



Phineas Wolcott Cook NEWSLETTER

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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Elder Bruce D. Porter To Speak at Cook-O-Rama On Friday, October 1

Elder Bruce D. Porter of the First Quorum of the Seventy will be the featured speaker at the annual Cook-O-Rama on Friday, October 1st at 7 p.m. in the Val Verda 2nd Ward at 3317 S 800 W in Bountiful.

Elder Porter is a descendant of Phineas W. Cook and his first wife Ann Eliza Howland and their son William Cook. He was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico the only son with 4 sisters.

Elder Porter was called as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy in April, 2003 after having served 8 years in the Second Quorum of the Seventy.

He served in the Germany Düsseldorf Mission and received a B.A. Degree from BYU. While there he met his future wife, Susan Howland in a religion class and they were married in the Washington, D. C. Temple. They are the parents of 4 children.

He earned his Ph. D. degree from Harvard University where he had also been a research fellow.

He has been a professor of political science at BYU, specializing in Russian politics. He was the former executive director of the board for International Broadcasting (Radio Free Europe). He has also served on the US Senate Armed Services Committee.



Cook-O-Rama Schedule

8:00 Family History Research
with Janet Porter

3:30 Annual Board Meeting

5:30 Socializing & Set Up

6:00 Soup & Salad Buffet

7:00 Family Fireside with

Elder Bruce D. Porter

The morning family history research will be at the Genealogy Library, all other meetings will be at the Bountiful Val Verda 2nd Ward. See inside for details

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Family Members:

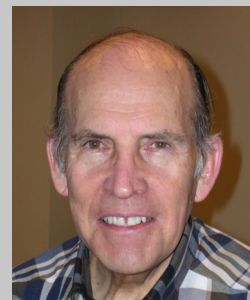
We are looking forward to the annual COOK-O-RAMA to be held on Friday, October

1st. It will be enjoyable to meet other members, enjoy a light buffet, and listen to Elder Porter of the Seventy. We encourage more of you to plan to attend. You will be well rewarded for your time and the effort. See page 3 for detailed information.

We also encourage you to attend the annual meeting, starting at 3:30 PM, the day of the COOK-O-RAMA. You will learn more about the operation of the P.W. Cook Family Organization by attending.

A lot of effort and time is expended to prepare, publish, and send out the semi-annual newsletter. We encourage you to read it from the cover to the end. There are a fair number and variety of interesting subjects covered. We also encourage you to send your email address to us, if you have not already. We desire to

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Funds Donated To Cook Family Are Great Help For Research

By Paul Porter

"Thank You" to all of the generous Cook family members who have so willingly provided funds, not only for taking care of the newsletter and the Cook-O-Rama but for providing funds for research regarding the ancestors of P. W. Cook and his wives. For example, Janet Porter, a researcher and Genealogist for the organization, has spent many hours in various locations trying to identify and learn more about our ancestors. Please notice her interesting research information contained not only in this newsletter but in past and future newsletters regarding what she and others have found. This thorough research is made possible by your donations. Research has also provided information now offered in many Cook Store items available to you through the Cook Store Order Form at the end of this letter. Also notice that if you pay dues, you will receive a 20% discount on any items ordered at the store.

In June 2009 Janet used your Howland Family donations to make an in-depth study of Robert Baker, grandfather of Ann Eliza Howland Cook. After doing local research at the Family History Library she went to New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts to study the Baker families there. As a result of the project, we now know without a doubt—after seventy years of extensive family research—

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Genealogy? But...What can I do???

By Janet Porter

We all suffer from *Schedulitis*. We're so busy we can't fit in one more thing. Yet when the opportunity arises, we can be willing to do whatever possible to help with the work of genealogy and family history. We might find ourselves in the right place at the right time and have a gentle push to think about an ancestor who may have been there.

One such opportunity arose in April of this year. Nathan Stacey was in Yorkshire, England at a professional conference when the volcano in Iceland erupted. No one realized at the time a vast volcanic cloud was on its way to cover the UK and Europe for days, paralyzing air travel and stranding travelers for almost a week. At the end of his conference he was surprised to find he couldn't get home. Eager to be home with his wife and children, Nathan tried every possible angle to find a flight. But it was not to be. He was stranded in England for almost another week.

Some people would think of travel and sightseeing, but Nathan called Janet Porter (his Aunt) to see if there might be an ancestor for whom he could do onsite research. He happened to be a few miles north of Doncaster, one of the two places on which Janet had focused as a possible birthplace of Henry Cooke, our original emigrant ancestor. Doncaster and the nearby village of Blythe, Nottinghamshire are the location of a large family of Cookes who were butchers. This locality was featured in the British series *The Landed Gentry* as the probable family of Henry Cooke of Salem

who was also a butcher. Records available in Salt Lake for Doncaster had revealed nothing, but the records for Blythe were unreadable in Salt Lake. The only way for Janet to solve this dilemma was an onsite transcription of records in Blythe, which seemed impossible. The Blythe records were in the center of the city of Nottingham at the Archives, and it seemed unlikely anyone would ever be there.

Enter the Icelandic volcanic cloud. Suddenly feeling his calling, Nathan willingly took on the project of driving on the wrong side of the road to the Doncaster Archives on Monday April 19 and to the Nottingham Archives on Tuesday April 20. It wasn't a simple effort. The librarian at Doncaster wasn't as pleasant as he could have been, and told Nathan to go back home and do his research first. He couldn't have realized Janet has five binders filled with every resource available in the U.S. which mentions Henry Cooke, and the documentation which proves or disproves each theory. In fact, that long project is how she had come to the conclusion the answer lay either in Doncaster or in Norfolk County, England.

But Nathan doesn't give up easily. He called Janet for moral support, and returned to the Archives to complete a search which proved our Henry Cooke was not there. His trip to the Nottingham Archives proved our Henry Cooke was not there either.

Now Janet is praying someone will be stranded in Norfolk, England sometime in the future. For your information, Norfolk is north of London, near the coast. It is, as

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Online Ordering Of Cook Materials Now Available

By Glen McMillan

Technology is ever changing the way we communicate, do business and educate ourselves. Though I am not on the cutting edge of knowing how to use modern devices such as iphones, or Blackberrys, I have learned a few ways to use the internet for online ordering at the PW Cook store.

Log on to **Cookfamily.org** and find the link to the **Cook Family Store**. After selecting this link, you will be given three options for ordering: Through two of the options, ordering can be done online. A discount is available to dues-paying members. The third option includes a form which can be printed and mailed in.

Next you will see all of the items for purchase with a button **Add to Cart**. Selecting this button allows you to choose the quantity of the item and adds it to your shopping car. After all of your selections are in your shopping cart, click **Proceed to Checkout**.

The next screen allows you to pay with a credit or debit card or thru your Paypal account.

The final step is to **Review Order and Continue** and finally, the **Pay Now** button. You can print your own receipt for payment. The order will be forwarded to Glen McMillan, the store manager for shipment. Simple!

If you want to pay by check, you can find order forms in the PWC newsletter or on the website. Mail it to Glen McMillan 130 N. Twin Peaks Drive, Layton, Utah 84040.

Who knows, perhaps someday we will be downloading Gedcom files directly into our brains.

2010 COOK-O-RAMA RSVP

Friday, October 1, 2010

Please check the form below and return this RSVP

All afternoon events will be held at the Val Verda 2nd Ward. See below for directions.

Time	Event	Yes	No
8:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Family History Library Research With Janet Porter at the Family History Library		
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting		
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Socializing & Table Set Up		
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Soup & Salad Buffet		
7:00 p.m.	Family Meeting with Elder Bruce Porter		

PLEASE RSPV

Please RSVP by September 26, 2010

NOTE: You are still welcome to attend the events even if you do not RSVP.

By Phone:

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Dan Ditto at 801-295-3000

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Lamar Day:

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Daniel Ditto:

Daniel.Ditto@imail.org

Directions

DIRECTIONS to the Bountiful Val Verda 2nd Ward Building 3317 S 800 W, Bountiful:

Take I-15 to the Bountiful - Woods Cross Exit (Exit 315 – 2600 South). Go east 3 blocks to Hwy 89. (You will see a Service Station on the right and Les Schaub Tire Store across the street.) Turn right (South) and go .7 mile to 3200 South,. You can see the church on the left (East side of street). Turn left onto 800 west.

From SLC via Beck St. From the 2nd light (Hwy 89 and Center St. continue north on Hwy 89 and stay in right lane, for 1.0 miles to 3200 South. You will see the church on the right. Turn right onto 800 West and enter parking lot.

Henry Cooke and the Birdstalls *Henry Cooke Series Part Three*

Henry Cooke needed friends in America before he would be trusted with land, a community and a job. His first friend was also named Henry, which was a popular name at that time. It was Henry Birdsall. The Birdsalls came to America before 1635 and lived for a time in Boston until they could be officially accepted into a town. There Henry Birdsall rented 15 acres, planted crops and raised pigs. He brought with him from England an old English musket and a sword.

He was married first to Agnes Kempe in St. Stephen's Church, Norwich, Norfolk, England on April 9, 1610. Agnes was from the old Kempe family in Norfolk County, but Henry was one of the only Birdsalls there.

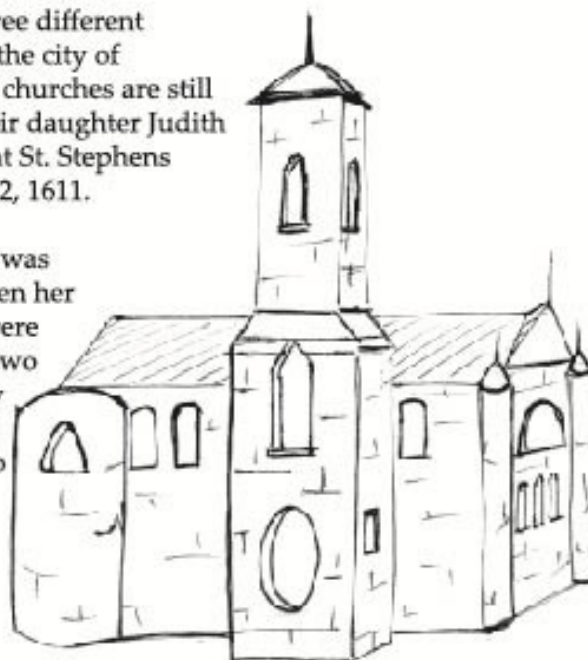


Norwich is near the eastern coast of England. Studies have shown most of the early Pilgrims came from the large eastern cities like Norwich and London in the counties of Norfolk, Essex and Kent.



Their three children were christened in three different churches--all in the city of Norwich. Those churches are still there today. Their daughter Judith was christened at St. Stephens Church on June 2, 1611.

Agnes died and was buried there when her three children were twelve, six and two years old. Henry remarried twice before coming to America.



Henry Birdsall wanted to be one of the men admitted into a town in Massachusetts so he could have some of the free land given to the first settlers. On Christmas Day in 1637 the minister at the Congregational Church in Salem, Massachusetts wrote down the name of Henry Birdsall as the newest member. Then he was given enough land to raise his crops and pigs and make a living for his family.



Since Henry Cooke wasn't married, it was hard for anyone to trust him in their town. If he knew Henry Birdsall before coming to America, it would help us understand why nine months later, in September, 1638 Henry Cook was also welcomed into Salem.

The following June he married Henry Birdsall's daughter Judith. If the Cookes and Birdsalls weren't friends before Salem, they certainly were after.



Henry and Judith Cooke lived near the Congregational meeting house in Salem. Henry Birdsall was assigned to sweep the church. He was the sexton of that church beginning in 1644, and rang the church bell for funerals.

In 1649 Henry Cooke mortgaged a shop and one acre of land to his father-in-law Henry Birdsall. America was about to become the homeland of both families.

Triumph of Testimony The Faith to Come with the Saints

The first encounter Phineas Wolcott Cook had with the Mormon Church was in the town of Kalamazoo where current news came in on the mail coach. He recorded: "Joe Smith was killed by a mob in Carthage Illinois...and some said...it was a good thing for the world." Soon afterward, Phineas found his sister had been baptized into the Mormon Church in 1843 when she urged him to hear the message of the missionaries. After a period first of resistance and finally rejoicing, Phineas and Ann Eliza joined the Mormon Church in 1845 in Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

Soon afterward they received the news they would have to leave Michigan to be with the church, and although they were willing, they must have received the news with heavy hearts. Phineas worked for his father and managed the farm without pay. They lived in his parents' house and asked nothing for themselves. They owned nothing. They had resources for nothing, let alone for a wagon and team. Now suddenly they needed both before spring, as well as enough food to last for a year--a dilemma worthy of the frustration we currently feel when our resources are not enough to cover our needs, but the Lord continues to ask for our commitment.

The events of the next year show *The Triumph of Testimony* over discouragement. Phineas and Ann Eliza and his sister Eliza and her husband Solomon Hall worked through the winter with the goal of leaving as soon as the grass greened. Their circumstances were quite different. Eliza and Solomon had been married 13 years and had managed to profit from Solomon's land speculation. Phineas, on the

other hand, had been married six years and had spent his energy to carve a farm for his parents from the Michigan prairie. Both couples wanted to emigrate to be with the Mormon Church, yet only one couple made it. Both couples had the faith to begin the effort, but only one wagon left Richland, Michigan that spring to join with the Mormons in Iowa.

The faith of Phineas has meaning in our lives and in the lives of our children and grandchildren. His example is important as we struggle with the same issues in a modern twist. His *Triumph of Testimony* can be our triumph as we pass down through

the generations the qualities of integrity and faith we have learned from him, as we tell his story and witness of his triumphs. Those lessons are documented in the book *Triumph of Testimony*, the story of his early life and sacrifices, as Phineas Wolcott Cook became a part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The book is listed in the Cook Family Store, both on the website and at the end of this newsletter. It already holds a respected place on many book shelves in the Cook family.

Do Phineas, Ann Eliza, Amanda, Catherine and Johanna live today? They live as their trials and triumphs are repeated in the lives of their posterity.

From President Guy Cook

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eventually send a majority of the newsletters by email. This will save a fair amount of money that can be put to use in other areas, such as genealogical research.

Janet Porter, always provides an informative and interesting article about family members who have gone before. The article on pages 4 and 5 is about Henry Cooke and the Birdsalls, part three of a series of articles.

We are always interested in inviting family members to participate in the Organization. It is an opportunity to become more familiar with the workings of our Organization.. You can contact the president or one of the directors for further information.

We appreciate receiving your annual dues and contributions for family research. These funds are vital to the continued operation

and success of your family organization. We believe that you receive back much more value for your contributions than the amount/s contributed.

Best regards,
Guy R. Cook, President

We Need Emails

The Cook Family Organization is seeking email addresses of family members. This will help our effort to make the transition from postal mail eventually to email.

While we have many email addresses, there are still thousands of descendants whose addresses we do not have.

If you know of family members, cousins, aunts uncles both immediate and distant who are not receiving the newsletter, please forward their email addresses to Yvonne Peterson at ypeterson@broadweave.net or LaMar Day at lamaraday@msn.com.

All prices include postage

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

Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization Bookstore
130 N Twin Peaks Dr., Layton, Utah 84040

Or contact Glen McMillan at 801-544-5615, email: glenandjanel@comcast.net

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| 1. | The Posterity of Pinness Wolcott Cook Book @ \$45.00 | |
| 2. | The Posterity of Pinneass 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 documented history of PWC to Utah @ 37.50 | |
| 6. | P. W. Cook Diary | |
| 7. | Single copies - \$7.00 each, 2-6 copies - \$6.00 each 7-12 copies - \$.50 each
DVD (42 minutes) on the Life of P. W. Cook \$12.00 | |
| 8. | 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 | |
| 9. | Family Fireside Stories -\$9.00 each
Book I (Illustrated Stories of PWC to Marriage) | |
| | BookII (Illustrated Stories:LDS Conversion) | |
| | BookIII (Illustrated Stories:Winter Quarters) | |
| 10. | PAF CD with complete Cook and Porter genealogy
and documentation \$6.00 | |
| Total Bookstore Purchases | | |
| Discount: 20% discount on all items above if dues are current or accompany this order | | Less () |
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Organizational Dues (Suggested annual donation - \$20.000 per household – Tax Deductible)

Donations for Family Research (Tax Deductible)

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

Grand Total: Purchases, Dues and Donations

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: _____

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In review, suggested dues are

\$20.00 per household, annually, to be used for the P.W. Cook research, for the news letters, for the Cook-O-Rama and for other minor expenses. Dues payments from more families are always needed and welcomed. When any money is contributed, in addition to dues, on behalf of "wife" research please include the name of the wife for whom you would like the research donation to apply. Also please be aware there are funds available for anyone who could use some financial help in doing research. I feel sure you will enjoy the article Janet has added to this and other News Letters, made possible by your contributions coupled with the hard work of Janet and others.

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By the way, Janet's home phone is 801-226-8094. Her cell phone is 801-580-4839. Her email address has changed. It is now janetprtr@gmail.com. Call for a project anytime day or night. You might just get stranded in an important place.

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