

Phineas Wolcott Cook

Family Organization

Newsletter

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The Cook Family Facebook Page And Website Get Updates

In a continuing effort to expand access to information about Phineas Wolcott Cook, new updates have been made to the Cook Family website and social media sites.

The updates to the website involve the “Histories and Journals” link on the front page of the website. Additional links have been added to “Ancestors of Phineas Wolcott Cook” which provides information about several generations of Phineas’ ancestors. Included for many of the ancestors is information on their relationship to Phineas and in some, a short sketch of their life with documentation of their genealogical information.

Eventually similar information will be included for each of Phineas’ 4 wives.

In addition, information on Phineas and his ancestors is being shared regularly in posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as well. Recent posts have included stories about the family of Henry Cook and his wife Judith. Others include Henry’s great, grandson, Daniel Cook, Sr (and Phineas’ great grandfather) and his wife Elizabeth were featured in one post. Daniel died in 1778 while three of his sons were serving in the Revolutionary War and Elizabeth lived an additional 22 years

Daniel Cook Jr (and Phineas’ grandfather) and his service in the Revolutionary War was the subject of another post. Daniel, Jr was the son of Daniel, Sr and Phineas’ grandfather. Phineas Wolcott Cook reported that fighting the war for independence for the full 7 years of the conflict broke his grandfather’s health. Daniel died at the age of 49, 20 years after the war had ended.

Anyone can follow the Facebook Instagram and Twitter pages to regularly view the posts Find us under the name “Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization” on all platforms.

Links Listed for Cook Family

Media Information

The Cook family website is a source for information on the both the life of Phineas W. and on the organization. Look below for a list of the links to many of the features on the website, including information from the 2019 Cook O’Rama including a video of the 2nd session and links to the many location videos produced for the event.:

Cook Family Website at [http://](http://www.cookfamily.org)

www.cookfamily.org , the main web page for the site

Bookstore: <http://www.cookfamily.org/store/index.html>, to purchase Cook Family History Materials

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

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

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Three Efforts Underway to Find Henry Cook's British Ancestors

In an effort to find Henry Cooke's English ancestors, Henry's DNA, his life in Salem, and his wife Judith's family are the subject of three ongoing genealogy projects according to Bryson Cook, Family organization genealogist.

Henry Cooke is the immigrant ancestor of Phineas W Cook and the first of the projects consists of a search to identify the Y DNA markers of his line "So far there are about fifteen patrilineal descendants of Henry whose DNA comprise the project sample," says Bryson. Samples have been collected from three of the four families of Phineas the Howland line the McCleve line and the Poulson line. A search is still underway to find a member of the Savage family who might be willing to volunteer for the project. Interestingly, there have been two volunteers who have Henry's DNA but cannot prove genealogically that they descend directly from him,. They are likely descendants through one of Henry's son's, Henry or Samuel

A second project is building on research previously done by Bryson and fellow family genealogist Janet Porter, updating the life story for Henry Cooke of Salem The goal of this project is to

expand insight into the life of Henry both geologically and historically.

To do this, the project will be made up of 5 parts. The first will take a look at the Reformation and rise of Puritanism in England at the time.

Another segment will research the Puritans generally and see the reasons they left England including economic and educational motives and religious persecution.

The third section will involve the history of Salem in an effort to provide a glimpse into Henry's life outside of the genealogical information

A fourth section will involve research into Henry's relationship with his Birdsall in-law's, his religious life, his marriage, his profession, his estate and his role in the Colonial militia.

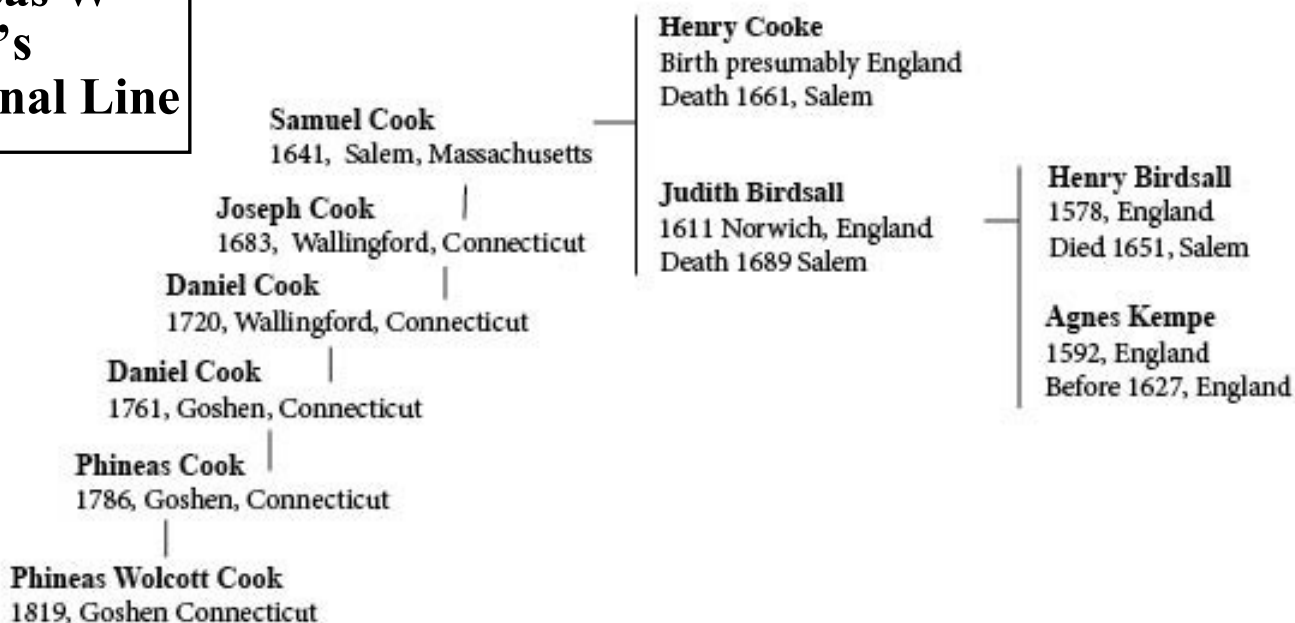
Finally, Bryson and Janet will explore the naming patterns of his family and those of his children.

The naming study in particular may help when combined with the DNA project to help identify Henry's English progenitors.

The final major project will look specifically at the Birdsall family. As a result of the look into naming

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Phineas W Cook's Paternal Line



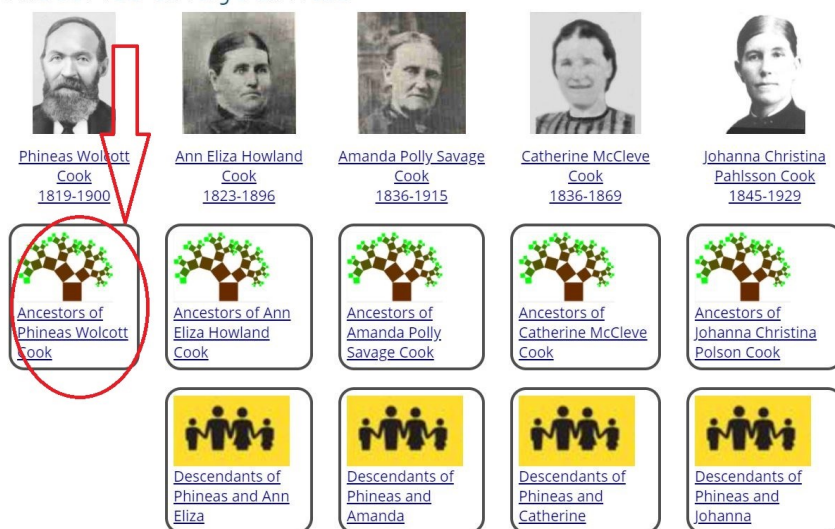
Updates and Changes Highlighted For the Cookfamily.org Website

The Cook Family Organization website has some exciting additions! From the homepage (<http://cookfamily.org/>) Click on the *Histories* tab (circled here in red) to see what we've added!

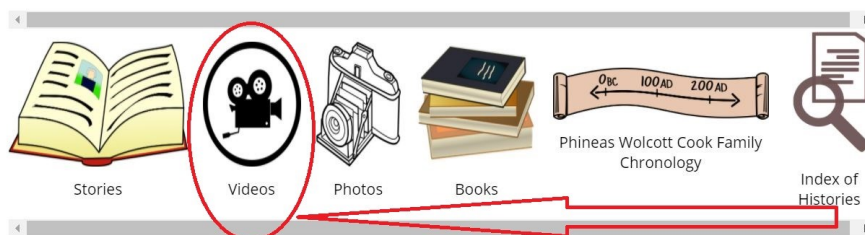


The [Histories and Journals](#) page will include much more about our ancestors and descendants. To date, we have posted short biographies under Phineas and each of his wives. Click on their pictures to read those.

Histories and Journals



“[Ancestors of Phineas Wolcott Cook](#)” also has several new items . The wives don’t have items under their “Ancestors” or “Descendants” yet. Stay tuned! Changes will be coming in the future.



Check here to see videos from last year’s Cook Family Reunion.

A New Chapter For Young Adults To Learn of Cook Ancestors to Start

Beginning in the fall of 2021, the Phineas Wolcott Cook Organization will start a new chapter specifically for young adult family members, single or married. This new chapter will help young family members learn about family history in engaging ways.

Cook Family Links To Web and Social Media Sites Listed

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

Family History Vignettes: Short biographical information:

<http://www.cookfamily.org/vignettes/index.html>

Cook O'Rama 2019 Session #2 <http://www.cookfamily.org/cook-o-rama/2019>

Links to the Location videos produced for the 2019 Cook O'Rama

<http://www.cookfamily.org/histories/PhineasWolcottCookFamily/Chronology>

Find us on social media!

We are actively posting pictures and information about our ancestors as well as current research. Check us out:

On **Facebook** we are "Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization" @CookFamilyOrg

<https://www.facebook.com/cookfamilyorg>

On **Instagram** we are "Phineas Wolcott Cook" @CookFamilyOrg

<https://www.instagram.com/cookfamilyorg/>

On **Twitter** we are "Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization" @CookFamilyOrg

The chapter will meet virtually a few times a year and all family members ages 18-30 are urged to join. Meetings will be conducted over Zoom.

Meetings will include fun ways to learn about the history of the organization, as well as family history regarding Phineas and his ancestors and descendants. There will also be information about genealogy research that is ongoing and other projects our organization is engaged in.

Information on this new Young Adult Chapter will be available in the future on the website and social media platforms. Watch for news about the first meeting and how to join the chapter.

Efforts are Underway to Find Henry's Ancestry

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patterns an additional son for Henry Birdsall (Henry's father-in-law) was found. He was named Isaac and was christened 4 April 1613 in Saint Peter's Manroot Parish, Norwich, Norfolk, England. He would have been born after Judith and he would have been her baby brother who died prior to her coming to New England with her father Henry and her youngest brother Nathan.

As a result of her marriage to Henry Cooke shortly after her arrival in the new world the couple named their first born son Isaac after her deceased brother. This naming pattern was customary for Puritan couples living in New England.

This discovery of Isaac and other research also identified candidates as potential fathers for Henry Cooke of Salem. When we finish this project those candidates will be shared with the family and hopefully lead the family to successfully identifying Henry's English ancestors!

Discontent in Goshen, 1859

Phineas Wolcott Cook Goshen Series

Phineas W. Cook had little tolerance for disobedience to authority. He himself had proven he would take counsel even at his own peril. There was not a particle of disobedience in him. He never found a way to mediate the disobedient and quarrelsome spirits of the Goshen people because he had no comprehension of those faults. He was absolutely certain obedience was the answer to their problems and had no other advice. His counsel on March 13, 1859 to pray and live by the spirit and repent for wrongdoing may have seemed too straight-forward for the Goshen saints:

Br P. W. Cook a rose and said Bretheren (brethren) there is something rong (wrong) in this place and sum (some) of the Bretheren (brethren) would do right if thay (they) would retrase (retrace) there (their) steps and repent and do right so as thay (they) may be for given for there is nothing done but what can be righted, etc. Incouraged (encouraged) the Bretheren (brethern) to live there (their) religion (religion), etc.

My advice has been all the time to the people to keep their covenants, and seek diligently for the spirit of God that they might know the things which are to come for I have often told you that every thing would be shaken that can be shaken.

Perhaps the Goshen saints were stressed to their limit by their living conditions. They had located the fort at a place much too wet for health and safety, not more than five miles south of Utah Lake. Water seeped into their homes and gardens, and they knew they would have to move. Fortunately, their farming and grazing land was on the best site a mile or two away, and that never changed. But with the encouragement of the church leaders, the Goshen people began to search for a new location. During the spring and summer of 1859 they chose a ridge two



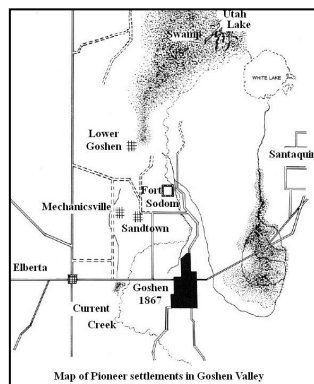
The old Fort Sodom was built where water seeped into the houses (Courtesy

miles away from their present fort and began the arduous task of re-building a settlement on higher ground.

Some of them didn't like the new site, so they built near their farming land and called their town Mechanicsville. The little town of Goshen seemed never to be unified. As all this was going on the bickering continued. Phineas stated:

Concerning those who have been offensive to me. It is my advice for them to stop telling things and holding private meetings fer (for) if you get together you will be apt to speak and if you speak you will be apt to say something. From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh & it is a saying that—ards (words) carry tails, (tales) & the more you talk the worse you will feel & the more you will have to repent off(.) But spend the time in prayer and humble yourselves and git (get) the spirrit (spirit) of God & when you come to a trial you will be better prepared to see your position(.)

May God help us all to humble ourselves and get forgiveness fer (for) all our wrongs fer (for) there has been nothing done to my knowlage (knowledge) but what I can forgive and when this is done let not your sins magnify themselves or weigh you down but tell Satan you have no time to spend with him but you are now going to build up the kingdom of God(.) May God help you is my prayer. Amen(.)



Fort Sodom was close to the lake. Later settlements were farther south. (Courtesy Dale Berge)



A few houses were built near the farming and grazing land and called Mechanicsville (Courtesy Seth Porter)

Phineas' Ancestors Helped Established Wallingford, Connecticut 350 years ago

Two of Phineas Wolcott Cook's ancestors made history by founding the early New England city of Wallingford, Connecticut 350 years ago in 1670. Samuel Cook and John Moss were among the 38 original founders of the city. Having settled in New Haven, CT, this group moved 11 miles north to start the settlement near the Quinnipac River.

The city of Wallingford originally scheduled their celebration for 2020, but has rescheduled it to June 2022.

As part of the celebration, the historical society in Wallingford is trying to document living descendants of the founders. If you would like to be included in their list of descendants, please fill out the form found at <https://forms.gle/jaCtJ9NPrsTFpzxEA>. (One per family; list your oldest living relative, then all children/grandchildren after them).

Phineas' ancestor Samuel Cook was Henry Cooke's son. Henry was the first Cook to emigrate from England. Samuel was one of Wallingford's first tanners and shoemakers. His tannery, on "Tan Vat

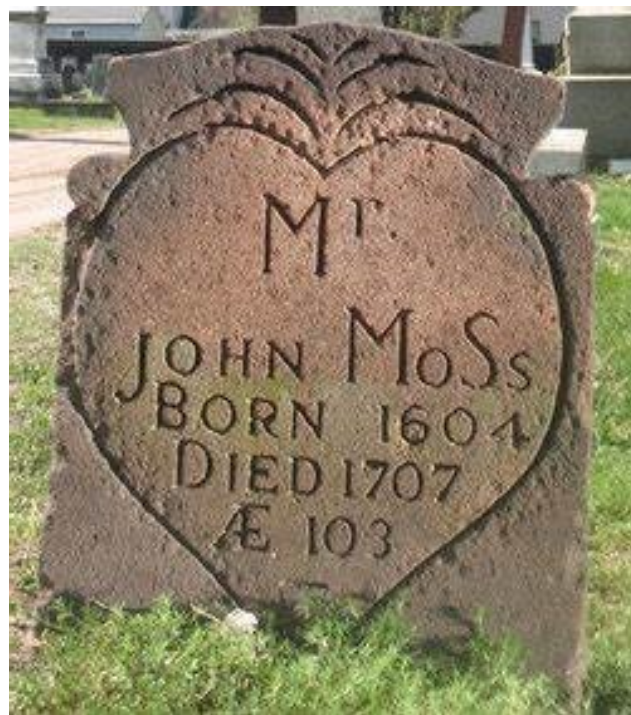
Springs" was located just a few miles from town on a road still called to this day "Cook's Hill."

John Moss was an ancestor of Daniel Cook Jr.'s wife Elizabeth Porter. Daniel was Phineas' great grandfather and fought in the Revolutionary War. Before founding Wallingford, John Moss emigrated from England on a ship that wrecked in Barbados. He later made his way to Massachusetts and then Connecticut. He was one of the first colonists to New Haven Colony, and signed the compact there in 1639. He was a representative to the General Court from New Haven for many years. He held the rank of Corporal and was one of the original purchasers of the town. He was also prominent in the establishment of the church there. At age 67 he applied for the incorporation of the new city of Wallingford, and some believe it was Moss who named Wallingford. He lived a long 103 years.

Watch for more information on this celebration, in the Cook Family Newsletter or visit the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/wallingford350/>



John Moss and Samuel Cook are both listed on a plaque commemorating the founders of Wallingford, Connecticut.



Headstone for John Moss, born in 1604 and Died in 1707 at age 103.

P.W. Cook Family Organization

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PAF CD with complete Cook and Porter genealogy and documentation	\$6.00	\$4.80		
Goshen Documents	\$6.00	\$4.80		
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Committees				
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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	