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# Phineas Wolcott Cook

## FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We're sending out fewer newsletters now. I hope their quality is worth the time it takes you to read them.

This one contains a song that could well be sung at Cook family reunions -- "Battle Hymn of the Cooks." As the next to the last verse claims: "Mankind could live without its books/But would starve without its Cooks/ We excel in cooking and are not surpassed in looks."

We have included a picture and description of a Cook Coat of Arms.

We've reproduced a statement about the Cook name by a genealogical writer. We've also provided some information about Captain James Cook.

Nicely framed portraits of Phineas and his five wives were donated to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers museum in 1990. This newsletter tells you how to find them in the museum.

We have included some suggestions for family reunions.

There's a report on progress in Swedish genealogical research.

LaMar Day has finished his edit of the script for a videotape of family slides, showing the places and people that are part of Phineas' ancestry, life, and descendants. Getting the video made, with music and appropriate sound -- including dubbing in some voices -- is a project for the family organization this summer.

We hope to have a good video product available for purchase by Christmas. We only have orders for 30 copies and don't know if we can hold the price at \$10 each if we only make that few. If you didn't respond last time, and would like a copy of the video, please indicate it on the order form.

We hope that you will want to purchase additional copies of the P.W. Cook diary. We've settled on a "bargain price" of 8 copies for \$25. Get your supply in for Christmas! All of the money will go for Cook genealogical research. Stockpile them for your children and grandchildren rather than let them gather dust in the attics of the members of the board.

We appreciate those who support the organization with dues contributions. The Cook descendants not only cook well, but move around a lot. Maybe because they "are not surpassed in looks" they also and continue to multiply. So, keep us up to date.

Family is a good idea. Through thick and thin, family sticks with you. Family is there to provide support, counsel, encouragement, and inspiration. Keep your ties to the Cook family strong and active. Your financial support is appreciated, but more important, keep in touch with one another.

Volunteers for help with various family projects are welcome. LaMar Day is looking for a few good men or women to work on genealogy. Your ideas on how we can better serve the posterity of P.W. Cook are welcome.

## THE COOK COAT OF ARMS

A Coat of Arms is an emblem or a device which is displayed by titled persons, persons of royal blood, and their descendants. Coats of arms were originally used for purposes of identification on the field of battle as well as in civil life.

The Cook Coat of Arms shown here is from Northumberland and Yorkshire. Some other locations use it without the crest or motto or with other slight variations. This Coat of Arms has been in existence for many centuries.



**Cook**

	Heraldic Language	English
Arms	Or, a chevron gules between two lions passant, regardant, sable.	A golden shield bearing two black lions walking and looking back, separated by a red chevron
Crest	Out of a mural coronet argent a demi-lion rampant sable, gorged with a ducal coronet or.	A black half-lion, collared with a golden ducal coronet rising from a mural coronet of silver.
Motto	Tutum monstrat itur	He showeth a safe road

FAMILY HISTORY EXTRACTION PROGRAM  
By Lamar Day

The Family History Extraction Program is an effort to take full advantage of computers for retrieval of data and research. All of the temple ordinance work done since 1970 is in the library's computers now. 1,000 stakes are going to be assigned to place in computer memory the ordinance records of work done before 1970 (90 million names). This will take about 18 months. Then vital records will be entered at a rate of about 60 million a year.

Other major genealogical societies wanting access to a large computer data base have been invited to participate. Care is being taken to assure accuracy in the records that go into the computer.

If your stake is invited to participate in this program, try to get involved. Once the information is in the computer, researchers will be able to do world-wide checks for names they want nearly as easily as they can check a small area, and the search time will be only a few minutes.

Having everything accurately in the computer will also make it easier to clear names for ordinance work and avoid duplications. By the end of this year, patrons should be able to go to a library, research a name, verify it, and put all this to a floppy disk. The disk will be taken to the temple where it will be checked. Patrons will be able to clear names for themselves without the present four to six month wait.

The information in the computer will be available on compact disks to all Family History Branch Libraries. Individuals will be able to purchase these compact disks for about \$15 each. To save that cost, they can go to a library, select the information they want, put it on a floppy disk, and take it home with them to put in their own computers. Names, dates, and details won't have to be repeatedly copied by hand, with all the potential for

copying error that entails.

Great things are coming. Let's be part of them.

PROGRESS IN SWEDISH RESEARCH  
by Gordon Whiting

Our professional Swedish genealogist, Steve Parkes, had not been in contact for some time. I finally called him in March and left a message on his answering machine that I'd like a report and a refund of the portion he had not expended if he wasn't going to be able to work on the line.

On May 27 he called to explain that he'd been very busy with other matters and that he'd kept hoping he could find some leads that would take us back on the pedigree line. He had found that some of Carl Cook's correspondence with genealogists in Sweden was with people in his own ancestral line, but Steve was coming to the conclusion that the Polson line seemed to be at a point where either the parish registers stopped or several, equally plausible progenitors were available. With names as common as those in our family located in urban areas such as Malmo and moving frequently, this is certainly to be expected.

After discussing the matter a bit, we agreed he would send me a summary report of where each line stood. I told him I was inclined to have him do a name extraction of all possible progenitors for purposes of submitting names for temple work. If we can't tell which "Nels" or "Brigita" is ours, we can do the work for all possible candidates and capture some of our own ancestors (as well as some other good people.)

He promised a report and series of recommendations by June 10. I will share them with the Polson family members whose contributions made possible research on this line.

## SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILY REUNIONS

The board of directors of the P.W. Cook Family Organization recommends that subunits of the family hold Family Reunions this summer. Here are some suggestions for family reunions from the Christian Science Monitor's July 29, 1988 issue.

"Folks these days are making the effort, setting aside the time, traveling the distances, and proving the point that although family members may be out of sight, they are most certainly not out of mind.

"Reunions pin down good intentions about visiting far-flung relatives, and help to meet the challenge of maintaining or refreshing long-distance relationships.

"Clan gatherings have been encouraged by Better Homes and Gardens for three years now as a means of encouraging family unity and keeping the reunion tradition alive.

"In 1986 the magazine even persuaded President Reagan to sign a proclamation, declaring the first weekend in August as 'National Family Reunion Weekend.'

"The President's sentiments included these words: 'Family reunions bridge generations and remind us of our roots. I encourage all families to use the family reunion to tap these roots again and to renew their pledge of love and concern for each other.'

"As for how to plan the family reunion, Better Homes and Gardens gives the following tips:

1. Determine your list of family members to be invited.
2. Pick the date that would be most suitable for the majority, after asking relatives their preference.
3. Choose a site, such as a home, a national park or campground, a resort, a country club, or someone's backyard.
4. Once you have picked a site, see to it that the out-of-town guests have a place to stay. Motels and hotels sometimes offer discount rates to larger groups.

5. Delegate chores. Form committees to handle the invitations, entertainment, finances, lodging arrangements, etc. As for food coordination, the favorite scenario seems to be for various family members to bring potluck dishes. Try to involve as many people as possible.
6. Once all the details are set, get invitations out early. Six months ahead of time is ideal [but don't let that put you off for this year.]
7. Plan a few special activities to get everyone together to have some fun.
8. Plan at least one event with family wide appeal, such as screening of old family photos and movies, or unveiling the family tree. But don't over plan because people want plenty of time for reminiscing and catching up.

## PORTRAITS DONATED by LaWanna Osborne

The P.W. Cook organization donated to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum five, 8 x 10 framed pictures of Phineas and his wives -- Ann Eliza Howland, Amanda Polly Savage, Catherine McCleve, and Johanna Christina Polson. You can see these pictures on the second floor of the DUP building. Enter on the south. Turn right and go up the spiral staircase. Go through the first open door to the north -- it is by a beautiful antique piano -- turn to your right, and at about eye level on the wall are the five pictures. They are nicely arranged with Phineas in the center. We couldn't have asked for a better place. Our ancestors would be very pleased and honored.

Please go see the pictures! The DUP building is a great place to visit on a summer outing. Their address is: 300 North Main, S.L.C., and they are open 9 to 5, Monday through Saturday.



CAPTAIN JAMES COOK (1728-1779)  
By James G. Allen for the World  
Book Encyclopedia, 1975.)

Cook Family Records  
by J. Montgomery Seaver

"The Cook family is among the 49 'best families' selected by the American Historical Genealogical Society. ... The Cook family has been prominent in the British Empire and in the United States, its members having played important roles in war and in peace. Family pride is a commendable trait and should be cultivated. All Cooks have just cause to be proud of their family history and tradition.

"The name of Cook was first used by those whose occupation corresponded with the name. In such days as those with the personal retainers and the excess of hospitality expected of the feudal chief, the culinary department was a very significant part of the baronial establishment."

Seaver names 24 prominent Cooks of his day (before 1931). He names two families of American Cooks that are of royal decent: Ames Cook and William Cook. Of the 25 prominent Cook families of America that he notes, two settled in Connecticut: Elijah -- who came with the pilgrims -- and Nathaniel Cooke born in England and one of the first settlers of Windsor, Connecticut. Among the Cooks that were in the Revolutionary war were 74 from Connecticut and 1271 from all the colonies. American Cooks of the past who were prominent served as soldiers, preachers, businessmen, writers and teachers.

Among prominent modern Cooks Seaver finds congressmen, lawyers and authors. He finds 23 towns with the name Cook attached to them and says that townships, streets and avenues bear the name of Cook. His estimate of the number of Cook in the U.S. in his time is over 250,000; he says there are an equal number in Great Britain.

James Cook became a famous explorer and navigator. "He made three voyages to the South Pacific region and mapped the area with scientific accuracy and remarkable precision. His first valuable service was a survey of the Saint Lawrence River and the Newfoundland Coast. This work won the attention of the British government, and Cook received command of three expeditions to the South Pacific. He left Plymouth England, in 1768 on his first voyage. He sailed around Cape Horn and reached New Zealand, where he mapped the North and South islands. In 1770, Cook sailed along the east coast of Australia. He claimed a large area for Great Britain and named it New South Wales. Cook returned to England in 1771.

"Cook started on a second voyage in 1772 to investigate whether or not a continent extended from the South Pacific to the South Pole. Geographers had speculated on the existence of such a continent for hundreds of years. Cook made important discoveries on this voyage. He became the first known person to sail across the Antarctic Circle, and discovered the large island of South Georgia. His pioneer work led him to conclude that a frozen continent lay farther south in the Antarctic. Later explorers proved him to be right.

"On his third voyage, from 1776 to 1779, Cook proved that there was no direct water route from the Pacific Ocean to Hudson Bay. He left England, sailed eastward through the Cape of Good Hope, and reached New Zealand in 1777. He continued northeastward, stopped at the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii), and landed on the western coast of North America in 1778. Cook sailed up the coast, made charts, explored the vicinity of Bering Strait, and then returned to Hawaii. He was killed by the islanders in 1779.

"Cook was born in Marton, Yorkshire. He joined the British navy as a seaman, and rose rapidly to positions of command and responsibility."

## "BATTLE HYMN OF THE COOKS" FOUND

After the recent death of their parents, the children of LaThel Gibbons Hale and Charles Benjamin Hale found some interesting documents pertaining to the Cooks. Among these was a hand written copy of the "Battle Hymn of the Cooks." They also found quotes about the Cook family from "Cook Family Records" by J. Montgomery Seaver.

Battle Hymn of the Cooks  
(sung to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic)

The Cooks have dwelt in England,  
Scotland, Ireland and Wales,  
Where English tongue is spoken now the  
name of Cook prevails.  
How could the nations but progress  
when good Cook never fails;  
The clan goes marching on:

Chorus:  
Glory to our grand old family,  
Virile, worthy, brave and loyal!  
Glory "Tu-tum mon-strat i-ter!"  
The clan goes marching on!

The Cooks of York, Northumberland,  
Norfolk, Bedford and Kent,  
To deeds of valor and on missions of  
import were sent;  
And when they pledged their honor  
everything they said they meant.  
The clan goes marching on!

William, Ellis, Gregory, were fathers  
of our clan;  
Posterity of Henry and Elijah never  
ran.  
Mordicai was virile, Nathan was a  
sturdy man.  
The clan goes marching on!

Sir Samuel was Lord Mayor, Fred was  
chaplain to the queen;  
James Cook discovered islands which  
white man had never seen.  
Cooks love Old Glory, Union Jack and  
"Wearin of the green!"  
The clan goes marching on!

The clan of Cook is mighty with two  
hundred thousand strong.  
In Seventy-six a thousand kinsmen  
fought to right a wrong.  
Twenty towns now bear our name. Sure  
let us sing that song-  
The clan goes marching on!

The sons of Cook have courage any task  
or foe to face;  
Our girls are true and lovely with  
their beauty, charm and grace;  
The good Cook leaven is a blessing to  
the human race!  
The clan goes marching on!

"Cook Book" is fascinating! man could  
live without his books,  
But all the world would starve to  
death if it were not for cooks.  
We excel at cooking and are not  
surpassed in looks.  
The clan goes marching on!

There's something strong and mighty in  
a good old family name;  
The name of Cook shines very high upon  
the scroll of fame,  
For those who bear the name of Cook  
pursue a lofty aim.  
The clan goes marching on!

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version of slides of places and  
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