



Phineas Wolcott Cook Newsletter

Phineas W. Cook Family Organization

September, 2013

President's Message

LaMar Day and Janet Porter To Speak at Cook-O-Rama

LaMar Day and Janet Porter, both long time volunteers in the Cook Family Organization Leadership, will be the featured speakers at the annual Cook-O-Rama Friday, October 4, at 7 p.m. in Bountiful, Utah.

Both LaMar Day and Janet Porter have been instrumental in directing the work of the Family Organization for many years.

The Cook-O-Rama will feature research during the day at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in the morning of October 4, an organizational business meeting at 3:30, buffet dinner at 6 p.m. and a Family Meeting at 7 p.m. in which LaMar and Janet will both make presentations.

During that evening Family meeting, LaMar will outline the history of the organization and Janet will speak with her husband Grant on the new Family Tree program.

LaMar Day became involved with the PWC Family organization because of his mother's influence.

She had been a genealogist for the organization for a number of years. In 1975 the annual meeting was held at Lagoon and LaMar took his family. He and his mother then attended the business meeting and he was voted in as the director for the Howland Family.

LaMar said the first board meeting he attended was held in Mt. Pleasant and at the time he lived in Ogden. Alton Cook who was President at that time, picked him up and gave him a ride to and from the meeting in Mt Pleasant.

He said about those rides "we discussed my duties along with the history and goals of the organization. He helped me to understand the im-

The time is nearing for the annual COOK-O-RAMA and annual meeting of the Phineas Wolcott



Cook Family Organization. The date is Friday, October 4, 2013. The time and location are shown in another section of this newsletter.

Please consider, and mark on your calendar, to attend these two events this year. The annual meeting will give you an insight into of the important accomplishments, activities, goals, and planning done the past year, our areas of efforts we are presently working on, and future plans. There will be a light supper.

The COOK-O-RAMA will have two main speakers. Janet Porter,

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Genealogist, will provide interesting and helpful information about our Family genealogy efforts, past, present, and future. This presentation will help you understand how our genealogy efforts and research material can help you in connection with your Cook family history research. Janet's accomplishments in our family genealogy are legend. LaMar Day, Parliamentarian, has the longest tenure with the Cook Family Organization of anyone currently involved with the Cook Family Organization. LaMar will be able to provide much interesting and helpful information about the history and future of the Cook Family Organization to help fill in gaps in our knowledge of the Organization. There will also be displayed, and available to purchase at nominal cost, publications that should be of interest to you to help you learn more about our family, their stories and history.

The newsletter is set up to provide stories of past and present members who have helped keep the family name and organization active in the past and to perpetuate it into the future for a long time. You will also learn about current family research and planned future research. We are always interested to receive your comments after you read the newsletter. We desire to find ways to improve the newsletter.

If you have E-mail but have not provided us with your E-mail address, we encourage you to do so soon. The more newsletters we

can send to you by E-mail helps reduce the cost to send newsletters by regular mail. Many newsletters we send by E-mail are returned not delivered because your E-mail address has been changed or you may no longer use E-mail. Whichever it is, please take the time to send us your new E-mail address or your street, city, and state address if you need regular mail delivery. Please send changed E-mail and current street addresses to Yvonne Peterson at dama463@gmail.com or LaMar Day at lamaraday@gmail.com.

We encourage you to continue to send your \$20 annual dues each year. Our annual dues are among the lowest of a fair number of family organizations in our geographical area. Your dues, and purchase of Family publications and CD's, are the life blood we need to continue operating and to be able to provide continuing and new Family information to help you in your being more familiar with the Family history and filling in your own family history.

We would like to remind you about our Family Organization website and encourage each of your family members to become familiar with the website at www.cookfamily.org.

There may be available in our records information that can help you in writing or updating your family history. You can send your inquiries to Janet Porter at janetprtr@gmail.com or LaMar Day at lamaraday@gmail.com.

We continue a need to replace

some directors, family organization specialists, and sub organization (Ann Eliza Howland Family) representatives due to moving, age, or death. Serving in one of the above capacities can be helpful to the Family Organization and fulfilling to those who choose to participate. You can contact us on the website referred to above.

We hope to see more of you at the COOK-O-RAMA in early October

Guy R. Cook, President

You can help Find Information On Our Ancestors

Do you live near Saratoga, New York?

You could help find Ann Eliza's Baker family. Ann Eliza Howland is her descendant.

See the website or contact Glen McMillan at glenandjanine1@comcast.net for specific instructions.

Do you live near Long Island?

You could locate the Johnson family. Eleanor married Joseph Cook. They were Phineas Wolcott Cook's great Grandparents. Her mysterious family moved from Long island to Wallingford Connecticut in the 1670s or 1680s.

Goshen Papers: Phineas W. Cook

Dedicatory Prayer for Goshen

Part 4

By Janet Porter

(This is the fourth in a series of articles written by Janet Porter on the settling of Goshen, Utah by Phineas W. Cook)

The journal of Phineas W. Cook describes the difficult years of 1856-1857. The Territory was experiencing a famine because of drought, crickets and crop losses, and Phineas could find no work. Without resources of any kind in Salt Lake, he moved his family to Utah Valley where friends had promised he would have his own farm, which he believed was the key to feeding his family, rather than depending on others paying him for his work. However, settled land in Utah Valley was also at a premium, and he was disappointed to be given a farm, which, as soon as he began working the land, was taken away. Having lost title to his farm in Payson, Phineas remembered the little valley he had discovered on the other side of Payson's West Mountain at the mouth of Salt Creek.

I resolved to go to Bishop Hancock and see if I could get the privelege (privilege) of going over the mountain in company with some others which he might direct to make some farms where I supposed no one had taken any claims, supposing as I told him that he would still be our Bishop(.) Accordingly

on the 13th I went to see him and he told me to go and see what I could find(.)¹

Phineas and another man went back to the Goshen Valley and located a townsite; then returned to tell the Bishop where they had found land for their farms. Bishop Charles B. Hancock wrote a letter dated April 14, 1857 to Brigham Young, asking for permission to open the land for settlement:

"Bro. Cook as (has) been out prospecting and he has found a place near the mouth of Salt Creek sufficient for a settlement as large as Payson or larger and there is a number of Brethren here that have no land(,) and as we have as much land under cultivation as we have warter (water) to irrigate I would be glad if a settlement could be made there if you in your wisdom think(.)"²

Phineas went immediately to Salt Lake City and presented the letter at the Office of the President of the Church. Brigham Young agreed with the proposal and wrote back to Bishop Hancock on April 16 giving permission for Phineas to take a group of settlers to the valley and begin farming immediately. Taking that letter with him, upon the advice of President Young, Phineas stopped at the other settlements in Utah Valley to invite others who needed land to come with

him, arriving home April 19.

Within a few days a group of interested men had gathered, and on April 22 the small group of settlers gathered on the site of the new town to dedicate the land. Placing a white flag at the spot, they removed their hats and knelt in a circle on the soil beside Salt Creek. Phineas offered the prayer of dedication.

O Lord God the Eternal Father we thy servants bow down upon our knees around this flag poll (pole) both which we have raised as a Ensign of liberty and truth. And we unitedly call upon thee and ask thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth to draw near unto us wille (while) we call upon thee and we ask thee that thou wilt bless this land and bless those that come here to dwell upon it(.)

We dedacaite (dedicate) and consecrate this land as the land of Goshen unto thee to geather (together) with the warter (water) timber and rock and everything that thou hast created upon it. And we bless it in His name and ask thee that thou wilt not suffer a wicked person to dwell upon it but may the just who desire to serve thee and keep thy commandments rally (rally) to this place and in honor to thy name build up a city in which thy name may be gloreyfied (glorified) and we ask thee in His name that thou wilt soften the hearts of

1 Goshen Journal Sheet 1, Side 2

2 Goshen Journal Sheet 1 Side 2

Phineas W. Cook Dedicatory Prayer For Goshen Is Transcribed

GOSHEN DEDICATORY PRAYER

LORD GOD, THE ETERNAL FATHER, we, thy servants, bow down upon our knees around this flag, both which we have raised as a ensign of liberty and truth and we united call upon thee and ask thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to draw near unto us while we call upon thee and we ask thee that thou wilt bless this land and bless those that come here to dwell upon it. We dedicate and consecrate this land as the land of Goshen unto thee together with the water, timber and rock and everything that thou has created upon it. And we bless it in his name and ask thee that thou wilt not suffer a wicked person to dwell upon it, but may the just who exist to serve thee and keep thy commandments rally to this place and in honor to thy name build up a city in which thy name be glorified and we ask thee in his name that thou wilt soften the hearts of the Lamanites who now dwell and those who may hereafter dwell within the reach of this valley and dispose them to be friendly towards the saints that dwell in this valley. Suffer not, O Lord, that they shall have power to drive away our flocks and herds or destroy our lives or the lives of our brethren or our wives or children or anything that pertains unto us. We realize that blood has been spilt on this soil by their hands but we pray thee to strengthen us by thy power and let not the blood of the righteous be spilt on this soil. We dedicate ourselves unto thee and all we have, praying thee to let thy spirit rest upon us that we may have wisdom to live in such a manner as shall be well pleasing in thy sight and that we may merit all those blessings. And unto the father, son, and ever blessed spirit we will ascribe all the praise, honor and glory now and forever.

Amen

Phineas W. Cook
April 22, 1837

On the left is a transcription of the dedicatory Prayer. On the right is the original prayer in the handwriting of Phineas Wolcott Cook, written on Territory of Utah forms.

Attest Nathaniel Colquhoun, County Clerk of the Territory of Utah, who presented the foregoing bill to the Court in and for Utah Territory; (only)

TERRITORY OF UTAH;
COUNTY OF

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the _____ day of _____ A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty _____

BEFORE ME, _____ Clerk of the United States in said Territory, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and who on _____

authorized and empowered to administer oaths for general purposes, &c.,) Personally Appeared _____

aged _____ years a resident of _____ in said Territory, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and who on _____

his oath doth declare, that he is the identical _____ who presented the foregoing bill to _____

United States Indian Agent in and for the Agency of Utah Territory for redress and compensation for loss of property by him sustained by the depredations of a Band of Utah Indians in the month of _____ A. D. 1835, the _____

main tribe of _____ Indians being in amity with the United States at the time. And that he was the owner of the property mentioned in the foregoing schedule signed by himself. That he lost the said property in the manner and at the time therein set forth; and that it was worth the sum set opposite each item and in the aggregate the sum of _____

That they shall have power to drive a way four flocks _____

HE FURTHER SAYS he has not received pay for said property nor any part thereof; neither has he nor any agent of his attempted private satisfaction or revenge therefor. And that he was lawfully within said Territory at the time following a lawful occupation. _____ and flocks of various kinds on the lands of our Brethren.

HE MAKES THIS STATEMENT to accompany said bill and to obtain pay for the same from the Government of the United States, pursuant to the Act of Congress entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with Indian tribes and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved June 30, 1834; and the other acts extending its application to Utah Territory. And he hereby authorizes and appoints _____ his Attorney _____ to prosecute this claim, and if allowed, to receive the money and receipt for the same.

unto us. We realize that blood has been spilt on this soil by their hands but we pray thee to strengthen us by thy power and let not the blood of the righteous be spilt on this soil.

We make oath, that the foregoing statement was signed and sworn to in our presence by the said _____ And that we know him to be the identical person he represents himself to be. That we are personally knowing to the facts as set forth in his bill and declaration, which were read in our presence. That they are correct and true as stated. That he lost the property mentioned in his schedule in the manner and at the time therein set forth. That in our opinion it was fully worth the value by him attached to it. And that we have no interest in this claim.

We dedicate ourselves unto thee and all that we have praying thee to let thy spirit rest upon us that we may have wisdom to live in such a manner as shall be well pleasing in thy sight and that we may merit all those blessings. And unto the Father, Son and ever blessed spirit we will ascribe all the praise, honor and glory now and for ever Amen.

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PWC Annual Cook-O-Rama To Be Held October 4 In Salt Lake and Bountiful

Please look at the information below send us an RSVP by phone or email. All afternoon events will be held at the Bountiful East 28th Ward building. Please let us know which events you will be attending by September 28, 2012. You are still welcome to attend the events even if you do not RSVP. Contact LaMar Day, lamaraday@gmail.com, 801-298-1654 or Dan Ditto at dan.ditto@ihc.com

8:00 – 2:00 p.m. Family History Research With Janet Porter at the Family History Library
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting at Bountiful East 28th Ward
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Socializing & Table Set Up
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Soup & Salad Buffet at Bountiful East 28th Ward
7:00 p.m. Family Meeting with LaMar Day and Janet Porter

Directions to the Cook-O-Rama 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 east to the next light (2600 S 200 W). Turn left for a distance 2+ blocks and the church is on the right side, across from the cemetery. (2285 S 200 W)

Featured Bookstore Item

The book, *Life and History of Phineas Wolcott Cook*, is about 200 pages long and contains his journal as well as additional writings and photos. At the beginning of his diary, he says, “My desires are to know my own life and I therefore attempt to pen down such incidents as shall come to my recollection for when I think of the inexperienced rising generation and the acts and the joys and the sorrows of human life I feel stimulated for the good of my posterity that they may learn by these things which I have passed through perhaps to be able to increase in knowledge and wisdom, and profit by the admonitions which I shall give in the course of my history. My object is to lay before my children such things as shall do them good, and shall endeavor to impart as much good instruction as I can.” This small book, published in 1980, is a treasure for the ever-growing posterity of Phineas Wolcott Cook. It is \$7 at the bookstore.

PWC Officers Day and Porter To Speak At Cook-O-Rama

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portance of the organization to the P. W. Cook family.”

Since then he has served continuously in the organization in various capacities as an officer or director in the organization.

Janet, who has for many years served the organization as the Cook Family Genealogist and her husband Grant have been missionaries at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City for over four years. They will give a short hands-on demonstration of how to correct difficult problems in Familysearch Family Tree. Hopefully, with the Porters as future contacts, each participant can then correct and document his own family as it connects with Phineas W. Cook.

If time permits, Janet will also speak about Phineas’ parents and siblings. Each of the brothers and sisters of P.W. will be identified and traced.

Janet became involved in the PWC organization over 20 years ago when her brother received a family newsletter and read the request for help. He submitted her name and when the organization contacted her, she agreed to participate, initially as a genealogy consultant, “although at the time I knew nothing about genealogy and had never done any research in my life.”

Janet has participated in the organization ever since, developing genealogy skills and using them in the work of searching for Phineas Wolcott Cook’s ancestors.

Freedom In Salem *Henry Cooke Series*



The town of Salem had a history of peaceful people, but the early Pilgrims believed in freedom and refused to be treated badly. Sometimes that caused trouble, and Henry Cooke was no exception.

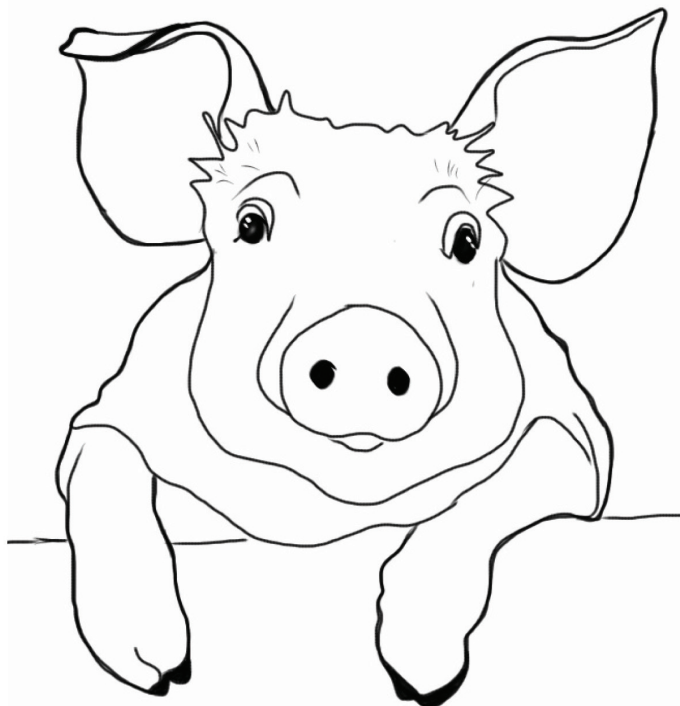
The town was begun in 1626 when a few people came to the site of a Native American Algonquian village along the Naumkeag River, built a few houses, and called their settlement Naumkeag.

Three years later Roger Conant brought a group of people from nearby Cape Ann, and organized all the settlers into a fishing village. In 1629 the village was incorporated into Massachusetts and Conant became their governor.

He was the leader of the town for two years when the Dorchester Company decided Naumkeag was a good spot along the Massachusetts coast, and brought in their own governor, John Endicot. There could have been a big fight because Naumkeag already had a governor. But these people were trying to bring freedom into the new land, and being free requires people to settle their own difficulties peacefully without having the government tell them what to do.



So Roger Conant stepped down as governor and welcomed Endicot. He was given 200 acres of land and became a farmer-fisherman. Their effort to settle peacefully resulted in the name Salem for the new town. Salem is another name for Shalom, the Hebrew word for peace.



Twenty years later Henry Cooke got in trouble for expressing his freedom and interrupting the peace. The town was established among the Native Americans, and citizens were also afraid of other rascals roaming around at night, so they took turns at the watch, really a sentinel to warn people if there was danger. Henry Cooke got mad at them one day because they were rude. Someone wrote down his words. He called them "proud, saucy boys, proud malapert boys, rascally and jackanapes boys."

Everyone in America believed in justice for the most common citizen. The ones at the watch took Henry Cooke to court for abusing them. Henry's friend George Ropes stood up for Henry, saying the boys on watch deserved Henry's name-calling, but the court stood by the ones on the watch. They fined Henry Cooke and George Ropes, who probably had to pay a pig or two. That was the way freedom began in America.

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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 David McMillan at (801) 547-1232 or davidanduliam@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	