



# Phineas Wolcott Cook

Family Organization

## Cook Family Newsletter ~ July 2023

This edition of our newsletter looks a little different ~ but it includes the same great information about our family history. This format is flexible to view online and on mobile devices. *You may share, save, or print out this newsletter by clicking on the options at the top of the page.* For any communication with the Organization, or to be added to the newsletter email list, please contact us: [cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com)<sup>1</sup>

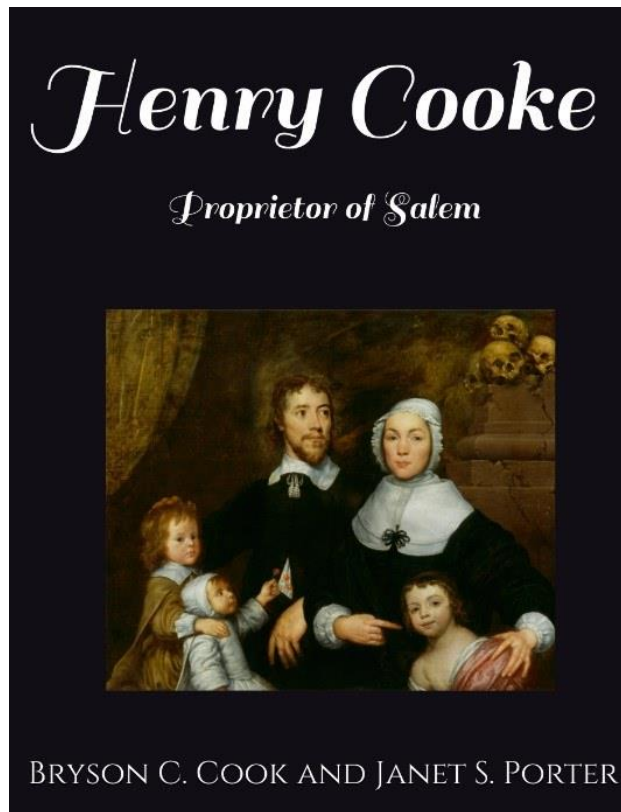
We are looking for volunteers for various projects in the organization, so please contact us if you have some time available to help! At the end of the newsletter, you'll see: "Ten Ways You Can Help...".



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New Book About Henry Cooke Available Now on Amazon



The Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization is proud to announce the publication of a new book by board members and genealogists Bryson Cook and Janet Porter which detail what we know about our earliest Cook ancestor -- Henry Cooke (*we retain the ending "e" just for this British-transplant ancestor!*)

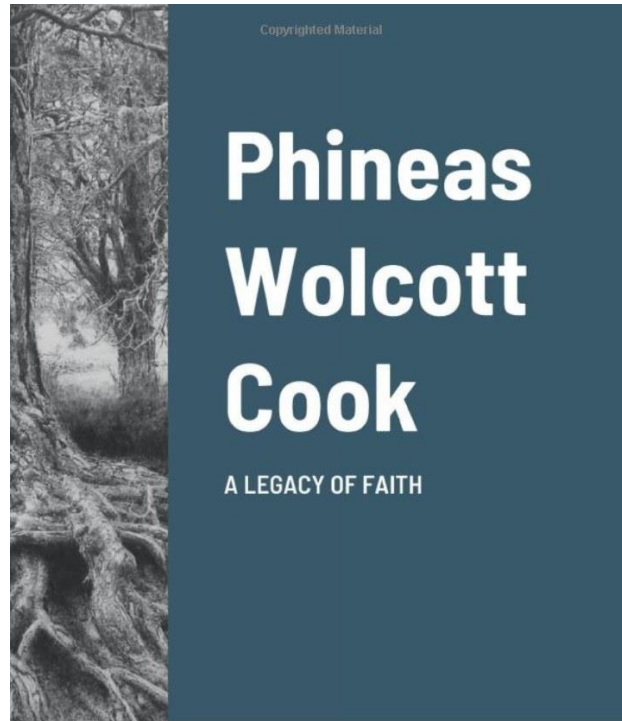
Records about Henry Cooke beginning in 1638 have been found in Massachusetts; no earlier records have been found to document his birth, parentage, or early life. We assume he is from England; however, no records have been found of his immigration. This small volume explains what we know about Henry and his origins from the extant records and summarizes the research that is ongoing to learn his birthplace and parentage. The history of England to 1620 is explored, which sheds light on his probable reasons for immigration. Finally, an examination is made of child naming patterns, marriage trends, and cultural clues that could lead us to find more information about Henry and his ancestry.

We would like to gather interested researchers to help us solve the mystery of Henry's ancestry. Along with our ongoing DNA research project, we would like to organize efforts to find Henry in British records. After you read this book, if you are interested in helping research Henry's roots, please reach out to the PWC Organization!

This 42-page book is available to purchase on Amazon for under \$7, sold at cost. Click on this link to order and have the book shipped directly to you:

Henry Cooke: Proprietor of Salem: Cook, Bryson C., Porter, Janet S.: 9798359097000: Amazon.com: Books<sup>2</sup>

## Third Edition of Phineas Wolcott Cook's Memoirs Available on Amazon



The Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization is pleased to bring you the third edition of Phineas' memoir. This 400 page hardcover volume, published last year, details Phineas' life from his birth in Connecticut, to his married life in Michigan, his travels to Winter Quarters in Nebraska, and settlement in Utah and Wyoming. It includes his previously unpublished Goshen journal as well as other letters and writings and the writings of his descendants to fill out his entire life. Janet Porter has researched the life and times of Phineas for over 20 years and provides in this publication not only Phineas' memoirs (with spelling, capitalization, and formatting modernized) but a great deal of contextual information to help the reader understand the people, places, and details Phineas describes. Replete with full color pictures, this heirloom publication will educate and uplift all of his family members!

Purchase online at Amazon.com:

Phineas Wolcott Cook: A Legacy of Faith: Porter, Janet Stacy, Cook, Phineas Wolcott, Peterson, Yvonne, Porter, Janet Stacy: 9798813170911: Amazon.com: Books<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>[https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Cooke-Proprietor-Bryson-Cook/dp/B0BVVD2SF7Z/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?crd=6VNNEDM2FR0A&keywords=henry+cooke&qid=1683134619&srefix=henry+cooke%2Caps%2C132&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Cooke-Proprietor-Bryson-Cook/dp/B0BVVD2SF7Z/ref=sr_1_2?crd=6VNNEDM2FR0A&keywords=henry+cooke&qid=1683134619&srefix=henry+cooke%2Caps%2C132&sr=8-2)

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returned to continue serving, and wasn't released as Bishop until 1896. He died ten years later in Goshen.

During his time in Goshen William Price also helped in colonizing and exploring Utah Territory and was one of the first to explore Spanish Fork Canyon. He named the convergence of two streams in that canyon the Price River, from which the town of Price was later named.

Phineas stayed in Goshen another year and then was called to help settle Rich County, Utah. In one of his final talks to the Goshen saints, on August 14, 1859, Phineas had given a sermon which summarizes his life and his testimony. Whether or not the Goshen saints could understand it, we now have the opportunity to listen:

*Bishop Cook said he had been much edified in the spirrit (spirit) that the speakers had manifested(.) He exhorted the people to know fer (for) a surety that they are the friends of God and if thare (there) are any who do not know(,) that you are not the friends of God(,) try to prove yourselves faithful to his servants that through them you may obtain favor in his sight or make to yourselves friends on righteous principles(.)*

Nothing can be said about Phineas Wolcott Cook which summarizes his testimony and his life better than that he was a friend of God. Whatever he did and wherever he went, his effort to sustain his Priesthood brethren and to be a stalwart example to all who knew him can never be disputed. In the face of resistance and criticism, he never lost sight of his great duty to honor his Priesthood and give his best service to God. We who owe so much to our faithful ancestors hold in our hearts a debt of gratitude to these people. Phineas Wolcott Cook and his faithful wives stood firm in their testimonies and their duty through times that would try the soul of others. They remained to the end, friends of God.



1 - William Price

## Temple Corner ~ Tips by Brent Hale



### Tip 1: Finding A Person's Name Ready for Temple Work



- 1) Use **My Reservations** in the FamilySearch **Temple** Tab. This is your research which you have reserved and not shared.
- 2) Use a **Family Group** you have joined. Any group member contributes reservations to the group or does ordinances for any group reservations.
- 3) Use your **Shared with Temple** reservations.
- 4) Use **Ordinance Ready**. It finds enough ordinances for your next temple session: 4 or 5 baptisms and confirmations, or 3 to 5 initiatories, or 1 endowment, or up to 5 sealings to spouse, or up to 10 sealings to parents. It looks for ready names in this sequence:

- Your **My Reservations**
- Your **Family Group** reservations
- Your **Shared With Temple** reservations
- Other **Shared with Temple** relatives
- **Green Temples** from your tree (relatives not reserved by anyone)
- **Your Ward** – names shared with temple by your ward members
- **Your Stake** – names shared with temple by your stake members
- **Unrelated names** that have been Shared with Temple.

### Recommendations:

- 1) Check names before you take them to the temple to insure that research is reasonable and they are ready for the desired ordinances.
- 2) Print family file cards only when you are ready to do the temple work.
- 3) Use **Perform Next** filter to quickly find names ready for desired ordinances when using **My Reservations**, or **Family Groups**, or **Shared With Temple**.

## Tip 2: Sharing Temple Ordinances



When reserving names for temple ordinances, there are four options:

- 1) Reserve in **My Reservations**. Only you can print cards and do temple work.
- 2) Share with a **Family Group**. Anyone in the group can print group cards and do temple ordinances.
- 3) **Share with Temple**.

Any church member can select these reservations, print cards, and complete temple ordinances. There is no limit on the number of reservations in this group. These shared reservations can be unshared and then reshared with another group at any time. They can only be shared with one group at a time.

4) **Share with Individual** allows you to email a reservation to an individual by emailing family cards to them.

**My Reservations** are limited to three hundred. This is best if you will do the work soon. Reservations can be printed, shared, or unreserved.

A **Family Group** is best for a small group working together on temple ordinances. Anything you share with the family group is part of your 300 reservation limit. Ordinance shared by other group members impact their limit not yours.

### Tip 3: Avoid Duplicate Temple Ordinances



In the Dallas Texas Temple where I work, it is unusual for family cards printed within a week of going to the temple to be duplicates of work previously done. For cards over a year old, about 30% are duplicates of completed ordinances.

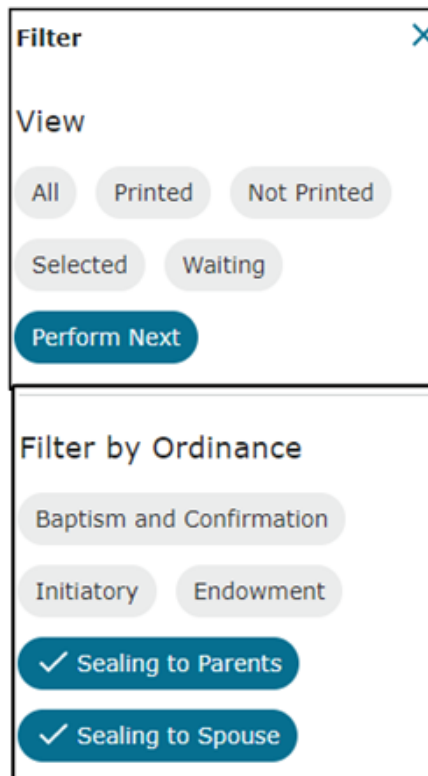
Duplicate ordinances are minimized when you:

- 1) Print cards only for work you expect to do in the next week.
- 2) Re-verify ordinances or destroy all cards at the end of the week.
- 3) Ask any family or friends to also re-verify or destroy cards not completed in a week.
- 4) Check any card received from friends before completing the requested ordinances.

Temple workers at the family file desk can scan family cards to verify which ordinances are still not completed. You can also verify ordinances by using the FamilySearch ID (FS-PID) to look up the person in FamilySearch using the Find tool and see the current ordinance status.



## Tip 4: Use the "Perform Next" Filter



Church leaders strongly encourage us to do temple ordinances in sequence.

With the **Perform Next** filter found in the Temple --> My Reservations tab, the next sequential ordinance is shown for each reservation.

For example, when going to the temple for a sealing session, use this filter and uncheck all other ordinances to see only ancestors ready for sealing ordinances. Use this process for any ordinance.

The filter also works for **Family Groups** and your **Shared with Temple** group.

## VIDEO FEATURE: Goshen, Utah

When Phineas finally found some land to call his own, he named the place after his hometown of Goshen, Connecticut. We have been chronicling Phineas' years in the Goshen valley for some time now (including part 17 above) taken from Phineas' Goshen Journal, which was only recently discovered. Review the history of Phineas' days in Goshen, Utah in this video, which can also be found on our website along with other videos about Phineas' life: Videos (cookfamily.org)<sup>4</sup>



<https://onedrive.live.com/embed?cid=004025A0E817DFF6&resid=4025A0E817DFF6!1006119&authkey=AJt23YqLz5vl-vo>

TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP PHINEAS (*from our 2022 online fireside*)

Click below to see a *stack* of ideas of how you can get involved!

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<sup>4</sup><http://cookfamily.org/histories/videos.html>

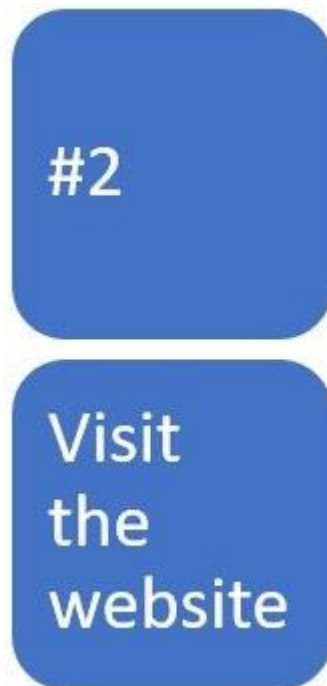
"Like and Subscribe!" Please **view, follow, and share our social media pages** so your family members can know more about Phineas and the family organization! Watch our social media pages for information about gatherings, projects, publications, pictures and fun Phineas info!

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**Visit our website:** Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization<sup>9</sup>

You will find old newsletters, histories of some of Phineas' ancestors, videos, and more!

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Technology

Committee

Are you tech savvy? We need you! We need help with **the website and online broadcasts and social media posts**. If you are interested in volunteering, let us know!

#4

Help find  
Henry Cooke's

PARENTS

The Organization is still doing research to find our original Cook ancestor's origins. After you read the new book about Henry Cooke, contact us to **help with the research!** Dave Cook heads up our DNA research project.



The link to purchase the latest volume of Phineas' memoirs is: Phineas Wolcott Cook: A Legacy of Faith: Porter, Janet Stacy, Cook, Phineas Wolcott, Peterson, Yvonne, Porter, Janet Stacy: 9798813170911: Amazon.com: Books<sup>10</sup>

We would love to have an **online book club** devoted to this fabulous book. If you are interested in the book club, let us know!

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#6

Do Temple Work

for Cook family

members

Feel free to join our FamilySearch Family Group: Cook Family Org. We have space for 40 more members! If you would like to join, request here:

[https://www.familysearch.org/groups/family?groupId=MMMM-N56&inviteId=MMM9-ZFM&cid=group-mgmt\\_copy](https://www.familysearch.org/groups/family?groupId=MMMM-N56&inviteId=MMM9-ZFM&cid=group-mgmt_copy)

Brent Hale and Wendy Bentley head up our temple work committee! Please contact us if you would like to **help with small (simple) research on Cook family names** to prepare for temple work.

#7

Join the

Young Adult Chapter!

Tell your friends 😊

Phineas wrote in his journal: "*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."*

Are you under age 30? We need YOU! Contact us to join the Young Adult Chapter of the PWC Family Organization!

#8

Contribute with:

Videos

Artwork

Writing Skills

Research

We would love to collect and showcase any artwork or writing any of our family members create about Phineas or his descendants!

Check out some of video creations on our website: Videos (cookfamily.org)<sup>11</sup>

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#9

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The Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and happily accepts donations! Funds are used for research and administrative expenses. Feel free to donate online: 404 Not Found ([cookfamily.org](http://cookfamily.org))<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup><http://www.cookfamily.org/store/donate.html>



#10

Pray

For

Help

When discussing goals for genealogy research, our board members have had the distinct impression that we will make progress only as we combine our efforts. We need volunteers and we need prayers!

If you would like to be involved in any of the Family Organization's committees or projects, please contact us by emailing: [cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com)<sup>13</sup>

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