



Phineas Wolcott Cook NEWSLETTER

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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Cook-A-Rama Report

A very special event, the 2006 Cook-O-Rama, was held on Thursday, September 28, 2006. It started at 9:00 A.M. at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our Family Organization Genealogist, Janet Porter assisted family members with printed research logs and special projects, and with special assignments for those who desired to accept them. Here's what we found:

The problem of where Joel Gaylord moved with his wife Lois Cook (sister to our ancestor Daniel Jr.) was cleared up by researcher Sharon Marcyes. Conflicting reports of their whereabouts were all true! The county boundaries were changed three times in 80 years, and the Gaylords ended up in Summit Co., Ohio with a large group of Joel's relatives. Indeed, the surname Gaylord was as common as chickens in Summit County. Joel and his brothers and cousins moved up north-central Ohio as soon as their Indian brethren vacated. We still don't know who Joel's and Lois's children were, but there were a lot of them: 10 children on the 1800 census! More research needed.



Terry Huffaker from Woodruff tried to straighten out the tangle in Irene Churchill Cook's ancestors John Burgess and wife Mary Tyler. She found another marriage for Mary Tyler Burgess, indicating John died early, increasing the depth of the tangle. If Mary did indeed marry again, our ancestor must have been

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Guy Cook

We are finally back on our regular schedule to send out semi-annual newsletters, including November. It is important to us, who are your officers, directors and family representatives, to maintain the continued activity of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization and to communicate with a fair number of you family members twice a year.

The highlight activity this year has been the "Cook-A-Rama" held in September in Bountiful. It was very enjoyable for all who attended. There were about 40 in attendance. We hope to hold one each year, and we encourage you to attend next year. There is a detailed article about the "Cook-A-Rama" elsewhere in this newsletter. It is activities like this that enable us to meet more of the family members.

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Don't Lose Me Again!

Richard and Vesta Cook (PWC16142) from Idaho Falls, ID, recently were called on a mission to participate in the 2006 Nauvoo Pageant and to do missionary work. Just before one of the performances they met a couple, Mark and Hope Brunson, members of the R.L.D.S. church living in Keokuk, Iowa, across the river from Nauvoo. Without warning, there was a sense of recognition the moment Hope saw Vesta. That feeling didn't leave Hope, even when she asked if Vesta had ever been to Independence, Missouri. Vesta mentioned her mother had been on an L.D.S. mission to Independence in 1981-82—twenty-four years ago. They talked until about midnight. Hope said, "I love talking to you, there is something so familiar about you." Mark and Hope were asked to return to the pageant the next evening, and they agreed..

By the next day Hope knew why Vesta was so familiar. Upon seeing the Cooks, Hope threw her arms out to Vesta. "Now I know now why you looked so familiar to me. It was your mother I knew. I lay awake most of the night trying to put a name to a face. I could not sleep until it came to me that Vesta's mother was the first Mormon I had ever met. She was a beautiful lady who mothered me and treated me like a daughter. I lost track of her when she went home. But I never forgot her and you look and act just like her. I am so glad to find you. Like your mother, you came into my life just when I needed you most. Please don't lose me again." Then Vesta remembered a letter her mother had

written mentioning a girl named Hope. Mark Brunson was out of work and another missionary couple, the Nickles, offered them a place to live in Arizona while Mark looked for work.

Cast members believe every cast missionary at the Pageant is called for a reason. Hope said to Vesta, "Now you know why you were called—to meet me."

You should never wonder if your mission was a success. This powerful testimony lets us know that the Lord's time table is not our time table and if we are patient we will someday see the results of our labors.

NOTE: Mark and Hope Brunson were baptized in Arizona on 29 September 2006.

Dues are Due!

If you will pay just \$1.67 per mo. (\$20 a year), it will greatly assist with the printing, postage and other costs associated with the newsletter and other essential organizational expenses. You can pay over the Internet or by mail. If you pay using the family website – you can even pay in installments! Some of you may have sent in your dues by mail and had your envelope returned. We deeply regret this inconvenience. There was a mix-up with the postal service about our P.O. Box. We have the problem resolved, so if you will kindly re-send your dues (or better yet pay them on the website over the Internet) we would deeply appreciate it!

Mysteries to be Solved and Changes to Come

Change is ever with us and so it is with genealogy forms and P.A.F. guides. Our family organization is in the process of updating the Phineas Wolcott Cook P.A.F. file, with ordinance information. We have also changed names from the old capital letters to the mixed case form, and have spelled out counties, states and countries AS NOW REQUESTED. We are anxiously awaiting the changes the Church has promised with the family history program to continue our work. Hopefully, within the year we will have an accurate file of Phineas' line which will be available for any of you who wish to download it. Since the old file was good information but not in updated format, you may wish to replace your old file.

Please note that this DOES NOT MEAN all the genealogy work has been done. We have a number of mysteries to solve and dead ends to research. So if you have the Spirit of Elijah urging you to get involved with family history we welcome your help. Contact either Janet Porter (janetsp@hotmail.com 801-226-8094) or Wendy Bentley (mtcwendy@yahoo.com 801-274-0928) our Cook family genealogists so that we are coordinated in our efforts and won't duplicate what has already been done. This is now a very large family. We don't have time to duplicate someone else's work.

Why Do We Need A Website?

By Daniel T. Ditto

How Does the Cook Family Website Benefit You? The Cook Family Website is found at the following address on the Internet: <http://www.cookfamily.org/>. This website offers many benefits to Cook Family members. Here is a brief discussion of just a few of those benefits:

1. Communications. This great family is now spread all over the world. With over 16,000 family members of the Cook Family, it is impossible to communicate with everyone like we would like to. Although this semi-annual newsletter certainly helps, there is so much more that can be done to connect us. The cook family web site provides a great way to stay in touch with family members, help us be aware of our heritage, and assist members in their family history and genealogical research.

2. It Provides a Huge Amount of Information About Your Family. The amount of information available to family members is remarkable. Past newsletters are available, Phineas' journal, Ann Eliza's journal, biographies of each of Phineas' wives and a great deal of other information is also available.

3. Feeling Guilty for Not Paying Your Dues? Do it ONLINE! Mailing the newsletter costs thousands of dollars each year in printing, and postage – not to mention the many, many hours donated by those who do the research, write the articles and manually assemble the newsletter. Many family members continue to benefit greatly in receiving this wonderful service and do not pay dues to offset the direct costs of this newsletter. Is life fast-paced and you find it easy to forget to write that dues check? Is it a pain to remember how to pay dues, address the envelope and put it in the mail? Certainly! Does your conscience smart a little when this topic is brought up? Mine used to – but not anymore! We can pay on the website! It is fast, easy and automatic. You can set it up one time and you're done – it just happens automatically every year! Heck – you can

even pay your \$20 in installments! You can't beat that! In fact, if you want to contribute a little more, you can even do that!

4. Information about the Cook Family Organization. Do you want to be more involved in the Cook Family Organization? We would love to have you involved. The website contains the contact information for family officers, representatives and others. If you would like to find greater fulfillment in working with your extended family organization, please contact us and we will put you to work!

5. Free Stuff! A huge amount of work has been done in researching the Cook family, compiling books, genealogy and other materials that would likely cost a significant amount of money if you were to obtain it on your own. In fact, in the past the organization has charged significant dollars for much of this information. Now, much of it is free and on the website.

5. Buy Books and Materials. There is a great deal of nearly priceless information available to you about your family and the wonderful heritage you have. These books and materials are very inexpensive – the charges cover the cost of printing, publishing and mailing. Some the information includes: the Phineas W. Cook Diary, a video about the life of Phineas Cook, family fireside stories – warm and brief accounts of the fascinating lives of our ancestors; diskettes of verified family genealogy and history; the Descending Pedigree Book and CD – which lists most of the progeny of Phineas Cook. This is an invaluable source of information about both those living and those who have passed on; the classic work: "Triumph of Testimony" written by Janet Porter. This is a compelling history about the times and life of Phineas Cook and his family and what motivated he and his family to leave home and hearth, traverse this great nation, settle communities, and make the sacrifices that you and I continue to benefit from today. All of these and many more are available on the website.

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Two Recipes From Cook-A-Rama

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup

Noodles

Mix in bowl

- ½ cup water
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp Olive Oil
- ½ tsp sage or basil
- 1 tsp salt

Stir in

- ¼ cup gluten flour (opt.)
(I use the gluten flour only when I make part-wheat noodles. It helps them stay together.)
- 2 cups flour (more if needed to make a dough you can kneed)

Mix in bowl

Turn out on floured counter. Knead for several minutes. Let dough rest 10 minutes under overturned bowl so it can be rolled out.

Make the noodles

Liberally dust counter with flour. Roll out dough to the thickness of thin cardboard, about one-eighth inch. Sprinkle liberally with flour and fold in half. Then again. You use a lot of flour, but it can be put back into your flour bin again later.

Now you have a folded piece of floured dough which can be cut in 1/8th to 1/4th-inch strips with a pizza cutter. Unfold and spread the noodles out on the floured counter.

They can be cooked immediately or dried for later use. If you use them immediately, put them in the broth with cut raw carrots because both take about

30-40 minutes to cook. Add the other vegetables 10 minutes before the noodles are finished.

If you dry them, they take longer to cook—almost an hour. Put them in about 15 minutes before adding the raw carrots, etc.

Make the soup

Using your favorite combination of broth and chicken flavor, add ½ batch soft noodles to 2 quarts of liquid. Add chopped carrots and onions and cook 15-20 minutes. Add frozen vegetables and boil 5-10 minutes more. When noodles test done, turn off heat. and add 2 cups cooked chopped chicken. Season with onion powder, garlic powder, chicken flavor, pepper and poultry seasoning. Makes 2-3 quarts of soup

Submitted by Janet Porter
(801) 226-8094.

Brownie Cake

Sift together in a large mixing bowl:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar,
- pinch of salt

Bring to a boil in a small sauce pan

- 1 square margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup oil
- 3 tbs. Cocoa
- 1 cup water

Add to flour mixture

Beat well then add to above flour mixture

- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp. Vanilla

Pour into a large cookie sheet (half bun size pan). Bake in 400 degree oven for 10 min. then turn oven to 375 degrees and bake 10 more min. Cool

Frosting

Bring to a boil
1 cube margarine or butter
3 tbs. Cocoa
6 tbs, milk
Pour over 3-1/2 cups powdered sugar. Add 1 tsp vanilla, small dash salt (if desired). Spread over cooled brownies. Sprinkle with nuts or include them in frosting (if desired). Cut in squares and enjoy!

Submitted by Roka
Raymond (801-393-4806



Got a fever? Catching cold?
Losing money? Growing old?

www.cookfamily.org is there
In sickness, health; in bull or
bear.

President's Message

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Sharon Marcyes has agreed to be our new secretary. Sharon attended our last quarterly meeting in September and contributed to the meeting, showing lots of energy and desire to help the Organization progress. Sharon lives in Bountiful. We welcome Sharon as a new officer, and we appreciate her willingness to serve with us.

We have two very accomplished genealogists and researchers, Janet Porter and Wendy Jo Bentley. They have contributed so much over a fair number of years to further genealogical research for the Organization. They are willing to work with family members to help you with your research and resolve genealogical problems confronting you. We encourage you to contact them. We have a number of research projects that need family members willing to volunteer time to complete them.

Daniel Ditto, Vice President of Family Units, Randy Cook and members of the website committee desire to expand the information available for your access. If you have suggestions to improve the website, please contact Daniel Ditto. We have a target to make the future newsletters available to download and print from the website. They will continue to be available in hard copy by mail for those who prefer a hard copy by mail or do not use the internet. Remember, you can order on the internet all of the items in the newsletter order form. You can also pay your annual dues via the internet.

We encourage you to pay the \$20 annual dues regularly. Our annual dues are among the lowest of family organizations in Utah. We mail approximately 1,800 newsletters semiannually; however, we receive annual dues from fewer than 100 families. We believe it is important to perpetuate the functioning of this family organization. It is an important source to help us keep a vivid memory of family member who have gone before us, back to my great grandfather, Phineas

Wolcott Cook.

We encourage more of the younger family members to become acquainted with and become active in the Organization. We need to inject "new blood" into the Organization regularly to develop new ideas and help it to continue functioning into the future.

I am always available by telephone at (801) 281-8925 (S.L.C., UT) or E-Mail at guy@utahweb.com to discuss with you comments, questions or suggestions.

We wish for you a joyous holiday season.

Family Website

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6. Genealogical Research. The website not only provides a fertile source of family history and genealogical information, but it also provides a source through which you can and will be able to connect with those who are interested in the same genealogical information as you. The Internet is a very powerful tool to connect people doing genealogical research. Don't neglect this tool as you do your genealogical research.

7. Games! How can we teach our children who they are and about their heritage and ancestry? Is there anything that could be more compelling? The family website has some great games for young children and will provide you with an entertaining way to teach your children about their invaluable ancestry.

8. Look at and Download Past Family Newsletters. There is nearly priceless family information that has come to light over the years that is documented in the Cook Family Newsletter. While the website currently has only a couple of years of newsletters, it will soon contain the entire archive of over twenty years of Cook Family newsletters. You can download these, use them in

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Elder Quentin Cook Speaks At Cook-A-Rama Event

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born to different parents. More research needed.

Dale and Vesta Cook also came and tried to shed light on the Tyler problem, but we were too tangled by then.

Marjorie Ditto Searched for James Ray of Haddam, Connecticut, another ancestor of Irene Churchill whose parents may have been part of the Great Mi-

gration of Pilgrims. Our question was: Did James Ray actually live in Haddam? The answer is: Probably. We found no records for him, but there are land records for his son James and there were a lot of Ray descendants. Perhaps the only evidence is his family. More research needed.

Another highlight of the day was the meeting held at 3:30 P. M. when Elder Quentin Cook, a family member, and a member of the 1st Council of the Seventy, and Executive Director of the Church Missionary Department under the direction of Apostle Ballard, spoke to us.



He also held a question and answer period where he explained many things to us and answered many questions to the satisfaction of those present, such as:

- The Prophet's Health and Leadership
- How Missionaries are selected and called to a particular mission – Or better stated, How Missionaries are called to work with a particular Mission President.
- The requirements for a person to be called on a mission. Hopefully, parents will teach their children to work so that they will not be sur-

prised by missionary work

- The writing and publication of the manual, "Preach My Gospel."
- The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve input to manuals and programs.
- Various statistics, etc.

We wish all of you could have been present to hear his comments. He also expressed his great love for the Cook family. We express our appreciation for his presence with us.

Most of those attending stayed for the Soup & Salad Buffet, which was held after the meeting. Since many of the recipes were asked for, they are

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Cook Family Website Information

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teaching your family, share wonderful stories, and bless the lives of many others with this wonderful information. Eventually we hope to have an index of all the information and stories contained in all of these newsletters.

9. Calendar of Extended Family Events. In this newsletter, you have read about the “Cook-A-Rama.” What a great experience that was to sit at the feet of Elder Quentin L. Cook, Executive Director of the LDS Church’s Missionary Department and listen as he discussed the missionary program of the church and the gospel spreading across the earth. Could Phineas Cook have envisioned that one of his ancestors would play such an integral role in the spreading forth of the Kingdom of God? On the website is a calendar of all significant events. Here you can always stay informed of these significant events. You can even include your own family reunions.

10. The Future – Family “Chat” rooms; Cyber-Reunions, “Family Gems” emailed to you; We look forward to improving both the quantity of information available on the website as well as the quality of what is offered there. Our plan is to improve both the “look and feel” of the website as well as improving what is offered there. We plan to add family “chat” rooms where family members can discuss various family, research or organizational matters, and use the website for “Cyber-Reunions” from time to time. We would also like to **GET YOUR EMAILS** so we can:

- (1) Inform you of important family events from time to time;
- (2) Occasionally email you “family gems” – interesting historical and inspiring family information;
- (3) Send you a digital version of the family newsletter (remember that the digital version of the newsletter has COLOR pictures and can be printed from your computer, copied, pasted into other documents and used many other ways.
- (4) Facilitate communication between family members as desired; and
- (5) Communicate more effectively with you

Conclusion. Why the family website? I hope that after reading this, we have answered this question. I hope that you will agree with me that the Cook Family website offers many benefits to you as a family member – many of which you are probably not currently taking advantage of. Please take advantage of this powerful resource in your life. It is free, fun, informative and even inspiring. If you have survived this long article, please remember just three things:

First, the address of the website: <http://www.cookfamily.org/>

Second, Send us your email – or follow the link where it says: [Sign up to be notified via email](#);

Third, pay your dues over the Internet! If you will pay the small sum of \$20/yr (that is \$1.67 a month) family officers will no longer have to make personal contributions to keep the family organization afloat. Be assured that these funds are well accounted for and only used for expenses or for the purpose you designate. Thank-you and happy web surfing!

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included in this newsletter.

Several of the group then went to the Bountiful Temple to enjoy a session in the evening.

Although our group was rather small, it was a great reunion for many and a great opportunity for many to get acquainted.

A special thanks to Elder Quentin L. Cook for his participation. We know he keeps a very busy schedule. Sis. Mary Cook was out of town, and was not able to come with him. We missed her presence and extend an invitation for both of them to be with us at this event next year. We also look forward to seeing all of you at the **2007 Cook-A-Rama**. We are planning to hold it during the last week of September or the first week of October, just before General Conference. Please mark your calendars.

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

P.O. Box 1522, Provo Utah, 84603-1522

Web Page: WWW.CookFamily.org

New items::

- 1. ___ Three Family Descending Pedigree Book @ \$45.00 _____
- 2. ___ Three Family Descending Pedigree 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 @ \$37.50 _____

Other Items:

- 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. 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 _____
 ___ Family Fireside Stories – Book I \$9.00 _____
 ___ Family Fireside Stories – Book II \$9.00 _____
- 9. ___ PAF 3.0 Diskette of 65 verified Ancestor
 Families 3 1/2" diskette \$6.00 _____

**Discount: 20% discount on all item above if 2003 Dues
 have been paid or accompany this order Less (_____)**

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**10 Organizational Dues (Suggested Donation - \$20.00
 per family – Tax Deductible)**

- 11. 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. _____

Total Paid _____

I would be willing to work on the following committees:

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- ___ Record Verification Committee ___ Family Web-Master for Web-Site
- ___ Typing Histories – Word Processing ___ Illustrator
- ___ Newsletter/Mailing Committee ___ Distribution Committee
- ___ Finance Manager

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