



Phineas Wolcott Cook NEWSLETTER

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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“Cook-A-Rama” to Feature Address by Elder Cook

Elder Quentin Cook of the First Quorum of the Seventy has agreed to address Cook Family Members at a special meeting to be held on Thursday, September 28th, 2006 in Bountiful Utah. His address will be part of the “Cook-O-Rama”, an entire day of events and activities for Cook Family Members. In addition to his address, the events will include a morning at the LDS Family History Library, a buffet dinner and concluding with a temple session at the Bountiful Temple.

As part of the Cook-O-Rama, family members will have the opportunity to meet from 8 a.m to 3 p.m. at the Family History Library. Parking is available across from the Conference Center. Family members will have the opportunity to exchange research information, ask questions of our genealogists and guaranteed to have a very stimulating morning.

Elder Cook will address family members at 3:30 p.m. at the Bountiful East 28th Ward LDS Chapel located at 2285 South 200 West in Bountiful, Utah. With Elder Cook sharing his tremendous experience with family members, this is a meeting NOT TO BE MISSED!!

At 4:45 p.m. Following the address by Elder Cook, family members will have the opportunity to mingle at the “Soup and Salad” Buffet. We would suggest a \$3 donation or payment of dues (its deductible!) to defray the food expenses.

The concluding event of the day will be a special 6:30 p.m. session to be held at the Bountiful Utah Temple.

Elder Cook has served in numerous church assignments including area presidencies among other places in the Philippines and the Northwest United States.

As a descendent of Phineas W. Cook and Polly Amanda Savage Cook, Elder Cook expressed delight and enthusiasm at the opportunity to address members of the Cook Family. We anticipate that his wife

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Guy Cook

This newsletter is later than it should be, and I take the blame for the lateness.

The Organization’s officers, directors, specialists and family representatives had a quarterly meeting in May, and it was the best meeting in quite a while. There was good attendance, and we accomplished much, especially putting forth new ideas and proposed activities.

The most exciting event coming up, taking place later this year, is the “Cook-a-rama: Family Research Event”. There is a detailed article about the event elsewhere in this newsletter. It is going to be exciting, lots of fun, instructive and spiritual. We encourage you to plan to join us for this special event. If it is well attended, we will plan other special events.

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Henry Birdsall (Burchall) (1578-1651)

By Wendy Bentley

As in the case of our ancestor, Henry Cook, mystery and doubt are woven into the life history of his father-in-law, Henry Birdsall. A number of years ago the Cook Newsletter published a picture of the imposing Birdsall Mansion in Yorkshire England. Indeed there is a Henry Birdsall born in 1550 in East Riding, Yorkshire, England who has seven children born there, but none are named Henry.

The Ancestral File lists this Henry however as the father of our Henry and records that Henry Jr. (AFN:8QKF-LF) is christened in St. Stephen Parish in Norwich in 1578. Is it logical that the aristocratic Henry Birdsall and his wife, Alice De Doncaster, both of Yorkshire would have their first child christened two shires (about 150 miles) away, when their other seven children are christened in Yorkshire?

Our Henry does report that he was married in St. Stephen Parrish Church in Norwich, Norfolk England April 9, 1610 to Agnes Kempe.[1] Their first child, Judith, is christened there a year later. [2] But, after making a through search of the parish records for christenings we have found no evidence indicating that a Henry Birdsall was born there in 1578.[3] In fact the Birdsall name is very rare in the Norwich area.

According to Founders of Early American Families: Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657, Henry is born in 1582, immigrates in 1632 and settles in Salem by 1636. Their information claims to have been acquired from the Birdsall family members, but gives no hint

as to where Henry was born.[4] Unfortunately, the official church christening, marriage and death records in the 1500's are few. The original records are difficult, and in some cases impossible to read, and death records for Norwich are not found in Salt Lake's FH Library. If our Henry was born in 1578 he would have been 32 years old and Agnes a mere 18 at the time of their marriage. If he was born in 1582, he would have been ten years her senior when they marry, a more likely scenario.

The Ancestral file inaccurately lists him as having been married previously to Margaret Britwin. Yet, we know that Margaret was married to William Kempe the 25th of April 1562, and she is the grandmother of Henry's wife, Agnes.[5] The Kempe family hails from Carleton-Rode, Norfolk, 12.4 miles southwest of the center of Norwich. There is a good marriage index in which we found the marriage records for Agnes' father, Stephen Kempe, to her mother, Agnes Alexandar in the parish church 25 July 1591, [6] and of her grandfather, William Kempe and grandmother, Margaret Britwin, 29 years earlier in the same church.[7]

Upon their marriage Henry and Agnes settle in the center of Norwich. We have a copy of the original christening record in St. Stephen for Judith on 2 June 1611. Anne is born five years later and christened at St. John, Timberhill, Norfolk, on the 24th of May 1616.[8] Nathan is christened four years after Anne at St. Andrew, the 3rd of September 1620.[9] All three parishes are

within four or five blocks of each other in the heart of Norwich.[10]

The Birdsall name is only listed five times in Norwich records: Our Henry at the time of his marriage to Agnes, the chris-

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Money is Available for Genealogical Research

There is money available for genealogical research on the four wives' lines, but there has been little request to use the money. Money available, by family line, is as follows:

Howland line	\$1,796
Savage line	182
McCleve line	710
Poulson line	80

In addition, there is available \$223 for research on Phineas Wolcott Cook's family line. There is also money available in the general checking account for research on Phineas' family line.

The general checking account balance is \$1,799. This account is the source to pay the cost to print and mail the newsletter. The cost is approximately \$1,000 for each mailing, or about \$2,000 per year.

Your involvement in family research could help open lines that have been difficult to get past a certain generation.

Searching for Henry Birdsall in England

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tening of his three children and there is one more curious entry in the marriage records, "Henry Birdshall and Ann Griffin 1 April 1627.[11] It is conceivable that Agnes dies after Nathan's birth leaving Henry with a young family and that he does remarry before coming to New England. As mentioned before our FHL in Salt Lake has no death records for that area during that time period. According to The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634-1635, however, Henry arrived in Boston in 1635 with his wife, Agnes Kempe and children, Judith, Anne and Nathan. [12] Another source, Founders of Early American Families, 1607-1657, claims Henry arrived in 1632. [13] Such differences are common among colonial scholars as ship captains were not required to turn in passenger lists until 1820, and hence the dates are often recorded years later according to the memories of passengers or their descendents.

Salem did not begin keeping death records until 1650, and only a very few deaths are listed in Boston's vital Records between 1630 to 1699.[14] The names of Agnes and Anne are not mentioned in any of these. Judith married at the age of 28 and Nathan at the age of 25. No record exists of a marriage for Anne and so we can logically assume she passed away before she was 30 years old (1646).

What we do know is that : "Most emigrants, then – whether male or female, married or single, household head or servant – eventually conformed to the common pattern in settling, New England. They would spend their first year or two moving about the region, and most would finally choose for their permanent home a newly founded community where they might still obtain farms near the town center and enjoy proprietary privileges. There they would stay and improve the family farms that eventually supported their children and even many of their grandchildren.

This pattern of short-run mobility followed by long-run persistence characterized 8 out of 10 household heads." [15]

On Dec. 14, 1637 Henry is allotted 15 acres in Boston.[16] . He is referred to as a "freeman," which meant that he had full rights to vote and participate as a citizen.[17] We also know that he had at least some education and could read as "books" are listed in his inventory at the time of his death.[18] By 1638 he had moved to Salem approximately 15 miles away and is admitted into the Salem Church.[19] He was made a

freeman in Salem's community May 2, 1638.[20] He serves as a jurymen in the Quarter Court Jan. 25th 1639.[21] In 1644 he is hired to sweep the church and keep it clean, proof that he was an affiliated Puritan. [22] That same year his daughter, Judith, is married to Henry Cook.[23] His son, Nathan marries Temperance Baldwin the next year and they settle in Oyster Bay, New York.[24]

There is one more baffling piece of information listed in the book, New England Marriages Prior to 1700, Henry Birdsall is listed as marrying a third time to a "?" who was born in 1623 of Salem.[25] This would make her three years younger than his youngest child. There is no date attached to this marriage, nor name.

In 1649, now 71 years old, Henry buys a house, shop and one acre of land from his father-in-law, Henry Cook for ten dollars.[26] He dies two years later, 17 Sep 1651. Included in his inventory taken at the time of his death are the following interesting items: 2 swine, a featherbed, an old sword and musket, books and 'tools for his trade' but we are not told the nature of that trade." [27] A complete list of his inventory can be found on page 3 of Pioneers of Massachusetts.[28] Unfortunately, although he made a will, it has been lost. Perhaps it would have told us if he left a wife, and how old he was when he died.

There is a book published by the Library of Congress which documents our Birdsall line from 1926 back to Henry in Salem.[29] It does not go back into England, however, we were able to go through the descending pedigree, check the names through the IGI, and complete the ordinance work for 412 individuals.

- [1] England, Norfolk, Norwich – Church records – St. Stephen Parish -marriages A-Z 1559-1837. FHL film #0993969, marriage index 1558-1812 Fiche #6907190.
- [2] England, Norfolk, Norwich – Church records – St. Stephen Parish -births & christenings 1538-1812 index Fiche #6907189, film #0993969
- [3] England, Norfolk, Norwich – Church records – St. Stephen Parish -births & christenings 1538-1812 index Fiche #6907189, film #6907189
- [4] Colket, Meredith B. Jr., Founders of Early American Families: Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657, The Court of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, Cleveland, Ohio 1985, p.30.

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There was a report on the Family web site at our last meeting. There have been more additions to the web site since our last newsletter. We encourage you to log onto the web site and find out what is newly added.

The web site will continue to evolve as more features are added. You can also order on the web site any items in the newsletter order form. We encourage you to post your E-Mail addresses on the web site. Our objective is to be able post the newsletter on the web-site for your to download. We would like more input from you many family members to enhance the newsletters. Please send to us family histories, stories, anecdotes and information about your lives to insert. If you have relevant photographs, please send copies for us to insert.

Janet Porter and her husband were prepared to serve a mission, after her husband retired, and we assumed they would be gone by last January or February. It was necessary for them to put the mission on hold to help care for aging parents. They hope to eventually serve a mission. We are happy Janet will be with us for the near future, and we are blessed with two well qualified genealogists, Janet and Wendy Jo Bentley.

If you have suggestions to improve the web site and newsletter, please sent them to us. We are always looking for ways to make improvements.

Your purchases of items on the order form and payment of the \$20 annual dues provide the financial resources for the Organization to continue to operate and make improvements in the Organization, newsletter and web site. We distribute over 1,800 newsletters, and we try to have two newsletters each year. Annual dues are received from fewer than 100 families.

We encourage more of you to become actively involved by volunteering to participate as directors, specialists, committee members and family representatives for the Ann Eliza Howland sub-

organization.

We hope you will enjoy the summer. Our next Organization meeting will be the second Saturday in September. You are invited to attend.

“Cook-A-Rama Events Outlined

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Mary will be there as well.

We sincerely hope that you will attend some or all of these sessions. We are very excited about seeing you and renewing family acquaintances at the “Cook-O-Rama” – please plan to attend. Even if

Come hear a special address by Elder Quentin Cook as Part of the “Cook-O-Rama”

you cannot make all of the sessions, please come to whatever you can! To help us plan for adequate facilities, food, etc., please send in the attached RSVP. However, Even if you do not RSVP, but decided later to attend, you are still invited. It would be helpful to

know if you are coming, so if you decide to come, you may contact the individuals on the return card, but the important thing is to COME – even if you did not RSVP. We will see you there! You may email Dan Ditto @ dan.ditto@ihc.com OR LaMar Day @ LaMarDay@networld.com OR call Janet Porter @ 801-226-8094.

DIRECTIONS to the Bountiful East 28th Ward Building: Take I-15 to the Bountiful/Woods Cross Exit (Exit 315) Go straight east for about four blocks. You will pass a large stake center at 2600 South and 500 West. Continue on east to the next light (2600 S 200 W). Turn left for a distance of 4 blocks and the church is on the right side (2285 S 200 W)

Henry Birdsall tracked to New England

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- [5] England Norfolk, Church Records – Carleton-Rode Parish – marriages, film# 0496691.
- [6] Ibid.
- [7] Ibid.
- [8] England, Norfolk, Norwich – Church records – St. John Timberhill Parish, British film# 0993674, Fiche index #6907086.
- [9] England, Norfolk, Norwich – Church records – St. Andrew Parish, Fiche index #6907191
- [10] Kelly Directories, Kelly's Plan of Norwich: based on the ordnance survey map. FHL British map case: 942.61/N1E7k.
- [11] England, Norfolk, Nor-

- wich – Church records – marriages Fiche# 6907192.
- [12] Anderson, Robert Charles, George F. Sanborn, Jr., and

Melinde Lutz Sanborn. The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634-1635, (Continued on page 6)

P.W. Cook Book Appears in Fort Collins Library Poster

A new library poster is circulating in Fort Collins, Colorado these days featuring the CEO of the Poudre Valley Health Systems, Rulon Stacey. He is featured in the poster with a book. The caption on the poster is "Rulon Stacey, President and CEO of Poudre Valley Health Systems reads *Triumph of Testimony, the Life of Phineas Wolcott Cook* written by his sister Janet Stacey Porter."

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
 P.O. Box 1522, Provo, Utah, 84603-1522
 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 _____

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- 6. P. W. Cook Diary _____ copies @ _____ = _____
 Single copies - \$7.00 each, 2-6 copies - \$6.00 each
 7-12 copies - \$5.00 each
 - 7. Video (42 minutes) on the Life of P. W. Cook \$15.00 _____
 - 8. Cook Ancestral Tour Guides \$6.00 each (4 or more \$5.00 each)
 Goshen & Litchfield Co., Connecticut _____
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 - 9. Family Fireside Stories – Book I \$9.00 _____
 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 items above if 2003 Dues have been paid or accompany this order Less ()
ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

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

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

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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 _____
- Name _____ Telephone # _____

E-mail address: _____

Footnotes For Birdsall Research Continue

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- [13] Boston Town Record Volume 2, US/Can 974.461 H2b, p.26 City Document #46.
- [15] Anderson, Virginia DeJohn, *New England's Generation*, Cambridge University Press, New York, FHL US/CAN 974H2av, P.114
- [16] Colket, Meridith B. Jr., *Founders of Early American Families, 1607-1657, The General Court of Order of Founders and Patriots of America*, Cleveland, Ohio, 1985, p.30.
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- [19] Frost, Josephine C., *The Frost Genealogy*, Frederick H. Hitchcock, New York, 1912 p. 363.
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- [22] *Salem Town Record 1:135. Records of Salem To The End of The Year 1849 Volume III, - Marriages*, The Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, 1924. p.243, FHL US/CAN 974.45/51 V3.
- [23] *Records of Salem To The End of The Year 1849 Volume III, - Marriages Salem Marriages .p.243*
- [24] *Oyster Bay Town Records*, US/Can 974.724 .701.
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- [26] Brown, Bradley, *From Off The Old Block, The Genealogy of a Branch of the Birdsall Family Tree*, Library of Congress, 1926.

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