

Phineas Wolcott Cook

Family Organization

Newsletter

June, 2019

Elder Quentin L. Cook to Speak Aug 17 At P. W. Cook 200th Birthday Celebration

Elder Quentin L. Cook will be the featured speaker on Saturday, August 17, at the 10 am session of the Family Celebration honoring the 200th Birthday of Phineas Wolcott Cook.

The celebration will be held in the LDS Chapel and nearby Bonneville Glen at 1535 East Bonneview Drive in Salt Lake City.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the morning session will feature remarks by Elder Cook. Attendees are encouraged to be in their seats 30 minutes early for Elder Cook's remarks.

A 2nd morning session will begin at 11:45 a.m. consisting of videos and presentations on the Family History of Phineas, including his great example of faith. We will also discuss the Revolutionary War service of his grandfather Daniel Cook..

Lunch will begin at 12:45 and the event will end at 2 p.m. The cost for lunch is \$7.50 per person for those wishing to purchase food. Mem-

bers current on their \$20 annual membership dues will receive two meals free for lunch.

An RSVP is required by July 15 for those participating in the lunch. Please send an email with contact information, and the number of lunches requested, to

RSVP@cookfamily.org

Those not wishing to purchase food are welcome to bring their own lunch.

During the event, various videos will be presented in the church building.

The Bonneville Glen, the location of the

celebration, has historic significance for the descendants of Phineas. He once built and ran a mill along Red Butte Creek which runs through the Glen.

During the event, all bookstore items will be on sale for 10% off.

At Annual Cook-O-Rama in September Elder Rulon F. Stacey Encouraged Unity

Elder Rulon Stacey, an Area Authority Seventy living in Minneapolis, spoke to Cook descendants gathered at the annual Cook-O-Rama in September of 2018. In his remarks, he spoke of training he received the previous April. He described the total unity among the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

He then explained that the same unity should exist in the church, in our homes, and especially our marriages.

Elder Stacey said the 107th section of the Doctrine and Covenants makes clear the Twelve are responsible for training and calling upon 70 "instead of any others" (D&C 107:38). "The spirit that I was left with was how hard President Nelson is

working to make sure they are completely unified in the message they send to us and to everyone," said Elder Stacey. He then compared the unity among the brethren to the unity which should exist among Elder's quorums and

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**By Dan Ditto, President
Cook Family
Organization**

Dear Family,

I would like to share a thought and a story with you from the life of Phineas Walcott Cook. Ever since Grandfather Cook received a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he was true and faithful to the counsel of the prophet - even when he was under extreme hardship.

Maybe I should say, especially when he was under extreme hardship. We know that he experienced extreme hunger,

poverty, illness, criticism, financial loss, betrayal by others, death of family members and slander from others, just to name a few of the difficulties that he experienced. As we face our own challenges in life, I would like to share this thought:

We have been blessed because Phineas stayed. He survived his trials, troubles and deprivations by following the counsel of the Lord and His Prophets.

To illustrate: On one occasion, when Phineas was extremely ill and impoverished, and it seemed that he was destined to die of illness if he stayed; yet he refused to go to a more promising area because he had

been counselled by Brigham Young to stay and build up the area. Some of his dearest friends came to visit, and meaning well, approached him about going with them to a different area to find better work and conditions. Phineas could not bring himself to do that.

He said: "I love you as my brother, and if it were just for myself, I would go with you because it would be much easier.

"But I have to think of my children and their children, and all of the generations who follow them who might hear of what went on here in this camp. If I leave now they might never learn the lesson of following the church leaders and staying with the church whatever happens, because that's the only way they will ever stay close to the Lord and His commandments. I could never have that on my conscience."

His friend said: "You won't go with me, will you." To which Phineas replied: "No I won't. I wish I could, for I believe it might save our lives. But I can't leave when I promised Brigham and

myself, I'd stay whatever happens."

His friends left, saying that they would be back by the next year. Phineas must have watched in sorrow as this friend left. However, probably more to his sorrow, he

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Newsletters Are Now Only Digital

In an effort to increase distribution and save on printing and postal costs, the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Newsletter is now published only digitally.

The newsletter will now be distributed to descendants as an email attachment and will also be available online at the Cook Family Website : www.cookfamily.org

This requires members to update their own email addresses or find a family member with internet access or email access to the newsletter.

Email address information can be sent to the PW Cook Family Organization Newsletter at Cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com.

Bookstore Items

10 % off

**At the Birthday
Celebration**

On August 17, 2019

Links on the Cook Website

Cook Family Website at <http://www.cookfamily.org>

Bookstore: <http://www.cookfamily.org/store/index.html>

Histories and Journals: <http://www.cookfamily.org/historiesandjournals.html>

Family pedigree chart: http://www.cookfamily.org/tree/pedigree.php?rootid=11&show_full=1&PEDIGREE_GENERATIONS=4&talloffset=1&ged=Cook

Interactive Family Tree : <http://www.cookfamily.org/webtrees.html>

Family History Vignettes: Short biographical information:
<http://www.cookfamily.org/vignettes/index.html>

Elder Stacey Spoke Last Fall At the Annual Cook-O-Rama

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Relief Societies in the new ministering program.

Elder Stacey then said the same principle of unity should also exist in our marriages. He said as we focus on the Savior, moving closer and closer to Him, becoming more like the Savior, “we will think and act in more harmony and unity.” He said he thinks that is what President Nelson is trying to tell us and is setting the example.

Elder Stacey related the testimonies he had heard from the members of the Quorum of the 12 about the reorganization of the First Presidency and how significant those testimonies were. At a conference he attended in Bismarck, North Dakota, Elder Quentin L Cook bore his testimony to the youth at a special meet-

ing, saying “I want you to know that I know Jesus Christ. I know his voice and I know his face.”

Elder Stacey told us that President Nelson says the restoration is still ongoing, that what was begun in 1820 continues today. We look to what our ancestor Phineas Wolcott Cook did in joining the church and how our lives are now different because of that, but that we can do the same thing for descendants in the future.

Referring to the example set by our ancestor Phineas Wolcott Cook, Elder Stacey talked about some of the misunderstandings that existed between Phineas and the prophet at the time, Brigham Young. He said, he thought our grandfather knew Brigham Young’s

weaknesses and still honored him as a prophet. Elder Stacey said that from the moment after leaving Michigan, that Phineas made the decision to turn to stay with the Saints and never looked back. At that moment it was a decision to follow the prophet, even when the prophet was annoying or did things he didn’t personally like.

Near the end of his remarks Elder Stacey related some personal experiences he has had in his calling which he feels shows the Lord is watching out for individuals.

He closed with his own testimony which he described as independent of any other person.

President’s Message continued

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never saw his dear friends again.

Phineas did stay and through a rather miraculous process received his health again, but we know that throughout his life he suffered many other difficulties. Yet, because of his love for his “children and their children, and all of the generations who follow” we are blessed because he stayed through all of them.

Please join us on August 17th to celebrate his life and his legacy as we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of his birth. Join us and be inspired by our family member and his descendant and who is a prophet, seer and revelator; Elder Quentin L Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

I promise you that you will be very happy you came. The celebration will be held at the LDS Chapel at 1535 East Bonneview Drive in Salt Lake City and will begin at 10 a.m.

Goshen Journal

Part 12
By Janet Porter

"Uncle Sam on one hand and the devil on the other."

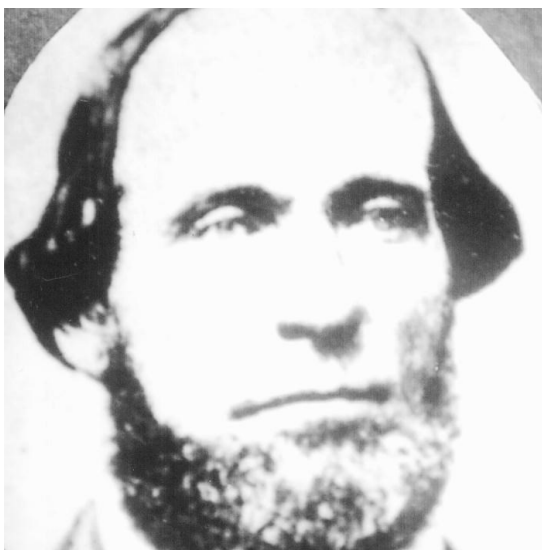
When Phineas Wolcott Cook moved his families to the settlement of Goshen during the winter of 1857 he was 38 years old. Having been in Winter Quarters, Salt Lake City, Manti and Payson, he had worked closely with the brethren in the Church of Jesus Christ for eleven years. By 1857 when Phineas began the process of establishing the town of Goshen, he had come to understand lines of authority in temporal matters as well as spiritual affairs. As an obedient follower, he willingly complied with established authority, including the bishop in Payson whose authority extended in the beginning to the Goshen Valley. Knowing the general church authorities administered the establishment of new towns and ecclesiastical units, he also kept an open communication with them to be perfectly open in his affairs.

But Phineas also understood the gospel of

Jesus Christ. When he was approved by the brethren in Salt Lake City to be Bishop of the little town, he accepted the responsibility as willingly as he had previously accepted the authority of others. Because his existing journal does not include this period, we have never heard his mature testimony. In Goshen his talks and counsel are recorded (usually in his own handwriting), giving us a clear understanding of the love Phineas Wolcott Cook had for the gospel and for principles of honor, honesty and consecration. The love and concern he had for his little flock is apparent in his counsel to them.

As Presiding Authority in their branch, Phineas imparted much wisdom, revealing his honest common-sense religion. In his own handwriting it is all rec-

orded--a legacy to his descendants preserved in the Goshen Ward Minutes. There is much in these pages of his Yankee good sense coupled with a strong testi-



Phineas in his early 30s

mony that all who are willing can be better people by living the gospel of Jesus Christ:

I counceled (counseled) the People to live ~~there~~ the Religion of Jesus Christ & keep their Covenants(.) to Cease to do any evil Speaking(.) lieing (lying) & Back biting & learn to do good all the time, to Pray much in Secerit (secret) as we (well) as in there (their) familys (families) & set good examples before their Children &

then the Lord would bless them & theay (they) would have the light of Revelation and when the floods come they could not be moved for they would be founded on the rock and many other things pertaining to there (their) duty(.) I told them I intended inasmuch as I had been placed at the head of affairs it was my intentions to Clear my Garments of their blood & if any of them needed reproof or Correction I should attend to them in the Spirit of Meekness and in the fear of the Lord(.) (Goshen Ward Minutes 1 Feb. 1858)¹

Had the good people of Goshen listened to their president, there might have been a peaceful settlement, but the complaining and bickering which began with the drawing of lots for their land continued until the little settlement struggled for its very existence. Because there had been bickering among the men, Phineas had consented to build the fort on low ground, but by spring it became obvious they were being flooded out. There was agreement the houses would have to be moved to

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More from Phineas' Time in Goshen

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higher ground so gardens and fruit trees could be planted before warm weather. Several of the men apologized to him for their early opposition to the location he had proposed, but still they were unable to stop their discontent and squabbling.

To complicate the whole process, the U.S. government had acted on false information about the church, and

had sent an army to quell a supposed rebellion. The Saints in Utah braced themselves for conflict. Phineas continued to teach the people of Goshen as Johnston's Army approached and people from the Northern settlements began to move south. He well knew the actions of some of the saints had hurt others in the early years of Salt Lake City, and warned the Goshen saints about taking advantage of others as they became vulnerable.

The following was dated 4 April of 1858 and

gives reference to a dream Phineas had in Sanpete County:

Bro. Cook arose and made sum (some) exlent (excellent) remarks about the brethren that live up north(.) You no (know) how they dealt with the brethren living south in hard times(.) Now the Lord is trying the Saints living south if



they will act as the brethren did north(.) take judgements upon themselves and repay themselves and get rich from the downfall of their brethren(.) Now let us be careful how we get along (.) The Saints up north as (has) to give up all and leave their homes and go south and find a nother (another) house(.) Spoke of this settlement not been broke up. Spoke of his belife (belief) of our going to Jackson County before we cease our exertions(.) Related a dream that he had before he went to the

*City that the Saints was going to gather to Lehi(.) exhorted the brethren to be Cautious how they acted & also to be careful (careful) & industrious(.)*²

(Later that month he recorded) *Br. Bishop Cook arose and said to...keep ourselves a weak (awake) and our guns ready and prepared to stand in defence (defense) of our selves our wives (wives) and children that we may dwell (dwell) secure in our Goshen home, etc...*³
...sleep in such a time as this when we have Uncle Sam on one hand and the devil on the other so keep awaked whatever you do(.)

Phineas had a way with words. And it wouldn't be the last time these struggling saints would "have Uncle Sam on one hand and the devil on the other."

Footnotes:

¹Document Folder Item 71, side 1.

²Minutes of a meeting April 4, (no year, but it was 1858), Document Folder Item 10, Side 1. Also Minutes 19 April 1858, Document Folder Item 84 Side 1.

³GWM, Minutes of a meeting 19 and 27 April 1858, Document Folder Item 8, side 1

Come Celebrate the 200th Birthday Of Phineas W Cook

When

Make your plans now to attend the celebration on Saturday, August 17, 2019, honoring the 200th birthday of Phineas Wolcott Cook

What time?

10 am –2 pm

Where?

At the Church and nearby Bonneville Glen in Salt Lake City
1535 East Bonneview Drive in Salt Lake City

More Details

Keynote speaker: Elder Quentin L Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve

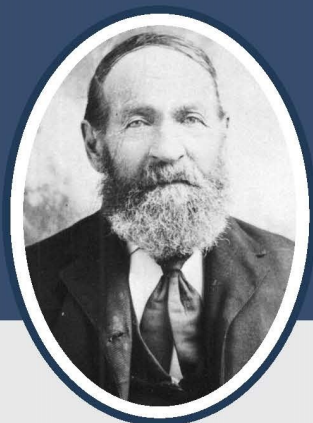
Lunch

Lunch is available for purchase at \$7.50 per person with 2 free tickets for any who are Current on Organization dues.

RSVP by July 15

Please RSVP by July 15 if you want to purchase lunch. The link to the RSVP form is http://www.cookfamily.org/cook-o-rama/2019/rsvp_200th_birthday.html

Feel Free to bring your own lunch



A Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Celebration

To honor PWC on his 200th Birthday | Born on August 28, 1819

Keynote Speaker Elder Quentin L. Cook

Saturday, August 17, 2019

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

LDS Chapel at Bonneville Glen

1535 East Bonneview Drive, Salt Lake City

10 am — 11:30 am **Family Meeting**
Keynote Speaker: Elder Quentin L. Cook
of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles

11:45 am — 12:40 pm **Family Meeting**
The life of PWC: Videos and speakers
With Presentations on his life and family history

12:45 pm — 2 pm **Lunch**
2 FREE tickets if dues paid OR \$7.50/person
RSVP [here](#) by July 15

RSVP before July 15

[http://www.cookfamily.org/cook-o-rama/2019/
rsvp_200th_birthday.html](http://www.cookfamily.org/cook-o-rama/2019/rsvp_200th_birthday.html)

(imbedded in the form is a Paypal link to pay for lunch)

We need Help At the August Celebration

Are you coming in August
to the Birthday Celebration?

If you would be able to help with
setup or take down or clean up

Please let us know by email at
cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com

Three Ways to Pay Dues

Dues (\$20/year), Birthday Lunch (\$7.50/person)

Pay Through

Paypal: <http://www.cookfamily.org/store>

Venmo: Ronald Mcmillan@phineaswolcottcook

By check to: Cook Family Organization,
1155 East 13400 South, Draper, Ut 84020

P.W. Cook Family Organization

Order Form

Organizational Dues				Date	
Suggested Annual Donation - \$20 per family - Tax Deductible					
Please select one:		My dues are current <input type="radio"/>	Pay dues now <input type="radio"/>	Do not pay dues <input type="radio"/>	
Item (20% discount on all items if dues are current or accompany this order)	Price	Discount Price	Order	Total	
NEW! Samuel Bryson's Journey book	\$15.00	\$12.00			
The Posterity of Phineas Wolcott Cook CD	\$10.00	\$8.00			
Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree Book	\$10.00	\$8.00			
Amanda P. Savage Descending Pedigree CD	\$5.00	\$4.00			
Triumph of Testimony, 462 page history of PWC to Utah	\$37.50	\$30.00			
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1 Copy	\$7.00	\$5.60			
2-6 Copies	\$6.00	\$4.80			
7+ Copies	\$5.00	\$4.00			
DVD (42 minutes) on the Life of P.W. Cook	\$12.00	\$9.60			
Cook Ancestral Tour Guides					
Goshen & Litchfield Co., Connecticut (1-3 Copies)	\$6.00	\$4.80			
Goshen & Litchfield Co., Connecticut (4+ Copies)	\$5.00	\$4.00			
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Book I (Illustrated Stories of PWC to Marriage)	\$9.00	\$7.20			
Book II (Illustrated Stories: LDS Conversion)	\$9.00	\$7.20			
Book III (Illustrated Stories: Winter Quarters)	\$9.00	\$7.20			
PAF CD with complete Cook and Porter genealogy and documentation	\$6.00	\$4.80			
Goshen Documents	\$6.00	\$4.80			
Total Purchases:					
Donations for Family Research (Tax Deductable)		Amount	Personal Information		
Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Line			Name		
Ann Eliza Howland Family Line			Street Address		
Amanda Polly Savage Family Line					
Catherine McCleve Family Line			City	State	Zip
Johanna Christine Poulson Family Line					
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Total Donations:					
Totals		Mailing Information:			
Organizational Dues		Mail this form with check to:			
Purchases		PWC			
Donations		130 Twin Peaks Drive			
GRAND TOTAL:		Layton, Utah 84040			
Please note: All prices include postage. Make checks payable to "Cook Family Organization" and allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. For questions, contact Glen McMillan at (801) 529-3772 or glenandjanine@gmail.com .					
Committees					
I would be willing to work on one of the following committees:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family History Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Committee		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Typing Histories - Word Processing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Illustrator		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter/Mailing Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance Committee		

Here is a Preview of the Video List For the Birthday Celebration

Here are some of the video presentations in process for the Celebration in August

1819-1836 – Goshen, Connecticut

1837 – Connecticut to Michigan via the Erie Canal
New York and Ohio:

1836-1846 – Kalamazoo County, Michigan

1846-1848 – Winter Quarters

1857-1861 – Goshen

1863-1883 – Bear Lake

1889-1900 – Afton, Wyoming

Here are some of the video presentations we would still love to have for the celebration if possible, or if not, for the future. If you can volunteer, please contact Janet Porter at janetprtr@gmail.com

1846 – Migration from Michigan to Winter Quarters

1848-1850 – Salt Lake City

1850-1853 – Manti

1853-1856 – Salt Lake City

1856-1857 – Payson and Spanish Fork

1861 – Cedar Valley

1888 – Sanpete County

1883-1888 – Logan

Gravemarker
for Phineas
Wolcott Cook
at Cemetery
in Afton, Wyoming.

