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# Phineas Wolcott Cook FAMILY ORGANIZATION

## NEWSLETTER

November 2000

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear family members,

As we approach the end of another wonderful year, I wish to report to you on some of our significant achievements and setbacks.

Our objectives for the year 2000 were threefold. First we wanted to encourage renewed commitment to and at the immediate family [four-generation] level. Secondly we desired to heighten the families' exposure to its younger members and to others around the world. Thirdly we wished to encourage the publication of family histories. To accomplish this it was decided to embark on the following path:

The Phineas Wolcott Family Organization became a participating member of the Utah Genealogical Association and The World Federation of Genealogical Societies. This exposure has allowed the family organization the distinction of being the only such organization to participate and lecture in their conferences.

In early September, during the most recent international conference, LaMar Day, Janet Porter, and I led a lively discussion on "How To Begin A Family Organization". This exposure is positioning the family as a world leader amongst family organizations. The syllabus [outline] of our lecture was published in their international guide. These outlines are available to any family member who wishes to start their own family organization. And we have been invited to participate once again in April of 2001.

Over 2,000 people attended the September Conference. There was a large genealogy show featuring all the latest devices, software, history techniques and much more. Each one of you should have received an invitation. Please give serious consideration to attending sometime in the future. It will be of great influence to you

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Utah Genealogical Association the President of the PW Cook Family Organization will have the ability to give and receive insight into the shaping of international policy on family organizations. Members of the family will have the opportunity to travel to various parts of the world to deliver instruction on "how to" build families. The requesting parties pay for this travel. Our participation will open many doors of publication and provide our members the knowledge we glean about publishing. These same histories will then be made available to thousands around the world, as their authors desire, to assist in restoring the world to a family based social structure.

These histories will be made available to our children for generations to come and all will reap the obvious benefits associated with the resident sacrifices. As our families develop a love for their "Fathers and Mothers" the commitment to seek them out will be deepened.

As a part of our effort the Family Web site has been an ongoing effort. It seems however that the harder we have tried to get this part of our plan operational the more difficult the effort has become. During the last 18 months we have gone through three design teams who initially committed to constructing the site, but for various reasons have walked away part way into the project. About two months ago our last disappointment occurred. Since that time family members have come to our rescue. We are now preparing to organize a "Family Networking Team" This team's responsibility will first be the launching of a simple yet expandable web site. We are openly requesting those of you with web experience to volunteer. Please contact me at [gacook@favorites.com](mailto:gacook@favorites.com)

We look forward to serving you in the creation of YOUR OWN FAMILY ORGANIZATION!!!! [Grandparents to Grandchildren]

## NEW OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Since our last newsletter that listed the Officers and Representatives of the Family, new ones have been added and other changes made as follows:

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## DESCENDING PEDIGREE CHART

We had initially targeted December 2000 for completing the updating of the Descending Pedigree Chart information. The information has been slow in coming in and we cannot meet this goal. The directors and representatives of each family should be contacting you for this information. If they have not done so, we would encourage you to send your information to them as soon as you can, or directly to LaMar Day, V.P. for Family Units.

## FAMILY ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Officers and Directors meetings: Feb. 10 and Sept. 15, 2001.  
(All family members are welcome to attend)  
Meetings for Officers only: May 12 and Nov. 10, 2001.

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## WHAT'S IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

We would like to have a short history of each of the Phineas' Grandchildren who are still living. We think that the two oldest living grandchildren are **Helen McAllister**, daughter of Joseph Wolcott and Elizabeth Snow Bryson Cook (granddaughter of Catherine McCleve) and **Mona Stanger**, daughter of Moses and Wilhelmina Lindberg Cook (granddaughter of Johanna Cristina Poulson). Helen is 89 1/2 and Mona is 94 years of age.

We would like to publish a short history of all of Phineas' grandchildren, but need to have these submitted by their descendants. **Please help us by sending them to us.**

## Fun to Find the Family

Get involved? It is fun to discover your background and find out your heritage. If you like the net, try the genealogy department from the LDS web page and try Family Search. You'll be surprised how much there is to find and how interesting it can be.

Genealogy is fast becoming the number one hobby of the 2000's. Don't be left behind. The net has a lot of good ideas of how to start and what to do. Genealogy is the word.

Share with us your stories to open up new research plans.

## UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM

We are excited about a new P. W. Cook Family web site that should soon be launched. In preparation for this, it is necessary to have a universal numbering system that can be used for both hand and computer systems and also for ascending and descending pedigrees and not have any duplicate numbers. We presented such a numbering system in the May 1984 newsletter, and we have used these numbers on mailing labels since 1978. However, we are making some slight refinements to that system at this time in preparation for the web site use. These numbers will be used in all web site references, mailing lists, the ascending pedigree chart (APC) and descending pedigree chart (DPC) information within the family organization.

### Descending Pedigree Number

A numbering system must have, and always use the same central starting point. Because Phineas Wolcott Cook and his 4 wives are the focal point of our organization, we have started there with our numbering system. The numbers in the following descriptions correspond with the numbers on the accompanying examples. We have used the DPC numbers since 1978 on mailing labels. These numbers are arranged in descending pedigree order with each number, separated by a hyphen, representing a separate generation and the number of the child within that generation. For example: My number is PWC1-06-04-05-01. These numbers represent persons in separate generations as follows (also see chart):

PWC1 = Ann Eliza Howland, first wife of P. W. Cook and my Gr. Gr. Grandmother.

6 = Phineas H. Cook, sixth child of Ann Eliza Howland (Cook) and my Gr. Grandfather.

4 = William Alonzo Cook, fourth child of Phineas H. Cook and my Grandfather.

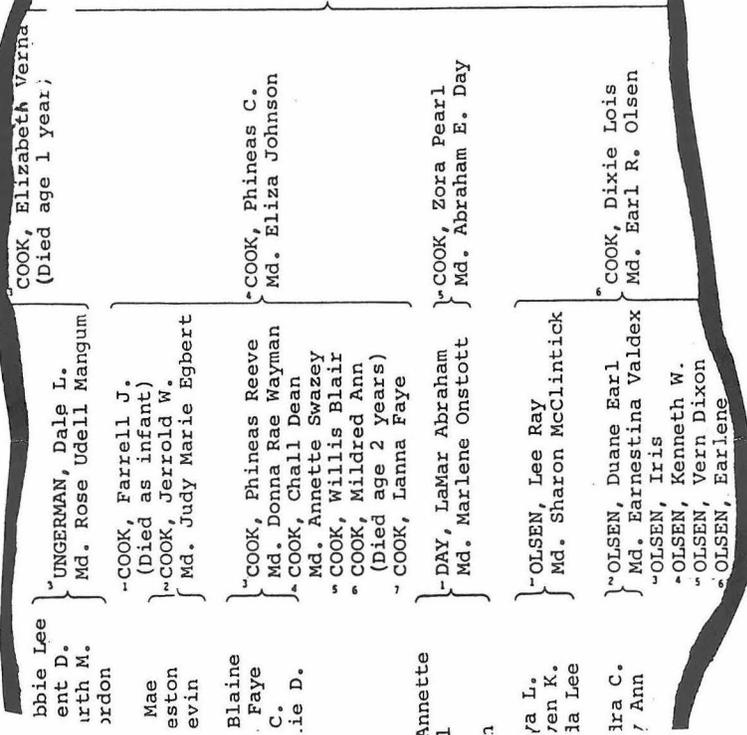
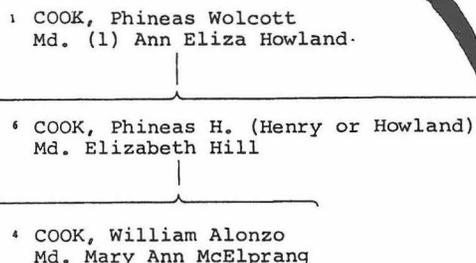
5 = Zora Pearl Cook, fifth child of William Alonzo Cook and my mother

1 = LaMar A. Day, first child of Zora Pearl Cook (Day). Me.

In like manner, each of you can figure out your own number. We published the 1<sup>st</sup> DPC in 1969 showing the descendants of Phineas and his 4 wives with approx. 3,500 names. We are updating this information and plan to publish another DPC with an estimated 9,000+ members. We will need your help to assure that it is complete and accurate. Each of you should be contacted by a family representative for this information

In order to shorten this number, we are modifying this system to use a true binomial number by dropping the hyphens and zeros. My number listed (above) as PWC1-06-04-05-01 will now be PWC16451. For children that are 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, etc. children in the family, these numbers would be converted to capital letters A, B, C, etc. (10=A; 11=B; 12=C). For example: A person whose number was PWC1-04-12-18-05, would now be PWC14CH5. Previously each generation was separated by a hyphen. Now, hyphens will not be used in a DPC number. The first number after PWC represents one of the 4 wives. PWC1 = Ann Eliza Howland; PWC2 = Amanda Polly Savage; PWC3 = Catherine McCleve; and PWC4 = Johanna Christina Poulson. Each number or capital letter

### DESCENDING PEDIGREE CHART



(after the PWC1, 2, 3 or 4) represents a subsequent generation and the sequential number of the child within that family unit.

If there is a death of the person in the direct blood line, or a divorce, and the spouse remarries and has children, the small letters "h" or "w" will be placed immediately behind the number for the spouse (PWC123w45). In this way all children can be accounted for.

### Ascending Pedigree Number

The ascending pedigree number works slightly different because you are assigning numbers to parents on your direct blood line. Again, we will start with Phineas and each of his 4 wives and number back. Phineas and each of his wives will be identified by the initials in their names plus "-1" as follows: PWC-1 = Phineas Wolcott Cook; AEH-1 = Ann Eliza Howland; APS-1 = Amanda Polly Savage; CM-1 = Catherine

McCleve; and JCP-1 = Johanna Christina Poulson. Whenever a hyphen is used it will be obvious that this is an ascending number instead of a descending number. Thereafter, the number of any ancestor would follow the normal Pedigree chart numbering system where the number for father in each generation doubles as you number on back and the mother is the next consecutive odd number after the father. Example: (see chart) PWC-1 is Phineas W. Cook, his father is PWC-2 and his mother is PWC-3. His grandfather is PWC-4, his gr. grandfather is PWC-8, his gr. gr. grandfather is PWC-16, etc. His grandmother on his mother's side would be PWC-7, whose father (Phineas's gr. grandfather) would be PWC-14, etc. These numbers can be assigned back as far as you desire to go with no duplication. This can be done on all five lines separately, for Phineas and his 4 wives.

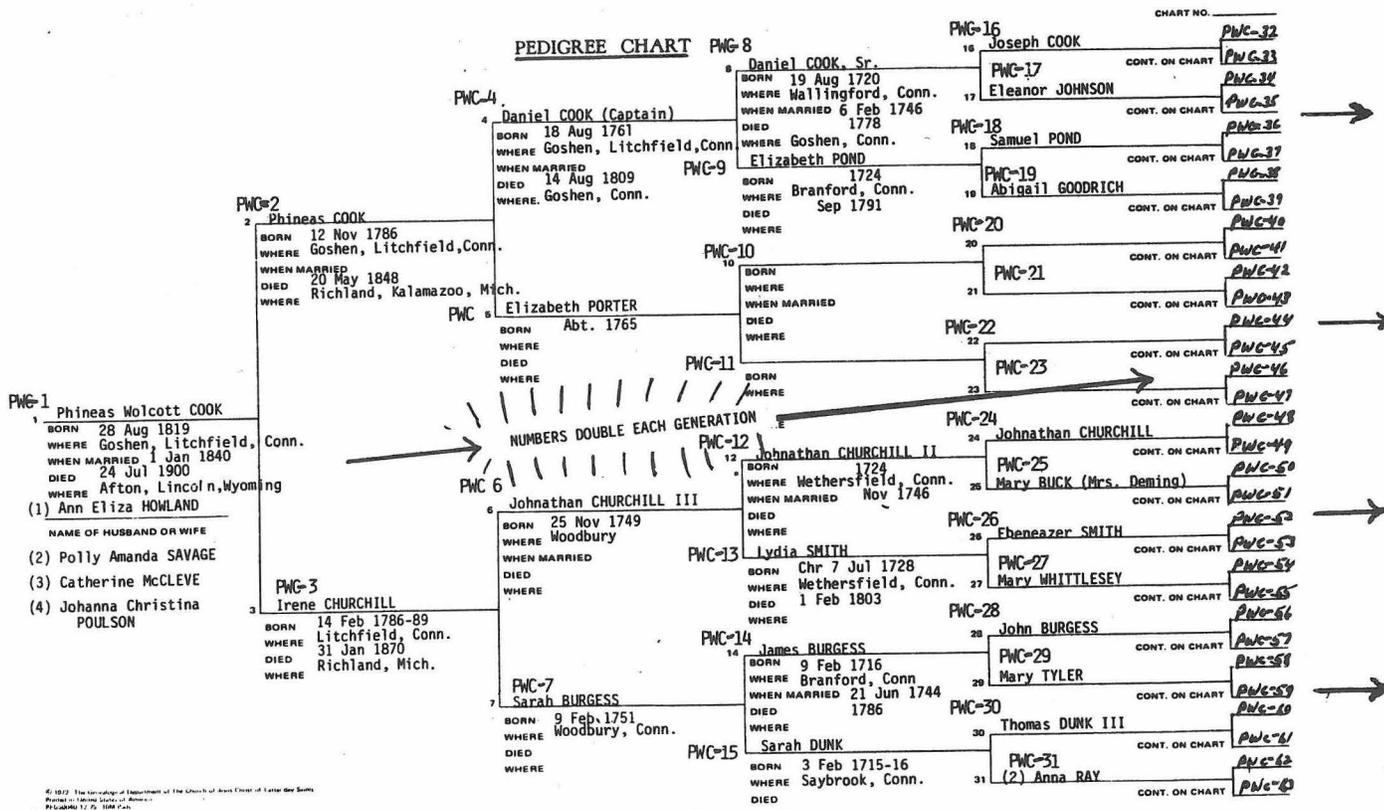
Sometimes it is necessary to assign numbers to a person (or family group sheet) that is not in the direct blood line but, ties to the APC. This will be done by using a combination of the APC number and the DPC number. A period (".") placed after the APC number (Example AEH-32.) would indicate that the number is changing directions at this point to a descending number. Example: a number representing a child for AEH-32 but not in the bloodline would be AEH-32.7 (William Howland, see chart). For this number, the AEH-32 represents Eliza's 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. grandfather; the period indicates his descendants; 7 = his 7<sup>th</sup> child and, to carry it on down, AEH-32.73, the 3 = William's 3<sup>rd</sup> child, etc.

Through this system, every ancestor and descendant has their own number without duplication. This system will work well with the web site and for the coordination of all future

research. We feel that much thought and inspiration has gone into the preparation of this system and strongly request that all family members use it to assist with the correspondence and research being done.

LaMar Day, V.P. Family Units

Date For Husband		HUSBAND Samuel HOWLAND AEH-32	
Birth	20 Feb 1704	Place	
Death		Place	
Burial		Place	
Father	Nicholas HOWLAND AEH-64	Mother	
Married	28 Nov 1723	Place	
Other Wives (if any)	(2) 8 Apr 1748 Ruth DAVEL		
Date For Wife		WIFE (1) Sarah SOULE AEH-33	
Birth	8 Nov 1703	Place	
Death	8 Nov 1703	Place	
Burial		Place	
Father	William SOULE AEH-66	Mother	
Other Hus. (if any)			
Sex M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN
	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		Day Mo. Y.
M	1 Nicholas HOWLAND AEH-32.1	1 Jan 1724	
X	2 Samuel HOWLAND AEH-32.2	12 Mar 1727	
M	3 Hannah HOWLAND AEH-32.3	27 Feb 1728	
F	4 Sarah HOWLAND AEH-32.4	31 Aug 1731	
F	5 Alice HOWLAND AEH-32.5	6 Dec 1731	
F	6 Mary HOWLAND AEH-32.6	14 Dec 1731	
M	7 William HOWLAND AEH-32.7	24 Oct 1732	
F	8 Elizabeth HOWLAND AEH-32.8		



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## JOANN AND JEROLD OTTLEY

### THE DESCENDANTS OF PHINEAS MELVIN & RUTH TYLER COOK

On September 5, 2000, Dale R. Cook and his wife Vesta, author of a 563 page history of The Descendants of Phineas Melvin & Ruth Tyler Cook and representing the Phineas Melvin Cook (PWC1-6-1) Family Organization presented the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization with a copy of this beautiful book. It contains not only the history, but also approximately 1,000 pictures of family members. It was prepared and printed entirely on a home computer system. Only the binding was contracted out. It is beautifully done and looks very professional.

Dale wrote the following statement in the front of the book: "My sister said to me, 'a picture is a colored memory'. These displays are made up to help impress upon our minds the joy of seeing our family pictures mingled among their histories. It shows the possibilities of a computer and a bottle of glue and a roll of tape. It is as important for us to record a history of ourselves for our posterity, as it is to dig into the past and learn more about our ancestors. The truth is we must do both. May the ideas in this book give you new ideas on how to write a book of memories. Dale R. Cook."

It would be difficult to count the total hours that have gone into this project. But, when you look at this beautiful book you recognize how priceless it is. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in giving us a copy. We hope it will inspire others to accomplish what this family has done.

LaMar Day, V.P. Family Units



Vesta Cook, Dale R. Cook, LaMar Day

A silence fell over the crowd of relatives, friends, officials and choir members, old and new, as Jerold Ottley lifted his baton to conduct his farewell performance program with the tabernacle choir. The occasion was a special morning celebration in tribute to him and to his wife, JoAnn. The farewell performance was given to a capacity crowd in the historic Morman tabernacle where the Ottley's have spent so many hours and years in rehearsal and performance. The atmosphere was one of spiritual splendor filled with great and wonderful music. The music was symbolic of the Ottleys, their example and influence on the lives of many and for their years of service and achievements.

During the evening Brother Ottley was presented with a special award from the governor and also an award from the first Presidency of the LDS church. Brother Ottley with his conducting and other musical talents, and Sister Ottley with her beautiful voice, are world famous and have received many outstanding, famous awards and tributes throughout the years. According to an interview written up in the Church News, Brother Ottley has directed 1300 weekly Tabernacle Choir programs for "Music and the Spoken Word" He has traveled with the choir to 111 cities in 22 states and 28 countries on five continents, said Udell Poulsen who has been associated with the Ottleys for more than 25 years serving as choir business manager. Sister Ottley, he added has helped countless people as a voice coach and inspired thousands more as a soloist.

During the celebration morning there were many tributes to both of these famous people. For our "Cook" newsletter we claim JoAnn South Ottley, a descendent of Phineas and his wife, Ann Eliza Howland. To identify her with the new number system, in this newsletter, she is PWC1E25.

During the program the capacity crowd sat in awe and the proverbial "pin-drop" silence, as the music filled the tabernacle atmosphere and the hearts of those who listened. Many famous and beautiful hymns and songs were presented but the most memorable, for many who attended, was the special arrangement and *surprise musical number*, rendered by Brother Ottley and the choir in tribute to JoAnn.

Brother Ottley praised his wife and musical partner for her many years of love, her talent and her support as the choir sang, especially for her, the beautiful "*Wind Beneath My Wings*."

## Joseph Cook First Settler in Goshen

\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph (1683)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel I (1720)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel II (1761)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phineas (1786)  
Phineas Wolcott Cook (1819)

Samuel and Hope Cook had lived in the wilderness town of Wallingford, Connecticut for only 13 years when their eighth child Joseph was born on February 25, 1683. Young Joseph grew up with Wallingford, helping his father in the tanning and working of leather in the family business.

In his eighth year when his mother died, Joseph also lost his step-mother when he was 13. By then there were 12 children in the family, and he no doubt contributed to their upkeep in these hard times. By the time the family was complete, Joseph had 13 siblings.

It seems women didn't stay alive very long in his life. Joseph married at the age of about 17, but his wife Abigail lived long enough to have only three children. In 1714 he married Eleanor Johnson, the daughter of Walter and Tryntia Johnson who had originated in Flatbush, New York. The Johnsons had become a well-established family in Wallingford by then.

Eleanor had eight children in Wallingford and no doubt raised Joseph's two living children as well. The youngest, Hannah, was five years old when Joseph decided to leave the family center of Wallingford. He felt crowded in Wallingford and yearned for new land, more space, a new environment.

Just about the time his wanderlust struck, Joseph heard that new land was being opened for settlement in Litchfield County, northwest corner of Connecticut. Although some towns had been previously settled in Litchfield, Goshen was not opened until 1739; and Joseph drew Number 16 of 38 lots. He chose land at the top of a hill, possibly because the Cooks back home also liked houses on hills and had built on Cook Hill in Wallingford.

He was 60 years old when he finally gathered his family and moved the household to Goshen. Building a house on top of the hill, he brought as many of his children as would come with him. Most of them were married, but we know that at least the last six came to Goshen: Daniel, Walter, Joseph, Lois, Lambert, and Hannah Pettibone. Walter and Lambert eventually moved up to Berkshire County in Massachusetts, just a few miles north of Goshen.

Joseph had grown up close to the land, helping his father both in the tannery and on the land raising their crops and livestock. In Goshen he made his living raising livestock. When he died at the age of 82 years on Nov. 7 1764 his inventory included 132 pounds of cheese, 72 pounds pork, duck wheat, 10 quarts of beans, 300 hundred hay and a cask and barrel of cider.

But they lived well. Considering that they lived at the edge of civilization, the fact that he owned a Holland Shirt, a greatcoat, two pair of shoes and a pair of thickset britches means they didn't go without what they needed. His home was a fine home which stayed in the family for generations.

Eleanor lived another three years and died, also leaving a probate. Thus, we have a list of their belongings, and a glimpse into their lifestyle. She wasn't suffering at all. Her inventory includes, among other things, a gold necklace, silk crepe gown, brown and blue gamblet riding hoods, and blue riding cloak, several gowns, a Holland apron, quilts, many dishes including puter, tea pots, candlesticks, pots, Dutch ovens, milk pans, warming pans, Linens including pillows and bedding, bolsters and bedsteds, and finally a pair of "specktickles."

They lived a simple life, died quietly, and had it not been for the Revolutionary War, might have seemed inconsequential.

But Joseph and Eleanor produced no fewer than a dozen Revolutionary War soldiers, a contribution of great consequence.

Perhaps that fact more than any other tells us of their character and commitment to the cause of emerging America.

But that's another story that must be told at a later time.

**Dr. Melvin A. Cook**  
(Cook Family heritage # PWC1A23)

Dr Melvin A. Cook, died Thursday, October 12, 2000 at LDS Hospital following recent surgery. Dr Cook was 89 years old, a world famous scientist and inventor, a true-to-the-faith Mormon and a great and noble man.

For our Cook Newsletter, along with all of the many world wide tributes and awards, we wish to remember him as a diligent and loving family member and genealogist. His book, *The Autobiography of Melvin A. Cook, volume 1 Reflections on Ancestry and Early Life*, contains a very complete research of history and genealogy. At the time of its publication, in 1973, it was proclaimed one of the finest books of its kind. Dr Cook helped the Cook family organization by contributing over 100 copies to be sold and the proceeds retained for the organization.

Dr. Cook was a former Professor of Metallurgy at the University of Utah and founder of several commercial enterprises manufacturing industrial explosives.

Melvin A. Cook was born to Alonzo Laker Cook and Maude Osmond at Swan Creek, Garden City, Utah October 10, 1911. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Utah in chemistry. In 1934 he left Utah to pursue his graduate studies at Yale University where he received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry in 1937. After his first year at Yale, he married Wanda Garfield June 19, 1935 in the Salt Lake Temple.

One of Dr. Cook's most important scientific contributions is the "Thermohydrodynamic Theory and Mechanism of Detonation" which he developed in 1942 as a research chemist at the DuPont Company. Along with his theoretical and applied work at DuPont, he made a significant improvement in the shaped charge for the bazooka which enabled it to be a more effective anti-tank weapon during World War II. For this he received a special award from the U.S. Army in 1992.

Dr Cook left the East in 1947 to accept a professorship at the University of Utah, which he held until 1970. In addition to teaching, he was also the Director of the Institute of Metals and Explosives Research and made important scientific contributions in the fields of flotation, adsorption of gases on solids, universal gravitation, and detonation-generated plasma

Dr. Cook published over 200 scientific articles in leading journals, and wrote six books, including classics in the field of explosives, "The Science of High Explosives", American Chemical Society Monograph No. 139, and "The Science of Industrial Explosives". He patented over 100 inventions.

For years he was a consultant for many companies throughout the world. He served as an expert witness in numerous cases involving accidental explosions. One of these was the famous Texas City disaster of 1947, where two shiploads of ammonium nitrate fertilizer blew up in the harbor, killing over 600 people.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dr. Cook served in a bishopric, as branch president and high councilor. He was a profound student of the scriptures and contributed several books and pamphlets on aspects of science and religion, including "Science and Mormonism".

Survivors include his wife Wanda; three sons, M. Garfield (Margo Taylor); Merrill A. (Camille Sanders); Krehl O. (Lauri Stimpson); and two daughters, Barbara (Dr. S. Keith) Petersen; Virginia (Dr. Gill O.) Sanders, all of Salt Lake City; 31 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Owen J., Grand Terrace, California; Vernon O., Salt Lake City; and sisters, Vera Hunsaker, North Salt Lake; Maurine Winterton and Lois Canning, both of Salt Lake City. He was preceded in death by: three brothers, Grant, Glenn and Noel; sister Phyllis (G. Gill) Smith.

Dr Cook was still working on scientific projects and publications that will probably be finished and published by his son. The world has yet to recognize many of the great things Dr Melvin Cook discovered. He has indeed left the world a better place.



#### WHICH WAGON ?

On July 24, 1847, Brigham Young sat in Wilford Woodruff's carriage and looked at the great, dry Salt Lake Valley. It was that day he uttered the now-famous words, "It is enough, this is the place." Less well known is the fact that behind that carriage came a well-crafted covered wagon built of Michigan lumber. For 150 years the wagon remained a mystery to historians of the church. But to the Phineas Wolcott Cook family, its beginnings were well known.

In December of 1845, Phineas Wolcott Cook was building an addition onto his parents' house in Richland, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He had recently joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and knew little of their policy of gathering. As he worked alone on the new house, he was interrupted by Elder Willard who informed him of his call to move west with the Saints.

"...the time had come for all the Saints to gather for the church was going to move to Vancouver's Island or someplace in the far west. It was not known yet where, but we were required to do as Abraham did to go to a land that should yet be shown to us." (p. 34 *The Life and History of Phineas Wolcott Cook*.)

It didn't take long for Phineas Sr. and Irene to express their discontent. Phineas Jr. said they "did not like it much," which was an understatement. In order even to build a wagon to go with the Saints, Phineas had to go to his father-in-law, Henry Howland, for help. With Henry's help, he obtained lumber and began work on a wagon for both of them. Henry was helpful, even admitting that he had considered moving west himself. Phineas had almost finished Henry's wagon when it was decided that the finished wagon would be Phineas' and that he should leave as soon as possible.

Collecting on several notes owed him, Phineas paid a blacksmith to do the iron work while Ann Eliza set up a large loom in the home of her sister-in-law Eliza Hall. Using stiff cotton yarn, they worked until a cotton top was finished for the wagon. It was a tremendous effort, requiring all their resources, every moment of time, and every ounce of energy for the entire winter.

Irene had lived by her one consolation after hearing of her son's calling to go west. "(you) have not any means to command to go, and I guess you'll have your match to get away." Imagine his parents' surprise when the wagon pulled up into their yard, ready to take the little family of four to the west. Their surprised reaction included theft of his needed travel equipment and food.

Nevertheless, the wagon carried Phineas, Ann Eliza and their two little girls to Winter Quarters where they spent a hungry winter with the Saints. In time the church leaders learned Phineas was an excellent builder and worker, and Brigham Young asked him to be in the vanguard company of 1847.

But hard times were ahead for Phineas and his little family. Ann Eliza became ill along with hundreds of others in Winter Quarters as a result of their diet of corn and pork. She progressed through the agonizing stages of Scurvy until Phineas "asked that I might be released" from the Pioneers.

Scouting around for wagons and teams,

"Uncle John Young bargained with George Grant for my waggon to take him (and Brigham) to the valley." (p. 47)

The wagon was used for the Young family in Salt Lake, and then was taken to the settlement of St. John's, Arizona where it was used for many years in their celebration of Pioneer Day. Citizens of St. John's knew John Young's nephew Brigham Young had used the wagon to come to the Valley in 1847. Although it sat unused in a field 363 days of the year, it was highly respected once a year for that one celebration.

Eventually the L.D.S. church brought the wagon to be the centerpiece of its pioneer display on the Second Floor of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum on Main Street by the Utah State Capitol Building. However, they were

puzzled by the origins of the wagon. No one knew who had built the wagon or where it had originated.

In 1997 LaMar Day took to the museum the video and book of Phineas Wolcott Cook's history, including his involvement in building the wagon. Unable to document the wagon from a video or find the information in the book, they continued to wait to make a marker to document the fact that this was indeed Brigham Young's wagon as he came into the Valley.

After all, it had been found in St. John's, Arizona. Where was the connection between Brigham Young, the wagon, and St. John's?

Finally in August of 1999 Janet Porter took to the museum a copy of the page in The Life and History of Phineas Wolcott Cook which documented the fact that the wagon had been borrowed for the pioneer trip by Uncle John Young.

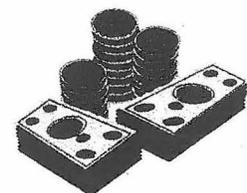
A general cheer went through the Museum among the staff.

This was the piece of evidence they had been waiting for. Unable to document the wagon's beginnings, they had waited many years even to have a plaque made saying it was Brigham Young's wagon. Now they had proof.

Phineas Wolcott Cook may not have been well known in his day, but those of us visiting the second floor of the Museum will find him the most outstanding builder of wagons in the history of the Mormon Migration.

## FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED

All donations to the Family Organization are deductible from your income tax. Because of our plans to launch a very efficient web site and expand our Family History research capabilities, we are in need of additional funds. Mailing and printing costs have also increased. If you can afford to pay your dues, please do so. Any additional contributions would also be greatly appreciated. A special thanks to those who continue to support us.



## Elizabeth "Libbie" Cook Hayward

Elizabeth "Libbie" Cook Hayward of Provo died Oct. 1, 2000 at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born September 16, 1904 in Woodruff, Utah to Joseph Wolcott Cook and Eliza Bryson Cook. She married Charles Lynn Hayward in the Logan Temple August 6, 1930. Libbie was raised in Paris, Idaho and attended the Fielding Academy where she was active in drama and musicals. She graduated from



Brigham Young University in Speech and English and while there, served as Vice President of the student body and was voted Most Popular Girl. Following college she taught in the Mormon Colony at Juarez, Mexico then returned to Paris, Idaho to teach. Following her marriage to Lynn, they moved to Provo where her husband taught at BYU. She began teaching at Provo High School in 1943 and continued until her retirement 26 years later. During the last several years at Provo High, she was the Dean of Girls. Through her school and church work, she was able to have great influence on hundreds of young women in the community. Libbie was active in the L.D.S. Church holding numerous leadership and teaching positions including several Young Women's Presidencies, and Stake Relief Society President. Her greatest joy was her work in the Provo Temple where she worked for 16 years beginning from the time it opened.

She was also active in civic and social affairs working on committees for the improvement of mental health facilities in the community and promotion of the arts. She was a popular entertainer with dramatic readings and book reviews and was called to many areas of the state to speak to young women and women's groups. Libbie was a charter member of the Alice Louise Reynolds club, and the Browning Society as well as an active member of Provo Fine Arts, American Association of University Women, BYU Women, and the Oak Hills Chapter of DUP.

She is survived by one sister, Helen McAllister of Mount Pleasant; one son Gerald Hayward (Lois) of Midway; one daughter, Margaret Taylor of Provo; seven grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Her husband, parents, four brothers, and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 11 a.m., at the Grandview Tenth Ward Chapel, 1850 West 1600 North, Provo, Utah. Friends may call at the Berg Mortuary of Provo, 485 East Center Street from 6-8 p.m. Wed. evening or Thursday morning at the ward chapel one hour prior to services. Interment will be at East Lawn Memorial Hills.

A special thanks to the staff at First Choice Home Health for their loving care over the last few months, especially Stephanie and Colby.

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