



# Phineas Wolcott Cook NEWSLETTER

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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## Web Site Is Back Up

By Yvonne Peterson

The Cook Family Organization web site is back up and running with histories, genealogy information, family history materials and newsletters available

Randy Cook, website manager, reports not only is the web site up and running, the Organization also has a facebook page.

The Website can be found at [www.Cookfamily.org](http://www.Cookfamily.org) and the facebook page is [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Layton-UT/Phineas-Wolcott-Cook-Family-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Layton-UT/Phineas-Wolcott-Cook-Family-Organization/228332509588)

[Organization/228332509588](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Layton-UT/Phineas-Wolcott-Cook-Family-Organization/228332509588) The website is full of genealogical information on Phineas Wolcott Cook and each of his 4 wives. It includes the entire Phineas Wolcott Cook journal as well as histories on several of his descendants, 3 of his wives and some of his ancestors.

Also included is the approved Family organization gedcom which can be downloaded and used with the PAF program. The PAF program is available as a free download on the home page of the [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) website.

The website also makes it possible to order and pay for the materials available from the

Cook Family organization Store. Some of those materials include the PWC Diary in Book form, a video of his life and four volumes of stories from his life.

Genealogy information in the form of disks, pedigree books and charts are also available. It is also possible to pay for these materials online through a paypal link.

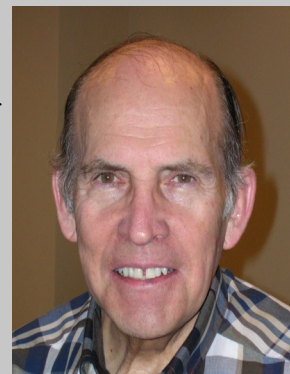
For those family members who wish to mail in their orders instead, there is a printable order form available.

The website has become easier to navigate. Not only is there a link under "Histories" to access the life histories of PW Cook and his wives, but simply clicking on their website pictures will bring up the histories. Three of the wives' histories are available. The Johanna Poulson link is not yet operational.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is an article in the newsletter about the special guests at the COOK-O-RAMA last fall.



Jerold and JoAnn Ottley were our special guests, and the article provides detail of their three year mission in Hawaii at BYU Hawaii. It is very interesting reading. We plan to have a very interesting guest/s at the fall 2010 COOK-O-RAMA, and we encourage you to plan to attend. We will make it worthwhile for your time.

We have discussed in previous newsletters the desire to receive more E-Mail addresses as part of our plan eventually to send the newsletter to most members by E-Mail. There is in the newsletter an interesting one

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# PWC Web Site, Facebook Page, Online Now

The facebook page makes it possible for PW Cook descendants to communicate with each other through posts submitted by “fans.”

Finally, past issues of the Cook Family Newsletter are also available on the website. Currently, issues from 2002 to the present are available. As other issues become available, they, too will be posted on the website.

This website is one aspect of an effort by the Cook Family Organization to reach more of Phineas’ descendants. Eventually the newsletter will no longer be sent through the postal service, but will be sent exclusively via email.

For those family members who wish to be included in the mailing list for family posts and newsletters, please send your email address to Yvonne Peterson at [ypeter-son@broadweave.net](mailto:ypeter-son@broadweave.net), LaMar Day at [lamarday@msn.com](mailto:lamarday@msn.com) or Randy Cook at [randycoder@gmail.com](mailto:randycoder@gmail.com).

## Never Too Old to Serve

William P. Cook, 81, and his wife Betty Lou, of Mesa, Washington, are preparing to serve their 3<sup>rd</sup> Family History Mission. We wish them well.

# Using New Family Search

By Glen McMillan

So you have heard about the new [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) program which the church has recently released and you sign up, plug in a Cook name and low and behold, you find names of persons who have not had their temple work completed? How can this be? Even though we were taught that this program searches all the databases in one step and is supposed to eliminate duplication, it is still possible to find names who appear to lack ordinances, but really the work has been done.

One way to check is to use the verified Cook Family CD. I will explain how this CD which can be purchased from the PWC store can be used. First of all, you must understand that this is a GEDCOM file. What is a gedcom file? It is basically a data disk that has to be loaded into the Personal Ancestral File program to be viewed. If you do not have PAF on your computer already, you would need to download this free program from the LDS.org website.

Now that you have PAF, insert the CD into your computer disk drive and click RUN in the Windows menu. This brings up a box for a drive letter and a file name. If you click browse, it will bring up the contents of the disk and which drive it is on, but you may need to click “all files”

under file types to see them. There are two files on this CD: the gedcom file and a Word Document file with instructions. If you double click on the gedcom file, it will ask if you want to create a new PAF file. I would check Yes. It will automatically load and put Phineas Wolcott Cook as the first person on the pedigree chart.

You can now search for the persons you found in the new [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) and see the ordinance data here to see when the temple work was done.

## PWC Needs Parents and Grandparents

Parents and Grandparents

We need your help. The P. W. Cook Family Org. is having a difficult time obtaining addresses (e-mail and/or postal) of your adult children. Most of your children and grandchildren have e-mail addresses, however, we have only been able to obtain about 300 of them. Please send us the e-mail addresses of all your adult children and grandchildren. You may think that they have been submitted.. I checked the list and found that four of my immediate family e-mail addresses were not included. Please send these addresses to:

LaMar Day  
467 W 2400 S  
Bountiful, UT 84010

## ***New FamilySearch and the PWC Family Organization***

By Don Cook and Janet Porter

Now that most of us are able to view the New FamilySearch web site you may have some questions about what you see on the site and what you should do if you find what appears to be temple work that needs to be done for our P. W. Cook ancestors. This article is an attempt to describe guidelines to help you do research and temple work for these ancestors and at the same time help prevent duplications and proliferation of errors.

The work of the P.W. Cook family organization is to identify his ancestors and see that the Temple work is completed for them. This includes the associated collateral persons. This does not include his descendents or the ancestry of the four wives as these are the responsibility of each wife's family.

The temple work for Phineas and his ancestors has been completed for all that have been identified and approved by the family organization (in some cases many times). If in your research or search for ancestors in new FamilySearch to perform temple work you find any of the following:

You feel you have identified new ancestors not currently in the pedigree

Have new information on persons currently in the ancestral line

Found in New FamilySearch what appears as "Ready" for an ancestor already identified

Found what you may think are errors

Please do not perform the temple work until you have cleared it with the organization (contact Janet Porter). If you do you will almost certainly be duplicating. A common problem we have found in the new FamilySearch is that additional children have been added erroneously to a family and the program shows they need the temple work performed. If you do the work it will be a duplicate or perhaps make a wrong family connection or be a fictitious person.

In the past few years much research and temple work has been done for descending lines of the Cook ancestors including the recently identified Porter family. All this work is documented on

the family P.A.F. file available through the website Cookfamily.org. You may wish to obtain the P.A.F. file so you can compare it to what you see on new Familysearch. You will probably be able to verify the temple work was previously done in just a few minutes.

*Please observe the following guidelines before trying to do temple work for any individual in the Cook line:*

Obtain the Verified Cook P.A.F. file and compare what you see on new FamilySearch with what has been verified in the Cook genealogy. If you find something which appears to be wrong, contact the family organization before making changes to new FamilySearch.

Please do not place a dispute on any individual you think may be wrong. The family organization can have that mistake corrected, but not if there is a dispute placed on it. If you have placed a dispute on anyone in the Cook family, please remove it and contact Janet Porter. She may currently be trying to correct the mistake, but can't do it while your dispute is on it. If you don't have the family P.A.F. file, at least write down the name and PIN number of that individual and write or call Janet Porter.

(Information at the bottom of this article.)

After communicating with Janet, you will be advised either to continue with the temple submission or to ignore the signal to complete temple work. We have family members currently trying to correct problems with the genealogy which appears on new.familysearch and that problem will be corrected as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us keep our genealogy correct. Many other family lines are being corrupted by family members going online and adding to or changing what long ago had been verified. Temple work is being done for non-existent people who appear in the family, complicating the process of correcting. We would hope that doesn't happen with our genealogy. It will take restraint

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# Oct 2009 Cook-O-Rama

Relating experiences during their service at BYU-Hawaii, Cook-O-Rama guest speakers Jerold and JoAnn Ottley presented an informative and delightful fireside at the conclusion of the 2009 Cook-O-Rama held in October.

Other activities involved an officers and directors meeting, an Annual Organization meeting and a fun Soup and Salad Bar followed by visiting.

The concluding meeting, held in the Relief Society Room featured the special guests for the evening, Jerold and JoAnn Ottley (Gr. Gr. Granddaughter of Phineas & Ann Eliza Howland Cook). They provided us with a delightful and informative evening. Jerold was the Tabernacle Choir director for 25 years. JoAnn was the voice coach for the choir for 24 years.

The Ottleys were released about a year ago from a 3-year assignment on the faculty of BYU Hawaii. It was not called a mission, but had most of the requirements of a mission including long hours, full time responsibilities and regularly assigned extra duties.

JoAnn Ottley, an opera singer of international renown, sang two beautiful numbers accompanied by Marlene Day. Jerold and JoAnn Ottley then presented information and experiences about their assignment.

BYU Hawaii has 2,400 students from 70 countries. The Church plans to increase it to

5,000 students. Most of these students are there on scholarships and are very intelligent and dedicated students, a majority coming from the Pacific Rim area which includes the islands of the Pacific and some of the Oriental countries. Not all are LDS, but they are all exposed to the LDS environment at the University. Many will become leaders in their homelands after they return.

The Ottleys explained the belief that students trained here who return to their Pacific Rim countries will form the core of those opening up these countries to the Gospel.

JoAnn taught them to sing in several languages and expressed how interesting it was that some could adjust to other languages very well, while others would sing in the other languages but in their own dialect. While she was training them, they could do it well, but when they sang a solo or in a group, they would revert to their own dialect.

Jerold established a choir. He taught the students how to develop their talents and how to use them when they return home.

Jerold also told how the Ottley family had several missionaries go to New Zealand in the early years and helped to establish the church there.

Their presentation was followed by a question and answer period. There were

several present that had spent time in Hawaii in various positions and the interchange of questions and answers was most interesting.

## *New Family Search*

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among all family members to keep our lines clean.

You may feel distressed, as we do, to see so many mistakes online in our genealogy. Since our family file is extremely well documented, we know what is correct. Seeing additional people in the families when we know they don't belong there is frustrating. In some cases (such as PWC) there are so many submitters the file is currently too large to edit, so we'll have to be patient while the church works out the problem.

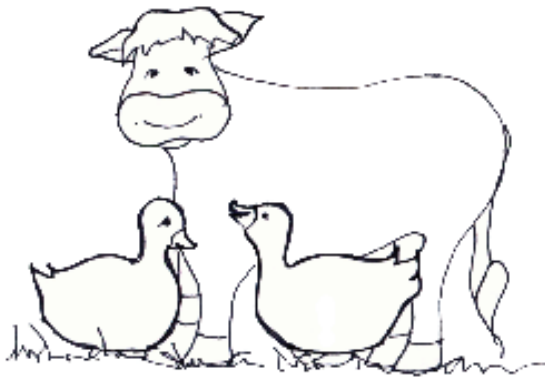
In the meantime, the family organization will work to correct the mistakes. *This will take years.* If you want the correct genealogy, order the CD from the family organization store. Look at the notes in each person's file so you can appreciate the immense work previously done to make sure our genealogy is absolutely perfect.

Then wait for the mistakes to be corrected on new. [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org).

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## A Voyage to the "New" England *Henry Cooke Series Part Two*

When Henry Cooke was a baby he was christened in the Church of England.



He grew up helping his father care for the animals and work in the field. At the age of 10 or 12 he learned the butcher's trade.

He was young when he learned about the Pilgrims who didn't conform to the English church. Because they wanted to know the scriptures for themselves, the non-conformists, or Separatists, set up schools to learn to read.



Henry became a non-conformist early. We know he was one of the few Englishmen who could read and write because he signed papers in America.

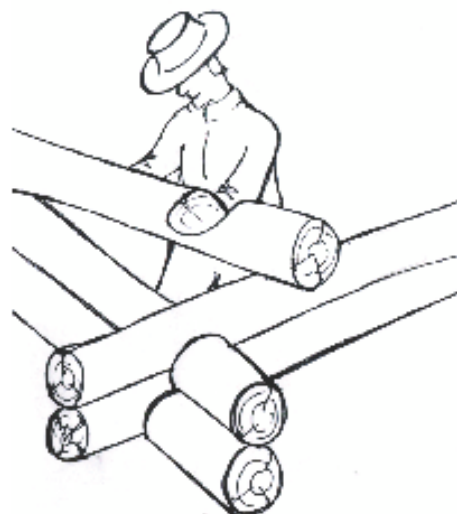


The more Henry learned, the more he knew he wanted the right to worship as he pleased. He wanted to live in a place where he could read the scriptures and believe in God as the Separatists did.

King James didn't like this religious Movement because they endorsed free speech and the right to religious beliefs. To keep the movement under control, he levied more taxes, made arrests, and finally dismissed Parliament for 11 years. Before **1640 more than 20,000 Separatists left England.**

In the beginning the non-conformists had tried to reform the old church because they didn't understand the mystical rituals of the established church. They wanted to feel the spirit and learn about how to be better people, but when many were killed or put in jail, they knew they would have to go to America.

After the voyage of the Mayflower in 1620, later Separatists were prosperous enough to pay their own way to America. Most of them invested in the stock of the Massachusetts Bay Company and were entitled to land when they arrived.



Henry knew going to America would not be easy. He heard about the early trips across the ocean in which passengers slept on the cold, wet floor in a voyage which lasted two months or more, sharing their space with rats and often becoming ill because of poor food and sanitation.



Because he was alone and about twenty years old, when he arrived in America people would be suspicious of him. He would have to have friends or prove he was a good member of the Congregational Church, which had been transplanted by the Separatists in England. He would not be allowed to own land and be a citizen of one of the towns without a way to prove he was trustworthy.

But Henry Cooke, like all Pilgrims who emigrated before 1640, believed Christ should be the head of the church, not a king or queen. The Congregational ideas led to a more democratic way to conduct church and government.



In spite of his fears and the disappointment of leaving his family behind, young Henry Cooke left England on a sailing ship bound for Cape Cod in about 1635. As he said goodbye to his homeland, he wondered how he would prove himself worthy to become a citizen in a strange new land.

## P.W. COOK FAMILY ORDER FORM

All prices include postage

The following items are available for your use and enjoyment from the

*Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization*

130 N Twin Peaks Dr., Layton, Utah 84040

*Or contact Glen McMillan at 801-544-5615, email: glenand-*

*janinel@comcast.net*

**Organizational Dues(Suggested annual donation - \$20.00 per family – Tax Deductible)**

Available New items::

1. The Posterity of Phineas Wolcott Cook Book @ \$45.00
2. The Posterity of Phineas Wolcott Cook CD @ \$10.00
3. Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree Book \$10.00
4. Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree CD \$5.00
5. Triumph of Testimony,  
462 pg history of PWC to Utah @ 37.50
6. P. W. Cook Diary \_\_\_\_\_ copies @ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Single copies - \$7.00 each, 2-6 copies - \$6.00 each 7-12 copies - \$5.00 each
7. CD (42 minutes) on the Life of P. W. Cook \$15.00
8. DVD (42 minutes) on the Life of P. W. Cook \$12.00
9. Cook Ancestral Tour Guides \$6.00 each (4 or more \$5.00 each)  
Goshen & Litchfield Co., Connecticut  
Wallingford, Connecticut  
Salem, Massachusetts  
State of New York  
State of Utah
10. Family Fireside Stories -\$9.00  
Book I (Illustrated Stories of PWC to Marriage)  
BookII (Illustrated Stories: LDS Conversion)  
BookIII (Illustrated Stories: Winter Quarters)

11. PAF CD with complete Cook and Porter genealogy and documentation \$6.00

Discount: 20% discount on all items above if dues are current or accompany this order Less ( )

**Total Bookstore Purchases**

12. Donations for Family Research (Tax Deductible)

- Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Line \_\_\_\_\_
- Ann Eliza Howland Family Line \_\_\_\_\_
- Amanda Polly Savage Family Line \_\_\_\_\_
- Catherine McCleave Family Line \_\_\_\_\_
- Johanna Christine Poulson Family Line \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Web Site, equipment, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Paid-Purchases and dues**

**ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY**

I would be willing to work on the following committees:

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| Family History Committee _____           | Research Committee _____             |
| Record Verification Committee _____      | Family Web-Master for Web-Site _____ |
| Typing Histories – Word Processing _____ | Illustrator _____                    |
| Newsletter/Mailing Committee _____       | Finance Committee _____              |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Guy Cook, President’s Message Continued,

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-paragraph article about this subject by LaMar Day, and we encourage you to read it.

Please read the article by Janet Porter, Genealogist, “A Voyage to the ‘New’ England” about Henry Cooke. It is very interesting. The drawings by Jessica George, should generate an interest to read the article by younger family members.

We recommend to your reading an article by Glen McMillan, VP of Genealogy, about the “new.familysearch.org” program. There is information that will be helpful to all interested in using the new program.

Janet Porter, Genealogist, par excellent, and Don Cook, a Director, combined to write an article about following proper procedures as you begin to work with the New Family Search program. The article provides excellent guides as you use the program.

If you have checked your incoming E-Mail

messages during the past 30 days, you will see a message informing all of us that the website is up and running again. There is in the newsletter an article by Yvonne Peterson, our newsletter editor, about the website and the many uses of the website by all family members.

We are pleased by the significant increase in dues received the past year. It has given our bank account a nice increase, and the additional funds will enable use to do more research, expand the website, and consider other areas to pursue related to the family organization and our goals. Thank you for your renewed efforts to pay annual dues.

We encourage you to review the order form on the last page of the newsletter and consider the purchase of various items to increase your knowledge of the operation of the P.W. Cook Family Organization and enable us to prepare more publications for distribution.