

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Family Members:

With this issue of the newsletter we publish Phineas Wolcott Cook's patriarchal blessing. Other members of the family may have known that it existed but none of the present officers knew it. We discovered it when we had our director's meeting in the genealogical library in May. When we were in the library we discovered that the family organization had never been registered with the genealogical society, and when going to some of the old records to get information about Phineas, we noted on the record that his patriarchal blessing was in the historian's office. Because it was a Saturday the historian's office was closed, and we were unable to search for it. I returned to the office about a week later and searched the patriarchal blessing records, but it was not in them. I asked officials at the desk if there were any other records. They asked what date it was given. I told them I didn't know the date but that the note on the old record in genealogical library said it had been given at Winter Quarters. They thought it might be in Patriarch John Smith's records, which they had stored in a vault in the building, for which they had a special microfilm in a locked area in the back room. When they searched the microfilm they found the blessing. It took me several hours to decipher the writing because the handwriting was of a style we are not used to and very faint. I enlisted the aid of one of the officials there to help me read it. The blessing printed in this newsletter is the result. I have left the original spelling and grammar as I could read it. We are sure of everything but a few prepositions. John Smith was a brother to Joseph Smith Senior. He was the Church's second patriarch. He went west with the saints and was a stake president over 4 stakes including Nauvoo.

The blessing is a treasure to the family. It is fairly short by today's standards, probably because it was hand written. But promises are made, based on faithfulness, not only to Phineas but through him to his family—we his progenitors. Many of the promises were fulfilled and are being fulfilled. His lineage was of Ephraim through Joseph. Certainly his children have multiplied and become exceedingly numerous. We do not know exactly how many progenitors he now has, but there are between five and six thousand. These were the first promises given by the Lord to any of our family that it would be one of those that would be eternal in the new and everlasting covenant. These are the most profound promises any family could receive. It is truly fitting that we should keep track of ourselves and our ancestors and help them all to be aware of what they have inherited.

We would like to make a plea for help in the organization. If we are to accomplish our goals it will take a cooperative effort. We are moving into the computer generation. We would very much like to get the family genealogy on computer. We are presently investigating several different software programs for this purpose. When we get to it we will need volunteers to help us enter the data of both our ascending pedigree and descending pedigree. We are currently investigating the most effective way to do this. LaMar Day has recently purchased an IBM PC and is considering purchasing the RootsII software program, a very sophisticated program, for his personal use. We have investigated and found that we can pay a nominal additional amount and buy the program

for use with a family organization, and under the copyright, make copies of the software but only for family use. This would allow us to make certain controlled copies for other family members to input data on their own IBM compatible machines without breaking copyright agreements. There are several other programs available which we are also investigating. However, if we move in this direction we will need people that live around LaMar in Bountiful to help with a fairly massive data entering project. Kerstin Roundy who lives in Logan and who keeps track of our mailing list and descending pedigree also needs a programmer. See her note elsewhere in this newsletter. We also need help with the newsletter. This present newsletter was put together and prepared for mailing by the Board of Directors at their November meeting after it was typed by Ruth Malmberg in Salt Lake City and printed by LaMar Day in Bountiful. It has gotten to be quite a job. We would invite any with newsletter interest or experience to step forward.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Cook, President

## PHINEAS WOLCOT COOK PATRIARCHAL BLESSING

No: 441

A Blessing by John Smith, Patriarch, upon the head (had) Phineas Wolcott Cook, son (soon) of Phineas and Irene, Born Co Litchfield, Connecticut, Aug 28, 1819.

Bro Phineas in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and by the virtue of the patriarchal office vested in me I lay my hands upon thy head and confer upon thee the blessing of a father inasmuch as thou hast no father in the Church to bless (thee). And inasmuch as thou hast obeyed the Gospel with an honest heart and (or) willing mind and left thy native land to seek a habitation of (with) the saints where they can dwell secure from the powers of the ungodly Gentiles and enjoy the privilege that God hath given to every man to worship the God of thy Fathers according to the purposes and will of heaven. The Lord is well pleased with the sacrifice that thou hast made and thy name is written in the Lambs Book of Life never to be blotted out for thou art a lawful heir to the Holy Priesthood which shall be conferred upon thee in Company with thy companion (in) A Temple that is yet to be Built to the name of the most high (.) you being of the House of Joseph. Thy mind shall expand as wide as Eternity all the hidden mysteries of the Redeemer's Kingdom shall be Revealed unto thee and Thou shalt be Established as a ruler and as a wise steward in the House of Israel forever. Thy children shall multiply and become exceedingly numerous and they shall be numbered with the Kings and Priests to the most high and be Saviors on Mt. Zion. God hath called thee to save thy Father's house by doing a work for them that they were ashamed to do for themselves. Thou shalt have the happiness of seeing them all if they (do) not commit the unpardonable sin...in the Bonds of the New and Everlasting Covenant (.) thou shalt live until thou art satisfied and inherit all the Blessings which you Desire if your faith does not fail.

Even so Amen.

## ELLA CALL COOK



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Ella Call Cook, age 96, a former Star Valley resident, died of causes incident to age in Salt Lake City, Sept. 30, 1980. Funeral services were held at the Hawthorne LDS Ward in Salt Lake City on Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. Burial was in the Afton City Cemetery.

Ella was born on July 14, 1884 at Bountiful, Utah, the daughter of Anson Vasco and Alice Jeanette Farnham Call. At the age of three she moved with her family to Afton where she attended school and spent her youth.

She married Carl Cook, a son of Phineas Wolcott and Johanna Poulson Cook

on Sept. 10, 1902 in the Logan LDS Temple and they homesteaded a farm in Etna. Later they moved to Kemmerer in 1913 and then back to Afton in 1918. The couple relocated in Salt Lake City in 1959 to work in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Carl's death came on Dec. 24, 1970.

As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ella served as an organist, a Sunday School Teacher, Primary President, as well as positions in the MIA and Relief Society in the ward and in the stake. She was also an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Red Cross Organization.

Survivors include a son, Dr. John C. Cook of Dallas, Texas, daughters, Mrs. L. M. (Leora) Barrus, Mrs. Roy (Ciella) Glazier, Mrs. Frank (Josinette) Whiting all of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Harold C. (Freda) Gease of San Jacinto, California.

She is also survived by brothers, Farnham L. Call of Afton; Chester A. Call, Ogden; sister Mrs. Eric (Lorna B.) Schiote, Ogden; 27 grandchildren, 121 great-grandchildren and 48 great-great-grandchildren.

Ella Cook was a gifted woman. Her formal education was brief because she spent her young years where little was offered, but she never ceased learning. She availed herself of the opportunity to study such things as oil painting, china painting and various other crafts and her natural talent, with this training, resulted in art works of exceptional quality.

She was a professional dressmaker and very clever at recycling any material for complete usefulness. Nothing was ever wasted in her home. She encouraged her family to learn and rejoiced in their accomplishments. She taught her children to play the piano and got them started in many other fields.

She loved the gospel of Jesus Christ, and delighted in hearing it read to her when her eyesight finally failed. She had a gift for teaching children. Her great faith taught her family the truths about our mission here on earth and gave them a foundation for activity.

Her life might be summarized by the 13th Article of Faith: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."

Leora Barrus, daughter

## COMPUTER NEEDED

We have tried several methods over the years to handle our mailing lists and to keep necessary information on family members. We are finding that none of these methods are adequate considering the rapid growth of the family and the mobility of our present society.

We are requesting the assistance of a family member who has a computer with address label printing capabilities. Please contact:

LaMar A. Day	or	Newel C. McMillan
467 West 2400 South		6066 South 2400 East
Bountiful, Utah 84010		Ogden, Utah 84403
(801) 298-1654		(801) 479-0805

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

One of the biggest expenses we incur is postage. We can mail out a newsletter for approximately 4¢. However, if that newsletter is returned because a person has moved, it will cost us from 30¢ to 50¢ to further process it and find the new address. It also requires a considerable amount of time and expertise of committee members. Sometimes we are not successful and we lose that family from our mailing list. Our present list is about one-half what it should be because we have not received changes of address and addresses of new families.

PLEASE, PLEASE send us the changes of address and addresses of new families to:

P. W. Cook Family Organization  
#5 North 700 East  
Brigham City, Utah 84302

? ? ? MICHEL L. CALL ? ? ?

Many family members have received letters from Michel L. Call offering to provide pedigree charts and family group sheets on specific families at a rather substantial price.

About three years ago the Family Organization purchased a set to determine their value. It was concluded that the information he furnished was not documented and was merely photocopies of sheets previously submitted to the LDS Genealogical Library by the Family Organization and other family members. Many of the sheets he furnished had mistakes which he had not attempted to verify or correct. The information was of no additional value to the Family Organization and probably of little help to individual family members.

If you are doing research along these lines, please coordinate your work with the Research Committee and your time and money will be much more beneficently spent.

## FINANCES

As most of you are aware, for some time we have asked each family of this great organization for an annual contribution of \$10.00 (tax deductible). We need your assistance in this regard now possibly more than at any other time in our history. We have undertaken several rather ambitious and extensive projects which have placed considerable demands on our resources.

Recently we printed the P. W. Cook Diary and History. We had presold 135 of these at \$5.00 each, the balance of \$5,325.00 had to be borrowed from family members who so graciously came to our aid. Some even borrowed

ORDER FORM

FAMILY MEMBER: Please complete the form below, cut out, ENCLOSE IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR REMITTANCE AND MAIL TO:

Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Org.  
#5 North 700 East  
Brigham City, Utah 84302

Gentlemen:

- ☐ I am enclosing \$10.00 for Organization Dues.
- ☐ I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for books of the P. W. Cook Diary @ \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 per order for postage and handling.
- ☐ I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for copies of old newsletters (or photocopies) or articles on family members (specify).
- ☐ I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for family group sheets (specify sheets or sets desired).
- ☐ I will be able to do some typing.
- ☐ I will help on a committee.

Specify Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please include names of your children, their spouses, and their current addresses, to help us keep our records up to date.

If your Director has not contacted you concerning information for the Descending Pedigree Chart, please contact him.

OLD NEWS ARTICLES AVAILABLE

Some of you have expressed interest in old copies of newsletters with articles on family members. Also available are proven family group sheets that were reduced and printed 2 to an 8 1/2 X 11 page. We are making these available at the prices below. We will send the newsletters as long as they last and then fill your requests with photocopies.

Articles on Family Members:	
*Less than 25 inches	\$1.00
*25 inches or more	\$2.00
Family Group Sheets:	
Listed below (Reduced) per set	\$1.00
Family Group Sheets:	
P. W. Cook and his 4 wives	
Full size printed sheets - per set	\$1.00

ARTICLES ON FAMILY MEMBERS IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

*	Newsletter / Person	(Family I.D.)	**
<u>July 1970</u>			
14	Carl Cook	4-4	B.S.
14	Idalia Cook Covey Roley	4-10	B.S.
<u>November 1970</u>			
16	Phoebe Irene Cook Allred	1-7	B.S.
41	Carl Cook (Notes on life of P. W. Cook)	4-4	P.D.
<u>July 1971</u>			
18	Johanna Christina Polson Cook	4	B.S.
9	Charlotte Godfrey Maleau	1-7-1-6	B.S.
5	Pearl Oberhansley Allred	1-7-1-4W	O.S.
6	Carl Cook	4-4	O.S.
2	Lillie Allred	1-7-1-5W	O.S.
7	Maude O. Cook	1-10-2W	O.S.
4	LoVenna Sorensen Cook	1-10-12W	O.S.
6	Phineas H. Cook	1-6	O.S.
18	Exerpts from the Diary of Ann Eliza Howland	1	P.D.
<u>April 1972</u>			
25	Catherine McCleve Cook Russell	3	B.S.
5	Wilford Ulrick Fluckiger	1-4-2H	O.S.
6	Edith Cook Eldredge		O.S.
2	Julia Elnora "Nora" Cook		O.S.
2	Myrle Johansen	1-6-2-1W	O.S.
<u>October 1972</u>			
97	Mary Rozella Cook McCann	2-3	A.S.
4	Booth Wallentine	1-10-3-3-7	N.A.
4	Carl Cook (Testimony)	4-4	L.B.
3	Ashal J. Calder	1-3-4-4-1	O.S.
<u>April 1973</u>			
59	Hyrum Howland Cook	1-16	B.S.
8	Lila Aortearoa Cook Darrington	1-10-8-2	O.S.
8	Lothair William Allred	1-7-1-2	O.S.
6	Phineas C. Cook	1-6-4-4	O.S.
<u>July 1974</u>			
50	William Randolph & Harriet Betsy Cook Teeples	1-3	B.S.
5	Nellie Laker Shuster		O.S.
4	George E. Whitmore	1-10-15H	O.S.
3	James Raymond Siddoway	1-3-3-1-1H	O.S.
5	Lourrain C. Weber	1-10-1-2	O.S.
5	Beatrice Ann Eliza Teeples Owens	1-3-2	B.S.
<u>July 1975</u>			
28	Joseph Wolcott Cook	3-1	B.S.
22	Rex Dudley Cook	1-10-8-3	O.S.
11	Grant Osmond Cook	1-10-2-2	O.S.
7	Mary Ann McElprang Cook	1-6-4W	O.S.
3	Ann Aurelia Shimer	1-12-3	T.
<u>July 1977</u>			
7	Howland J. Cook	1-10-13	O.S.
<u>March 1978</u>			
15	Shirley Phippen Sealy	1-10-11-3	N.A.
10	Howlands Descendants of Mayflower		M.C.

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6	Rozella McCann Erickson	2-3-4	B.S.
8	Earl & Dixie Olsen - To Nigeria	1-6-4-6	B.S.
2	Joseph Nelson Cook	2-1-3	O.S.

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30	Ann Eliza Howland Cook	1	B.S.
9	Ella Call Cook	4-4W	O.S.

\* Article measured in inches of length

\*\* Type of Article

B.S. = Biographical Sketch  
P.D. = Personal Diary  
O.S. = Obituary Sketch  
A.S. = Autobiographical Sketch  
N.A. = News Article  
T. = Tribute  
M.C. = Traced by Melvin Cook  
L.B. = Leora Barrus

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

Set	Newsletter	Father & Mother with Year of Birth & Death
<u>July 1971</u>		
Set 1	Capt. Daniel Cook (1761-1809) & Elizabeth Porter (1765)	
"	Phineas Cook (1786-1848) & Irene Churchill (1786-1870)	
<u>April 1972</u>		
Set 2	Joseph Cook (1683-1764) & Eleanor Johnson (1693-1791)	
"	Daniel Cook (1720-1778) & Elizabeth Pond (1724-1791)	
Set 3	Henry Howland (1793-1871) & Phebe Baker (1791-1868)	
"	John McCleve, Jr. (1807-1856) & Nancy Jane McFerrin (1791)	
Set 4	Pahl Jonson (1820) & Johanna Ulrika Lundgreen (1807-1883)	
"	David Savage (1810-1886) & Theodocia Finch (1811-1836)	
<u>July 1974</u>		
Set 5	Henry Cook (1615-1661) & Judith Birdsall (1618-1689)	
"	Samuel Cook (1641-1703) & Hope Parker (1650-1690)	
Set 6	Henry Howland (1793-1871) & Phebe Baker (1791-1868)	
"	William Bryceson (1794-1878) & Mary Tickle (1800-1888)	
<u>July 1975</u>		
Set 7	Samuel Howland (1704) & (1) Sarah Soule (1703)	
"	Samuel Howland (1704) & (2) Ruth Davel (1719)	
Set 8	Samuel Howland, Jr. (1727-1813) & Esther Brownell (1732)	
Set 9	Knowlton Howland (1772-1853) & (2) Anna Powell (1775)	
"	Knowlton Howland (1772-1853) & (1) Sarah Wright (1774-1795)	