



Phineas Wolcott Cook NEWSLETTER

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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Former Tab Choir Director, Jerold Ottley And Wife JoAnn To Speak at Cook-O-Rama

Former Tabernacle Choir Director Jerold Ottley and his wife JoAnn, former Choir Vocal coach, have graciously accepted an invitation to speak to the family at the annual Cook-O-Rama, Friday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

Both Jerold and JoAnn are well known for their musical careers, particularly with the LDS Tabernacle Choir where Jerold was the Choir Director for 25 years and JoAnn was the Vocal Coach for 24 years. They

were recently released from a 3-year Church assignment on the faculty of Brigham Young University Hawaii.

JoAnn South Ottley, is a Gr. Gr. Granddaughter of Phineas W. and Ann Eliza Howland Cook. We look forward to enjoying this evening together. Please call your families and come and come join us. See the Agenda for the day's events on page 3.

Newsletter To Go Email

We are in the process of compiling a mailing list of email addresses for Cook Family Newsletter distribution.

We now have about 250 email addresses and

have been sending email copies to these recipients along with hard copies, but that represents only a fraction of the 1500 postal addresses we currently have on file..

If you are one of the remaining 1250 people who have been receiving hard copies of the newsletter, we need to hear from you. If you would like the Cook Family Newsletter sent by email in the future, please send us your information including your contact information (Name, postal address and tele-

phone number) and most importantly, your email address.

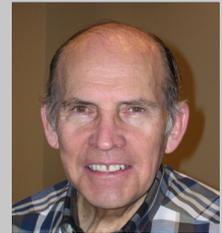
Similarly, if you would still prefer hard copies of the newsletter, please let us know that as well. Send your information to:

LaMar Day
467 W 2400 S
Bountiful, UT 84010
E-Mail: lamarday@msn.com
Telephone: (801) 298-1654

We need everyone's contact information

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Guy Cook,
President,



The COOK-O-RAMA will be held on Friday, October 2, 2009. This is one day later than the Thursday date of previous years. Please read the separate article for details. We encourage more of you family members to attend this annual event. It is easy to plan to attend because it is held the week of the beginning of the October semi-annual General Conference. This is a good opportunity to meet other family members, and have good, light food. In addition, we will have an excellent presentation and music by our invited guests. You will be well rewarded for your effort to attend.

Please read the separate article about distribution of the semi-annual newsletter. Let us know whether you wish to receive a hard copy in the mail or read it on e-mail .

We encourage those of you with computers and the internet to elect to receive future newsletters by email by providing us with your email ad-

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The Cook Family Organization Is of Great Importance

By LaMar Day

I would like to discuss three short experiences that have helped me to understand and more fully appreciate the importance of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization.

The first happened in the mid 1980's. I was a bit discouraged because I felt that the organization was not moving forward. I was beginning to question whether it was worth the effort to keep it going. I was working on an article for the Newsletter. Suddenly, thoughts for the newsletter were coming into my mind faster than I could get them written down. I also felt that I was not alone in the room. Then I had a strong impression that Phineas was in the room with me. It was so strong that I turned around 3-4 times almost expecting to see him there. This motivated me to keep working to accomplish our goals.

The second incident happened when Marlene and I were on an LDS Mission in the Philippines Cabanatuan Mission. In December 1997 our Mission had gathered together for a Mission Activity. We were scheduled to return home in February 1998. After helping with other duties, Marlene and I sat down to eat. Elder Quentin L. Cook, then a member of the 1st Quorum of the Seventy (and a Gr. Gr. Grandson of Phineas Wolcott Cook) was serving as a Councilor in the Philippines Area Presidency. He and his wife Mary had come to Cabanatuan to join in our Activity. After he had finished his meal, he came over to our table and talked

with us for about 20 minutes. One of his comments was very pointed. He said, "LaMar, when you go back home you must work very hard to strengthen the P. W. Cook Family Organization. This organization is very important to our family."

I felt the impact of his statement at the time, but I did not realize the prophetic nature of the comment until our 2nd Annual Cook-O-Rama held in October 2007 where Richard Turley, Director of the Family History Department for the LDS Church was the speaker. Brother Turley explained in some detail the New Family Search Program, comparing it to a huge pedigree chart which encompasses all the people in the earth's history. When a person wants to work on a segment of it, he will access that portion and work on or make changes to it, putting that segment back when finished.

He said other people would be doing the same thing. Some researchers will put in very accurate and well documented information. Some people, however, are more concerned with volume and will put in information with many inaccuracies and little documentation. It is recognized that there will be a lot of inaccurate information put in, but the correct information *must surface to the top*.

Then Brother Turley drove home how this surfacing must take place. He said that it will be the responsibility of the Family Organizations to submit correct

and well documented records and then to contact those who have submitted the incorrect information and sit down with them and compare the records. When it is determined which information is correct, then the ones who have submitted incorrect information will have the responsibility to remove the inaccuracies.

The P. W. Cook Family Organization has been very fortunate through the years to have some excellent genealogists researching for our ancestral records. Janet

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Website Development Continues

Work continues on the website for the Cook Family Organization. While the former Cookfamily.org website is no longer functioning, work continues towards improving the design and function of the site. When the site does become operational it may include such things as reports on current genealogy, family history, pedigree charts and information on all the Cook Family materials. In addition, the most recent Cook Family news will be easily available.

More information on the Cook Family Website will be available in future Newsletters and email announcements.

October 2 Cook-O-Rama Schedule

Will You Be Attending the Cook-O-Rama? Please RSVP.

Friday, October 2, 2009

Please check the form below and return this RSVP

Time	Event	Yes	No
8:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Family History Library Research With Janet Porter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting at Bountiful East 28 th Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:30 – 6:15 p.m.	Soup & Salad Buffet at Bountiful East 28 th Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Visiting at Bountiful East 28 th Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:00 p.m.	Family Meeting with Jerold D. & JoAnn S. Ottley Bountiful East 28 th Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The annual Cook-O-Rama, a day of genealogy and family reunion events will be held on Friday, October 2. This organization activity occurs annually on a day preceding October Conference.

This year's events begin at 8 a.m. in the LDS Family History Library, on the block west of Temple Square, with research projects conducted under the direction of Janet Porter.

At 2:30 in the Bountiful East 28th Ward will be the annual Family Organization meeting. Here is where the organization goals are discussed and the current work being done by the organization is reported to those in attendance.

Following the meeting will be a Soup and Salad Buffet and a social hour.

The concluding event of the day will be a fireside presentation by Jerold and JoAnn S. Ottley.

PLEASE RSPV

Please RSVP by September 26, 2009

NOTE: You are still welcome to attend most of the events even if you do not RSVP. Please call: Janet Porter at 801-226-8094 or LaMar Day at 801-298-1654 or Dan Ditto at 801-295-3000

Or mail your RSVP to LaMar Day
467 W 2400 S
Bountiful, UT 84010
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DIRECTIONS to the Bountiful East 28th Ward Building: Take I-15 to the Bountiful /Woods Cross Exit (Exit 315). Go straight east for about four blocks. You will pass a large Stake Center at 2600 South and 500 West. Continue on east to the next light (2600 S 200 W). Turn left for a distance of 3 blocks and the church is on the right. (2285 S 200 W). SEE YOU THERE.

Live near western Connecticut?

Militia records are filed locally in the Connecticut Archives for the Revolutionary War, the Connecticut State Library in Hartford and the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown. Spend a day at one of those libraries and search the Goshen based units. Share what you learn with the Organization

Credits for "Henry Cooke Series" Test and Illustrations

Please note that the text and illustrations for the Henry Cook story on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter were contributed by Janet Porter (text) and her niece Jessica George (design and illustrations), both descendants of PW Cook through his wife Ann Eliza Howland.