



Phineas Wolcott Cook NEWSLETTER

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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HIDDEN TREASURES

By Brent Hale

We have recently put most of the Cook Family Archives on CD and found several real treasures in the process including Book 5 of the Henry Howland Cook mission journal. This covers his mission experience from June, 1897 in New Zealand to July 1902 following his return home. It is a fascinating narrative of life at the turn of the last century and his commitment to his religion. I would love to have the first four journals to add to the family collection. Does anyone know where they are?

The original archives were maintained for many years by Mabel Cook Rex. After her death, Lawana Osborne obtained and kept the records, which contain over 1000 pages of documents including: 1) several hundred family group sheets including a PAF file of the 61 verified group sheets; 2) several histories; 3) a manuscript used to prepare the second printing of the P. W. Cook diary; 4) administrative items such as meeting minutes, 5) family member pedigree charts; 6) photographs; 7) a complete set of the 37 P. W. Cook newsletters dating back to 1970; 8) MP3 recordings of several family activities including a 1976 interview with Idalia Cook Covey Madsen (the youngest and only child of Phineas and Johanna still living in 1976) and her daughter, Eva Covey Madsen; and 9) the 1969 and 2002 descending pedigree charts.

Histories include those of William Knowles, P. W. Cook, David Savage,

Amanda Savage, John Savage, Hyrum Johnston McCann, Mary R Cook McCann, and Rosella McCann Erickson.

We invite each of you to review any historical or genealogical documents you may wish to contribute to the archive. You can add documents to the archive in two ways: 1) send a copy to Brent W Hale at 4319 West 87th Street, Tulsa, OK 74132; or 2) arrange for us to copy your documents with a digital camera. This can be done in your home and by request to Brent Hale (918-445-2161).

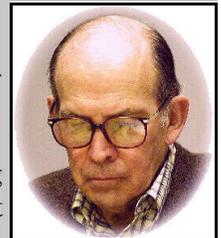
New material will be added to CDs as received. The material currently on file is a two CD set available to any interested family members. See our Family Store in this newsletter to order a copy.

I recommend that you get a copy of the CD Archive which will be two or three CD of information by time you get this newsletter.

(brenthale@cookfamily.org)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Guy Cook



Dear Cook Family Members

It is amazing to realize that there are in excess of 16,000 living descendants of Phineas Wolcott Cook. I am part of the fourth generation, including Phineas as the first generation. The family organization is working to make the Organization appealing to more of you and to interest more of you to become active in the Organization in one of a fair number of responsibilities where we can use your involvement.

The website has become a large part of our thrust to communicate to more of the family members because the use of computers, the Internet and e-Mail has become so widespread worldwide. The development and expansion of the website has enabled us to make available to you, whenever you desire, a broad amount of information and publications to purchase. There continues to be additions to

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PRIVATE EYE WORK

By Glen McMillan,
V.P. Genealogy

As I was recently studying the 1969 version of the descending pedigree chart of Phineas Wolcott Cook, I ran across my second cousin's name who I haven't seen for thirty-four years. I wondered what and how he was doing and decided to look in the high school alumni directory for his name. Sure enough, there he was with an Arizona address, but without his home number. An internet search of "phone books" listed 5 choices.

Hmm...what now? I looked up his sister in the San Diego phone book after finding her married name in the alumni directory and since the two sources matched, I called her and got his current phone number. He had actually moved back to Utah. What a great conversation we had on the phone and to renew our acquaintance.

This is an example of investigative work, which can be done to find out information about our ancestors and link ourselves to them and them to us. We have several "investigations" that need more manpower to finish. We need your help! Many things can now be searched using the Internet. Others need searching in books and films in research libraries, or government sources.

To get started, find 'Cookfamily.org' on the Internet and click on *volunteer*. Click one of the three choices, find a name to search and then email Janet Porter (janetsp@hotmail.com) or me (mcstar@mstar2.net) that you are going with that project. Or call me at 801-544-5615 or Janet at 801-226-8094.

Also, if you are doing investigative study on any of the Cook line, it would be great to know to avoid duplicating your efforts. We can post your project and solicit others to help with your name if you so desire.

PHINEAS WOLCOTT COOK CYBER FAMILY REUNION ANNOUNCED

Descendants of Phineas Wolcott Cook will join hands and hearts across the nations the week of his 184th birthday: August 24 to August 30. (His actual birth date is August 28, 1819.)

Find your own way to celebrate! Involve your whole family if you wish. (Tell us what you did to celebrate so we can share the results.)

May we suggest the following:

1. Write a history of a descendant of Phineas. Mail or e-mail it to the organization.
2. Share a labeled family picture with the organization by mailing a copy or e-mailing a scanned copy
3. Study a film at your local Family History Library. Find films on the cookfamily.com website or in the article in this newsletter. Send the results as directed.
4. Go to your local university library to study the Revolutionary War. Find your Cook family instructions on the website or in the article in this newsletter. Share your results as directed.
5. Spend a day of your vacation at a Cook Family site (See Cook Tours). Involve your children in a short research project listed on the website or in the article in this newsletter. Help your family connect with their wonderful ancestors!
6. Look up a lost cousin in the DPC. Write or call him.
7. Order the history of Phineas (*Triumph of Testimony*) from the organization.
8. Contact the organization and agree to take on a research project with our help, (Or e-mail Glen Mcmillan at MCstar@Mstar2.com.)
9. *Join the Birthday Party*

(Thursday August 28) at the Genealogy Library helping with research projects there. The party begins at 9 a.m. in the main foyer. Lunch and birthday cake will be served at 1 p.m. at the cafeteria.

Don't miss this unique way to celebrate our ancestors' lives, given in service to God and family.

MELVIN A COOK AUTOBIOGRAPHY TO BE COPIED FOR ARCHIVES

The Melvin A. Cook family has granted the P. W. Cook Family Organization permission to copy Melvin's Autobiography for the CD as part of our CD archive and make it available to all family members. Volume I consists of 671 pages, beautifully displayed with pictures, histories and family information.

Shortly after this volume was originally published, President Ezra Taft Benson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints stated that "This was the finest publication of an autobiography that [he] had ever seen."

We are grateful to Melvin's family for their kindness to us. We hope that this will be an example to many more families to share this kind of information with their extended family that we may get to know our relatives more intimately.

This will be a real treasure.

P. W. COOK FAMILY WEBSITE IS NOW

We are excited to announce the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization website (www.cookfamily.org). The main purposes of the website are to facilitate the activities of the organization, especially family research activities, and to publish information about the Phineas Wolcott Cook family.

Some of the things that are on the website include:

- 1 A family research section that describes the current areas where the organization needs volunteer help. We hope that by coordinating our efforts, we can avoid duplication of work and get more done.
- 2 Short histories about Phineas Wolcott and other family members. We have histories of Phineas' progenitors back to Henry Cooke of Salem Massachusetts.
- 3 A list of officers of the organization, including email addresses.
- 4 Family information in GEDCOM format. This information can also be browsed online.
- 5 The organization publishes a lot of great materials. Some of the new publications available include "Triumph of Testimony" and the "Descending Pedigree Chart." You can view what is available and order materials directly from the website in a secure fashion. Also, the website makes it convenient to pay annual membership dues.
- 6 Current and back issues of the Cook Family Organization newsletter.
- 7 A section where you can keep us up to date on your contact information and membership preferences. If your address changes or your email address changes, you can simply access this page and input the new information. This information is kept private between you and the organization.

We have a few additions and improvements that we'll be making to the website. These include:

- 1 More family histories, including Phineas Wolcott Cook's journal, "The Life and History of Phineas Wolcott Cook".
- 2 A page of links to other popular family history research websites.
- 3 Improvements in navigation and aesthetics of the website.

We need your help! Please take a moment to visit the website and give us your information by clicking on the "Create or update the Cook Family Organization's information about your link." Once you have looked at the website, please send us your feedback and suggestions. You can do this by emailing them to randy@cookfamily.org. Also, if you would like an email address at cookfamily.org (yourname@cookfamily.org), just send a request to Randy. If you have experience with html, php, or mysql, we could use your help

with our website. If you have histories that you would like published, just send them to us and we'll be happy to put them on the website.

We hope that you will enjoy the website. It is good to know about where we came from and the great heritage that we enjoy because of the great sacrifices made by our progenitors.

The Web Team

Who is Joel Gaylord?

-  Find his Revolutionary War Pension record
-  Find his history in Portage Co. Ohio
-  Study the military units he mentions in his pension history to find references to his brother-in-law Daniel Cook
-  We also need to construct a family group sheet for him and Lois Cook.

P. W. COOK LIFE VIDEO NOW ON MP3

By Brent Hale (

The 43 minute video "Life of P. W. Cook" has been converted to an MPEG file which will allow it to be viewed on most PCs or as a video CD file on most DVD players. This video has some excellent information about our Cook Ancestors. If you do not have a copy, you should consider getting a copy and using it to learn about your ancestors.

COOK FAMILY VOLUNTEER RESEARCH PROJECT REPORT

By Janet Porter
(janetporter@cookfamily.org)

Before the year 2000 we knew almost nothing about the Phineas and Irene Cook family. Their children were born in Goshen, Connecticut where in 1810 the oldest child Betsy died at age two and one-half. The family lost their farm and home and moved to Richland Michigan when Phineas was about eighteen. In Richland, Phineas married, joined the L.D.S. Church, and emigrated. His parents are buried there in the Prairie Home Cemetery.

As a result of the Volunteer Research Project we now know considerably more about the family. The oldest son was Daniel, born 20 Nov. 1808. He married Helen King in 1830 in Goshen where two children were born. In the 1850 census their names were listed as Mary and Maria, 18 and 16 years old. Maria didn't live out the year because on July 28 she was buried. At that time the family lived in Hastings, Barry County, Michigan. Helen was listed as AELin;@ both she and Daniel were 41 years old.

Subsequent census records show the family made their permanent home in Hastings, a few miles north of Richland. In 1860 Daniel was a Justice of the Peace and in 1870 operated his own saw mill. By then his real estate was valued at \$7,000 and personal estate at \$1,000. On Nov. 20, 1867 when he was 59 years old, Daniel signed his last will and testament. He lived another eleven years because on March 26, 1877 his probate hearing was held.

Apparently Helen died before Daniel. Death records are hard to find in Pioneer times, but Louisa Jane Burrows was listed in the 1870 census as his adopted daughter, 20 years old, and the only other person in the household. Louisa was also named executrix. She was to receive all his goods if she cared for Daniel to the end of his life.

Eliza was born 7 Jul 1811. She and her husband Salmon Hall joined the church before Phineas and Ann Eliza. She emigrated without Salmon and died 19 Dec. 1889 in Garden City, Rich, Utah. Their interesting story will be the subject of an article another time.

Darius Burgess, b. about 1814, was the fourth child of Phineas and Irene. As a teen he worked for the Litchfield Inquirer, cultivating a lifetime interest in the printing and newspaper business. In 1837 he spent a year in Washington D.C. working for the National Intelligencer, sharpening his skills by writing and spending time in the

Senate gallery listening to the great statesmen of his day. After making two trips to Michigan, he brought home a wife and took a job in Kalamazoo at a printing office. In 1842 he bought the Niles Republican Newspaper and hauled a hand-press from Kalamazoo to Niles on an ox cart. There he made his home where he and his wife Jane Wadhams had three and possibly four children, three sons and a daughter. Three of the children are named in the census; a fourth was named in his obituary.

Jane died at age 71 in 1889 in Niles. Darius lived another twelve years and died May 24, 1901, one of the most respected citizens of the town.

Mary Ann, born 15 July 1816, was 22 years old when she moved with the family to Michigan. For three years she wondered if there might be a single man in frontier Michigan who would notice her. Then her brother Phineas Wolcott went to work for Phillip Leonard in Yankee Springs, just north of Richland in Barry County. Phineas put a roof on Phillip's house and told him about his sister Mary Ann back in Richland. Promising to introduce Phillip to his sister, Phineas went home to find Phillip had introduced himself. In three weeks, on August 25, 1841, Mary Ann was married.

In the 1850 census Phillip and Mary Ann had three children: Melina, 5, George, 3 and Harriet, 1. They still lived in Yankee Springs and Phillip was a prosperous inn keeper. Mary Ann's comfortable future seemed assured. However, she apparently became ill shortly afterward and had to go home to be cared for by her mother. She died in Richland and was buried there beside her father in the Prairie Home Cemetery on May 3, 1854, leaving three small children.

Phineas Wolcott, born 28 Aug. 1819, was the sixth child and youngest son in the family.

Harriet, born 11 May 1823, was the youngest child. We know only she married Gaius Fuller and died in 1906. Further research needs to be done on this family.

Thanks to Shirl Cook for never giving up on this project. He's as busy as the rest of us, but continues from his home in Arizona, ordering census and other records and finding little bits of information which fit into the big picture. Little by little the family portrait is coming together.

You too can contribute to a family portrait. To learn how, contact Janet Porter, 801-226-8094 or janetp@hotmail.com



ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT CONTINUES WITH HIS MESSAGE

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the website on a regular basis. We encourage you to view the contents of the website and, hopefully, it will excite you to submit information that may be useful and interesting reading by all, such as family/individual histories, diaries, etc. We would like to post new articles on a regular basis. An excellent article by Randy Cook, our Webmaster, in this issue should be must reading by all who read the newsletter.

We will not, however, overlook those of you who may not use computers or may use computers but not the internet and e-Mail. We may eventually post the newsletter on the website, but we will continue to mail hard copies to those who desire. The officers, directors, specialists and family representatives are, and will continue to be, available by mail or telephone.

We would like to receive, and encourage family members to send us more input for the website and newsletter. We will welcome suggestions relating to the operation of the Organization and the make-up of positions involved in running the Organization. We invite your comments about dues, the cost of purchasing material available to you and other matters related to finances.

Our financial resources are the best they have been for several years. It is due, primarily to sales of the Descending Pedigree Chart and Triumph of Testimony book (I strongly recommend you purchase and read this well written book), the long past due increase in annual dues (still low compared to most family organizations) and an increase in sales of other available written material. We encourage you to support your organization financially, with your input and more of you becoming actively engaged in operating the family organization.

You are welcome to communicate with me anytime by telephone at (801) 281-8925 or by e-Mail at guy@cookfamily.org. My ears will be bent to willingly listen to your suggestions, praises for the organization or complaints. We would just like to hear from more of you.

Please help us to keep the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization a viable and vibrant organization for generations to come.

Sincerely, your president,
Guy R. Cook

ORGANIZATION POSITIONS WE NEED TO FILL

SECRETARY: To attend all quarterly meetings (always on Saturday morning in S.L.C.), take minutes of the meetings, distribute them (by e-mail) and present them at the next meeting for approval. Handle a limited amount of correspondence. Also, to assist the officers and directors in fulfilling their responsibilities.

TREASURER: Receive monies to deposit, write and mail checks, receive and reconcile the bank account, record all financial transactions and make oral reports on finances at quarterly meetings with written handouts to all who attend.

Persons who fill these positions should logically live in Southern Davis or Salt Lake County, although a person living in Utah, all of Davis or Weber County could function in the positions.

We encourage a good response from you to fill these positions. These are important positions.

CORRECTION

We gave credit to the wrong person for the biography of Effa COOK Longhurst. It was submitted by Nilda Longhurst Hoffman. Please accept our apology.

150TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2003

On December 18, 2003, we will celebrate the 150th wedding anniversary for Amanda Polly Savage and Catherine McCleve to Phineas. It would be appropriate to have a family remembrance on their anniversary. Considering their commitment to their religion, a church or family service in their honor would be on my list. Family get-togethers in several locations or observances in our own homes would be appropriate. Since the Christmas season is so busy, perhaps, the Thanksgiving prior to the anniversary would be a better time for a memorial. Would you send me a note with your thoughts on this?

Brent Hale (brenthale@cookfamily.org)

POSSIBLE RESEARCH PROJECTS LISTED

1. *Connecticut State Militia Papers* by Sylvester Judd (only in at Connecticut State Library) Series 2, Vol 11-13, 1775-1778 Series 2 Vol 14-16, 1779-1788 Part of 1741-1820 Part of 1728-2794
2. Orderly Book and Journals kept by Connecticut Men in the Revolutionary War 974.6 B4c Vol. 7, Family History Library
3. Connecticut Militia 14th Regiment mustered in Goshen – find references to Daniel Cook, Joel Gaylord 973.3 A382

Salt Lake FHC films (about \$4)

1. Connecticut State Militia Papers 1728-1794 (See Daniel Cook and Jonathan Churchill) 4 Films - 3608 to 3611
2. Orderly Book and Journals Kept by Connecticut Men in the Revolutionary War (DC & JC) Film 6078105
3. Pension records for Joel Gaylord Film 971059
4. American State Papers, Class 9 - Disabled Vets (Looking for Daniel Cook who died 1809) Film 944495
5. Register of Warrants issued 1789-1805 (Land in Ohio) (Again, Daniel Cook) Film 1025080
6. Gay's Regiment – Look for references to Daniel (or any Cook) and Joel Gaylord, Film 1485648.
7. Register of Army Land Warrants issued 1796-1806 Film 1025141 (index to the following films) Warrants are numbered. Search correct warrant by the following schedule:

1-6999	1025142
7000-7499	1025143
7500-7999	1025144
8000-8599	1025145
8600-9299	1025146 etc.

8. Census Indexes for Litchfield, Connecticut 1790-1850
See Family Search under Connecticut/Litchfield/Census Index for Alphabetical listing of films
Make a report of all family members, including Cook, Churchill, Gaylord, etc. (Contact Janet Porter at janetsp@hotmail.com)

Find information about soldiers who were recruited in Goshen. Ask for the printed list of all 16 units with Goshen men so you'll know what you're looking for. (Janetsp@hotmail.com) We're trying to find references to Daniel Cook Jr. in pay records, muster rolls, equipment, courts martial,

Five Fingers of Success

Dean S Cook Interview by Brent Hale

Dean S Cook is one of the youngest great-grandsons of Phineas Wolcott Cook. He has been active in the organization for many years. One time in a meeting with Elder Sterling W Sill, he learned from him a law of success.

You go by your [five] fingers. These [four] are the workers. The first one is "know your business". The second is "be converted". You have to be converted to be successful in what ever you are doing. The third is "desire". It is this great big finger (in the middle).

The fourth is "love the work". Love it. Love your work. If you have those four big fingers, you are all right. The fifth [and smaller finger] is "just do it" and you will be successful. It applies to any endeavor.

When asked what would be the most important work of the family organization right now, Dean responded: "I think as far as the greater family organization, the

most important thing they could do would be to just correlate some things. They can identify the work of the smaller family organizations and can accomplish some history research and have success on that line. I think it would be wise for the family organization to send out newsletters periodically regardless of whether people are members of the organization or not."

In visiting with Dean, he felt strongly that we must do as Elder Sill suggested. We must know what we are doing, we must be converted to the importance of the work, we must have a desire to do the work, we must love the work, and finally, we must do the work.

Dean's feeling is that the fundamental purpose of the organization is to find our ancestors and do temple work for them. As the family has grown, we have branched into several activities which can help us in that endeavor. As we are involved in an organized way, we must keep in mind the faith of our pioneer ancestors and the reasons they left homes, family, and friends to endure much hardship and establish a new life in the mountains of Utah.



Dean S. Cook

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS OUTLINED

journals, etc. Specific information about Gay's Regiment would be the most helpful.

- 1. Google/Revolutionary War/Soldier/Connecticut
- 2. Google/Revolutionary War/Soldier/Litchfield
- 3. DAR.com

Washington D.C.

- 1. DAR Library in Washington D. C. See their website for details. Family organization will pay the \$10 daily and parking fees.

New York

- 1. Rochester Public Library – Newspaper clippings, wedding notices, death notices, etc. for the following:
 - Elizabeth Peters, former wife of

Daniel Cook who died in 1834. Her husband Joseph Peters, died in Genesee Co. N.Y. Jan. 27, 1835.

- Robert Baker, grandfather of Ann Eliza Howland, died in Livonia, Livingston, N.Y. July 7, 1845. He married his second wife Sarah Clark 20 March, 1828 in Livingston, Genesee Co. N.Y. Local records may give information on his first wife, children, birth, and his Revolutionary War record. Historical Library in Livingston, Genesee Counties in New York
- 2 The wife of Joseph Cook of Goshen was Eleanor Johnson, the daughter of Walter and Tryntie Henereg Johnson who was born in about 1692 in Flatbush, Long Island, New York. We know nothing about this family. Local re-

search would be a blessing. Where did they live. Where were their children born. Where did they come from. This project could be done locally or in Salt Lake.

Connecticut

- 1. Hartford State Library – See above Revolutionary War references for Daniel Cook, Jonathan Churchill.
- 2. Litchfield Co. Historical Library. Find Revolutionary War information, any financial or local references to the Cook and Churchill families not found in Hibbard's history.

P.W. COOK FAMILY ORDER FORM

All prices include postage

The following items are available for your use and enjoyment from the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization
467 West 2400 South, Bountiful, Utah 84010
Web Page: WWW.CookFamily.org

New items::

- 1. Three Family Descending Pedigree Book @ \$45.00
- 2. Three Family Descending Pedigree CD @ \$10.00
- 3. Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree Book \$10.00
- 4. Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree CD \$5.00
- 5. Triumph of Testimony @ \$37.50
- 6. Cook Family Archive on CD \$10.00

Other Items:

- 7. P. W. Cook Diary _____ copies @ _____ = _____
Single copies - \$7.00 each, 2-6 copies - \$6.00 each
7-12 copies - \$5.00 each

- 8. Video (42 minutes) on the Life of P. W. Cook \$15.00
- 9. Cook Ancestral Tour Guides \$6.00 each (4 or more \$5.00 each)
 - _____ Goshen & Litchfield Co., Connecticut
 - _____ Wallingford, Connecticut _____ Salem, Massachusetts
 - _____ State of New York _____ State of Utah
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 - _____ Family Fireside Stories – Book II \$9.00
 - _____ PAF 3.0 Diskette of 65 verified Ancestor Families 3 1/2" diskette \$6.00

Discount: 20% discount on all item above if 2003 Dues have been paid or accompany this order Less ()
ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

11. Organizational Dues (Suggested Donation - \$20.00 per family – Tax Deductible)

- 12. Donations for Family Research (Tax Deductible)
 - Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Line _____
 - Ann Eliza Howland Family Line _____
 - Amanda Polly Savage Family Line _____
 - Catherine McCleave Family Line _____
 - Johanna Christine Poulson Family Line _____
 - Other: Web Site, equipment, etc. _____

Total Paid

I would be willing to work on the following committees:

- _____ Family History Committee _____ Research Committee
- _____ Record Verification Committee _____ Family Web-Master for Web-Site
- _____ Typing Histories – Word Processing _____ Illustrator _____
- _____ Newsletter/Mailing Committee _____ Distribution Committee
- _____ Finance Manager _____ Secretary/Treasurer – urgently needed

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