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Message From The President

Bet you all thought the PW Cook family organization had been laid to rest. Wrong! We just took a short vacation to rethink our goals for the next century. With grateful thanks to all those who have so faithfully served the family; we've dedicated the future to expanding the families direction and spawn four new family organizations.

The key is to *KISS* the work! In other words to *Keep It Simple, Saints!*

We will begin by making the following five steps.

FIRST: We will be encouraging each of the four families; the *Ann Eliza Howland's*, the *Catherine McCleve's*, the *Amanda Polly Savage's*, and the *Johanna Cristina Poulson's* to actively form their own family organizations. We believe that by lowering the responsibility to it's lowest level it will stay simple.

SECOND: As a "*Parent Organization*", the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization will lend all of it's experience and support to this effort. We have spent decades developing a successful format, and have simply out grown it. By encouraging the four families to go out on their own, and then lending our support to each family so they can become as effective as we have been in the past. Each organization will have use of our mailing lists, bulk mailing permit, non-profit status, and research specialist. We will assist each family in the organizational process and teach each maternal group how to do the work of their own family.

THIRD: The "*Parent Organization*" will seek out the branches of the family tree that have been lost, misplaced, overlooked, blown down or hidden, and bring them to the proper maternal family group for further work.

FOURTH: We will expand the visibility of the "*Parent Organization*" We have already taken the first step in this by becoming a supporting member of "*Utah Genealogical Association*" and have begun establishing contacts at the various historical societies.

This step also includes assisting the four maternal groups with the publication of diaries, biographies, autobiographies, poetry, histories, and life sketches of their members. Net proceeds from these publications will be given to the four maternal groups to further their work. AND,

FIFTH: We will be bringing P.W. Cook to the "*Information Highway*" and launching him into "*Cyber Space*"

We are currently at work on a *Web Site*. Our plans include making data down-loadable for family members via their descending pedigree number.

Publishing "*Thumbnail Sketches*" of family members. And,

As Steve Forbes quips, "*There's nothing wrong with nepotism as long as you keep it in the family.*" So we'll be setting up a "*Networking*" section in the news letter to help us keep up with each other, not the Jones's.

There is a down side to all of this. It takes money. Please pay your dues for this year. AND, make a charitable donation to the family. It's tax deductible and will go a long way towards finding each of PW's children.

I don't want to try and explain to Father Phineas why there are empty chairs in the post-mortal family council meetings. *DO YOU?*

With love in the gospel.

G.A. [Gary Alton] Cook
President

THE Phineas Wolcott Family Organization is a Utah Non-Profit Corporation

1999 Meetings - Board of Directors

We will be holding Board of Director meetings on May 15th, August 14th, and November 13th. Since these meetings are held at different locations, please contact Gary A. Cook at (435)723-5554 or LaMar A. Day at (801) 298-1654 for the time and location. All members of the family are welcome to attend these meetings.

Special Assignments

We would appreciate receiving name and phone numbers of family members who are Attorneys, CPA's and Computer Specialists for special assignments.

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Ever look at your children and wonder where the Cooks got their tough and independent spirit? Here is a clue:

COOKS ON THE MOVE

England to Salem, 1638

Puritans came to America from England to simplify and purify the old-world religions. Feeling that costly buildings and priestly vestments, elaborate statues and music, mystic doctrine and undemocratic social order detracted from true worship, they sought to change the State Church in England, and finally when that failed, came to the new land of America to establish the right to worship and live as they pleased. In 1638, Henry Cook



The new world beckoned Henry Cook in 1638.

appears on the records of Salem, Massachusetts as part of that movement, and he became even more tough and independent in the colonies.

Henry married Judith Birdsal soon after coming to America, and on Sept 30, 1641 our ancestor, their second child of ten was born in Salem, Massachusetts.

According to the English system of inheritance, all was left to the oldest son Isaac, so Samuel and the other two sons had no inheritance at Henry's death in 1661. Now with no land and no living, Samuel was faced with a dilemma. He had to move away where there would be land to make his own living. So shortly after his father's death, Samuel who was in his early 20's packed his few belongings and joined the new settlers of New Haven, Connecticut.

Salem to Connecticut



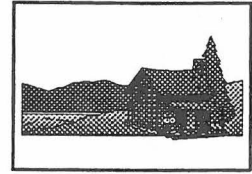
Samuel Cook was born in Salem, 1641

These early settlers of New Haven were hardy souls who needed a place of their own and were determined enough to brave the Mohawk Indians to get it. In Massachusetts, the Indians had been peaceful. In Connecticut they were not.

Samuel met and married Hope Parker in 1667 in New Haven where their first two children were born; then moved 12 miles away to Wallingford where still more new land was being developed. Land in these early days was assigned in one large tract at no cost to a group of settlers who applied to the general court for it. Samuel was one of the first 38 planters who signed a Covenant setting up the government of their new village. Being Puritans, or Congregationalists, like their fathers, Samuel and the other planters elected and sent for their own pastor, the Rev. Jonathan Davenport who had lived in Wallingford England, and came to America to set up the Congregational Church as their lifetime clergyman.

Wallingford to Goshen, Connecticut

By 1720 Connecticut was filling up fast because many of the sons of Massachusetts families were coming there to build the cities and plant their sons. As new land was opened and new cities were being built, the sons of the old Connecticut families were growing up; and soon Samuel's sons were ready to find land themselves. In an agrarian society, more land is a necessity; and of Samuel's dozen children, Samuel, John and Ephraim went to Cheshire, Israel moved to Vermont, and Joseph went 40 miles to the northwest, Litchfield County, Connecticut.



Samuel Cook braved the Indians in Connecticut.

Litchfield was the last county in Connecticut to open for settlement, and in 1724 the land was given to the sons of Hartford and Wallingford land owners. By the time Goshen was settled in 1737, it was literally auctioned off by shares to the highest bidders. Joseph was one of the earliest settlers to stay in the county, and as a resident of 1740, is listed as one of the founders.

Joseph had lived in Wallingford 57 years since his birth in 1683. Already established and prosperous, he no doubt moved to obtain an inheritance for his own sons, many of them already of marriageable age. And he must have succeeded in his effort because those who stayed in Litchfield County were prosperous landowners. His son Daniel and his descendants kept the original land at the top of Town Hill Road and near Dog Pond for over 100 years for 5 generations.

Joseph lived to be about 80 years old, and when his wife Eleanor's probate was appraised in 1767, she was well established. Written on three full pages of script her inventory included a gold necklace, a silk crepe gown and 29 other dresses, pewter ware, candlesticks, 2 brown Gambler riding hoods, cloaks, several imported items and a pair of "spectacles."

Next Issue: Connecticut to Michigan

Three Couples in the Philippines

During the year 1997, three couples from the P.W. Cook family were serving in the LDS Church in the Philippines. Elder Quentin L. Cook (Savage Family) of the First Council of the Seventy was serving as a counselor in the Philippines/Micronesia Area Presidency. He and his wife Mary were living in Metro Manila. Elder Cook took on new responsibilities in the summer of 1998, as the Area President of the new Pacific Islands Area with headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand.

Elder LaMar and Sister Marlene Day were serving as full time missionaries in the Philippines Cabanatuan Mission located about 50 miles north of Manila. They completed their 18 month assignment and returned home to Bountiful, Utah in February 1998.

Alan Litster served (and is still serving) as the Area Director of Temporal Affairs. He is responsible for the employment and work of about 150 people in the Area Offices in Manila. He and his wife Janice live in the Metro Manila area.

RECORD KEEPER CORNER

Concerned about preservation of paper documents?
Consider the following:



I'd like to eat
your pictures

"Be concerned about photographic preservation techniques because all photographs are subject to deterioration. Colored photographs are particularly susceptible. However...be selective in identifying photographs for special preservation techniques and concentrate on those photographs of value to future generations. Following are preservation techniques for photographs:

- *Avoid touching the front of photographs
- *Use cotton gloves to handle photographs
- *make high quality black and white negatives
- *Copy color photographs to black and white
- *Display photographs in archival sheets
- *Display photograph copies, not originals
- *Store photograph originals
- *Do not store negatives and photos together
- *Store negatives in fireproof box
- *Avoid magnetic photo albums
- *Use archival storage envelopes
- *Avoid writing on either side of photographs
- *Identify photographs with Stabilo-Art pencils
- *Identify photographs on border, reverse side
- *Identify location of negatives
- *Use acid-free adhesive for identification
- *Use acid-free files for photograph storage
- *Store files in fire-proof security box
- *Frame photos with a mat to allow air flow
- *Make video copies of photographs
- *Transfer colored slides to video tape

"Because the chemical mix of negatives and photographs causes deterioration, (they) should be filed separately in an archival quality envelope...identified by writing the name of the individual in the upper-left corner and the envelope filed alphabetically in the appropriate file box."

Or they can be displayed in an archivally-safe photo sleeve mounted on acid-free paper in a binder.

Negatives and photographs of localities...are arranged alphabetically (by name of locality)."

"This and more information can be found in the following:

Genealogy Fundamentals
by Laureen R. Jaussi
Jaussi Publications
284 East 400 South
Orem, Utah 84058

LET 'EM HAVE IT!



That's just what we intend to do.

Beginning immediately, family members can obtain the following items through the Family Organization- See the order form in this newsletter.

1. (\$5) Cook Tour: New England. Maps, histories, pictures and houses to help you see the family sights in Massachusetts and Connecticut.
* Salem, Mass.: Henry Cook, Henry Birdsall
* Wallingford, Conn.: Samuel Cook
* Goshen Conn: Home and town of Phineas Wolcott Cook and 5 generations of Cooks.
2. (\$5) Cook Tour: Michigan and midwest
Maps, histories, pictures to help you see places where Phineas Wolcott Cook and his family lived.
* Richland, Michigan: Phineas, Phineas Wolcott
* Howlandsburg, Michigan: Henry Howland
* Winter Quarters, Nebraska: Phineas and Ann Eliza. Two of their children are buried there.
3. (\$5) Cook Tour: Utah
The places Phineas and his wives lived from 1848 to their deaths. Maps, pictures, brief histories.
* Salt Lake City: Brigham Young's wagon
Lion House & O.M. Duel Cabin
Furniture made by Phineas
* Manti: Old Mill & Old Fort
Brigham Young's house
* Goshen: The town and pioneer sites
* Rich County: The family property
Church and cemetery in Garden City
* Star Valley (then part of Bear Lake Stake)
Location of home and land
Cemetery map
4. (\$7:50) Family Fireside Stories of Phineas, Book 1
Illustrated stories of Young Phineas Wolcott Cook and his family. Funny enough for the whole family, true enough to teach us all.
5. (\$5) Diskette of Cook Genealogy: The 65 verified ancestor families.

Help us develop more Tour Guides. The Family Organization plans to make available Tour Guides for all of the areas where our ancestors were concentrated.

You can help. If you have pictures to share of homes, people, anything--let us know. The more we share, the more we all benefit. We would like to improve the Tour Guides we presently have, as well as developing new ones. All help will be greatly appreciated.

HISTORY OF NEWEL C. MCMILLAN

By Dee N. McMillan

Newel Cook McMillan was born March 10, 1918, the oldest child of Daniel Newel and Phoebe Cook McMillan. While dad was about 6 or 7 years old his mother died and his father re-married a wonderful lady by the name of Mary Cheever, known by all since she was young as Mayme. Life was not always easy for this family. Dad's father was a farmer and by many standards he operated a good-sized farm. As such, dad was expected, as was all young men on farms, to put in long hard days weeding sugar beets and anything else that might be the crop for the year. The family took frequent trips to a farm in Idaho and on one such occasion dad was quite ill before they left Murray and became even more ill after arriving in Idaho. He became so ill doctors later felt that he had polio and should have died. However, his loving and still alive stepmother was determined that this young man would not die and in fact spent all her time looking after Newel. When I asked dad what she did that made him well, I remember him talking about a tea that she fed him, muscle rubs and packs and her drive to keep him moving whenever possible and not giving up on him. Dad was eight years old and he did recover from this illness with the only known lasting effect a half-paralyzed soft pallet in the back of his throat. This constantly afflicted dad and gave him great difficulty during allergy season.

I often thought that this early severe illness and brush with death, and the sheer determination of Mayme for him to survive, became a basic part of Newel Cook McMillan. This determination showed in all that he did in his life. As Newel grew up, he found an intense love of music and although money was usually scarce, he scraped together enough to take violin lessons from Aurilia Shriner, commonly known as Aunt Lil, at the McCune School of Music. He would often take the street car that ran from 5900 So. To 1st North. This he did from elementary to 12th grade. He joined the High School Band and at one time the teacher asked him to play the French horn and asked him to learn it over the weekend. He did. Newel had the most marvelous gift, he could play by ear. He could hear a tune once or twice and then play it.

Dad also had a deep-seated desire to go on a mission. By this time he had scraped enough money together to buy a used car to get around in. And because times were hard and money scarce, dad was informed that his father and family could not help him go on a mission. Dad put in his papers and with the same determination he showed throughout all his life, sold his car and took what meager savings he had and proceeded to go on a mission. He was called to the California Mission, which encompassed all of California, and in those days, the primary source of transportation was the train. His Mission President assigned him and his companion to a rather large proselytizing area beginning with Eureka on the South, north to the Oregon border, east to the summit of the Sierra Nevadas and west to the Pacific Ocean. This was certainly bigger than

any area I had served in. So away he and his companion went with the charge to contact everyone he could in his area to tell them of this glorious message. And as I understand it, he darn near covered border to border his assigned area. At least he gave it a try. While dad was on his mission he borrowed members' cars to get around and on one occasion got a speeding ticket trying to get to a meeting. Missions were much different in his day than when I went. I had heard of preaching on street corners but dad put his music to work for him and frequently played in dance bands to help earn money to continue his mission. He was released from his mission December 5, 1940, after serving a total of 26 months.

He went back to work on the farm and tried to continue his education with an emphasis on music. But world conditions as they were, the Army was looking for a few good men. (It seems they are always looking for a few good men). But dad was as concerned as many with the safety of his country, and did his patriotic duty and joined the Army. His term in the army was short lived however, and he was honorably discharged from the Army from San Luis Obispo on July 18, 1941 because of "Physical Disability." Although dad didn't recall why, I always assumed it was because of his severe allergies.

He remained in California and his Uncle Art helped him get a job repairing Radar equipment. In San Bernardino, California he met up with a beautiful young lady named Nelma Stewart. After a while they decided to get married and on July 25, 1943 they were married in Sparks, Nevada, by an LDS Bishop. Dad always said because of the war, the scarcity of gas coupons, etc., they couldn't get married in the closest temple, which appeared to be the Mesa Temple. They were later sealed in the Mesa Temple on September 9, 1943.

Dad and Mom were not able to have children of their own, but a couple of years later a baby was born that was placed up for adoption. They seized the opportunity and I was adopted and sealed to Newell and Nelma McMillan. A number of years later another young boy was available for adoption and they adopted Scott Irvin McMillan. Mom and Dad were content for a little while but felt the need to expand their family. Then came Stacey Ann McMillan and Teresa Gay McMillan.

Dad was always active in the Church. He was Ward Secretary in the Salt Lake Ward when we lived on 27th East and 33rd South. While there he was very active in the Boy Scout program and was a Scout Master for several years. He and Mom organized a dance group. He was loved and respected by all.

At this time dad was promoted to manager by the State Farm Insurance Companies. Feeling that it was better to be closer to his work, we moved to South Ogden, specifically in Uintah, where he lived for approximately 30 years. Here he was again active in Ward choirs, Bishopric, even becoming Bishop of this ward. This very building we are in is one of his great accomplishments. The love and respect he received by the people in this area cannot possibly be measured.

Dad's accomplishments in the field of business were innumerable. He started his career in the insurance

business with the Winder Insurance Agency and later became an agent for State Farm Insurance. His drive and desire to succeed are the things legends are made of. Time after time he won awards and recognition for top sales in Auto Fire and yes, Life insurance. I remember his office on 13th East and 33rd South with the walls covered with plaques and awards announcing his great success. Mom and Dad both traveled all over the world from trips and conventions won by his hard work and dedication. Even after he was promoted to Manager over the Northern Utah district, his agents and his district were acclaimed as being the best and number one in the company in Auto, Fire sales.

Dad started from a humble beginning and with a great deal of drive, accomplished great things. However, he considered his family to be his greatest accomplishment and treasure.

Editor's Note: Newel C. McMillan had a great love for the Cook family and served for about 20 years as an officer in the P.W. Cook Family Organization. He quit only when his health would not permit him to continue. Newel was responsible for the publication of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Diary, Volume II, and even loaned the Organization money to get it printed.

OBITUARY

Logan, Utah - Newel C. McMillan, 78, passed away Thursday, September 26, 1996 at Sunshine terrace in Logan. Newel was born in Murray, Utah March 10, 1918 to Daniel Newel and Phoebe Cook McMillan. When Newel was seven years old his mother passed away. His father then married Mayme Cheever. On July 25, 1943, Newel married Nelma Stewart in Sparks, Nevada and then was later sealed in the Mesa Temple. They have four children.

Newel was Bishop of the Uintah 2nd Ward for six years. During this time he helped design and build the church. He was employed with State Farm insurance for 30 years.

Newel loved to play the organ, piano and the violin. He could play any instrument, but these were his favorites. He loved to be with his family, loved his job, his music and people.

He is survived by his wife, Nelma, of Logan; and children Dee (Annette) McMillan, Roy; Scott McMillan, Ogden; Stacey (Randy) West, Farmington; Teresa (Clinton) Hovey, Millville, Utah; 14 grandchildren, four great grandchildren with two on the way, and a special daughter-in-law, Susan McMillan of Ogden.

Also surviving are his stepmother, Mayme McMillan, Murray; one brother and five sisters, Lavar McMillan, Murray; Vernetta Erickson, Heber; Marilyn McMillan, Murray; Beverly Bishop, Sandy; Janice Todd and Rae Frazier, Murray.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, September 30, 11 am at the Uintah 2nd Ward Chapel, 6350 Combe Rd. Friends may call at Leavitts Chapel of Flowers Mortuary, 836 36th Street, Sunday, September 29 from 60-8 pm. And Monday at the Combe Ward 1 hour prior to services.

Internment, Sunset Gardens Cemetery, Sandy.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to everyone at Sunshine Terrace, especially the ones in Wing 1, for their love and care of Newel.

OBITUARY

Lavar Cook "Mac" McMillan, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, farmer, and friend to many, passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family, February 28, 1977, after a 15-year battle with cancer.

Born September 11, 1921 to Phoebe Irene Cook and Newel D. McMillan in Murray, Utah. He married his college sweetheart, Ruby Berniece Richards in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on February 11, 1943.

Lavar graduated from Murray High School in 1939. He was attending Utah State University when he was called to serve in the United States Army during World War II. Serving honorably, he and his company participated in the D-day invasion of Europe on Utah Beach and the liberation of the concentration camp at Dachau, Germany. Lavar returned to Utah State University and completed his bachelor's degrees in Dairy Manufacturing and Microbiology. Mac then became a partner in Ekins dairy in Slaterville Utah and later rose to the position of Plant Manager for Hi-Land Dairy. Mac worked in the dairy industry for more than 40 years and was recognized as an expert by his peers, and respected for his innovations and accomplishments in the dairy industry.

Lavar was elected mayor of Murray City in 1986, and served the community for four years. Throughout his life Mac has been a gentleman farmer, growing food for needy causes and donating much of his labors. His service and benevolence are known to many. His generosity extended to many organizations, worthy causes, and educational opportunities for students.

Lavar was an active member of the Murray rotary, and recently received the Outstanding Alumnus Award for Murray High School. Lavar has served in many positions in the LDS Church, including Bishop of the Roy, Utah 4th Ward, and has been a worker at the Salt Lake Temple and the Jordan River Temple for many years.

Mac is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ruby R. McMillan; five children, Carol L. (Ron)Robert, Glen L. (Janine) McMillan, Ronald C. (Lynn) McMillan, Bryce R. McMillan, Dale L. (Christine) McMillan; 20 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, stepmother, Mayme Cheever McMillan; sisters, Vernetta M. Erikson, Marilyn McMillan, Beverly Bishop, Janice Todd, and Glenda Rae Frazier. Preceded in death by his parents, brother, Newel C. McMillan, and daughter-in-law, Sharon Wilcox McMillan.

Funeral services were held on March 4, 1997, and he was buried in the Murray City Cemetery.

Editor's Note: Lavar C. McMillan served for several years as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization.

HISTORY OF JOHANNA CHRISTINA POLSON COOK

Fourth wife of Phineas W. Cook

By Eva Covey Madsen

Johanna Christina POLSON, my maternal grandmother, was born August 8, 1845 in Malmo, Sweden, the daughter of Pol Jonson and Johanna Ulrika Lundgren. Her mother's family was of the landed gentry of Sweden, and Pol Jonson worked as a coachman on the Lundgren estate. Ulrika married Pol against her parents' will, and she was disinherited. Pol, of course, lost his employment, and Ulrika entered into a period of insecurity and hardship after having been raised in a home of plenty. While Johanna was still a young child, Ulrika had her second little daughter Mary who died in her early childhood. The marriage was unsuccessful, and Ulrika and Pol separated. She never married again.

Johanna grew up in Malmo, Sweden, and as a teenager, worked in different households to support herself. In her late teens, she met and fell in love with a young man named Carl, and they became engaged to be married. He was a fireman on one of the first railroads in Sweden. There was a serious accident on one of his trips, and he was critically injured. Before he died, he asked his cousin Jim Jensen to take care of her. Carl died before she could see him again, and she was brokenhearted. She never forgot him, and she named her first son after him.

Two years after Carl died, Johanna married Jim Jensen. The couple had three daughters; they were: Tekla, born about 1872; Hilma, born in 1874; and Alvira, born in 1875. Jim was one of the best blacksmiths in the area and was a good provider. They lived together quite happily during this period except for the times when Jim drank too much.

The Mormon missionaries were working in Sweden at this time, and Jim became interested in the L.D.S. Church. Through him, Johanna became seriously interested in the Church, and in May, 1871, they were both baptized. Jim felt he could live his religion better if he came to Zion, and so they sold much of what they had to finance his trip. When Jim left, she was expecting her third child. He promised to send for his family as soon as he could save the money, but she never heard from him again. He had deserted them. It was soon necessary for her to take in washing and work at the L.D.S. mission home to support her little family.

Grandmother became a devoted member of the Church and remained so all the rest of her life. No matter what sacrifice it became necessary for her to make, she never lost faith in the Gospel. During this time, Alvira, her third little daughter, was born, and her oldest daughter Tekla died. Her faith in the gospel sustained her through this tragedy, and her mother was with her which was a great comfort.

During the 1870's, she was very much involved in the activities of the L.D.S. Church, and she was constantly praying for a way to be opened up for her to come to Zion. One day, she received a letter from an old friend who had formerly lived in Sweden, Wilhelmina

Nelson, a convert to the Church who was now living in St. Charles, Idaho. She told of attending a meeting where a Brother Cook had offered to loan money to bring members of the Church to Zion, and she had told him she knew Johanna Jensen would surely come. Grandmother was very excited. This was the answer to her prayers, and after an exchange of letters, it was arranged.

Grandmother and her two little girls came to the United States with converts from the Skane Conference on the ship Nevada and arrived in New York on July 10, 1878. They arrived by rail in Salt Lake City on July 18 and went from there to Swan Creek, Utah by wagon with a Brother Bundeson with whom Phineas Cook had arranged for their transportation.

In those days, polygamy was practiced within the Church. Even though Grandfather had other families he decided to marry Johanna. Johanna Cristina Polson married Phineas Wolcott Cook for time and eternity in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 13, 1878.

Grandfather arranged to send money to Sweden to bring Johanna's mother Ulrika Lundgren to Zion. What a joyous day for both mother and daughter when Ulrika arrived in Swan Creek from the "old country" on September 9, 1879. They had been sure when Johanna left Sweden that they would never see each other again. Ulrika arrived in time to share the joy of the arrival of Johanna's first son Carl, born September 25, 1879. Her second son Moses was born November 20, 1880, and he was always known as "grandma's boy." He learned to speak to her in Swedish and to the others in English. Johanna's third son Kib was also born in Swan Creek on July 4, 1882.

Soon after this, Grandfather moved his youngest family to Logan, Utah. He divided his property between his families and hired his son Alonzo to take care of his cattle. He built a house in the 5th Ward in Logan and moved Grandmother and her family there. This was their home for about seven years. Grandma Lundgren died in Logan on November 9, 1883 and was buried in the Logan City Cemetery.

Johanna gave birth to twin boys, Emer and Omer, on August 18, 1884. Omer died on February 11, 1885 and was buried beside Grandma Lundgren. On March 23, 1886, her youngest son Parley was born, and her youngest child, a daughter Idalia Johanna, was born September 4, 1889.

While the family lived in Logan, grandfather helped build the Logan Temple, and after it was completed, he and Grandmother did much Temple work for the dead. Grandma told us how happy and blessed she felt that she and Grandfather were given their second anointing in the Logan Temple.

When Idalia was six weeks old, Grandfather decided to move his youngest family to Star Valley, Wyoming. They started out in the middle of October. All the family with their possessions were in the wagon with the exception of the two older boys, Carl aged 10 and Moses aged 9 who were on horseback driving the cattle

following the wagon. They were caught in a heavy snowstorm between Montpelier, Idaho and Afton, Wyoming and had a very difficult time getting through. Both Carl and Moses in their later life have told us how cold and frightened they were trying to bring those cattle through that heavy storm. We can only imagine the concern of the adults taking little children and an infant through that storm and cold. They arrived in Afton on October 28, 1889 in ten inches of snow. That was always known as the "hard winter of '89" All winter, snow up to four feet covered the ground and Grandfather lost most of his cattle because they couldn't get feed through the heavy snow. All the settlers who relied on grazing their cattle in the river bottoms that winter lost their herds.

This loss was particularly hard on Grandfather who was then 70 years old and in failing health. Although he managed to build them a cabin and put up a saw mill with the help of his two older boys, he was not able to operate it. Grandfather's health grew gradually worse, and he died on July 24, 1900. It became Grandmother's responsibility to support the family some years before he passed away. She took in washing and worked very hard for very little pay. She raised a vegetable garden and had a cow and a few chickens, but they were very poor as far as money was concerned. She had a sunny disposition, however, and a great love for people and especially for her children. She had an unwavering faith in the Gospel, and this saw her through many trying times. Her children found work as soon as they were old enough, and gradually, things became a little easier.

Grandmother was always very active in the Church. She served as counselor in the Stake Relief Society for some years. Many were the times when she cared for a

mother and her new baby, going each day to wash and dress the baby until the mother was strong enough to care for the infant herself. For many years, she was in charge of the Temple clothes for the Relief society. She sewed burial clothes and dressed the dead for many members of her stake. She gave devoted service to the people of the Valley, and they all loved her. In later years, everyone in the Valley knew her affectionately as "Grandma Cook."

Grandma and I were very close. I adored her and was lucky in living close to her when I was little. As I grew older and my family moved from Star Valley to Salt Lake City, Utah, she came to live with us in the winter time. In the summer, my father's business took us to Star Valley, so we stayed with her part of the time there. She was nearer to being an angelic person than anyone I have ever known. She was so warm and wonderful, kind, considerate, and understanding. She was very affectionate and so much fun. She was young in heart.

Grandmother had a very strong testimony of the Gospel. She believed fervently in prayer. I can still remember kneeling beside her by her big feather bed while she prayed for us both in her sweet humble way. I'm sure our Heavenly Father heard her. She was devoted to the Church, and from the time she was converted, her faith never wavered.

After an illness of nine weeks and after, by her request, being dedicated to the Lord by Apostle Melvin J. Ballard, she passed away at our home in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 13, 1929 at the age of 86 years. She was buried beside Grandfather in the city cemetery at Afton, Wyoming.

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