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# Phineas Wolcott Cook FAMILY ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We do not have a President's Message, because this position is vacant.

I hope that family members have been able to gain an insight from the President's Messages over the last four years as to the foresight and depth of Gary A. Cook's thinking. He has a great love for the Cook family and his desire to unite the family and move it into another level of accomplishment was very evident. Gary has tried to move us into the full utilization of today's computer technology to make information available to family members and as a tool for family research. He has tried to put the family organization in a position to have a major impact on the Utah Genealogical Association and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. We have had an opportunity to instruct classes at their conventions. He has tried to promote the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization (PWCFO) as an example for other family organizations to follow. I can't say that we have reached those goals, but we have taken some major steps in those directions.

Gary's father, Alton D. Cook (PWC1A85) was the president of the PWCFO when I was elected to the Board of Directors about 26 years ago. Gary was heading up one of the committees at that time and has now taken his turn as President and had a great impact on its future. Gary, like many people who accomplish great things has reached an overload and at the same time has taken on a new job for a clothing distributor requiring substantial travel though nine states. Gary has worked in the clothing industry for many years and we wish him well in this new job. We are sure that he will be successful because he doesn't know that there is any other option. We are grateful for the time he has given to us and the impact he has had on the PWCFO.

LaMar Day, V.P. Family Units

You don't have to be a



Some folks think research is for  
Somebody Smarter  
Maybe Richer

Someone with more Time  
A Genius who knows Computers  
Someone without Children  
Someone without Grandchildren

The truth is...people like you in the family are now doing research. Small research projects. Just a page of resources to look at in your own local Family History Library. Then a report of what you found in those resources.

We're starting small, so you don't find yourself buried. Right now we're doing projects in U.S. Research: Connecticut, New York, Michigan. For example:

Children, grandchildren of  
Phineas and Irene Cook  
Daniel II, Elizabeth  
Daniel I, Elizabeth  
Joseph, Eleanor  
Joseph, Abigail  
Walter Johnson (father of Eleanor)  
Henrye Cooke, Pilgrim Ancestor of the  
Cooks



Revolutionary War records for Daniel  
Cook II, Jonathan Churchill  
Internet research for several of the above

Some family members have volunteered for research on a wife's line. Current or future projects are for Robert Baker, father of Phoebe Baker Howland Polson/Malmquist Research

Here's what happens when you take on a project:

- ✓ You call or write to Janet Porter for a project (801-226-8094, 430 South 450 East, Orem, Utah 84097)
- ✓ She'll assign you a project hopefully to your level of understanding. If she makes a mistake, you can return the project for something less complicated. (It has been done.)
- ✓ Included with the project are complete instructions

## NOTICE OF FAMILY MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Annual Meeting of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization with the Officers and Board of Directors will be held September 8, 2001, at 9:30 AM in the West Conference room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building (The old Hotel Utah at 15 E. South Temple). This meeting is also open to all family members and Election of Officers will be held.

Parking is available at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, off of So. Temple between State and Main, the ZCMI Center or Cross Roads Mall.

Following are some of the items to be discussed at the meeting:

- Financial Report
- Discussion of Goals of the Organization
- Report on Web-Site
- Family History update
- Family Research update
- Update on work to be done to finish proofing of DPC
- Guidelines for obtaining individual histories

### Election of Officers

The By-Laws of the organization provide for members of the organization to elect two Directors from the posterity of each of the 4 wives. These are the individuals who have voting power in the Family Organization. At the first meeting held following the Annual Family Meeting which is to be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year, the members of the Board of Directors are to elect a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary/Treasurer an Executive Secretary/Parliamentarian. All other Committee Chairpersons or Specialists can be appointed by the President as needed.

To accomplish this, we will hold the Annual Family meeting and immediately following the annual meeting, we will convene a meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing officers.

### THE NEXT MAJOR PROJECT

We will soon have the Descending Pedigree Chart information completed. Our target date for printing is December 2001. **SO WHAT IS NEXT?**

We would like to locate all the histories we can find of our ancestors and put them on compact disks and make them available to the members of the family. We have our share of outstanding people in our family. We have those who have become prominent for various reasons, i.e. Nobel Prize winners, Church General Authorities, Politicians, those who have been recognized as the best in their trade or profession, and those who have received recognition for great service to mankind. And more important we have our share of those who are the kind, honest, and honorable men and women of the earth, the fathers and mothers who are loved and revered by their posterity. We undoubtedly have some horse thieves, or more modern car thieves, and those who have not dealt honestly with their fellowmen.

We want all of these histories. We plan to make them available on Compact Disk and also in printed form for those who may not be able to use the compact disks.

Please help us get these cherished histories collected that we may share them with all family members. Please send a photocopy to your Family Director, or direct to the Family Organization address. We want histories of all family members whose mortal life is completed. We can only accomplish this with your help. We cannot manufacture an authentic history, it can only come from what a person wrote about themselves, or what others have written about experiences with that person.

We already have a good start on this project and need some help with typing. LaWana D. Osborne, the Family Archivist has a large number of hand written (photocopies) histories that need to be typed into a word processing program so that we can make them available to family members. If you can help us with this, please fill in the information on the bottom of the Order Form and she will get in touch with you and send you a project to work on. Please fill in your e-mail address.

## DESCENDING PEDIGREE CHART - COMPLETED ??

In 1969 the P. W. Cook Family Organization prepared a Descending Pedigree Chart (DPC) which contained approximately 3,500 names of descendants (and their spouses) of Phineas Wolcott Cook and his four wives. For several years we have been trying to update this chart. At long last, we are nearing the completion of this project. We anticipate that this update will have in excess of 10,000 names and will be ready for printing in December 2001.

We are still missing some information. If you have had marriages or births in your family since you were last contacted, or if you have not been contacted for information, please correct or fill in the information on the last sheet of this newsletter and return to the Family organization. We would like to have the DPC as complete as possible.

As presently planned, the book will contain approximately 200 pages printed on both sides and will have a heavy plastic spiral binding. Each wife and her descendants will be printed in a separate section. It will be organized in four separate sections so that a person can order each wife's section alone, or the whole book of Phineas' posterity. Each section will have the following format:

Acknowledgement and comment page

Table of Contents

Demographic Map (in color)

Alphabetical listing with reference page numbers

Phineas' Ancestral Pedigree Chart

Ann Eliza Howland's (or the wife for that section) Ancestral Pedigree Chart

Modified Register (3 generations with

pictures and Family Group Sheet statistics)

Descending Pedigree Chart (names only so that there will be no infringement on the privacy information of living individuals.

The cost of the total volume is expected to be between \$30-35.00 ppd. (This is only an estimate until we can determine the size of the volume). We are also planning to have the total volume available on a CD ROM disk at a lower cost with some printing variations, but we are still working on that.

This has been a monumental task to complete. The members of the Board of Directors and Representatives, Annalee Kennedy who has provided the computer input and Keith Cook who maintains our mailing lists and labels deserve a great vote of thanks for their outstanding efforts in accomplishing this task. Not only have they each put in hundreds of hours on the project, but also they have done it at their own expense. Not one of them has asked for any reimbursement for photocopying, postage, or telephone expenses, and these expenses have been in significant amounts. They have shown a real love and dedication for the family.

A "thank you" seems an insignificant a recognition for all they have done, but we want them to know of our sincere appreciation. President Kimball once stated what seems appropriate in this case: "I seek not for recognition, but it is nice to know that my service has been acceptable." In a sincere Philippine expression, "maraming salamat" - we "very much thank you."

Next we must get it printed. Dale Cook in Idaho Falls (His picture was in the last newsletter) has offered the services of his grandson to do the layout for the book. Then Dale will print the books (with a direct from-computer-to-printer process) as needed and mail them directly to family members. We plan to have the books available by the end of the year.

### HELEN COOK MCALLISTER

Helen Cook McAllister, the last surviving child of Joseph Wolcott Cook and Eliza Snow Bryson is ninety years old, living alone in Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

With the history of longevity in my family (my brother Eldon died at 99 years and my sister Libbie lived to be 96) and my history of good health, I may live to be a centenarian and that is all right if I can still be cognitional of the goings on around me.

I was born in Paris, Idaho on a snow blanketed day, February 9, 1911. Memories of my early birthdays always have a sparkling snowy background. Being reared in that small town and my parent's ranch on the Idaho/Wyoming border were ideal settings for a happy childhood. I learned from parents and siblings the importance, trials and blessings of hard work.. I also learned the invaluable art of

self entertainment which consisted mostly of riding horses and reading everything old and new my limited resources provided. Such a background, although I had no clue then, would prepare me for the vicissitudes of the years to come.

I was very young during World War I, but not too young to remember vividly the sorrow families whose loved sons were killed in far away France, and the community rejoicing when the Armistice was signed. The Armistice meant the end, too, to the long hours of watching my mother who was the Stake Relief Society president collect rolled bandages and knit items from ward Relief Societies, box them up and ship them to the Red Cross

My elementary school started during the Spanish Influenza epidemic, which delayed the start of my first grade until after Christmas.

The old Fielding High School was high on Academy Hill where I began my high school education. My entry for the school year was usually delayed a few days while I helped my father finish up hay or getting logs out of the canyon, father driving the horses and me hanging onto the brake of the wagon. The much loved building on the hill burned to the ground just before my junior year.

Music was always an important part of my life. Mother sang to my sisters and me, as we performed the tasks of harvesting the garden and preparing food for thirteen hungry men working on the ranch. My father bought the first piano in our neighborhood. Mother put forth time and effort to get me proficient in playing, but it didn't work. My love was singing. I had a mediocre voice but true pitch and tone so I sang in choruses, trios, and quartets as soon as I was old enough to harmonize.

My other love was drama inherited from my mother and modeled after my sisters Erma and Libbie. My fascination for this media still exists although now it is as an observer instead of as a participant.

After I graduated from high school I entered Brigham Young University where I received a rich academic' background . I learned a little about a lot of things and a lot about my main interests, literature and drama. School politics was a challenge with its rewards. I was elected sophomore class vice-president and in my junior year I was elected to become student body vice-president where I served my senior year.

In those years of high unemployment I was really lucky to get a job teaching high school in Vernal, Utah after my graduation from BYU. Three years later I taught one year in Beaver, Utah.

On June 3, 1935 I married Mark J. Brockbank. We spent the next five years in St. Louis, Missouri where Mark went to the Washington University Medical school and I worked at whatever scrap of employment I could pursue in this time



of deep economic depression. One period of two years I worked on a job which has historical significance. In order to give employment to qualified unemployed people, the government initiated a WPA project making a card index of the 1900 United States census to provide an easily accessible record for the beginning of the Social Security program. As one of the 10% non-welfare applicants I was hired. Following completion of the card index I found a job at the Washington University Medical Clinic in their records department.

Our first home after Mark finished his internship was in Price, Utah, notable because our first son John Clark was born there.

World War II was heating up in Europe and because Mark had joined the medical reserves he was called up for service within a year of his first practice. Five years later the war was over and our second son Joseph Wayne was born in Salt Lake City.

After Mark completed his residency in surgery we made our permanent home in Petaluma, California. Although we had been active in the church wherever we had lived, in this permanent home I was able to accept callings not given before. I worked in Ward Primary and YWMIA and spent five and a half years as Stake president of YWMIA. A special blessing was given when I began that service with the birth of our daughter Anne.

Our home was large so we hosted small church functions as well as community socials. I was active in the American Association of University Women where I served as president for one year.

I was able to use my good BYU training to perform interpretive readings of one-act and three-act plays for different organizations throughout Sonoma county.

In 1963 Mark and I were divorced. I, with my teen-age daughter went back to Utah. The boys were both in universities in California. Eventually I found employment at the University of Utah Medical School library where after receiving my masters degree in Library Science from the University of Washington I worked for seven years. This job ended when I married John S. McAllister, an old friend from the BYU days. We made our home in Mt. Pleasant where making a new home and sometimes working with John made life full of new interest. My new church callings (choir director and Relief Society boards) made life busy and rewarding. My children married shortly after my marriage. All three had been on missions.

After nine years of happy companionship John died of complications from a ruptured esophagus.

In 1963, I was called to serve in the Prove temple while the Manti temple was being renovated. As soon as the Manti temple reopened I worked there until I was called to

serve in the Taipei Taiwan temple where I served for 2 1/2 years celebrating my eightieth birthday there.

My time now is spent taking care of myself and keeping up with current events. My most important activity is keeping in close touch with my children and enjoying my grandchildren.

## WHAT DO YOU GET?

Dues are still a bargain. They have not increased in over 25 years. We are still suggesting a \$10.00 per family donation which is **tax deductible**. Even though it is a tax deductible donation and the amount is small, we still only get a small number who pay their dues. In 1999 we received \$675.00, and in 2000, \$1,052.00 which barely covers our newsletter and postage expenses. This year we can only afford to send one newsletter.

In keeping with our goal of family unity and communication the Family Organization sends newsletters to you and your family whether they pay dues or not. We want a united family who knows what is going on within the family. We want them to know who their family is and have a chance to know of their roots. More than 1,700 newsletters were sent out this time. However, this becomes a burden when all of our funds are spent in printing newsletters and postage and funds needed for other projects come out of the pockets of the officers, directors, and representatives of the organization.

The organization provides publications of diaries, histories, videos and other family related materials, along with verified research, and current research projects ready for assignment. A web-site with family information should be launched by the time you receive this letter. We are hoping that this will help us serve the family on a more timely basis. Recent experience has indicated that a web-site is an excellent research tool to identify and communicate with others who may be doing research on the same lines as we are.

Please help us to provide more services for you by sending in your dues, your family histories, and other information that you might wish to share with family members. Your cancelled check will serve as a receipt when you prepare your income tax.

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## Status of Ann Aliza Howland Diary

Roka Raymond has completed the typing on the Ann Eliza Howland Diary. She now needs help with the proof reading. Roka lives in Ogden, Ut. If there is anyone in that area who would like to help, please contact her and make arrangements to do so. Her address is 819 Healy Street. Ogden, Ut. 84403. Telephone (801-393-4806.

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