

PHINEAS WOLCOTT COOK

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1994

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENCY

How fast the years come and go. Since our last letter some of our family members have passed on and many more have arrived. Some of you have accomplished much in the field of family research and some of us have much yet to do. We believe this family organization can do a great deal to help each of us to be more motivated and dedicated to the important work of searching out our ancestors and seeing to it that their temple work is done.

It has been one of our goals as a presidency to maintain a full organization with representatives from each of the four family groups. We need a minimum of two members from each family to form a board of directors. We are publishing in this newsletter the entire Cook Family Organization and encourage each of you to contact your family representative and make them aware of your availability to help in the organization. We encourage each family group to organize under their family representatives and communicate with us, through them, of your activities and what can be accomplished through the main family organization to assist you in your groups. Also, the group organization should keep Janet Porter, organization genealogist, informed as to your accomplishments in research and any help she can be to you.

The Howland family, under the

direction of Lamar Day and Roka Raymond, are doing a great job. They have a large group and have organized themselves utilizing the help of many.

We have been blessed with some new communication from some who have taken the opportunity to write. Welcome, Joan Boone of Placerville, CA. Joan is a descendant of Susan Howland, a sister of Ann Eliza Howland.



PHINEAS WOLCOTT COOK

AUGUST 28, 1819

JULY 24, 1900

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Howland. We will add your name to our mailing list and hope you keep in touch. Also, Stephen L. McCann of British Columbia. He sent in a generous contribution and ordered some diaries. Thanks for the note and your help. Another note came from Lyle Porter of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He expressed appreciation for the newsletter, and gave some helpful comments. He particularly likes the "Adopt and Ancestor" part. It really caught his attention. Thanks Lyle.

We are publishing in this newsletter a notice that will be sent to all Officers and Board of Directors of the annual business meeting of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization. All officers and board of directors are required to be in attendance. We extend an invitation to all members of the organization and encourage your attendance.

Sincerely,

Your Presidency

McKay C. Phippen
Bryson Cook
Gary Cook
Ruth Malmberg

Dear Family Members,

We hope that you have enjoyed the last few news letters. We've tried to make them interesting and informative. The descendants of Phineas W. Cook are numerous and diverse. They live in a multitude of states and countries. We would like to know more about what they are doing. In the church, the community, and the work place.

In past new letters we've tried to share with you a little about your ancestors. We've shared information on the beginnings of our family as an American race with a short life history on Henry Cook, our immigrant ancestor. Also, our search for the Ancestry of Phineas's paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Porter. In this ndws letter we've supplied the ancestry of John Fairchild. This is new genealogy that is meaningful to the descendents of William Cook and Joseph W. Cook - two of Phineas's sons.

In our next news letter we plan to publish new genealogy on the Pond Family. Elizabeth Pond was Phineas's paternal great-grand mother. Did you know they were related to the Winthrops? Well , to learn more you need to read our next news letter. Which brings us to a problem. **We don't have enough money to print it.**

Your dues pay the cost to publish the newsletter. As you can see from the secretary's financial report we are almost out. In a day and age where money seems to be in short supply, we don't want to have our hand out but we're almost out of business!

We have the potential to finance additional genealogical research, publish life stories of our ancestors and provide a forum for communicating with an extended family of almost 5,000 living relatives. It takes money. It takes time. **It takes your help.**

What can you do? Pay your \$10 annual dues. Write to us. Send us the names, addresses, and phone numbers of your family. That includes yourself, your parents, your children living away from home that you would like to receive the news letter. We are missing 2000-3000 names of living descendants of Phineas Wolcott Cook. We need **YOUR** help. Don't rely on anyone else to do it because they won't.

What could we do if only half paid \$10 every year? **RESEARCH, TEMPLE WORK, PUBLISH BIOGRAPHIES AND LIFE STORIES, BUT MOST IMPORTANT, KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU !! PLEASE HELP US.**

Bryson C. Cook
Vice-President
Family Units

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PHINEAS WOLCOTT COOK FAMILY ORGANIZATION

KNOW YOUR FAMILY ORGANIZATION !

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**THIS MEETING WILL BE
HELD FRIDAY EVENING
SEPT. 30, 1994, 7:30 P.M.
AT THE HOME OF MCKAY
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**THE ANNUAL BUSINESS OF
THE CORPORATION WILL
BE CONDUCTED AND
NEW OFFICERS WILL BE
ELECTED. ALL OFFICERS
AND BOARD MEMBERS
ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN
ATTENDANCE.**

PLEASE R.S.V.P.

THANK YOU

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!! NOTE !!

Concerning the Adopt-an-
Ancestor Project suggested
last newsletter:

Anyone interested in doing
research on the Cook
Family Lines, please
contact Janet Porter, 801-
226-8094.

We will set up a time to
work together in the
library in Salt Lake.

A PRACTICAL PLEA !

MAY WE SAY A WORD ABOUT ANNUAL DUES?

In order for the organization to continue, it is
necessary that we depend upon you, the members, to
contribute through annual dues.

Many years ago a donation of \$10.00 from each of us
was suggested. Since that time, postage and all other
operating expenses have increased dramatically.

Many of you have been faithful and generous in your
contributions - but many, many more have not. Our
mailing list alone includes over 1400 names. Please,
could we encourage you to use the order form and
send in your dues as soon as possible. If all would
participate we would not have to ask for more, and much
more could be accomplished by the organization.

P.W. COOK FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Financial Statement as of Sept. 30, 1993

Bal. of Savings account 3/31/93	\$704.07
Interest earned	<u>10.35</u>
TOTAL	\$714.42

Bal. of Checking account 3/31/93	\$1040.58
Deposits of Dues	45.00
Interest earned	<u>7.90</u>
TOTAL	\$1093.48

Expenses paid out	
Postage	\$221.49
News Letter	456.00
St. Tax	10.00
J Porter Res. Exp.	<u>93.73</u>
TOTAL	\$771.22

Total in Bank as of Sept. 30, 1993	\$322.26
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ORDER FORM

FOR PAYMENTS OTHER THAN THE VIDEO, MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH
YOUR CHECK TO: Ruth Malmberg, 614 E. 4010 So., SLC, Utah, 84107 1924

Organization Dues \$10.00 : Additional Contribution for genealogy work on
the _____ line, _____.

Copies of P.W. Cook's Diary @ \$5.00 per copy _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

TO ORDER THE NEW VIDEO TAPE OF P.W. COOK, SEND A CHECK FOR \$12.50
DIRECTLY TO LAMAR DAY AT: 467 WEST 2400 SOUTH, BOUNTIFUL, UTAH 84010

Life of Phineas Wolcott Cook on Video: A 42 minute video cassette of Phineas' life is now available. We have spent several years gathering pictures and information. We have transferred it to a video tape which can be sold at much lower cost and used at greater convenience than the original slides.

HOWLAND FAMILY NEWS

In order to more adequately represent the views of the Ann Eliza Howland Family within the framework of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization, we have attempted to select two Representatives for each of Phineas and Ann Eliza Howland Cook's children who had issue. These representatives are responsible for updating the mailing list of family members, updating the descending pedigree chart and obtaining information and reports for the family newsletter which is planned for publication twice per year. Following are the representatives selected (please help us to fill the vacancies):

Child #3: Harriet Betsey Cook Teeple

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(VACANT)

CHILD #6 Phineas H. Cook

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Child #7: Phoebe Irene Cook Allred

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(Vacant)



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LaVar C. McMillan
6366 Westridge Street
Murray, Utah 84107

Child # 14: William Cook
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1379 Seville
Bountiful, UT. 84010

Max Cook Dickson
9921 Sego Lily Drive
Sandy, Utah 84070

Child # 16: Hyrum Howland Cook

Ron & Marianne Stamm
1383 David
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Please send information for newsletters (information on reunions, special articles of older members of the family, outstanding accomplishments, and other newsworthy items), address changes, new births and marriages to the above representatives.

FAMILY HISTORY

The LDS Family History Libraries are providing volumes of information along with the building of a computer data base to assist in our search for ancestors. However, there is a serious problem with this computer data base. When new information on the individual is put into the file, it overwrites the information that is already there. This can create serious problems when people input information carelessly. To overcome this problem, we are requesting that you submit research through the family organization for checking and submission. Information on Phineas' line would be submitted through Janet Porter, the P.W. Cook Family Genealogist, and information on each of the wives lines would be submitted through family representatives such as the ones listed. We will check the library files periodically to assure that the correct info is being submitted and maintained in the file. We will also check with others who are submitting information that may be incorrect and share with them our findings to see that the correct information is then submitted and maintained. We feel that this can better be done by a family organization where controls can be maintained. This is the way the LDS Family History Libraries would like to have it done.

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SEPARATE RESEARCH FUNDS

The Phineas Wolcott Cook Family organization is made up of the descendants of Phineas and his four wives. Because there is a large difference in the number of members descending from each wife, there was concern expressed many years ago about a fair way to distribute funds for genealogical research to each of the four branches of the family. It was decided that the best way was for the P.W. Cook Family Organization to be responsible for research on Phineas line and that the Member of the Board of Directors representing the wife's family and family organization within each of the wives lines would be responsible for the research on their lines. In an effort to manage the funds submitted for this research, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of sub-accounts in the P.W. Cook Organization checking and savings accounts to maintain separate balances for each of the four (wives) families in addition to the general account maintained which would be available for work on Phineas' line. Dues to the P.W. Cook Family Organization are used for administrative costs (newsletters, postage, photo copying, long distance phone calls, etc.) and research on Phineas' line. When donations are made and are designated for use on the Howland line, Poulson line, etc., they will be kept separate and used for that purpose.

!! HELP !!

ANN ELIZA HOWLAND DIARY

Mary Ann Stamm is typing and Sharon Eastman Marcyes is proofing the Ann Eliza Howland Journal. We only have the last volume of what appears to be several volumes. We are desirous of finding the other volumes and would appreciate contact by anyone having information concerning them. We would like to prepare copies of them for publication.



HOWLAND FAMILY RESEARCH

Until now there has not been a formal organization of the Howland Family that we are aware of, and we are not intending to organize a separate organization at this time, but intend to carry out this function as part of the larger P.W. Cook Family Organization. In the last meeting held, it was determined that we are now ready to select someone who can coordinate the Howland Family research, make assignments and give direction to those who desire to do research on the Ann Eliza Howland line. Please let us know if you are interested or if you know of someone who might be interested in doing this for the family. We will also need some funds for this person to work with. There will be expense for photocopying of material to provide other researchers with the latest information, mailing of materials, computer disks, telephone calls to researchers, etc. We would appreciate contributions from family members for these purposes. Contributions should be made out to the P.W. Cook Family Organization with a notation at the bottom that it is for Ann Eliza Howland Family research. Since the P.W. Cook Family Organization is a tax Exempt Corporation, these donations are tax deductible to you. We do not have immediate plans for hiring a professional researcher, but we may later on. At present we will try to tie into other Howland family lines that we find in the library. A lot of Howland family

to find out how much of it ties to our branch of the family as a starting point. Then we need to work together to expand it.

FAMILY HISTORY

NEWSFLASH

Maureen Cook Winterton, with the help of Norma Hall, has been involved in downloading the records from the Family History Library on Phineas Wolcott Cook's line that have reached back as far as 6 year B.C.. The line is tied into royalty in England, Scotland, Belgium, Wales, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France and Germany.

This tie is through the Bartholomew Goodrich blood line as follows:

Phineas Wolcott Cook, b. 28 Aug. 1819 in Goshen, Conn., is the son of Phineas Cook, b. 12 Nov. 1786 in Goshen, Conn., who is the son of Capt. Daniel Cook, b. 18 Aug. 1761 in Goshen, Conn., who is the son of Daniel Cook, Sr. b. 19 Aug. 1720, in Wallingford, Conn. and Elizabeth Pond, b. about 1722 in Branford, Conn., who is the daughter of Samuel Pond, Jr. b. 1 Jul. 1679 in Branford, Conn. and Abigail Goodrich, b. 13 Nov. 1685 in Branford, Conn., who is the daughter of Bartholomew Goodrich, b. 2 Sept. 1647 in Guilford, Conn..

We found out about this just at newsletter printing time so we will have to give you a full report in the next newsletter.

However, it has been determined that many of these names have not had temple work done for them. We could use some help preparing the names for submittal for temple work and hopefully they can be spread to many temples so you can help with that work also.

Please let your family Representative know if you are interested in helping with this work. This is not heavy research work. You can easily learn what to do!

LAMAR DAY
HOWLAND FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE



SPECIAL NOTE TO McCLEVE FAMILY MEMBERS

If you would like to help finance the cost of researching the ancestry of Elizabeth Cooper please make a donation to the P.W. Cook Family Organization, for the benefit of McCleve family research (fbo McCleve). If you don't designate McCleve family research the money will be deposited to the general fund. This contribution is tax deductible and would be in addition to your annual dues. The cost to find the Cooper ancestry could go up to \$1000 with no guarantee of being successful. However, if we succeed we could potentially do Temple work for over 500 people.

Also, if you would pay \$10 every year to the Phineas W. Cook Family Organization I can send any news or notices at no personal cost. As you know I sent each of you special mailings notifying you of the reunion. In the future I would like to communicate to you via this newsletter to save me the personal expense and we could also communicate semi annually. If you would like to submit articles or notices, please do so by sending them to me and I'll see that they are published in the newsletter.

Many of you expressed an interest to me in doing Temple work for the McCleve family. I have compiled the genealogy for about 10,000 people, most of which I'm sure have had their work done. However, since I've not checked the IGI I'm not sure. If you would like to help me check I'll send you the names. After you check against the IGI, if the work isn't done you could do it and send the dates of your findings and submissions to me for recording. Please write me if you would like to help. If 10% haven't had their Temple work done

McCLEVE FAMILY NEWS

that's 1000 people. So you can see we need the help of a large family to get it done!

Bryson C. Cook
McCleve Family Representative
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McCleve FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of the only son of Phineas by Catherine McCleve, Joseph W. Cook and his wife, Eliza Snow Bryson Cook had an extended family reunion this summer. Over two hundred people attended, some coming from as far as Washington D.C... The program was conducted by Ted Cook and featured remarks by Helen McAllister and Elizabeth Hayward. Helen and "Libbie" are the only surviving children of Joseph and they are grandchildren of Phineas.

For those who attended the reunion - or missed it - you can obtain the following family history items by writing these cousins:

VIDEO OF THE REUNION:

Westen Lawrence
1144 South 2000 West
Rexburg, ID 83440

COOK RANCH MEMOIRS AND AUDIO TAPE OF LIBBIE AND HELEN'S REMARKS:

Ted Cook
488 W. 200 N.
Blackfoot, ID 83221
1-208-785-3175

LIFE STORIES AND AUTOBIOGRAPHIES OF PHINEAS, JOSEPH W., ELIZA BRYSON, McCleve FAMILY HISTORY, BRYSON FAMILY HISTORY, POMEROY FAMILY HISTORY, AND FAIRCHILD FAMILY HISTORY:

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Chandler, AZ. 85224
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I also have a write up of the service of our ancestors who fought in the revolutionary war - at no charge. If you want one please send me a stamped self-addressed envelope.

**PLEASE SAVE THE ATTACHED RESEARCH
REPORT THAT DOCUMENTS THE PARENTS
OF JOHN FAIRCHILD, FATHER OF
POLLY TRYPHENA FAIRCHILD!**



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FAIRCHILD/COOPER ANALYSIS

30 July 1993

The focus of this report is the findings and conclusions of a long and extensive search for proof that Jonathan Fairchild and Elizabeth Cooper were the parents of John Fairchild, the father of Polly Tryphena Fairchild, and if so, who are Elizabeth Cooper's parents.

Many past and present genealogists have spent time and resources on this problem, including, but not limited to the staff of the Genealogical Society of Utah and Margaret Longhurst in the 1940's; later by her son, Kenneth Longhurst; Walter B. Plume¹ in the late 1800's; and recently Jean Fairchild Gilmore². This is the most recent effort which has lasted over the past year under the direction of Bryson C. Cook, Chandler AZ.

There is proof that John Fairchild is the son of Jonathan Fairchild, and there is proof that Elizabeth Cooper is his mother. Jonathan Fairchild's Family Group Sheet included in this report, has the documentation.

Jonathan Fairchild was born in Norwalk, Fairfield, Connecticut 29 August 1744. He married Sarah Rich about 1769 in either Connecticut or Westchester County, New York. They had eight children according to the 1790 census of Kinderhook, Columbia, New York plus Benjamin Fairchild, born in 1788, according to the 1850 census of New York. He was the ninth child in that census and was the first child of Elizabeth Cooper, Jonathan's second wife. Sarah Rich died in 1787 and was buried in Bridgewater, Oneida, New York

¹. Plume, Walter B., The Fairchild Genealogy and Index, manuscript, FHL Film 0845283 Item 1-2; Salt Lake City: Filmed by Gen Soc of UT, 1971

². Gilmore, Jean Fairchild, Early Fairchilds in America and their Descendants; Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., c1991.

in the same lot as Jonathan Fairchild³. He died in 1815.

Several of Jonathan's brother's resided in Oneida County, as well as some of his children. I believe that Sarah and Jonathan were moved to Bridgewater by their children, because Jonathan was a resident of Hunter, Greene, New York, when he died, and Sarah could have died in Bridgewater, Kinderhook, Claverack or Bedford, New York, because Jonathan was in each of those places. No Fairchilds lived in Bridgewater at the time of Sarah's death.

Jonathan married Elizabeth Cooper about 1787 in New York, probably Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, Kinderhook or Claverack, Columbia County, New York, and had nine children according to 1810 and 1820 censuses of Greene County, New York. I have accounted for all but one son, who may have died young, and put them on a family group sheet with the appropriate documentation, included in this report. In order to document each child in this family, I used a combination of information from Plume, Longhursts, Tryphena Pomeroy Fairchild, and Jean Fairchild Gilmore, along with my own original extensive research on these children and their families.

After all that has been done, we still have the mystery of who are the parents of Elizabeth Cooper? She is not the daughter of Obediah Cooper found on the International Genealogical Index (IGI) who married John Staats Lansing, her second cousin, and married second, Gerrit Yates of Greenbush, New York⁴. She is not the daughter of Martin Cooper of Kinderhook and Germantown who married Henry Foolant⁵; she is not the daughter of John Cooper of Clermont, Columbia County, New York, who married William Crawford.⁶

Elizabeth Cooper was born between 1765-1775.⁷⁸ According to Walter Plume, Elizabeth was "thought to be related to James Fenimore Cooper." This information was given to him over 100 years ago! His record seems to be from information received from descendants of the Fairchilds. Most of the information he received is not available anywhere else today. We do not know from what sources he got his information. I have found it to be fairly accurate, but at times it is inaccurate. After all, he was recording the

³. Ibid p. 80

⁴. Obediah Cooper, Tailor of Albany, History and Descendants 1713-1742
FHL Film 0873024 p. 79

⁵. Surrogate's Court, Columbia County, New York Wills; Books A-D. 1786-1820; FHL Film 0479111 p. 387 - Martin Cooper

⁶. Ibid. p.355

⁷. 1820 U. S. Census, Hunter, Greene, NY; FHL Film 193719

⁸. 1810 U. S. Census, Greene County, NY; FHL Film 181381

information from living persons who may or may not know. Because of the times it is accurate, I feel it is the best source known at this time for reaching into the past ages of New York Fairchilds.

From historical records prepared by the New York State Association Library, in Cooperstown, New York and the IGI, I found that James Fenimore Cooper was born 15 September 1789 in Burlington, New Jersey, which is located directly across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. James Fenimore Cooper married Susannah Augusta Delancey 1 January 1811 in Christs Church, Rye, Westchester, New York. Bedford, Westchester, New York, is where Jonathan Fairchild lived from at least 1779 to 1787. It seems entirely possible that Elizabeth could be related to James Fenimore Cooper. She is his senior by about 12-15 years.

William Cooper, James Fenimore's father, was born 2 Dec 1754 in Byberry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to James Cooper and Hannah Hibbs; they married in Christ Church, in Philadelphia. James and Hannah had eight children and James and his second wife had seven children. William Cooper, had 12 children, moved to Otsego County, New York, and founded Cooperstown in 1791. Cooperstown is less than twenty miles from Bridgewater where many Fairchilds settled.

A good possibility to be Jonathan's wife, Elizabeth Cooper, is the daughter of Ebenezer Cooper of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess, New York. Dutchess County is just north of Westchester County a few miles. Ebenezer is the father of Nathaniel⁹ and James Cooper who went from Dutchess to Catskill, Greene, New York. Ebenezer and Priscilla Smith had a daughter, Elizabeth Cooper, baptized 3 April 1771¹⁰ in Christ Church; Ebenezer's son, James Cooper, was also baptized 3 April 1771. These baptisms are not recorded on the IGI.

Ebenezer Cooper married Priscilla Smith in New York, New York, 31 December 1764.¹¹ Ebenezer and Priscilla were members of Christ Church in Poughkeepsie. This is the same church that James Cooper and Hannah Hibbs attended in Philadelphia. His grandson, James Fenimore Cooper, was married in Christ Church in Rye, Westchester County. In the Poughkeepsie Christ Church baptism records, there are several interesting names record along with Elizabeth: Caroline, Catherine, and John. These names are the same as those given to Elizabeth and Jonathan's children. There is a direct tie of all these Coopers to Christ Church.

Nathanial Cooper, son Ebenezer and Priscilla (Smith) Cooper¹², of

⁹. International Genealogical Index, 1992 - Cooper - New York

¹⁰ Reynolds, Helen Wilkinson, Records of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, New York, Volume II p. 29 FHL Book 974.733 Ps K2

¹¹. International Genealogical Index, 1992, - Cooper - New York

¹². International Genealogical Index, 1992 - New York - Cooper p. 11,120

Greene County named his son, Ebenezer. James and Nathaniel Cooper were in Greene County where Elizabeth and Jonathan lived. They are brothers and sister.

Another interesting fact is that a Nathaniel Cooper shows up on the 1830 U. S. Census Index for Conewago, Cattaraugus, New York, on p. 246. This is the same town that John Fairchild and his brothers moved to between 1830-1840. If Nathaniel is Elizabeth Cooper's brother, then he is John Fairchild's uncle.

In summary, John Fairchild was the son of Jonathan Fairchild and Elizabeth Cooper. Elizabeth Cooper was Jonathan's second wife and bore him nine children. They lived in Hunter, Greene, New York. Jonathan was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, moved to Bedford, Westchester, New York before 1779 and married Sarah Rich. He lived in Claverack and Kinderhook, Columbia, New York, in 1780 and 1790, respectively.

Elizabeth Cooper, is the daughter of Ebenezer Cooper and Priscilla Smith of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.¹³ She belonged to the same church as James Fenimore Cooper and his ancestors.

Jonathan Fairchild was not found in any church record in Ulster, Dutchess, Columbia, Westchester, Greene, or Oneida Counties. Did he not attend a church? He also is not found in any land records in those counties. He did build or help build the first tannery in Greene County, according to Plume. The only records found on him were in censuses, tax lists, and intestate probate records at the time of his death. He had a total of 17 children-eight by Sarah Rich and nine by Elizabeth Cooper.

This has been a long, but very interesting search. I am satisfied that Elizabeth Cooper of Poughkeepsie could have met Jonathan Fairchild as he made his way up the road toward Kinderhook with his eight orphaned children ages 1-17. He was 26 years her senior. (This fact caused me to divert my attention to the younger Jonathan of Ulster County in 1800, son of Seth Fairchild. But we proved that he was not the right Jonathan with the help of DAR papers on him¹⁴. Jean Gilmore also documents all of his family in her book, which is in the possession of Bryson C. Cook, Chandler, Arizona). And so it is, hard to believe, but true. Jonathan married a very young Elizabeth Cooper to help raise his eight children. She not only helped raise eight children, but she bore nine of her own. Amazing woman! She did not live to be 60 years old. She died prior to the 1830 census of New York.

¹³. Reynolds, Helen Wilkinson, Records of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, New York, Volum II p. 29 FHL Book 974.733 Ps K2

¹⁴. Application for Membership; Minnette Fairchild Hill; DAR # 521092

If you wish to pursue this search, please let me know. It has been a pleasure trying to "crack" this mystery.

Sincerely,

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