efb>

Name: John Parkiin

Name variations: draft card says he has no middle initial

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,615

Entered service from: Rome, Oneida NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John Parkin

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. John Parkin, 154 W. Dominick St., Rome NY

Returned from war on: could not locate - according to NY Army Cards, returned from overseas 27 Feb 1919, discharged 24 Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as:

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): as John Parkin - b. 7 May 1888 Tholpsalvin, England; res: Rome, Oneida NY. Citizen of Great Britain. Has wife, is married. Stationary engineer, State of NY, Rome NY. Short in height, medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as John Parkin - b. 7 May 1888 Tholpsalvin, England; res: RFD #1, Rome (Westmoreland), Oneida NY. NOK wife Mrs. Parkin, same address. Employed at Rome State School, Rome, Oneida NY. Height: 5'4" – 134 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 28 Sep 1917

Discharged: 24 Jun 1919

Address: Rome NY

Rank/unit: private, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 7 May 1888 Thorpe Salvin (WWI draft card: Tholpsalvin), Rotherham, South Yorkshire, England

Died: 15 Apr 1950 Washington DC

Find A Grave record: 22232652 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Lowell, Oneida NY

Cemetery: Lowell

Tombstone:

Father: John T. Parkin, probably ca. 1857 Yorkshire, England

Find A Grave:

Mother: Elizabeth Jenkinson Parkin,

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Minnie Florence Wardale Parkin, 16 Jan 1893 Worksop, Nottinghamshire, England – 27 Oct 1981 Ava, Oneida NY. SSN 066-38-0553

Daughter of Arthur Thomas Wardale (1869-1940, F: 79489052) & Florence Minnie Ashbury (1869-1938, F: 79489074). Buried in Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, Oneida NY.

Spouse Find A Grave: 22232653

Marriage: 22 May 1917 Utica, Oneida NY. Obtained license & married on the same day. John Parkin, age 29, b. England, resident Rome NY, stationary engineer, son of John T. Parkin & Elizabeth Jenkinson, both b. England. First marriage. – Minnie Wardale, age 24, no space for birthplace on form, resident of Utica NY, maid, daughter of Arthur Wardale & Florence Ashbury, both b. England. First marriage.

Clergyman Jesse Higgins, the rector of St. George's Church in Utica NY performed a double wedding ceremony for Minnie and her brother Albert Edgar Wardale. Their sister Mary was the

flower girl. Minnie's siblings Albert & Mary were the witnesses for her marriage to John Parkin. Albert Wardale married Mary Duncan (270 Genesee St.) Arthur T. Wardale, the father of both the bride (Minnie) and groom (Albert) gave both brides away (his daughter & his future daughter-in-law). A reception followed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur T. Wardale.

Children:

- John Arthur Parkin, 30 Apr 1918 Utica, Oneida NY – 19 Apr 2005. SSN 096-14-9339. Born while his father John was at war. Charter member of the Lowell NY Fire Department. Buried in Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, Oneida NY. F: 22232654
- Alfred Parkin, 28 Feb 1920 Utica, Oneida NY – 28 Apr 2012 Utica, Oneida NY. SSN 102-12-4296. Enlisted in US Army Air Corps in summer 1941 & took glider training. Married on 27 Aug 1949 in Transfiguration Church in Rome, Oneida NY to Mary Albrecht (1922-2008, F: 99666328). Died at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. Buried in Saint Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Churchville, Oneida NY. F: 89355447

Siblings:

- Obituary mentions a surviving sister, Mrs. E. Downs, of England (April 1950)

Notes:

Caution – Ancestry.com family trees list him as John Lawrence Parkin & link him to incorrect parents.

Pre-war:

According to 1925 NY state census, John emigrated ca. 1913. In the 1930 census, John says he emigrated in 1913.

Wartime:

"New York Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the New Yorkers on board Tuscania: John Parkin, private, Mrs. John Parkin, 154 Dominick St., Rome NY

"New York Times" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 6 – on the Tuscania passenger list: Parkin, J., pvt., Rome NY

"New York Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 14 – "List of Tuscania Survivors" – from NY: Parkin, John, 154 E. Dominick St., Rome NY

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Utica (NY) Observer Dispatch" obit on his Find A Grave record: 16 Apr 1950 - age 62, of Lowell NY, on Rome State School staff for past 35 years. Was planning to retire in fall 1950. Died unexpectedly in Washington DC; he & wife Minnie (Wardale) had left 14 Apr 1950 to spend some days there. The couple married 22 May 1917 in Utica NY & had lived in Lowell NY since 1922. WWI veteran. Survived by wife, sons John & Alfred & sister in England. [Rome State School was a school for the deaf & for the mentally retarded at various times]

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1920 Rome, Oneida NY – his portion of page is very faint & barely legible
 John Parkin (indexed as Pardon), 32 Sweden [probably misinterpretation of England]
 Minnie
 John

1925 NY state census – Westmoreland, Oneida NY
 John Parkin, 37 England, engineer, in US for 12 years
 Minnie, 32 England, housework, in US for 14 years
 John A., 7 US, school
 Alfred, 5 US

1930 Westmoreland, Oneida NY – Lowell-Westmoreland Rd.
 John Parkin, 41 England, parents b. England, age 28 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1913, naturalized, engineer, state school, WWI veteran
 Minnie, 37 England, parents b. England, age 24 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1911, naturalized
 John A., 11 NY
 Alfred, 10 NY

1940 Westmoreland, Oneida NY – RFD 2 – same place in 1935
 John Parkin, 51 England, stationary engineer, state school
 Minnie, 47 England
 John A., 21 NY
 Alfred, 20 NY

1950 Westmoreland, Oneida NY
 John Parkin, 63 England, steam engineer, mental institution
 Minnie, 57 England
 John A., 31 NY, never married