

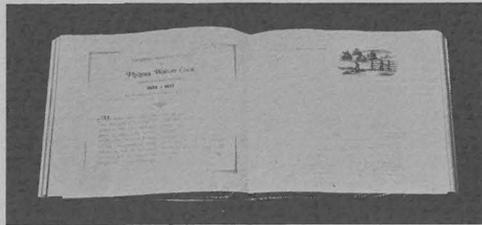
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AUTOBIOGRAPHY AIDS PHINEAS WOLCOTT COOK FAMILY ORGANIZATION



Ezra Taft Benson has called *The Autobiography of Melvin A. Cook, Volume I - Reflections on Ancestry and Early Life*, the finest publication of its kind he has ever seen. The book has been so artistically arranged and bound that it won the Sweepstakes Award and two other First Place Awards in Utah Printing Week Competition of 1974.

Dr. Melvin A. Cook, the second oldest son of A. L. Cook, is internationally known for his scientific inventions, books, publications, research and development. He has been highly honored in the scientific world where he has received the E. V. Murphree Award of the American Chemical Society for the invention of Slurry Explosives, the Nitro Nobel Gold Medal and the Chemical Pioneer Award of the American Institute of Chemists. His book *The Science of High Explosives* is considered a classic in its field. He is also the 1961 winner of the Utah Award of A.C.S. and the 1952 Reynolds Lecturer at the University of Utah.

The autobiography is the first of three volumes. Volume I covers his first 40 years with an emphasis on family history. Volumes II and III are yet to be published; they will deal essentially with the twenty year period from 1952-1972 and the history of IRECO, the international chemical company founded by Dr. Cook.

Volume I - Reflections on Ancestry and Early Life, is a 670 page book with over 350 pages devoted to photographs, maps and sketches of our ancestors which span four generations. Seventy-six pages concern Phineas Wolcott Cook including many early pictures of Salt Lake City illustrating certain periods in his life.

This is a limited edition and should be of great interest to members of the family. Dr. Cook has made it available in such a way as to support the financial base of the family organization. For your copy of this volume rich in family history, please send a check written to the Phineas Wolcott Family Organization for \$50 to the finance chairman, Dean S. Cook, 871 N. Bonito, Centerville, Utah, 84014. All proceeds received from this purchase remain in the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization for use in genealogical research and other worthy endeavors beneficial to the objectives of the organization.

Sixty volumes of a collection of the poems of Dr. Cook's mother, Maude O. Cook, have also been given to the family organization. Copies of this volume entitled, *You Left Us With A Smile*, are also available through Dean S. Cook, at \$7.50 each. All proceeds for this book also remain in the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization. This is a lovely hard bound 220 page volume including over a hundred poems previously published in church publications and national poetry magazines.

These books will be a great financial boost to our family organization. We urge you to take advantage of this gift quickly as there are a limited number of books. Our thanks to Melvin for his generous help to the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization. Copies of these books will be on display at the family reunion.

A Message from your President

Dear Family Members:

It is a pleasure to report the progress and goals of our organization as we near the conclusion of the 1973-74 year.

The Board of Directors, which represents you in all matters pertaining to the direction of this Organization, consists of eight board members, a non-member Chairman and a Secretary of the Board. This board has met regularly during the past year to establish policies and goals for the Organization, to elect the principal officers to implement these policies, and to define the long-range plan for the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization.

I am pleased with the progress of this group, as they have been very productive. Priorities have been established for the planned workload through the year 1977. Four of these board members, one from each P. W. Cook family, are up for re-election at this coming family reunion. I strongly recommend that each family re-elect their board member to another two year term. However, it is the prerogative of the members of each family to elect whomever they wish to represent them on the board.

The principal officers meet monthly to implement the directives of the Board and to manage the affairs of the Corporation, as regulated by the By-laws and ratified by the members at the 1973-74 Family Reunion. The work load, however, is accomplished by the members of the committees, Reunion Committee, Newsletter Committee, etc., each of which is assigned a specific area of responsibility and is under the supervision of one of the two vice-presidents. An Organizational Chart is shown elsewhere in this newsletter. We have some openings in these committees for anyone wishing to help. May I ask that if you are willing to assist in the large task we now have before us please send your name, address, and phone number directly to the board member representing your family. He, in turn, will notify the President. We will welcome your assistance.

I wish to state my appreciation to the dedicated board members, officers, and committee members for the fine support they have given me and congratulate them on the splendid accomplishments to date. I also solicit their continued support in meeting the goals that have been assigned for accomplishment by the Board.

Dr. Melvin A. Cook has graciously donated a large number of books to the Phineas W. Cook Family Organization for sale to its members as a method of raising funds for genealogical research. All of the funds received from the sale of these books will be retained by our Organization. May I solicit your generosity in purchasing copies of these books for your personal family library. Dean S. Cook, Chairman of our Financial Committee, is arranging to have copies of these books on display at the reunion this year. Please contact him there.

Our Reunion Committee has a great family reunion planned for you on the site of the Phineas Wolcott Cook plantation on Bear Lake, three miles north of Garden City, Utah on US-89. The date of the reunion, as set by By-law, is the second Saturday in August. See you all there.

Sincerely,

Alton D. Cook
President and Chairman of the Board