



Phineas Wolcott Cook Newsletter

Phineas W. Cook Family Organization

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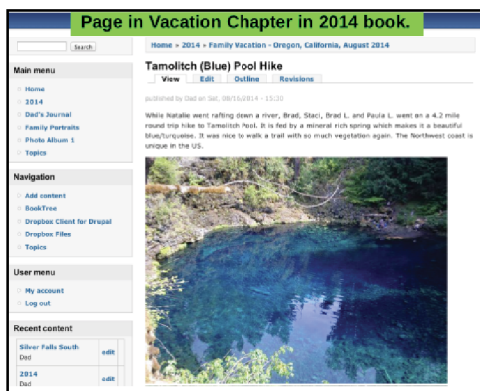
Technology For Families Was Cook-O-Rama Topic

By Yvonne Peterson

Using a family website to strengthen families was the topic Cook Family board member Brad Porter addressed on Oct 2, 2014 in Bountiful, Utah

Porter addressed a variety of ideas and issues during his presentation. He discussed three types of Family Websites and the purposes of each. He included small private websites which help build family unity, and larger family organizations sites, which encourage collaborative research and archive of data - such as cookfamily.org and global family tree sites which work on a world wide collaboration on a unified pedigree

During the presentation, Porter discussed many of the details of setting up such family websites, particularly the small family-centered websites. He discussed options for content management, organization, and individual programs which might lend themselves to use by families. He discussed the pros and cons of commercial websites and more private, personally managed



Porter used this as an example of an entry in a photo album on his family's web page.

websites. Included in his talk was a comparative list of 30 commercial and open source websites and the various characteristics of each.

Using Drupal as an example, Porter showed a site he had designed for his own family, how it worked

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President's Message

By Dan Ditto, President

We live in exciting times and the Cook Family Organization is moving forward.

First, I would ask you to look into your heart and see if you can't decide to be a dues paying member. Cook Family dues are \$15 a year.

Most of us spend more than that on a movie and that money

will be very well spent as we preserve our heritage and do further



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From Phineas W. Cook Goshen Journal, pp. 7, 8

Phineas Wolcott Cook, directed by Brigham Young to organize a town at Goshen, stopped at wards along the road from Lehi to Nephi, finding many people interested in obtaining new land at the Goshen settlement. The last minute his bishop in Payson tried to stop the effort, but the Brethren in Salt Lake City were determined Phineas would go ahead. On June 15, 1857 35 men joined with him to make a dam on Salt Creek. They were optimistic about having a dam and a fort by September so they could move their families to their new settlement before winter.

Unfortunately, there was conflict almost immediately with herdsmen from the area who had enjoyed full benefit to all the land for several years, but who had no official charter granting the right to let their herds roam at will. Phineas tried to make an agreement with them so the herdsmen could keep their animals on the east side of the creek and the town would be established on the west side. After an abusive exchange, Phineas decided to go again to Salt Lake City to see if he could have some help mediating the problem. As soon as he started for Salt Lake City, the herdsmen abandoned the area. This time Phineas walked the forty miles, having no horse of his own. Brigham commissioned a letter dated July 13, 1857 to inform all people for all time that Phineas Cook had permission to start a settlement and anyone who disagreed would have to communicate with the church authorities. The six signers plus Brigham Young and Leonard C. Arrington held the land in trust for the church and had the right to assign it to whomever they wished.

To all whom it may concern

Know ye that Elder Phineas W. Cook and those associated with him have our permission to make a settlement at a point near where Salt Creek empties into Utah Lake with a privilege of using so much of the grass, wood and water (water) as may be necessary for the well being of said settlement(.) Said privileges to be used under the direction of the Presiding Church Authority.

We at the same time reserve to ourselves the right of locating farms and holding lots in said settlement and making such settlement or improvement or keeping such herds of cattle as we may deem expedient on the lands held by us under legislative enactment.

Great Salt Lake City

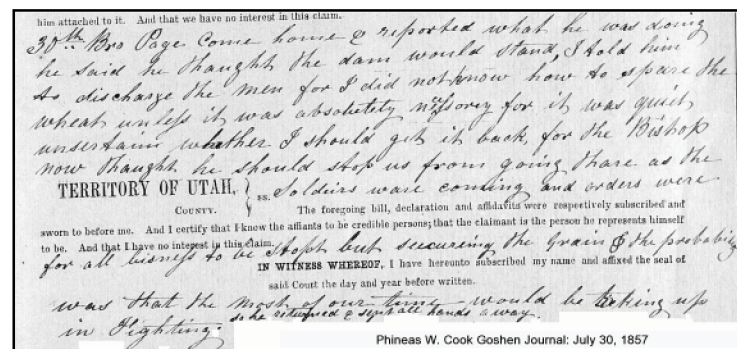
F. D. Richards

July 13, 1857

Isaac Morley
Silas Richards
James C. Snow
Aaron Johnson
Benj F. Johnson

On July 16 Phineas returned to the valley to find the brethren there had completed the dam. He urged them to stay a few days longer, but they were anxious to return to their present homes in order to begin their harvest. They all agreed to return in September to build a fort so their families could come, as Brigham Young had advised. One man, Daniel Page, stayed to oversee the dam with the promise of a share in everyone's harvest. Ten days later Page went to Payson to find Phineas and asked for help because the dam had sprung a leak. They decided he should go to Summit Creek, or Santaquin, and hire men to help, with a promise Phineas would pay each of them 22½ bushels of wheat from his harvest.

On July 30 Phineas reported in his journal Bishop Hancock had announced to the settlers at Payson that soldiers were coming. We now know them to be Johnston's Army, but at this time nothing more was known than that the United States was sending a well-equipped army of 2,500 soldiers to Utah; and, given the experience of the past, the rumor circulated that they were coming to drive the Mormons out. Everything came to a sudden halt.



...orders were for all business (business) to be stopt (stopped) but securing the grain and the probability was that the most of our time would be taking (taken) up in fighting so he (Page) returned and sent all hands away(.)

In spite of the events unfolding, Phineas kept his previous appointment with James C. Snow to survey the site of the new town, and on August 1 met Snow at the dam. There were several men with them, one of whom dug a well to explore the water situation. Somehow

President's Message From Dan Ditto, continued

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research into our family history.

Second, the organization is finding ways to better use technology to help accomplish our mission. We are finding better ways to communicate. We are improving the family website to make it easier and more effective. We have a Ciook Family Facebook site. We are sending the newsletter by email (which saves us a lot of money in postage and printing – so if you aren't getting the newsletter by email, please

let any of us know. We will soon have contact information on the website).

Third, we are commencing the gigantic task of upgrading the descending pedigree to identify all of Phineas' descendants.

Fourth, We are doing some exciting things with the family history work. We now have the family genealogy on our website. We are working to keep the Family Tree website accurate and updated.

Phineas Cook's grandfather. We are also announcing that we will be working with the Sons of Utah Pioneers to establish a remembrance or monument to Phineas Cook - hopefully to be dedicated on his 200th Birthday 4 years from now at the 2019 Family Wide Reunion, at a location yet to be determined. These are exciting developments and we hope that you will realize how important you are to us in the process.

Brad Porter Lists Info for Interactive Family Websites

	Complex Albums	custom menus	page tags	photo tags	comments on pages	security	\$ per month	New content notifications	Archive / export	maturity	overall
efamily.com	photos	n	n	n	y	vendor	<20	y	n?	high	Good, but no complex album creation (photos with limited text)
genoom.com	n	n	n	n	y	vendor	<20	some	y	high	(Photos with limited text)
familybelle.com / familieswebsite.us	photos	y	n	n	y	vendor	<20	n?	n?	high	Dated, but functional interface. (photos with limited text).
lucidpress.com	y	n	y	y	y	vendor	40		y	high	High quality collaborative photo albums, but less of a social network.
familyarc.com	?	?			y	vendor	100		?	high	Most expensive and complex photo album functionality is not clear.
legacyshare.com	n	n	y		y	vendor	<20	on comments	n?	beta	limited functionality now, but something to watch.
family.me	photos	n	n	n	y	vendor	<20		y	new	Photos with limited text. Interactive family tree.
familycms.com	photos	n	n		y	you	<20	y	y	moderate	Apache/mysql. Hard to set up and not better than next one.
Brad Porter: Drupal	y	y	y		y	you	<20	y	y	high	Apache/mysql. Hard to set up, but good functionality.

Brad attended RootsTech in Salt Lake City a few weeks ago and surveyed the latest online collaboration software along with a few older ones and including his own. Depending on your families needs, one of them might be more attractive than others. If he were to add an additional column, it would be how well it works with mobile phones, since that seems to be the way the younger generation likes to engage

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and what the advantages and disadvantages were. He discussed the importance of photos, editing, calendars, categories and longevity.

Porter used a slide presentation during his discussion to illustrate his topics. The presentation is available online at <http://www.cookfamily.org/cook-o-rama/tech4familie.pdf>.

At the conclusion of his presentation on family websites, he also discussed the Cook Family Organization website at www.cookfamily.org, including the pedigree and family history information found

at <http://www.cookfamily.org/>. He also took some time to discuss more

global websites such as, WeRelate and Family Search.

Phineas Has Conflicts with Neighbors

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Snow surveyed an area Phineas did not agree on because when they were finished and Snow insisted on being paid for his work immediately, Phineas maintained there was a mistake. Much of the surveyed land would be impossible to sell because it was situated in the marshy bottoms by the river. Besides, the promises he had made to complete the dam would

amount to at least \$800, none of which he had. Nevertheless, Snow insisted, and Phineas paid him all he had, which was \$4.50 with a promise of wheat which he wasn't sure he could even pay. Knowing the settlement itself was in danger of being cut short by an invasion of the U.S. Army, he must have felt some concern about fulfilling all his promises.

Death of a Pilgrim *Henry Cooke Series*

Henry and Judith Cooke had ten children, born between 1640 and 1658 at Salem—six girls and four boys. Their child Elizabeth had died at birth in 1654, but the other nine lived.

In December 1661 Henry Cooke died at the age of about 50, and was buried on Christmas Day. There was an inventory of his estate after he died, which totaled £255. He had several houses, farms and plots of land, cattle, horses, a cart, a sled, household goods, books and clothing. He was obviously prosperous in his new country, and left his family adequate means to support themselves. He was apparently educated enough to have books.



Henry's grave is certainly in the churchyard or in the old graveyard at Salem, but the marker was made of wood, and is no longer there. Many of the graves were marked with coffin rails, upright logs set into the earth at the head and foot of the grave. One or two connecting rails would join the two logs, resembling a fence. Sometimes the name was carved into the connecting rail. None of them exist today, but they were a common sight 350 years ago.

He does not have a grave marker, nor did he leave information about his family in England. Henry's legacy is his family. Thirteen generations later they number in the hundreds of thousands.

We owe a lot to Henry and Judith. They gave up everything familiar to find a home where they could provide a life of opportunity and freedom for their children. Every one of us has benefitted from that legacy. We also have a vested interest in finding our common ancestors in England. Enough records exist that we could locate them with a little help from each of his descendants. Our combined prayers are very much needed.



Help Us Find Henry Cooke

Help Find Henry Through Family Fast On Conference Weekend

Henry and Judith Cooke did their best for us ten generations back

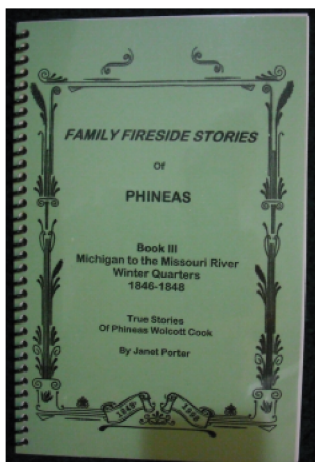
What can we do for them?

1. Read the article in this newsletter about Henry
2. Participate in praying and fasting for Henry Cooke on Conference Weekend or a time of your choosing.

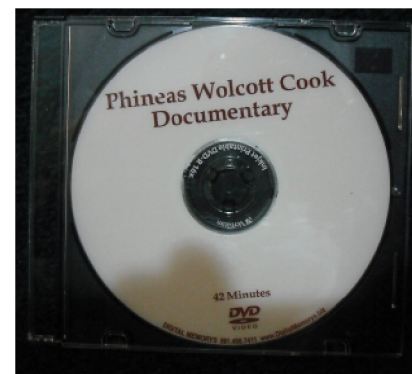
"I have the simple faith that when you do everything you can, researching to the last of your opportunity, the Lord will help you open doors to go further with your genealogies, and heaven will cooperate, I am sure." (Harold B. Lee).

Can I help find Henry Cooke?

Please join us in prayer and a family fast to find the parents of Henry Cooke. Some of us will be fasting Conference Weekend, April 2015, but participate whenever you can "Revelation comes to individual members as they are led to discover their family records in ways that are miraculous indeed. And there is a feeling of inspiration attending this work that can be found in no other. When we have done all that we can do, we shall be given the rest. The way will be opened up." (Boyd K. Packer, Ensign, Nov 1975, 99)



Family Fireside Stories and the Phineas Wolcott Cook Disc Documentary are two of a variety of items available at the PWC Bookstore



The Bookstore Offers Products To Help us Better Know Our Ancestors

The Bookstore is open 24/7 You are struck with the thought that your grown children know little about their pioneer ancestors and you want to do something about it right now before you forget. So you type in cookfamily.org in the search box of your computer internet browser, click on (Online) Buy Cook Family Merchandise listed under Cook Family Store and you can order Phineas' diary in paperback for \$7. This would be a great gift for your children. But wait. You notice that by paying your annual dues, you can get the diary for \$5.60 each. Great! You can order them, check out and be done in a matter of minutes. Now I need to think of a way to get them absorbed in reading this diary. Not to worry. Once they get started, it will be hard for them to put it down. You know, I think it is time for me to reread it.

Check out the order form that is on the back of this newsletter for the items that can be purchased and used in your families to promote the "family history hobby". It has been documented through research that children who are taught about their "roots" have a more grounded and

stable personality, able to handle difficult situations better and interact more favorably with others. I have included some photos of these store items in this issue. Best wishes in establishing deeper roots!

We Hope to Update a Descending Pedigree

In the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization, we are not only interested in our ancestors, but in our posterity as well. We are in the process of trying to update the family descending pedigree, which means you and all your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great grandchildren if you have any.

Please be assured that this information is voluntary but will be kept confidential.

Please let us know who you married, who your children are, who they married and who their children are. We would love to have their full names and email addresses.

Please send the information to Glen McMillan at glenandjanine@gmail.com.

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P.W. Cook Family Organization
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Organizational Dues				Date	
Suggested Annual Donation - \$20 per family - Tax Deductible					
Please select one:	My dues are current	Pay dues now	Do not pay dues		
Item	(20% discount on all items if dues are current or accompany this order)	Price	Discount Price	Quantity	Total
The Posterity of Phineas Wolcott Cook CD					
		\$45.00	\$36.00		\$0.00
Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree Book					
		\$10.00	\$8.00		\$0.00
Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree CD					
		\$10.00	\$8.00		\$0.00
Triumph of Testimony, 462 page history of PWC to Utah					
		\$37.50	\$30.00		\$0.00
P.W. Cook Diary					
	1 Copy	\$7.00	\$5.60		\$0.00
	2-6 Copies	\$6.00	\$4.80		\$0.00
	7+ Copies	\$5.00	\$4.00		\$0.00
DVD (42 minutes) on the Life of P.W. Cook					
		\$12.00	\$9.60		\$0.00
Cook Ancestral Tour Guides					
	Goshen & Litchfield Co., Connecticut (1-3 Copies)	\$6.00	\$4.80		\$0.00
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Family Fireside Stories					
	Book I (Illustrated Stories of PWC to Marriage)	\$9.00	\$7.20		\$0.00
	Book II (Illustrated Stories: LDS Conversion)	\$9.00	\$7.20		\$0.00
	Book III (Illustrated Stories: Winter Quarters)	\$9.00	\$7.20		\$0.00
PAF CD with complete Cook and Porter genealogy and document					
		\$6.00	\$4.80		\$0.00
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Please note: All prices include postage. Make checks payable to "Cook Family Organization" and allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. For questions, contact Glen McMillan at (801) 529-3772 or glenandianline@gmail.com.					
Committees					
I would be willing to work on one of the following committees:					
Family History Committee		Research Committee			
Record Verification Committee		Family Web-Master for website			
Typing Histories - Word Processing		Illustrator			
Newsletter/Mailing Committee		Finance Committee			