



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.

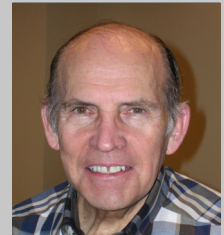
Similarly, if you would still prefer hard copies of the newsletter, please let us know that as well. Send your information to:

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
 E-Mail: lamarday@msn.com

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

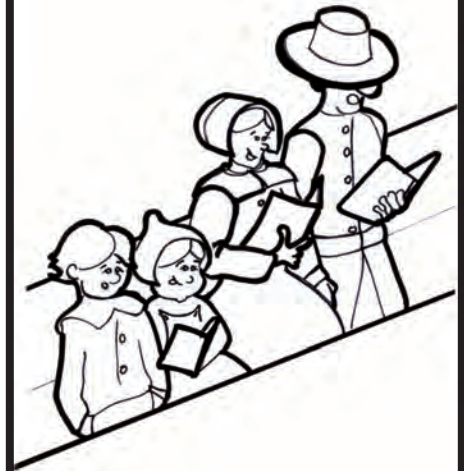
Please note that the text and illustrations for the Henry Cook story on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter were contributed by Janet Porter (text) and her niece Jessica George (design and illustrations), both descendants of PW Cook through his wife Ann Eliza Howland.

BEGINNINGS *Henry Cooke Series*



The world is always changing. In 1517 in Germany Martin Luther found 95 things wrong with the worldwide Roman Church.

Two years later he broke from that church and decided to create a new church with no Pope.



In 1523 he wrote *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* for everyone to sing in church. The people had never sung in church before.



In 1534 Luther translated the Bible into German, the first time ordinary people were allowed to read it.



King Henry VIII in England was mad at the Roman Church too, so in 1534 he made the Roman Church his English Church. After that it was called the Church of England.

When William Tyndale in England heard about Luther, he translated the Bible into English.





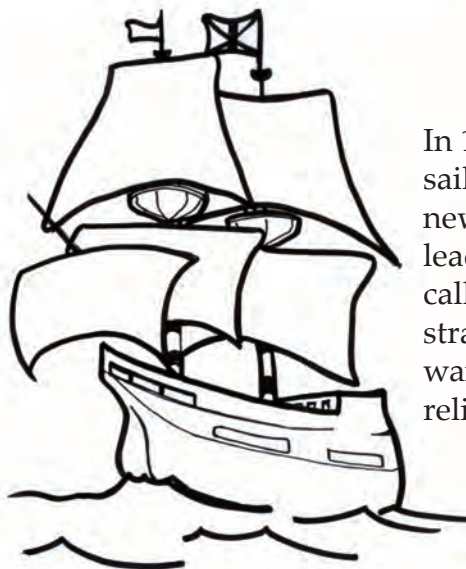
William Tyndale made King Henry VIII angry too. King Henry liked everyone to do what he said, but Tyndale followed what the Bible said.

On October 6, 1536 Tyndale was burned at the stake for heresy (going against the church.)



By 1566 some people in England were complaining that the Church of England was too much like the Roman Church. They wanted it to be more simple and pure. They were called Puritans.

Puritans were not popular in England because they wanted more freedom in the church. Some of them had to leave England and move to Holland.



In 1620 some of these Puritans sailed on the Mayflower to new land in America. Their leader William Bradford called them "pilgrims and strangers on the earth." They wanted to live in a place with religious freedom.



About that time Henry Cooke was born in England.

Cook Organization Is Important

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Porter is our present family genealogist and does excellent work. She not only includes a reference to where she found the information, but also copies the information and includes it in the notes section. The New England Genealogical Society has asked her permission to use some of her research material on the Elizabeth Porter line to show how to verify and document instances where few or no records are available. They stated that Janet's documentation is some of the finest they have ever seen.

Janet has spent an enormous amount of her own money to do the research. We have helped her some, but the organizations funds have not been sufficient to do what we need to do. Particularly as we need to reach out into areas that will require more travel to find the needed information. We would not be able to hire professional researchers to do the quality work that Janet is doing. Therefore, we would like to be able to help her more with the expenses she is incurring. To be able to do so, we must rely on the donations of family members who ultimately have the responsibility to do this work.

Donations (tax deductible) to the organization have been very poor. Some years fewer than 20 members have paid their dues. The organization has had to rely on a few "sugar daddies" to keep it going. Now with the added responsibility of the Family Search Program, we are requesting that all members pay their dues. Those



Phineas Wolcott Cook and wife Joanna with family in 1896

who can afford to pay more are encouraged to do so. The Lord will bless you and will help the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family

Organization to successfully accomplish the charge that it has been given.

President's Message continued

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Please read the separate article about the importance of making sure the Phineas W. Cook Family Organization will continue to function and for many years into the future. Family organizations are considered, by the Family History Department, the most important part of using the new Family Search program successfully in conjunction with the individual family members to assure accuracy of information submitted and to reduce duplication of submitting names.

We have moved the inventory of Cook Family materials to Layton, UT. If you are interested in obtaining any of these items, you will find in a separate article in this newsletter the information you need to make contact and place orders. We encourage you to support the Organization by

purchasing various items. The order form in this newsletter shows the items that you can purchase. You will find many of the items very informative and interesting.

If you would like to participate in our first Saturday of each month conference call, please contact Daniel Ditto at (801) 295-3000 or LaMar Day at (801) 298-1654 to obtain information how to connect to the conference call. We invite general members to call in and participate.

We continue to appreciate receiving your letters and telephone calls with questions and suggestions.

Please remember this is your family organization. We can continue to function successfully only with your interest and support. The more of you who participate, one way or another, the more the family organization can be successful.

Guy Cook, President

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: glenanjanne1@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,**
biography of Phineas Wolcott Cook \$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. **Video (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 _____
Book II _____
Book III _____
11. **PAF CD with complete Cook and Porter genealogy and documentation \$6.00** _____

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

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:

- _____ 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: _____

From the Bookstore

By Glen McMillan

How did the notion of a Bear Lake monster originate? There is one source found in the PWC bookstore. It is contained in a Cook Family Ancestral Guide for Utah. Here is a snippet:

“The ‘Bear Lake Monster’ had come up again. Marion Thomas and three sons of Phineas were on the lake fishing, opposite Swan Creek, and came near his majesty. Brother Thomas describes its head as serpent-shaped. He saw about twenty feet of its body, which was covered with hair or fur, something like an otter and light brown. It had two flippers, extending from the upper part of the body which he com-

pared to the blades of his oars. He was so near it that if he had had a rifle he could have shot it.” +

There is another account of a sighting near Fish Haven that details its description even more. You might consider purchasing this guide for \$6.00 or \$5.00 if you purchase four or more and read more about it. Quite fascinating!

Many people have taken Church History Tours. How about taking a Family History Tour. If your interests take you back east, there are four Cook Family Ancestral Guides available which will guide you to homes, churches and businesses of our early Cook Ancestors:

Salem, Massachusetts; Goshen and Litchfield County, Connecticut; Ontario and Genesee Counties, New York; and Wallingford, Connecticut. In addition, these guides contain biographies of the individuals so that you can learn about them and their families in order to connect to them. You might even learn a little more about the Puritan religion.

These guides along with all other items from the bookstore will be on display and available for purchase at the Cook-o-rama in October. See details in this issue for that event.

+ Deseret News, May 26, 1870; The LDS Millennial Star, June 21, 1870

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