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Phineas Wolcott Cook

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

467 West 2400 South
Bountiful, Utah 84010

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Dear Family Members:

Did you know that you are directly related to the first Watermaster of Salt Lake City, a man appointed by Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball, and (at Br. Kimball's insistance) sworn to do "his duty" only to find that Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and other prominent persons were among those using the precious irrigation water out of turn

This ancestor of yours once felt inspired to undertake to baptise his "fractious" young wife seven times to help cure her of "hysteric fits" (she'd had three of them a few days before, the inspiration about baptism being the cure). So he tied her in a rocking chair and hauled it and her down to the creek to embark on the baptismal cure.

This ancestor pioneered in the Salt Lake and Utah vallies, in Manti and Goshen, Utah, and toward the close of his life in the Bear Lake area, Logan, and finally in Star Valley, Wyoming. Most of his recollections of his life revolve around agreements and promises that others failed to live up to and that he forgave or patiently endured, although one of his sons recounted that, at least toward the close of his life, he had an explosive temper.

He once failed to show warm hospitality to a stranger, commenting in a low voice to a child that the man was probably a tramp, whereupon the stranger blessed his wife and family but told him that he himself would become a tramp, and then turned and left. A moment later when the children were sent to fetch him back, he had disappeared, and that on an open street in broad daylight. It is most interesting how this prediction was fullfilled.

These events and occurances, along with others of equal interest, pertain to PHINEAS WOLCOTT COOK. His account of them can be found in his own delightful prose in his journal, which he opened with these words:

My desires are to knowmy 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 pçsterity 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.

This second edition contains his personal diary (118 printed pages from the 1st edition) and adds 58 pages of information about parts of his life not included in the journal, as well as pages of photographs, a facimilie page of his journal showing the handwriting and spelling of this largely self-educated pioneer ancestor, and a pictorial and verse remembrance which appeared at the time of his death, exactly 81 years ago this July 24.

This book can be obtained for the modest price of \$5.00 each, plus \$1.00 per order for postage and handling. It is offered to you with a money-back guarantee that if you do not find it worth the price, your payment will be cheerfully refunded upon return of the book in saleable condition.

We are confident that you, as part of Phineas' posterity and perhaps even as part of the "inexperienced rising generation," will want to know this, your ancestor, more completely, by experiencing him as he saw himself and was seen by others of his time.

The book can be obtained by filling out the order form below and mailing it to the address shown below or in the enclosed envelope together with your check for the number of books you desire. While supplies are currently adequate, we expect that when the posterity of Phineas becomes well acquainted with his book this edition will sell out, so send for your trial copy today. You have nothing to lose and an ancestor's acquaintance to gain.

It is an excellent gift for Christmas or other occasions for children, grandchildren and other family members.

The price is about the same as a movie and much more satisfying.

Money back if not satisfied.

REAL ESTATE: The Phineas Wolcott Cook home accross the street to the west from the Lakota Resort in Garden City, Utah is for sale. This is a nice piece of property. The home needs some repairs. The asking price is \$50,000. If any one is interested, contact Claudette Evans, Kearns, Utah. Call after 5:00 p.m. (801) 968-0127.

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